

13 DAYS – CLASSIC VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

- Duration: 13 days/ 12 nights
- Tour code:
- Highlights: Hanoi – Halong – Hoi An – Hue – HCMC (Saigon) – Cai Be – Tra On – Siem Reap

OVERVIEW

Having long historical connections, Vietnam & Cambodia is one of the most combined trip that travelers wish to go. From changing Vietnam to peaceful Cambodia, it will bring you lots of experiences about the locals' life; spectacular sightseeings; historical & cultural understanding of these two countries.

SUMMARY

DAY 1: HANOI – ARRIVAL (D)

DAY 2: HANOI CITY TOUR (B,L)

DAY 3: HANOI – HALONG – UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE (B,L,D)

DAY 4: HALONG - HANOI – FLIGHT TO DA NANG – HOI AN (B,L)

DAY 5: HOI AN – MY SON – UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE (B,L)

DAY 6: HOI AN – RED BRIDGE COOKING CLASS – TRAIN TO HUE (B,L)

DAY 7: HUE CITY TOUR – FLIGHT TO SAIGON (B)

DAY 8: SAIGON – CAI BE – MEKONG LODGE (B,L,D)

DAY 9: CAI BE – VINH LONG – TRA ON (B,L,D)

DAY 10: TRA ON – CAN THO – SAIGON – FLIGHT TO SIEM REAP (B,L,D)

DAY 11: ANGKOR TEMPLES (B,L)

DAY 12: BANTEAY SREI – TONLE SAP LAKE (B,L)

DAY 13: SIEM REAP – DEPARTURE (B)

Day 01: Hanoi - Arrival

Welcome to Vietnam! Please be sure that your visa has been pre-arranged, or that your visa-on-arrival letter is in your carry on luggage. These documents will be presented to customs at your first point of entry into the country. Meet your driver for an airport transfer with a private vehicle and English speaking guide.

Accommodation: Authentic Hotel or similar

Day 02: Hanoi city tour

You will be picked up at your hotel by private car with an English speaking guide and taken to visit the Mausoleum of Ho Chi Minh and his former residence, Ba Dinh historical square, and the Temple of Literature. For lunch, enjoy a lovely meal at a local restaurant. After lunch, continue your city tour to your choice of one of Hanoi's many museums, including History, Womens, War, Ethnology, then head to Hoan Kiem Lake and Ngoc Son Temple and experience a 1 hour cyclo tour. Finish your day off at the Thang Long Opera Theatre for a traditional Vietnamese water puppet show.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Authentic Hotel or similar

Day 3: Hanoi - Halong - UNESCO World Heritage

Transfer this morning from Hanoi to Halong Bay (3.5 hour drive). Your heavenly journey across Halong Bay starts around noon on Tuan Chau Island at the doorstep of Vietnam's most fascinating wonder. As the vessel sets sails, you will be greeted by Cruise Manager who will aim throughout your stay at providing you with the highest standards of service for a pure pleasure and utmost comfort onboard the ship's luxury facilities in stunning surroundings.

Discover some of the treasures disseminated across the Bay of the Descending Dragon during the afternoon like fascinating caves, pristine beaches, picturesque floating villages, fantastic rock formations rising up out of the emerald water.

While onboard, at your leisure you can take advantage of the Spa, Beauty and the Massage services provided. You will also have the opportunity to attend the chef's cooking demonstration and try your skills in the art of traditional Vietnamese cooking. Defined to be one of the highlights of your paradise stay, a highly refined, innovative and varied cuisine will be presented for lunch and dinner in the elegant dining-room, accompanied by a wide selection of wines and beverages from around the world.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Glory Cruise

Day 4: Halong - Hanoi - Flight to Da Nang - Hoi An (B,L)

In the morning, early risers can attend a Tai Chi demonstration on the sundeck at the break of dawn. Start the day enjoying some Paradise delights with a colourful buffet breakfast. Continue exploring Halong Bay sailing across its 2,000 islets and visiting some of its major highlights.

The Cruise will come to an end on Tuan Chau Island between 10.30am and 11.00am. From here you will drive back to Hanoi.

