

# Best of Vietnam & Cambodia Tour 14 Days



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## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 1: Arrival - Welcome to Hanoi



As you step off the plane at **Noi Bai International Airport**, our warm-hearted guide will be there to greet you at the baggage claim area. Look for the sign adorned with our distinctive **Asia Tour Advisor logo** and your name. We'll take care of your comfortable transfer to your hotel while providing an introduction to the city en route. The remainder of the day is yours to settle in, unwind, and explore at your leisure.

Hanoi, Vietnam's capital city, is a haven for seven million people. Immerse yourself in its traditional elegance, featuring French colonial architecture, tree-lined boulevards, picturesque lakes, and the vibrant **Old Quarter**. Observe locals practicing Tai Chi by the

lake, and savor the sights and sounds of barbers and food vendors conducting their sidewalk trade.

**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:** Hanoi hotels

## Day 2: Hanoi Sightseeing



It is unmissable in terms of its pretty pagodas, ancient temples, enchanting French colonial quarter and cultural institutions. Just as fun, however, is darting down its winding lanes and discovering your own favourite hidden corners.

After a satisfying breakfast at your hotel, our local tour guide will pick you up to embark on an exploration of Vietnam's capital city, Hanoi. With over a thousand years of history, this city is rich with captivating cultural and historical sites. Your itinerary includes visits to the imposing **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum**, home to the preserved body of "Uncle Ho." and his House on Stilts to observe how he lived and how his life unfolded to become one of modern history's greatest names.

You'll also experience the delicate beauty of the **One Pillar Pagoda**, **Tran Quoc Temple** are a spiritual and cultural symbol of Hanoi, the capital city of Vietnam. With special features in its structure along with historical values, the temple will surely be a real eye-opener for tourists.

After lunch, continue to visit the millennia-old **Temple of Literature** and explore its role in the country's past, as both a university and a Confucius temple. Next is **Hoa Lo** , a prison

used by the French colonists in Vietnam for political prisoners, and later by North Vietnam for U.S. Prisoners of War.

To cap off your day, enjoy a one-hour cyclo tour through the bustling and lively **Old Quarter**, immersing yourself in the vibrant marketplace atmosphere. Sample delicious dishes like Nom Du Du (green papaya salad), Banh Mi Pa Te (a sandwich that reflects Vietnam's culinary heritage)

**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:** Hanoi hotels



### Day 3: Hanoi – Halong Bay



Our journey embarks from Hanoi where we'll pick you up for a scenic drive through the verdant landscapes of the Red River Delta. Our destination: the world-famous **UNESCO World Heritage site, Halong Bay, Lan Ha Bay**. Here, you'll embark on a luxurious cruise for an enchanting overnight cruise.

As you relax on board, you'll be captivated by the breathtaking limestone karsts that majestically emerge from the azure waters, surrounded by thousands of jungle-clad islands seemingly suspended on the gentle waves. The turquoise waters of the Gulf of Tonkin conceal hidden grottoes and ancient caves, creating a timeless and mesmerizing world.

Enjoy a delicious seafood lunch with breathtaking views and a refreshing drink. Our next destination is a **charming fishing village**, where locals have ingeniously turned their boats

into a floating community. Meet fishermen, explore a stunning lagoon by kayak or rowboat, and unwind on deck as the sun sets. Spend a delightful overnight stay on board!

**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:** Halong Bay hotels



## Day 4: Halong Bay - Hanoi - Hue



Kickstart your day with **Tai Chi** on the top deck or savor the sunrise over the bay. Sip on morning coffee or tea before setting out to explore nearby islands via rowboat.

Upon returning to the junk, witness a fruit carving demonstration and participate in a cooking class, learning to create traditional Vietnamese cuisine from scratch. Enjoy a Vietnamese lunch on board as you cruise back to Halong City. Upon arrival, your driver will be waiting at the dock to take you to Noi Bai Airport for your short **flight to Hue**.

Upon arrival in Hue, your tour guide and driver will transfer you to your hotel

**Hue is one of the most charming towns in the Central Vietnam** and has a long and illustrious history as it used to be one of the main royal capitals of the country

**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:** Hue hotels



## Day 5: See the Sights of Hue



Today you will explore the royal city of Hue once served as an imperial **capital to the Nguyen Lords**, a feudal dynasty which reigned from the 17th to the 19th century. With splendid emperors' tombs, ancient pagodas and the remains of the citadel, the city retains its royal charm.

