

Best Cultural Heritage of Vietnam & Cambodia 14 Days



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Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Hanoi Arrival – Airport Pick



Hanoi, a vibrant blend of modernity and tradition, is a city that pulsates with life. Its streets are a symphony of scooters weaving through a cacophony of horns, while layers of history

reveal themselves through French and Chinese influences. This city offers a glimpse into the resilience and pride of Hanoians, who embrace the future while honoring the past.

Upon your arrival, our knowledgeable guide will be there to warmly welcome you. You'll be swiftly escorted to a waiting vehicle for your transfer to downtown, during which your guide will provide a brief introduction to the city's rich heritage. Look for the distinctive ASIA TOUR ADVISOR LOGO on the welcome signboard along with your name. Once settled in at your hotel, it's time to relax and unwind.

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: Ninh Binh Countryside



Delve deeper into Vietnam's past with a day visit to picturesque Ninh Binh. Explore ancient sites as well as a relaxing sampan cruise through '**Halong Bay on Land**'.

Begin your day with a delectable breakfast at the hotel. We'll depart from Hanoi to Hoa Lu - Tam Coc, where you'll be treated to captivating rural scenery along the way.

Join the guide for an in-depth exploration of the ruins of Vietnam's first capital. Learn about the Dinh (968-980) and Le (980-1009) Dynasties and about the history of the site. See ancient tombs and the ruins of the once-imposing Citadel.

For those feeling adventurous and fit, there's an option to embark on a half-hour trek up one of the nearby limestone karst hills, providing a rewarding panoramic view. Afterward, we'll journey to **Tam Coc**, located about 10 kilometers from **Hoa Lu**, and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

Following lunch, you'll experience the enchanting Tam Coc by boarding a bamboo boat rowed by local experts along the Hoang Long River. Explore the mystical "Three Caves," which provide a refreshing break from the sun. The journey takes approximately two hours, offering glimpses of local fishermen, riverside village life, and the iconic limestone karst formations.

For the more adventurous, you can climb to **Bich Dong Pagoda**, nestled on **Ngu Nhac Mountain** and dating back to 1428. Comprising three structures (Ha, Trung, and Thuong Pagodas), the pagoda's ascent offers breathtaking views. Return by sampan to Tam Coc town before heading back to Hanoi, where you'll arrive in the late afternoon.

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

Accommodation: Ninh Binh hotels



Day 4: 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 5: Ha Long Bay – Ha Noi – 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 6: Hoi An Day Excursion



The ancient town of Hoi An, nestled along the banks of the Thu Bon River, boasts a rich tapestry of history. Traditional Japanese merchant houses, ancient Chinese temples, and teahouses line its timeworn streets, preserving an incredible legacy. While the town retains its charm, it has also embraced modernity with lounge bars, boutique hotels, and an array of tailor shops.

Today, you can choose from the following itineraries to explore Hoi An in your preferred way:

Option 1: Cooking Class Start your cooking class adventure with a visit to the vibrant local markets, where you'll select the freshest ingredients for your culinary creations. Return to the kitchen, where your skilled chef will demonstrate how to prepare typical Vietnamese cuisine. Afterward, it's your turn to cook and savor your delicious creations.

In the afternoon, explore the enchanting time-capsule town of Old Hoi An on a walking tour with your guide. The town, once a bustling sea port in Asia, showcases a fusion of architectural styles and cultures. Wander through traditional Chinese shops, elegant French homes, and across an ancient Japanese bridge. Hoi An is also home to silk markets, Vietnamese street food stalls, and talented street performers, all of which are sure to enchant you.

Option 2: Tra Que Village Discovery After breakfast at your hotel, embark on an invigorating bike ride to Tra Que Village. Here, you'll visit a local farm and immerse yourself in authentic Vietnamese rural life. Learn about the village's history and witness the daily practices of vegetable farming.