Meet your driver for an airport transfer to Hanoi airport. Fly from Hanoi to Da Nang in Central Vietnam. Transfer from Danang to Hoi An with a private vehicle. Check in your hotel in Hoi An.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Lantern Hotel or similar

Day 5: Hoi An - My Son - UNESCO World Heritage

Drive 40 km Southwest of Hoi An in private vehicle with English speaking guide. Visit the capital and religious center of the former Champa Kingdom, My Son, a designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. In a lush green valley, are dozens of red brick towers and sanctuaries dating from between the 7th and 13th centuries. Drive back to Hoi An for lunch. In the afternoon take a walking tour of Hoi An Old quarter, discovering the historic town which used to be a prosperous seaport city during the 16th to 18th centuries. Visit Hoi An's colourful local market, Tan Ky old house, Fukien Assembly Hall, and the 400-year-old Japanese covered bridge. Travelers can also see local residents raise silkworms and produce silk for Hoi An's burgeoning textile industry.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Lantern Hotel or similar

Day 6: Hoi An - Red Bridge cooking class - Train to Hue

We start the day (8.15am) with a drink at Hai Scout Café - our meeting point.

Visit Hoi An's colourful market, and experience the amazing sights, sounds and aromas of this busy market. We will have the opportunity to interact with the local sellers and purchase some of the ingredients to be used in the cooking lesson later.

We board the Red Bridge boat for a leisurely cruise (25 minutes) along the Hoi An River to the Red Bridge Cooking School. This is a chance to view local river life, so make sure your camera is handy.

On arrival, we explore the cooking school's herb and vegetable garden, before learning about some of Hoi An's and Vietnam's well-known dishes. The cooking lesson runs for about 2 hours - each dish is first demonstrated by the Red Bridge chef's, before we prepare the same dish ourselves. Included in the class is a brief introduction to Vietnamese food carving (plate decoration).

After the lesson, we sit down and eat exactly what we have cooked.

Check out the hotel and private transfer to Da Nang Railway station. Take the Da Nang - Hue train (code SE20: 15:00 - 16:35) crossing Hai Van mountain pass with splendid landscape enroute: 1 side is Pacific ocean, 1 side is Truong Son mountain. Soft-seat is arranged for this train journey.

Upon arrival at Hue Railway station, you meet our tour guide in Hue and private transfer to your hotel in Hue for relaxation. Overnight in Hue.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: New Star Hue Hotel or similar

Day 7: Hue city tour - Flight to Saigon

Morning take a halfday city tour in Hue. You visit the Forbidden City and the Imperial Citadel, the magnificent tomb of Vietnam's last monarch Khai Dinh and the tomb of the poet-king Tu Duc. Enjoy the romantic boating along the Perfume River to visit Thien Mu Pagoda, one of the oldest ancient architectural structures for religious worship in Hue.

Check out at 12:00. Take your afternoon flight to Saigon. Private airport transfers are included. Check in your hotel. Overnight in Saigon.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Elios Hotel Saigon or similar

Day 8: Saigon - Cai Be - Mekong Lodge

Pick up at your hotel and travel to Cai Be, around two hours driving. We leave behind the noisy and chaotic world of motorbikes and skyscrapers in Saigon and head to a land where the water is immense, the sky is clear, the air is fresh and the people are warm hearted. Welcome you to Mekong Delta, Vietnam's rice basket, the "Land of Nine Dragons".

Arriving at Cai Be town, we sail leisurely through the Cai Be Floating Market to admire interesting local way of life. On the brown water flow, hundreds of sampans loaded with fresh produce are arranged by groups here and there, crossed by small service boats of café or soups. For

photographing, we get closer to the stern used as their home, we could be startled by a sudden dog bark but the owner, a vermicelli soup seller would greet us with a generous smile. All seasonal produce from the Mekong Delta such as rice, vegetables, fruit, fish, and poultry are gathered here before being distributed to local markets.

After visiting the floating market, we land on a luxuriant garden that is tastefully designed as an accommodation complex of Mekong Lodge, a pure eco-resort with 30 elegant traditional style cottages built in beautiful harmony with surrounding landscapes.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Ba Linh Homestay or similar

Day 9: Cai Be - Vinh Long - Tra On (B,L,D)

Enjoying your breakfast at the Mekong Lodge restaurant, then boarding Le Cochinchine boat for a 2 day cruise to Can Tho via Vinh Long and Tra On.

Disembark and land on some fantastic places in the villages, then take a pleasant walking or biking on the footpaths of the countryside to visit tropical fruit orchards, watch the local daily activities and interact with famers.

Continue the cruise to Tra On. Enjoy the magnificent sunset on the river. Leisurely cruise up the Mekong River while enjoying the beautiful scenery and the aperitifs. Wrap up a wonderful day with picturesque ferry crossings over Mekong River branches. Dinner and overnight on board of Le Cochinchine.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Ba Linh Homestay or similar

Day 10: Tra On - Can Tho - Saigon - Flight to Siem Reap

The buzz of the floating market wakes you up early in the morning. After breakfast, the cruise continues to Can Tho. Enjoy a magnificent sunrise over the water. Leisurely cruise up the Bassac River while enjoying the beautiful scenery along the way.

