

The Spirit Of Vietnam And Cambodia 15 Days



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Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Hanoi Arrival – Airport Pickup



Welcome to the enchanting city of Hanoi, where a tapestry of history and modernity elegantly intertwine. As you disembark at the airport, our affable guide will extend a warm greeting and provide a brief introduction to our beloved city, setting the tone for your sojourn. Keep an eye out for the distinctive ASIA TOUR ADVISOR LOGO on a welcome signboard, bearing your name.

Having arrived at your hotel, you'll be afforded the time to unwind and acclimate to your new surroundings. Subsequently, feel free to meander through Hanoi's captivating streets

at your leisure, immersing yourself in the city's vibrant tapestry of sights, sounds, and flavors.

Meals: None, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

Accommodation: Hanoi hotels

Day 2: Highlights of Hanoi



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 – Ha Long 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: Ha Long Bay – Hanoi – Flight to Hoi An via Da Nang Airport



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 Danang**.

Upon arrival in Danang, your tour guide and driver will transfer you to your hotel in Hoi An—a destination that seamlessly blends old-world charm with pristine beaches and luxurious resorts.

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

Accommodation: Halong Bay hotels



Day 5: Hoi An Day Excursion



Explore the essence of Vietnamese daily life and rural culture on this unique Hoi An tour. Start with a market tour in the morning to gather ingredients for your cooking class later in the day. Your guide and driver will meet you at the hotel, taking you to the local market for a stroll with the cooking chef to buy essential items.

Following the market tour, head to Cam Thanh village, where you'll stop at Bay Mau Water Palm forest. Take a short walk along the river in this small fishing hamlet, then board a traditional Coracle bamboo boat for a cruise along a charming canal with local fishermen.

After this, continue to Tra Que herbs and vegetables village, where you'll be greeted by a farmer's family. Don traditional farmer attire, explore the nearby farming land with authentic tools, and participate in a cooking class at a local home. Enjoy preparing and eating your own meal, followed by a relaxing foot soak with local herbs and a foot massage.

The journey wraps up with an afternoon exploration of Hoi An's UNESCO-recognized ancient town. Visit iconic sites like the Japanese Bridge, a Sino-Vietnamese merchant house, a Chinese Temple, Hoi An Central Market, and the Culture Museum. Conclude your wonderful day trip back at your hotel.

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

Accommodation: Hoi An hotels



Day 6: Hoi An – Car Transfer to Hue



Today presents you with a choice: a leisurely morning in Hoi An or a journey to Hue, the ancient imperial capital. When you are ready, your driver will collect you and embark on your journey. En route, a tapestry of sights and experiences awaits: Pause to visit the picturesque fishing village of Lang Co Beach. Explore the Cham Museum, renowned for its impressive collection of Cham sculptures. Ascend the Hai Van Pass, known as the "Pass of Ocean Clouds," and savor panoramic vistas of the surrounding landscape.

Arriving in Hue, you will check in at your hotel. The evening unfurls, inviting you to revel in leisurely pursuits.

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

Accommodation: Hue hotels



Day 7: Hue Imperial City Tour



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.

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.

Following your immersive day in Hue's cultural treasures, the evening opens to you, providing a canvas upon which you can relax or choose to further explore the city's captivating offerings.

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

Accommodation: Hue hotels



Day 8: Hue – Flight to Ho Chi Minh – Ho Chi Minh City Tour



Following a leisurely breakfast, your dedicated driver will escort you to the airport, paving the way for your flight to the bustling heart of Ho Chi Minh City. Upon your arrival at Ho Chi Minh City's airport, you will be warmly welcomed by your guide and whisked away to your centrally located hotel.

Begin your exploration of Ho Chi Minh City, a metropolis that masterfully harmonizes tradition and modernity.

Option 1: Cu Chi Tunnels

Choose to delve into history as you explore the Cu Chi Tunnels—an underground network that played a pivotal role for the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Gain insights into the tunnels' historical significance and the ingenious methods employed by Vietnamese fighters.

Option 2: War Remnants Museum or Presidential Palace

Embark on a poignant journey through history as you visit either the War Remnants Museum, offering profound insights into the impact of the Vietnam War, or the Presidential Palace, an iconic colonial-era edifice.

Stroll through the city's colonial streets and take in the splendor of notable landmarks such as the Old Saigon Post Office, Dong Khoi Street, the Continental Hotel, Opera House, and City Hall.

