

10 DAYS 9 NIGHTS

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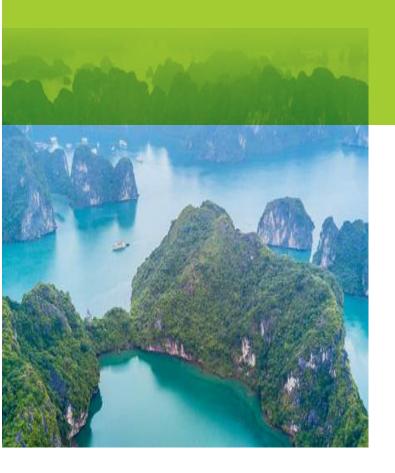












# TRIP OVERVIEW



09 NIGHTS

**14 MEALS**9 Breakfast, 4 Lunch, 1 Dinner

DISCOVER VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

## **YOUR ITINERARY**

### **DAY 01: ARRIVAL HANOI**

Welcome to Hanoi!

On arrival at Noi Bai airport, our local tour guide will pick you up and transfer to check in hotel.

This afternoon, we visit Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university. Constructed in 1070, the gardens and well-preserved architecture offer a relaxing glimpse into Vietnam's past. Stop at Ba Dinh Square and take photos of Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum (closed on Monday & Friday, as well as during annual maintenance time) from outside. We then visit Hoan Kiem Lake, Ngoc Son Temple before taking a cyclo tour around the Old Quarter of Hanoi. Overnight in Hanoi.

Please note: Standard check in time is 14:00. Early check in is subject to availability of the hotel.

Night activities suggestion: enjoy local beer at Ta Hien Streets, experience the ambience of sleepless street with life music, the young people of Hanoi and also foreign tourists. Hundreds of bars and pubs in the Old Quarter are also at your disposal. Or just spend your time at shopping malls or various boutique Shops. Overnight at hotel.







#### DAY 02: HANOI – SIC TOUR TO TAM COC & HOA LU – HANOI

Have breakfast at hotel. This morning, join SIC tour to Ninh Binh, the site of the one capital city of ancient Vietnam before Hanoi took its leading role in 11th century. The area is featured by lots of well-known sceneries, which include Tam Coc Caves and Hoa Lu ancient capital with the old temples dedicated to King Dinh & King Le reigned in 10th century. The visit in Ninh Binh starts by a Cruise trip in Tam Coc where spectacular limestone karsts jut out from the green paddy fields reminding about Ha Long Bay, which gives this scenery the name "Ha Long-bay-on-land".

After lunch, we will drive from Tam Coc to Hoa Lu thru tranquil villages to enjoy the daily life of people in Ninh Binh until reaching the shady temples with many dedicated wood relieves of King Dinh and King Le, which have been built on the foundation of their former palace. Late afternoon we return to your hotel. Overnight in Hanoi.







- Hoa Lu Tour

#### DAY 03: HANOI – SHUTTLE BUS TO HA LONG – OVERNIGHT ON BOARD

Have breakfast at hotel and check out hotel. This morning, we journey east by shuttle bus for 3,5 hour through picturesque rice-farming villages of the Red River Delta, where we see every day Vietnamese village life to reach to Ha Long Bay, a Natural World Heritage as designated by UNESCO since 1994 and 2006. Upon arrival in Ha Long, we take our overnight cruise to discover the magnificent beauty of this "Descending-dragon" bay, created by thousands odd-shaped limestone rocks and karst grottoes. After a lunch of fresh seafood on board, we can visit the Surprising Grotto, stop for swimming or kayaking (at your own cost), passing floating villages and approach islets to enjoy their beauty in close distance. Evening attend activities on the Cruise or relax at your own leisure. Overnight on the Cruise.



- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner





#### DAY 04: HA LONG - SHUTTLE BUS TO HANOI - FLIGHT TO HO CHI MINH

After breakfast, back to the Wharf of Ha Long passing the most densely area with many islands that have been named like the Cock-Fighting Rock, Sail Island, Incense burner rock or Sea Dog Rock. Arrive at Ha Long wharf around 11.00 and arrive to Hanoi at around 4PM, then transfer to the airport for a flight to Ho Chi Minh. Welcome at the airport then transfer to hotel for checking-in. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh.