Participate in various activities alongside the farmers, such as collecting seaweed fertilizer, sowing seeds, raking, watering, and harvesting. Dive into the cultural experience by joining a local family to prepare and enjoy a meal featuring the produce you've helped cultivate. You'll also savor other local specialties like Tam Huu (spring rolls) and Banh Xeo (pancakes). Don't forget to indulge in a post-lunch nap before returning to the fields to learn how to harvest and wrap the produce. In the mid-afternoon, bid farewell to your newfound friends and return to Hoi An to explore its Old Quarter.

Option 3: Bike or Motorbike to the Countryside Our guide will pick you up at your hotel on a motorbike and lead you to Tra Que Village. From there, we'll ride to the river and board a local ferry to Kim Bong Village. This picturesque village is renowned for wood carving and traditional mat weaving. During our visit, we'll observe a local family weaving mats, an art that dates back to olden times. You'll also get a chance to make and taste the perfect Banh Dap (rice cracker).

We'll continue our journey to a small village, where you'll have the opportunity to try your hand at making Mi Quang, a famous local noodle dish. Later, we'll ride through the countryside, and for an adrenaline rush, cross a 300-meter bamboo bridge over a river. Our destination is Cam Thanh Village, where you can savor a delicious lunch at a local homestay. Afterward, we'll take you back to your hotel, either by motorbike or bike, depending on your preference.

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

Accommodation: Hoi An hotels



Day 7: Hoi An – Car Transfer To Hue



Today's schedule is flexible. You can enjoy a leisurely breakfast in Hoi An or choose to depart for Hue when you're ready. At the designated time, our driver will pick you up and transfer you to Hue.

Depart Hoi An, you will be driven towards Hue which is about 120km from Hoi An town. Today the journey over Hai Van Pass will be one of the most scenic ones.

In Danang, a stop will be made at Cham Museum which has an open-air collection of Cham sculptures. Many of the sandstone carvings are breathtaking. Visit the marble mountain. You also stop at the famous My Khe Beach for some quick photos.

You will also stop for a short coffee break at Lang Co beach – one of the most beautiful beaches of Vietnam. Arrive in Hue and check into your hotel.

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

Accommodation: Hue hotels



Day 8: Hue Imperial City Tour



Hue, a city steeped in history, was once the imperial capital and is now a designated **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Nestled along the banks of the Perfume River, this city boasts incredible citadels, opulent palaces, and royal tombs. Many of these sites are easily accessible by river, offering a unique perspective of the city.

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. The rest of the day is yours to spend at your leisure.

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

Accommodation: Hue hotels



Day 9: Hue – Flight to Ho Chi Minh – Ho Chi Minh Visit



Welcome to Ho Chi Minh City, formerly known as Saigon, a vibrant metropolis where lively streets are infused with the aromas of chili, garlic, ginger, and coriander. Upon your arrival at the airport, our private transfer will whisk you to your centrally located hotel in the heart of this bustling city.

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam's commercial center, offers a captivating blend of tradition, modernity, colonial history, and reunification. You'll have the morning to enjoy a leisurely breakfast before embarking on your chosen excursion. You can opt to visit the Cu Chi

Tunnels, a significant site from the Vietnam-American War, where you can explore the intriguing tunnels, discover hidden doors, and learn about the once-lethal traps.

Alternatively, you may choose to visit the War Remnants Museum or the Presidential Palace, depending on your interests. In the evening, take a leisurely stroll along the city's colonial streets, visiting landmarks like the Old Saigon Post Office, Dong Khoi Street, the Continental Hotel, the Opera House, and City Hall. Don't hesitate to seek recommendations from your guide for dining options, whether you're craving street food or a rooftop bar experience.

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

Accommodation: Ho Chi Minh hotels



Day 10: Ho Chi Minh – Mekong – Ben Tre



Ben Tre is one the best area of the **Mekong Delta** that seems to retain the feeling of being a complete backwater, to fascinatingly invite tourists to the untouched and natural landscapes to discover its rustic local life, beautiful canals and traditional activities

After breakfast, your private guide and driver will take you out of Ho Chi Minh City in a private vehicle and onto some beautiful country roads to Ben Tre Town in the Mekong Delta, **famous for its vast rice fields, numerous waterways, and beautiful landscapes.** Known as the 'rice bowl' of Vietnam, this region produces most of Vietnam's fruit, rice, sugar cane, and coconuts.