After breakfast, you are picked up by your private guide and driver and begin your day with a visit to the atmospheric **Imperial Citadel**, a large complex that contains the remains of the former Imperial Palace and Forbidden Purple City, where the emperors and his family once lived. The two-hour walking tour allows you to see the magnificent architecture and gardens as your guide explains the events and the intrigue of the former royal court.

From the Imperial City, your guide will take you to visit the iconic **Thien Mu Pagoda** – Hue's most famous religious site with its origins dating back to 1601. Here you will explore the pagoda's landscaped gardens, the seven-tiered octagonal tower, and watch the monks chanting.

Hue is famous for its Royal cuisine. The Nguyen Emperors' banquets were legendary. Some feasts were said to have included 300 rare dishes served in more than a thousand bowls. Today your guide will take you to the fine-dining Ancient Hue restaurant where you will be served a royal lunch. This old fashioned style meal which brings a boutique and unique experience.

After lunch, you will explore the tomb of the longest-reigned **Emperor Tu Duc**, located in a tranquil setting of gardens and ponds, inspired by the Chinese Confucianism, harmonious design of balance and symmetry for the emperor's resting place.

Continue to visit the tomb of **King Khai Dinh**, designed in traditional Vietnamese style with a European touch making it unique from the other tombs in Hue.

**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:** Hue hotels

### **Day 6: Hue - Ho Chi Minh City**



Following breakfast at your hotel, you have free time for relaxation on the beach or shopping until your transfer to the airport for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Upon your arrival in Ho Chi Minh City, you will be picked up and taken to your hotel, where you'll have free time.

**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:** Ho Chi Minh hotels

### **Day 7: Ho Chi Minh City - Cu Chi Tunnels**



After breakfast at your hotel, transfer to visit the Cu Chi Tunnels. Following lunch in Cu Chi, return to Ho Chi Minh City. In the afternoon, depending on your preference, visit either the War Remnants Museum or the History Museum, as well as the former Presidential Palace. Conclude the day with a stroll around the city's colonial architecture, including the Old Saigon Post Office, Dong Khoi Street (formerly Rue Catinat), Continental Hotel, Opera House, and City Hall.

**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:** Ho Chi Minh hotels



**Day 8: Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Ben Tre - Can Tho**



Leave Ho Chi Minh City and embark on a scenic journey along the National Highway, flanked by lush rice fields. Upon reaching My Tho, visit Vinh Trang Pagoda and embark on a leisurely boat ride along the river. Marvel at stilt houses, fruit plantations, and fishing villages along the riverbank.

Proceed to Tortoise Islet, where you will enjoy lunch in an orchard garden. Following lunch, take a boat ride to An Khanh, a less touristy area in Ben Tre. Here, you can cruise on a hand-rowed sampan under the shade of water coconut trees along natural canals. If time permits, enjoy a short cycling tour. Then savor seasonal fruits and honey tea while listening to "Southern Vietnamese folk music" performed by the locals.

Visit a family-run business that embodies the idyllic rural lifestyle, taste delicious coconut candy, and observe pastoral life as you wander through fruit plantations and villages. Finally, transfer to Can Tho, where you'll have free time.

**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:** Ben Tre hotels



**Day 9: Can Tho - Cai Rang Floating Market - Chau Doc**



Embark on a leisurely boat trip to explore the picturesque tributaries of the Lower Mekong River (Bassac River). Proceed to Cai Rang floating markets, the liveliest markets in the entire region. You'll also have the chance to taste Vietnamese vermicelli soup. Wander around the village, meet friendly locals, and experience crossing a "Monkey bridge," constructed from a single bamboo stem. Visit an orchard garden and enjoy lunch before continuing to Chau Doc.

Upon arrival in Chau Doc, admire the landscape from Sam Mountain's summit, which offers panoramic views of the Vietnamese-Cambodian border. Visit the Cave Pagoda before overnighting in Chau Doc.

**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:** Can Tho hotels



**Day 10: Chau Doc - Phnom Penh**



Breakfast at your hotel. Take a morning speed boat ~ 4.5 hours to Phnom Penh. Visa on arrival at Cambodia border (30 usd each, 1 photo 3x4cm) local Cambodian guide meet at Phnom penh boat pier and transfer to hotel.

After lunch, You will travel for National Museum and visit to Wat Phnom the historical capital of Phnom Penh. Proceed to the Independent Monument, Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda.

