



EXPLORING THE BEST OF

VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

(13 Days / 12 Nights)

(Hanoi - Halong Bay - Danang - Saigon - Mytho - Siem Reap - Angkor Wat - Ta Prohm)





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Pack your bags and head to Southeast Asia a thrilling journey through some of the area's most incredible sights. Begin the 15-day tour by walking through the streets of Hanoi, a city where timeless French architecture meets elegant Vietnamese pagodas. Continue to Ha Long Bay and sail to picturesque islands and remote caves. On board your cruise ship, learn the calming martial art of Tai Chi and feel your stress melt away. In the gorgeous countryside, prepare to be spellbound by the miles of rich green rice fields, endless forests and misty mountains. Fly to Cambodia and uncover Angkor Wat, the largest religious monument in the world. Here, you'll trek through many ancient abandoned temples and learn about Khmer history and culture.

## D E T A I L E D P R O G R A M

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### DAY 01, SUNDAY

### DELHI – HANOI

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Late evening depart from New Delhi's Indira Gandhi International airport - Terminal 03 to Hanoi.

Pick up the group at the **Hanoi airport** and transfer to the hotel. Welcome to **Vietnam - a land of untouched nature, primeval forests and dusty roads!**

Upon arrival in the airport, meet up our guide and transfer to hotel. (Check – in after 14 pm). Rest of day is at leisure.

Meals included: None

Overnight at hotel

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### DAY 02, MONDAY

### IN HANOI

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Breakfast is at the hotel.

Depart to visit to **picturesque West Lake and the sixth century Tran Quoc Buddhist Pagoda** Continue to visit **Hoan Kiem Lake (Sword Lake)** and its surrounding includes: **Dong Kinh Nghia Thuc Square, Hanoi Opera House, St. Joseph's Cathedral (outside) and Ngoc Son Temple with Sunrise Bridge** then we will go through around Hanoi's Old Quarter for shopping.



Meals included: Breakfast. Overnight at hotel



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Depart for Star Golf & Country Club for round of golf.

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**DAY 03, TUESDAY**

**HANOI – HALONG BAY**

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This morning travel by road through the Red River Delta to beautiful **Halong Bay**. **The scenic drive will pass through rural landscapes before arriving at this World Heritage site**. Upon arrival board the Boat where you will enjoy a welcome drink and a delicious freshly caught seafood lunch whilst sailing out of the bay passing amazing shaped mountains.



***Hanoi – Halong: 165km -> 4 hour transfer included breaktime on the way***

**Note: Itinerary in Halong Bay is subject to change without prior notice**

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**Overnight on Cruise**

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**DAY 04, WEDNESDAY**

**HALONG BAY – HANOI - DANANG**

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Enjoy early morning view of the bay's landscape. Enjoy the breath-taking beauty of the rocky islands rising from the water of the bay. Sailing back to the Harbour. After check out drive back to Hanoi and to the airport for your flight to Danang. Upon arriving in Danang, our guide will take you to the hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast, Brunch at Cruise & Dinner

Overnight at hotel

**Lunch be served or not will depend on the cruise you choose (Vietnamese Cuisine)**

Distance Halong - Hanoi: 165km -> 4 hour transfer included brektime on the way

Note: Itinerary in Halong Bay is subject to change without prior notice

**(Suggested flight from 18pm, not included)**

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**DAY 05, THURSDAY**

**DANAG**

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In the morning, transfer to **Bana Hills Station**. You have a chance to ride on a modern system of **cable cars** helps you get a bird's-eye view, very miraculous and attractive while enjoying a feeling of flying in the blue sky amidst the clouds and wind. You will visit some old French villas en route, as well as **the suspension bridge, Nui Chua & the Mountain Peak (at the height of 1,487m)**. Visit **Linh Ung Pagoda, Sakyamuni Buddha's monument** and the famous **Golden Bridge**.