After the two-hour drive through the lush farming land, you will arrive in Ben Tre where you will set out on a motorized boat trip on narrow channels winding through the coconut forest. During the boat ride, you will stop at the local cottage industries to see how the local people make bricks and weave sleeping mats by hand. Learn about their craft handed down through generations.

Take a leisure walk along the village lanes, visiting the local homes to try fresh fruits, taste delicious honey tea while enjoying a local **Tai Tu music** show. Continue to visit another workshop where the local delicacy of coconut candy is produced and a wide range of coconut husk and fiber products are skillfully handcrafted.

Next, take a small sampan through palm-fringed back canals, gliding peacefully along the hidden waterways surrounded by an immense variety of tropical plants. The quiet, rural setting is a welcome and restorative retreat to the frenetic buzz of Ho Chi Minh City which seems far, far away.

Enjoy sitting in the back a **Motor Cart** (xe lô) passing local hamlets, rice fields, coconut groves, and lush orchard farms while meeting with local people.

After finishing your sightseeing tour your guide will take you to a riverside restaurant for lunch with local specialties then return to the pier and drive back to Ho Chi Minh City.

This evening you will be free to visit the night market to discover the authentic local cuisine .Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City

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

Accommodation: Ben Tre hotels



Day 11: Ho Chi Minh – Siem Reap



Welcome to Siem Reap, a city that has experienced a remarkable transformation. Beyond the temples, you'll discover a vibrant destination filled with culinary delights, adventures, and a rich cultural scene. Upon your arrival at the airport, we'll escort you to your hotel, where you can relax and settle in.

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

Accommodation: Siem Reap hotels



Day 12: Siem Reap – Outlying Temples Exploring



The temples of Angkor hold a special place in the hearts of all Cambodians, symbolizing their resilience and pride. These ancient wonders continue to inspire and unite the nation.

After breakfast at your hotel, your journey begins with a visit to the ancient Khmer civilization site of Hariharalaya, which thrived in the late 9th and early 10th centuries. These temples, the earliest in the Angkor region, collectively form the Rolous group, consisting of Lo Lei, Preah Koh, and Bakhong Temples. During this visit, you'll uncover the heroic stories of these two kings in the context of the Chinese Wars.

Lunch will be shared with a local family. Afterward, we'll journey to the rural outskirts, approximately 35 kilometers from the Angkor area, to explore the magnificent Banteay Srei Temple, dating back to the 10th century and dedicated to Shiva. This temple is renowned for its intricate and exquisite pink sandstone carvings, often described as too delicate for the hands of a man.

As we return to Siem Reap, we'll visit Banteay Samre Temple, adorned with remarkable reliefs depicting Vishnu and Krishna legends.

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

Accommodation: Siem Reap hotels



Day 13: Siem Reap – Angkor Highlighted Temples



Begin your day with an early breakfast at your hotel. At 7:30 AM, we depart for a visit to the enchanting Ta Prohm Temple, where nature has entwined itself with history. The temple's

overgrown roots and haunting atmosphere make for a mesmerizing experience, one that you'll remember for years to come.

Our exploration continues at the incredible ruins of Angkor Wat, one of the world's most renowned archaeological sites. This iconic temple, with its awe-inspiring architecture, still boasts exquisite Apsara carvings, representing the pinnacle of Angkorian-era art.

Next, we delve into the mysteries of the Royal City of Angkor Thom. Dominated by the 54-tower temple of Bayon, this area offers a surreal experience. The stone faces staring out with silent, enigmatic gazes transport you to a bygone era. We'll also explore the surrounding complex, including Baphou, Elephant Terraces, the Leper King Terrace, and the Royal Palace Enclosure.