**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:** Phnom Penh hotels



## Day 11: Phnom Penh - Siem Reap



Breakfast at your hotel. The peaceful stretch of green fields of Cheung Ek may not indicate what kinds of horrors have taken place there. Situated 17km from Phnom Penh town, Cheung Ek was made famous by the movie “The Killing Fields”.

Nowadays, a large memorial has been built to commemorate the 17,000 victims who died here under the reign of Khmer Rouge leader, Pol Pot. The remnants inside the memorial and the mass graves that dot the area remind you of the suffering of the victims.

This journey into Cambodia’s past will provide you with a background on the cruelty of the Khmer Rouge regime. It will also give you an appreciation of the struggle that Cambodian people have faced and their tremendous courage to move on and rebuild their nation. Then transfer to airport for a flight to Siem Reap. Arrive in Siem Reap, pick you up and transfer you to your hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:** Phnom Penh hotels



**Day 12: Siem Reap - Angkor Temple Highlighted**



Beat the crowd early morning by 7am, visit the picturesque Ta Prohm that had nearly disappeared into the jungle and remains overgrown, an oddly haunting and exotic scene. The magnificent roots of a tree, pushing between the huge stone blocks of the temple in a sort of embrace, evoke feelings that you may remember forever.

And continue to visit the intricately carved Khmer ruins at Angkor Wat – one of the world's most impressive ruins. The temple still owns fine Apsara carvings in Angkorian era art. Lunch is own account.

Afternoon, explore the mysterious Royal city Angkor Thom. City & Bayon Its 54-tower temple is an awesome sight. At first glance it seems a shapeless mass of stone, but further scrutiny reveals a face, and then another and another until suddenly you are engulfed by the silent, heavy, enigmatic and silent gaze through half-closed eyes, staring out from a primitive and remote time. Further, visit to the surroundings of the complex including the Baphou, Elephant Terraces, Lepper King Terrace and Royal Place area.

**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:** Siem Reap hotels



**Day 13: Siem Reap - Outlying Temples**



This morning we visit the ancient Khmer civilization site of Hariharalaya which flourished in the late 9th and earlier 10th centuries. These are the earliest temples in the Angkor area and are referred to the Rolous group (Lo Lei, Preah Koh, and Bakhong Temples). Lunch with the local family and then we will continue to drive to the rural outskirts 35km from Angkor area to visit the smallest, but magnificent, Banteay Srei built in the 10th Century and dedicated to Shiva.

The temple was the birthplace of Khmer classical style architecture and the bas-relief work is the best example of Khmer classical art remaining. The pink sandstone structure bears a series of striking and beautiful sculptures, lintels, pediments and friezes. Khmers say the temple must have been carved by women for the details are too fine for the hands of a man. On the way back to Siem Reap we will visit the Banteay Samre Temple adorned with impressive reliefs depicting scenes of Vishnu as well as Krishna legends

**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:** Siem Reap hotels



**Day 14: Siem Reap departure**



Your time will be your own until your private car and driver arrives to take you to the airport for your flight to next destination.

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**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:** Siem Reap hotels

# Booking Policy

## What's Included

- Hotel accommodation with daily breakfast.
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner).
- Tours and transfers by private air-conditioned vehicles.
- English speaking local guide
- All entrance fees as indicated in itinerary.
- Boat trips as mentioned in the itinerary
- Domestic flight: Hanoi – Hue; Hue – Ho Chi Minh City; Phnom Penh – Siem Reap
- Speed boat from Chau Doc to PhnomPenh
- Cruise in Halong Bay
- Cold water and towel during tours
- Visa Arrival to Vietnam

## What's Excluded

- International air ticket:
- International airport tax:
- Visa stamp fee
- Other meal, drink, Tip to guide and driver, personal expenses
- Supplement for French, Spanish, Italian and German speaking guide
- Surcharged for Lunar New Year 15 to 19 February,2018

## Cancellation by Customer

- Cancellation received before 60 days: FREE of charge
- Cancellation received from 30 days to 59 days prior arrival date: 10% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 15 days to 29 days prior arrival date: 30% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 7 days to 14 days prior arrival date: 50% of total rate
- Cancellation received less than 7 days prior arrival date or No show: 100% of total rate

## Children Policy

- The rate for children applicable for one child sharing a twin or double cabin with two adults
- For infant (< 04 years old): FOC *except domestic ticket cost*
- 04 - 11 years old without bed: 50% adult rate
- 04 - 11 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate
- 04 - 11 years old in twin share: 90% adult rate

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