Later go to Hoi An Ancient Town, visit **Family Chapel built by prominent**, merchant or official families as the center ancestor worship a Chinese style Pagoda or Assembly Hall: **Japanese Covered Bridge Pagoda** which is the first bridge on this site and was constructed in



**1593 by Japanese community of Hoi An to link the Town with the Chinese Quarter across the stream, besides looking at Fukien Association temple, Ceramic Museum and Chua Ong Temple.**

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight at hotel

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**DAY 06, FRIDAY****DANAG – SAIGON**

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After breakfast,

For Non-Golfers: Excursion to **Ba Na Hills**.

Start our trip to **Ba Na Hills**, a hill station and resort located in the Truong Son Mountain west of the city of Danang. The station, advertised as “the Dalat of Danang province” by local tourism authorities, was founded in 1919 by French colonists. A trip on **cable car** will offer you a chance to admire the panorama of Ba Na Hills, spring stream, Danang city and Danang coast from your cabin at the height of 1,487 meters above sea level. During your time on the mountain, enjoy a visit to:

**Fantasy Park:** the amusement park reserves countless funs and surprises, which of course involve well-tailored games to keep little kids occupied and delighted all day long.

The **Le Jardin** with the relics of the French, such as the force of the French horse, nearly 100-year-old grapefruit trees and traces of ancient villas. Especially Debay cellar, wine cellar was built by the French in 1923, spent nearly a century, they still retain cellar wild, mysterious, is the work of the French single remaining fairly intact Ba Na.

**Linh Ung Pagoda**, located on the peak of Ba Na Mountain at the height of 1.400 meters, was officially inaugurated on the 5th of March, 2004. You can also feel your interests with a lot of pretty villas, newly built hotels, and bungalows here. Each one has its own flower garden with many types of aristocratic flower that Frenchmen left during the 50 past years.

**For Golfer's: Golf round at Ba Na Hills Golf Club**

Ba Na Hills Golf Club is the first Luke Donald designed course and is managed by IMG. Laid out in several valleys of the surrounding mountain ranges, it spreads across 7858 yards with 18-holes and par-72. It showcases a diverse mix of natural topography and vegetation. The elevation changes with unique bunkering along with many natural features like large hardwood trees and streams provide for a challenging game for golfers of all levels.

All 18 holes are floodlit. The front nine holes have the layout of a traditional parkland course and are surrounded by pine forests. While, the back nine play up-and-down the surrounding hills with many blind shots and doglegs, thus, making these holes more dramatic and challenging. The modern Clubhouse provides first-class facilities and the restaurant offers a wide range of dishes along with a scenic view of the golf course.

Later transfer to the airport to board flight for Saigon.

On your arrival our representative will assist you in check-in & transfer to your hotel.

**Saigon:** Located in the South of Vietnam, the “Indochina Pearl” – Ho Chi Minh City, or formerly known as Saigon, is your first stop of the tour.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at hotel

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### DAY 07, SATURDAY SAIGON – MEKONG DELTA – SAIGON

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Today explore the **Mekong Delta**. Upon arrival, embark on the boat cruising on the mighty Mekong River. **We stop at one of 4 islands in the area for sightseeing.** After that you will embark on the small boats rowed the local people through the small cannel. 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.



then **horse-cart trip through the tranquil road of the village.**

Evening, drive back to Saigon with stop to **visit Vinh Trang pagoda**, a famous pagoda in the area that its architecture is a mix of Chinese, Cambodian, and French culture.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at hotel