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

Accommodation: Ho Chi Minh hotels



Day 9: Ho Chi Minh – Mekong Delta – Ben Tre



Your day commences with a departure from your hotel as you set your compass for the enchanting Mekong Delta, a region fondly referred to as the "Rice Bowl" of Vietnam. The journey brings you to the picturesque Ham Luong Dock, your gateway to an enchanting experience. As the boat gently glides through the intricate network of natural canals, a unique mode of transport awaits – the "Xe Lô," a local vehicle reminiscent of a motorized rickshaw. Explore village roads that wind through picturesque landscapes, offering a

glimpse of rural life at its most authentic. For those with a sense of adventure, an opportunity to kayak along the tranquil canals unveils itself, providing an intimate perspective of the Mekong River's gentle flow.

Your journey reaches its culinary zenith as you partake in a delectable lunch at the residence of a gracious local host, whose warm hospitality ensures an authentic taste of the region's cuisine.

The afternoon offers a palette of activities to choose from, each a brushstroke on the canvas of your Mekong Delta experience. Opt to cycle through the village, forging connections amidst the beautiful countryside. Seek tranquility in moments of reflection as you soak in the serene surroundings. If the thrill of the catch beckons, try your hand at fishing, an age-old pursuit that remains a cherished way of life in these parts. To truly understand the essence of this vibrant culture, engage in cooking activities with the locals, as they share the secrets of their culinary heritage.

As the day gradually surrenders to the evening, an enchanting dinner awaits, offering an opportunity to savor the flavors and camaraderie of the Mekong. Your journey crescendos as you prepare for an overnight homestay with the welcoming local community, who will open their hearts and homes, ensuring that you become an integral part of this captivating tapestry of life.

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

Accommodation: Ben Tre hotels



Day 10: Ben Tre – Ho Chi Minh – Flight to Phnom Penh



Begin your day with a hearty breakfast, savoring the flavors of your homestay in Ben Tre. Your journey unfolds with a boat tour along the Mekong River, a picturesque experience that takes you through a tapestry of landscapes.

Your voyage leads you to the renowned Cai Be Floating Market, one of the most celebrated floating markets in the Mekong Delta region. Here, you will witness local traders conducting their business from boat to boat, a vibrant and colorful scene that embodies the essence of this enchanting region. As you continue to explore the countryside, you will gain a poignant glimpse into the daily life and traditions of the local inhabitants.

Following your morning adventures in Ben Tre, you will be transported to Ho Chi Minh City's airport for your flight to Phnom Penh, the captivating capital of Cambodia.

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

Accommodation: Phnom Penh hotels



Day 11: Phnom Penh Sightseeing



Your journey commences with a visit to the Royal Palace, a magnificent architectural masterpiece that stands as a testament to Cambodia's rich heritage. Here, gleaming spires and intricate interiors paint a vivid portrait of the nation's grandeur. The palace serves as both a living testament to the past and a living institution, with its lush gardens and regal structures echoing the footsteps of Cambodia's kings. Next on your itinerary is the Silver Pagoda, a place of awe and wonder. Its name is derived from the astounding floor adorned with an astonishing 5,000 silver tiles. As you enter this sacred space, you'll have the

privilege of admiring remarkable treasures, each with a story to tell. The Silver Pagoda shines as a beacon of Cambodia's cultural and spiritual heritage.

A somber yet essential chapter in Cambodia's history unfolds as you visit the Tuol Sleng Museum. What was once a Khmer Rouge prison and torture center now stands as a poignant memorial. Your visit to this site is a testament to the resilience of the Cambodian people, offering profound insights into the nation's tragic past, marked by the profound spirit of survival and revival. From Tuol Sleng, you'll continue to the Cheung Ek Memorial, a place of profound importance known as the Killing Fields. This somber site serves as a poignant reminder of the Khmer Rouge regime's atrocities. As you pay your respects, you'll bear witness to the resilience of Cambodia and the nation's unwavering commitment to remembering those who were lost. For a vibrant contrast, you'll delve into the bustling world of the Russian Market. Here, a treasure trove of diverse goods awaits your discovery. Whether you're seeking exquisite handicrafts, local wares, or memorable souvenirs, this market is a delightful immersion into the colors, sounds, and flavors of everyday Cambodian life.

Your day concludes with a visit to Wat Phnom Temple, a place of serenity and spiritual reflection. As you ascend to higher ground, you'll be treated to panoramic views of the city, offering a chance to reflect on your day's journey through Phnom Penh's rich tapestry of history and modernity. Phnom Penh beckons as a city where every corner weaves a story, and in each experience, you'll find the heart and soul of Cambodia.