Arrival at Can Tho, a small boat will take you to explore the Cai Rang market one of the most bustling floating markets in Mekong Delta with hundreds of small boats barging and jostling for space as owners attempt to sell their goods. And through the palm-shaded creek to see local houses and green orchards

10h00: Disembark at the Ninh Kieu jetty Can Tho. End of the cruise. Private transfer to Saigon international airport for your onwards flight to Siem Reap.

Upon arrival at airport, our guide will meet you and transfer you to hotel for check in. Special welcome buffet dinner with Apsara dancing show is arranged. Overnight in Siem Reap.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Angkor Holiday or similar

Day 11: Angkor temples

Early morning, view sunrise at Ta Prohm “the Royal Monastery” then transfer back to hotel for breakfast. The same morning, visit Angkor Wat, South gate of Angkor Thom with Bayon, Baphoun, Phimeanakas, Elephant Terrace, Terrace of Leper King, Ta Promh and Srah Srang. After lunch, visit Chau Say Tevoda, Takeo. Have an sunset overview of the Magical temple City of Angkor Wat from Phnom Bakheng. Transfer back to inner city to explore the night life. Overnight in Siem Reap.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Angkor Holiday or similar

Day 12: Banteay Srei - Artisans D’ Angkor

Spend the entire morning in one of the remote jewels of Angkor, the Banteay Srei temple which means “Citadel of Women” , made of pink sandstone and presenting the most graceful carvings in stone we might ever see in our life. Banteay Samre is a bit off the Grand Circuit, near the southeast corner of the East Baray. There is a nice 3km road excursion through villages and paddies. Combine a visit to Banteay Srey with a stop at Banteay Samre on the way back Siem Reap for lunch. Visit Artisans D’ Angkor to get insights into Angkor Arts and Crafts. Overnight in Siem Reap.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Angkor Holiday or similar

Day 13: Siem Reap - Departure

You’ ll have the rest of the time before transferring to your onward flight.

PRICE:

High season 1/1/2015 - 30/4/2015 & 1/9/2015 - 31/12/2015

No.pax	1	2	3 - 4	5 - 6	S.S
US\$/pax	1915	1030	935	815	367

Low season 1/5/2015 - 30/9/2015

No.pax	1	2	3	5 - 6	S.S
US\$/pax	1877	1015	916	800	342

WHAT IS INCLUDED	WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FREE Vietnam Visa approval letter - 2 nights accommodation on Halong cruise - Kayaking on Day 1 and Day 2 in hidden corners of the bays - 1 local English speaking guide with excellent knowledge of Halong Bay - Meals as indicated: B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D= Dinner - All entrance fees and permission to fishing villages - Insurance - Bottled water during transfer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visa arrangements – We can do this upon your requests - Flight tickets including air taxes - Personal expenses during tour: phone calls, laundry, other meals and snacks not mentioned above - Gratuities for tour guides and drivers

HOTEL USED IN THIS TOUR:

Accommodation (centrally located, or similar hotels)

City	3 star
Hanoi	Authentic hotel <i>ROH room</i>
Halong	Glory Cruise <i>Deluxe room</i>
Hoi An	Lantern hotel <i>Standard room</i>
Hue	New Star Hue hotel <i>ROH room</i>
Saigon	Elios hotel Saigon <i>Senior Superior room</i>
Mekong delta	Ba Linh homestay <i>Private Guest-room</i>
Siem Reap	Angkor Holiday hotel <i>Superior room</i>

SERVICE DETAILS DURING THE TRIP:

Domestic airfares – You can book via our company or not:

Valid for ticket issued before 30-September-2014

- From Hanoi to Da Nang = US\$ 105/ per person/ 1-way
- From Hue to Saigon = US\$ 105/ per person/ 1-way
- From Saigon to Siem Reap = US\$ 205/ per person/1-way

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- All prices are quoted in USD/ per person, based on Double/Twin occupancy
- Supplement for standard menu meals: US\$ 12 for lunch & US\$ 18 for dinner
- Private services & daily departure
- Surcharge for Compulsory dinner for Xmas and New Year Eve
- Surcharge for domestic flight tickets with taxes:

SPECIAL OFFER

- [Free] Mineral water is available during transfers
- [Free] Vietnam visa approval letter on arrival
- [Free] Traditional Gifts