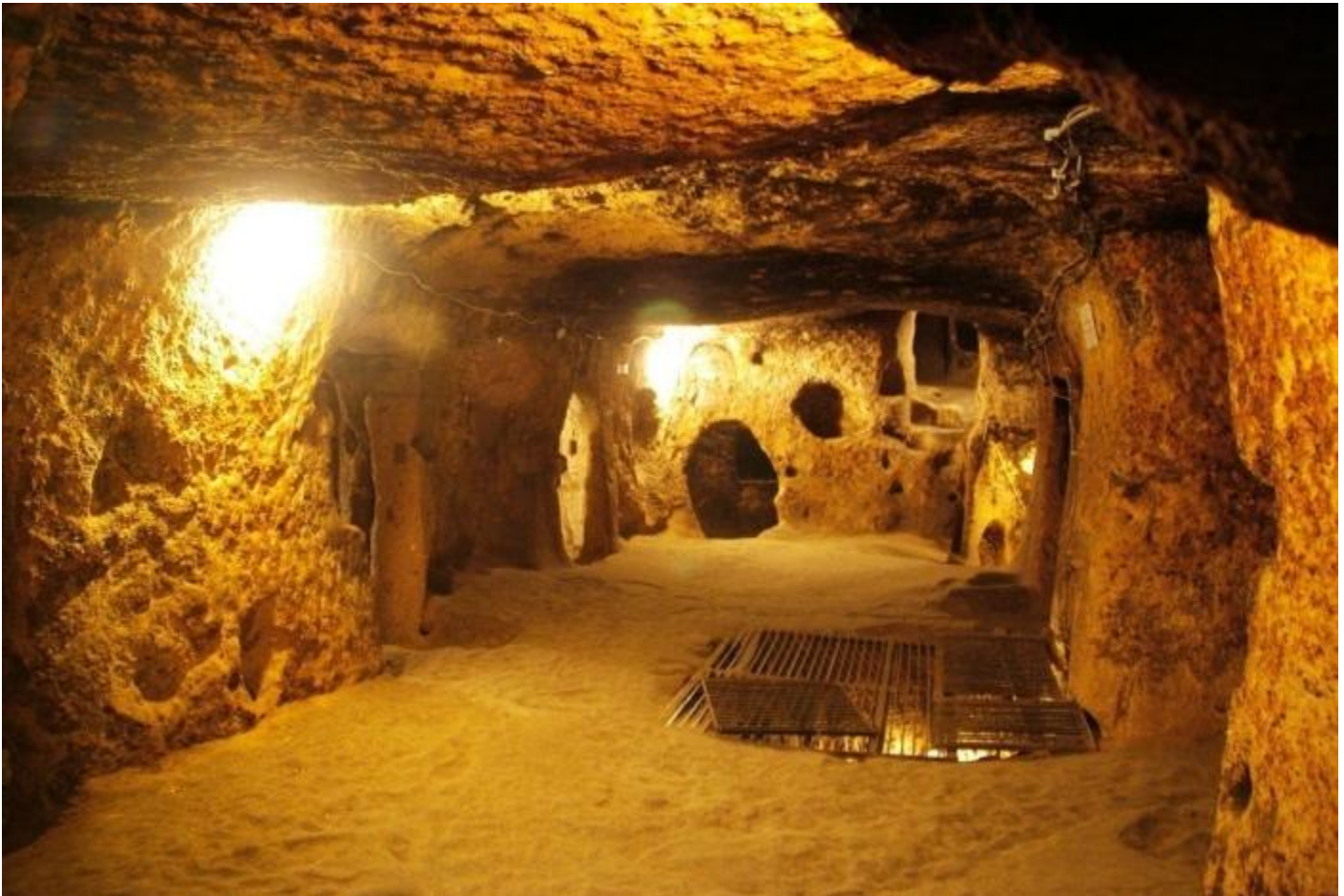
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**DAY 08, SUNDAY**

**SAIGON – CU CHI TUNNELS – CITY TOUR**

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Enjoy the breakfast at and driver come over and lead you to exciting destinations all day long. Built over a period of 25 years since the 1940s, **Cu Chi tunnels** is an immense network of connecting underground construction that spans over 250 kilometre of the district, honeycombed into layers and layers of underground living accommodation. Exploring the network of tunnels to understand the tenacious will of the Vietnamese in their fight against foreign invasion.