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

Accommodation: Phnom Penh hotels



Day 12: Phnom Penh – Siem Reap



Embrace the serenity of the morning with a delightful breakfast at your hotel. With the sun on your side, your dedicated driver will arrive to usher you toward the airport. Here, you'll embark on a swift flight to Siem Reap, a place where legends, history, and spirituality converge.

Siem Reap, nestled amidst the splendor of Angkor, with its temples that rise like dreams from the earth, invites you to absorb its charm and ambiance at your own pace. Immerse yourself in the captivating essence of this city, where the echoes of ancient civilizations harmonize with modern marvels.

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

Accommodation: Siem Reap hotels



Day 13: Siem Reap Outlying Temples Explore



The temples of Angkor stand as a wellspring of inspiration and a source of national pride for the Khmer people, who are resolute in rebuilding their lives following years of turmoil. These temples hold a sacred place in the hearts of all Cambodians and are an exceptional testament to the splendor of human achievement.

The allure of Angkor encompasses the grandeur of the Great Wall of China, the intricacy of the Taj Mahal, and the symbolism and symmetry of the pyramids, all entwined within one breathtaking destination.

Your day of exploration begins after breakfast at your hotel, with your knowledgeable guide ready to whisk you away on a journey through the ancient Khmer civilization site of Hariharalaya. Flourishing in the late 9th and early 10th centuries, these temples represent the earliest structures in the Angkor region, collectively known as the Rolous group. The group includes Lo Lei, Preah Koh, and Bakhong Temples, each a testament to the architectural and artistic prowess of their time.

A delightful lunch with a local family awaits you before your journey takes you further to the rural outskirts, some 35 kilometers from the Angkor area. Here, you will visit Banteay Srei, a magnificent temple dating back to the 10th century, dedicated to Shiva. It is renowned as the birthplace of Khmer classical style architecture, with its bas-relief work serving as the finest example of Khmer classical art. Local legend suggests that this temple was likely carved by women, as the level of detail is deemed too fine for the hands of men.

En route back to Siem Reap, your itinerary includes a visit to Banteay Samre Temple, adorned with impressive reliefs depicting scenes from Vishnu and Krishna legends,

enriching your day with further insights into the region's rich history.

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

Accommodation: Siem Reap hotels



Day 14: Siem Reap – Angkor Highlighted Temples



Commence your day with an early breakfast at your hotel, followed by a 7:30 AM departure to explore the enigmatic temples that have long captured the imagination of travelers worldwide.

Ta Prohm Temple is your first destination—a place where nature and history intertwine in a haunting and exotic dance. Here, enormous tree roots embrace massive stone blocks, evoking a sense of timelessness and wonder.

Your journey then leads to the marvel of Angkor Wat, one of the world's most breathtaking archaeological wonders. The temple is adorned with exquisite Apsara carvings in the Angkorian era style.

As your exploration continues, you will unveil the enigmatic Royal City of Angkor Thom, where the Bayon Temple reigns as the centerpiece. Its 54 towers are adorned with enigmatic faces that, upon closer inspection, reveal countless visages gazing mysteriously through half-closed eyes, transporting you to a distant and primitive era. Your exploration extends to the surrounding complex, including Baphou, Elephant Terraces, Lipper King Terrace, and the Royal Palace Enclosure.

The culmination of your day leads you to yet another gem in the Angkor region: Preah Khan Temple, an architectural masterpiece constructed in the 12th century by King Jayavarman VII. This temple mirrors the style of Ta Prohm and enriches your journey with a deeper appreciation of Khmer artistry and history.

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

Accommodation: Siem Reap hotels



Day 15: Siem Reap Departure



Your time today is yours to savor as you wish, up until the moment your private car and driver arrive to transfer you to the airport for your onward journey.

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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 in shared twin or shared double room 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
- 04 Domestic flights: Ha Noi – Da Nang; Da Nang –Saigon; Saigon – Phnom Penh, Phnom Penh - Siem Reap
- Cruise in Ha Long Bay
- Cold water and towel during tours

What's Excluded

- Visa stamp fee
- International air ticket:
- International airport tax:
- Other meal, drink, Tip to guide and driver, personal expenses
- Supplement for French, Italian and German speaking guide
- Peak season surcharge on Christmas, New Year Festival

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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