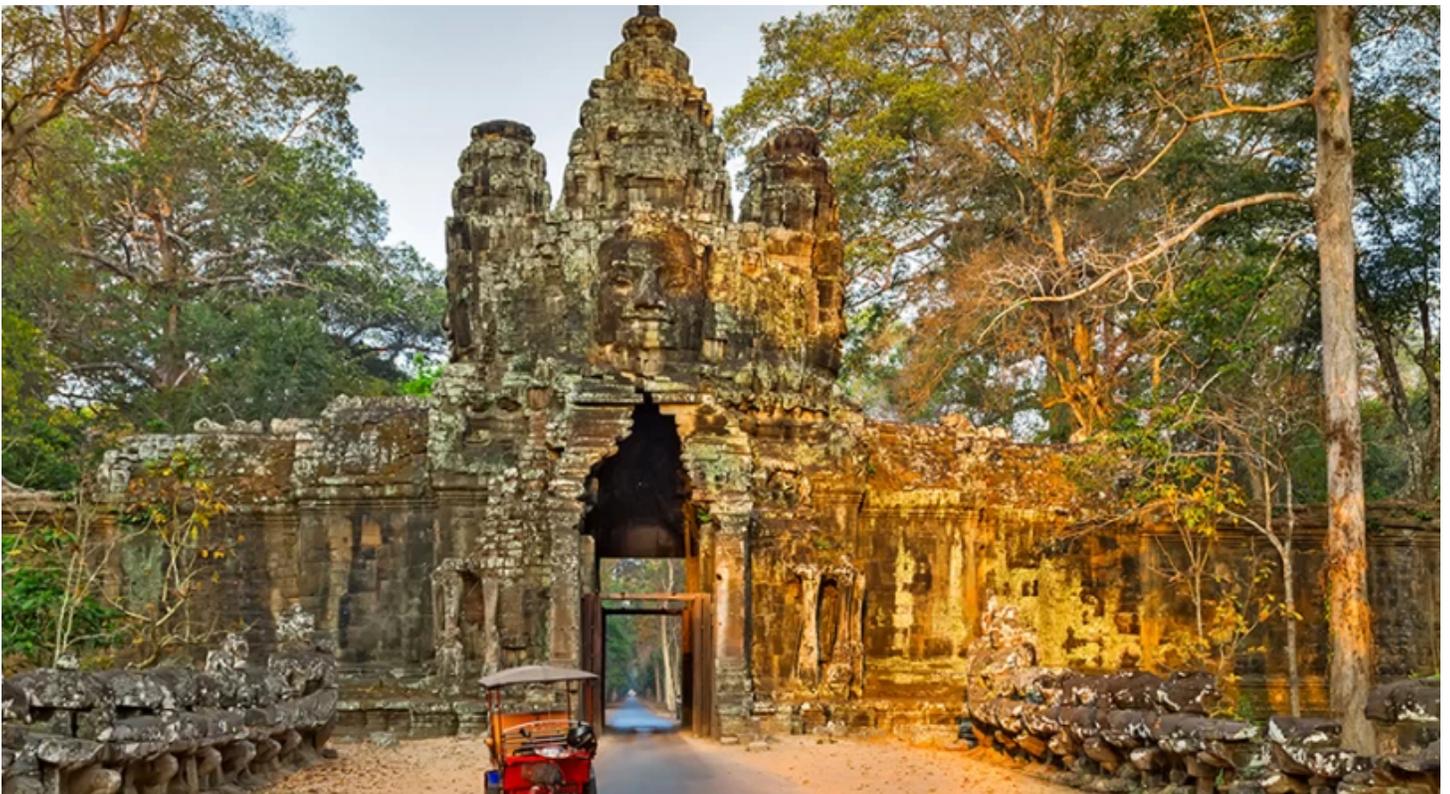
Our temple exploration will conclude with a visit to Preah Khan Temple, constructed in the 12th century by King Jayavarman VII. Its architectural style is reminiscent of Ta Prohm Temple.

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

Accommodation: Siem Reap hotels



Day 14: Siem Reap Departure



Your final day in Siem Reap is at your leisure until your private car and driver arrive to transfer you to the airport for your onward flight.

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itinerary does not meet your expectations, please know that AsiaTourAdvisor.com can arrange additional customized trips to suit your preferences. Safe travels and until next time!

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
- ✓ 03 Domestic flights: Hanoi – Danang; Danang –Saigon; Saigon – Siem Reap
- ✓ Cruise in Halong 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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