**MEALS** 

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch



**ACTIVITIES** 

- Ha Long Bay to Airport
- Catch flight for Ho Chi Minh



**OVERNIGHT**He Chi Minh

#### DAY 05: HO CHI MINH – SIC TOUR TO MEKONG DELTA – HO CHI MINH

Have breakfast at hotel. This morning, we join SIC tour to My Tho, the homeland of coconut and family factories with local products like coconut candy, rice paper, Upon arrival, embark on the Cruise cruising on the mighty Mekong River viewing the life to the local people live along the banks. We stop at one of 4 islands in the area for sightseeing. Enjoy the fresh tropical fruits served in the heart of the garden accompanied by traditional southern Vietnamese folk music at the plantation. After that you will embark on the small Cruises rowed by the local people thru the small cannels with water coconut tree to visit the local factories. There you will taste the honey tea and see the local people produce the coconut candy milk and of course you also can try it or stroll in the garden where the locals feed honeybee. After that enjoy the horse-cart trip through the tranquil road of the village. We continue getting on the big Cruise to visit the vast area. Enjoy your light lunch at a local restaurant nearby Mekong River with the Elephant Ear fish. This afternoon, we drive to visit Vinh Trang pagoda, a famous pogoda in the area that its architecture is a mix of Chinese, Cambodian, and French culture. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh.







#### DAY 06: HO CHI MINH - SIC TOUR TO CU CHI TUNNELS & CITY TOUR - HO CHI MINH

Have breakfast at hotel. Join SIC tour to visit Cu Chi tunnels, located 60km from Ho Chi Minh. Cu Chi is now a popular spot for both Vietnamese & foreign tourists – the network of over 200km of tunnels became legendary when they played a vital role in the War. After a short introduction video showing how the tunnels were constructed, you will have a chance to crawl into a short section of the tunnels to feel the oppressive narrowness and heat inside. Return to Ho Chi Minh and your lunch will be mananged by your own. In the afternoon, continue your SIC tour to the Reunification Palace. Formerly the Independence Palace of the South Vietnamese president, this 60s style was famously stormed by tanks on April 30, 1975 signifying the fall of South Vietnam. Continue to the harrowing War Remnants Museum, which comprehensively documents the travails of the long Vietnam- American War. Pass by classic European-style landmarks such as the ornate City Hall (Hotel De Ville), the old Opera House (both may only be viewed from the outside), the neo-Romanesque Notredame Cathedral and the Central Post Office. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh.







#### DAY 07: HO CHI MINH – MORNING FLIGHT TO SIEM REAP – CITY TOUR

Have breakfast and check out hotel. This moring, we transfer to airport for flight to Siem Reap. Upon arrival, picked up by our local tour guide and transfer to check in hotel.

This afternoon, we visit Wat Thmei (Killing Field) which contains a unique glass-walled stupa containing the bones of victims of the Khmer Rouge. Some of the bones were recovered from a nearby well while others are the remains of soldiers who died on a nearby battlefield. Continue to visit the "Les Artisans d'Angkor – Chantiers Ecole" the Finest Authentic Khmer Arts and Crafts. End our visits at one of the city's lively open markets, Psar Chars, also called the "Old Market", where everything is for sale. Overnight in Siem Reap.







#### DAY 08: SIEM REAP FULL DAY CITY TOUR

Have breakfast at hotel. This morning, we explore South Gate of Angkor Thom known as Big Angkor, 3km2 walled and moated royal city and was the last capital of the Angkorian Empire. The famous Bayon Temple was an architectural muddle, in part because it was constructed in a somewhat piecemeal fashion for over a century. Terrace of the Elephants is an impressive, two and a half meter tall, 300 meter long terrace wall adorned with carved elephants and gradual that spans the heart of Angkor Thom in front of Baphuon - huge temple mountain in the heart of Angkor Thom, Royal Palace Area and Phimeanakas impressive rite and sandstone pyramid. Terrace of the Leper King is at the north end of the Terrace of the Elephants, a double terrace wall with deeply carved nag as, demons and other mythological beings.

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#### DAY 09: SIEM REAP FULL DAY ANGKOR TOUR

Have breakfast at hotel.

This morning, we visit other highlights of Small Circuit including:

- Ta Prohm temple, a wonderful combination of human genius and natural beauty.
- Prasat Kravan, originally constructed by noblemen rather than a king.
- Banteay Kdei, built in sandstone, which has deteriorated quite badly.
- Srah Srang, a royal pool which was the King's bathing pond.
- Takeo, commissioned in the 10th Century, but it was never completed.
- Thommanon, a small attractive temple in very good condition, built at the same time as Angkor Wat.
- Chau Say Tevoda, built during the second quarter of the 12th century opposite of Thommanon.
- This afternoon, we overland to visit the highlights of the Grand Circuit including.
- Preah Khan, famous for its immensely long cruciform corridors and delicate carvings.
- Neak Pean, a delicate highlight of Khmer art.
- Ta Som, a small classic Bayon style monastic complex consisting of a relatively flat enclosure.
- East Mebon, built in the 10th Century by Rajendravarman.

Last visit Pre Rup temple which was built in the 10th Century by Rajendravarman and enjoy sunset there. Overnight in Seam Reap.







#### **DAY 10: SIEM REAP - DEPARTURE**

After enjoying breakfast, check-out of your hotel and proceed to the airport to board the return flight.