In the afternoon, visit all the **cultural and outstanding landmarks of the city**. Built during the French colonial era, most of them inherit from the romances of French architectural design. The round city tour includes **Notre Dame Cathedral, Saigon Old Post office, Ho Chi Minh Hall,** and War Remnant Museum. Enjoy Vietnamese Coffee at local cafeteria.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at hotel



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**DAY 09, MONDAY****SAIGON – SIEM REAP**

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After breakfast transfer to the airport to catch flight for SIEM REAP. Upon arrival, welcome by representative and transfer to check in your hotel for relaxation.

Remaining day is at leisure.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at hotel

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**DAY 10, TUESDAY****ANGKOR WAT – ANGKOR THOM**

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After breakfast, leave for Angkor Wat First stop will be the Angkor Wat, one of the best **preserved archaeological sites in Southeast Asia and considered one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Stand in awe as you witness Angkor Wat's colossal structures and meticulous architecture.** Angkor Wat was built in early of 12th century, explore the beautiful complexity of Angkor Wat's vastness from its intricately carved hallways, columns and mysterious chambers to its grand courtyards.

**Angkor Thom South Gate** We also explore the **Angkor Thom complex.** Its vast walls, some 6m wide, 8m high and 13km in length contain many monuments. Inside the walls the king, his relatives and officials, military officers and priests took residence, the rest of the people lived outside of the great enclosure, between the two artificial lakes. Our visit will begin with the South Gate, a beautiful introduction to Angkor Thom with well-restored statues of Asuras (demons) and gods lining the bridge.



Return to hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at hotel (SIEM REAP)

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#### **DAY 11, WEDNESDAY**

#### **KAMPONG PHLUK (Tonle Sap)**

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After breakfast leave for Kampong **Phluk Floating Village** Pick up at 8 am at your hotel, we will drive about 45-minutes to the countryside, upon arrival at the quay, we will board a local boat for a 1.5-hour ride to the Tonle Sap Lake.

Along the way to the lake, we will pass through **Kompong Phluk**. It's a village on stilts which means 'harbor of the tusks'. See colorful houses, schools, temples, church and local government offices. Wonder at the sight of the green flooded forest (in rainy season) of the surrounding floodplain. We will continue the boat ride past the village until we reach the immense water scape of Tonle Sap Lake. Find out from your experienced guide telling you about Cambodia's most important source of life-giving resources. Optional (rainy season only): a magical canoe ride into the dense mangrove forest.

**Visit the Artisan school and Old Market before dropping off at your hotel in town.**

**For Golfers':**

**01 Round of Golf at Angkor Golf Resort.**

Return to hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at hotel (SIEM REAP)

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#### **DAY 12, THURSDAY**

#### **BANTEAY SREY & TA PROHM**

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After breakfast depart to visit **Kbal Spean** which is about 45 km from Siem Reap City, **This tour is recommended to visitors who are fit, it's a hiking up hill a lot up and down** . Here you will see the "River of a 1000 Lingas" which is a collection of ancient stone carvings and myriads of lingums. These phallic symbols of Shiva can be found in and around the riverbed. There are also carvings of the other gods including Vishnu, Brahma, Lakshmi.

Then visit **Banteay Srei** We will then head over to Banteay Srei which is called the "Citadel of the Women" in English. It's believed that the carvings are so intricate that they could only have been carved by the delicate hands of women. This stunning temple is a must-see for anyone interested in learning the fascinating history of the Khmer people. Instead, Banteay Srey temple was built in the reign of two kings Rajendravarman II and Jayavarman V. The 3 main shrines of



the structure were dedicated to Lord Shiva, Lord Vishnu and Lord Brahma.

Later visit **Banteay Samre**, this is a 12th century Hindu temple which was built in the style of Angkor Wat. Banteay Samre is a great temple to visit because it's well off the tourist trail and you can enjoy this magnificent temple in relative peace when compared to the large numbers of tourists which visit Angkor Wat every day.

Return to hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight at hotel (SIEM REAP)

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**DAY 13, FRIDAY**

**Siem Reap departure**

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Breakfast is at hotel. Later transfer to the airport to catch flight to Delhi.

Meals included: Breakfast