

# Vietnam – Cambodia Classic Tour - 16 days

(Hanoi – Halong Bay Cruise – Hue - Hoian – Saigon – Mekong –  
Phnom Penh – Siem Reap)

## Itinerary Overview

Day	Destinations/Activities	Meals
Day 1	HANOI ARRIVAL	--
Day 2	HANOI HALF DAY CITY TOUR	B
Day 3	HANOI - HALONG BAY - NIGHT ON BOARD	B/L/D
Day 4	HALONG BAY - HANOI - HUE	B/L
Day 5	HUE CITY TOUR	L
Day 6	HUE - HOIAN SCENIC TRAIN JOURNEY	B
Day 7	HOIAN – MY SON TOWERS TOUR	B/L
Day 8	HOIAN – FREE & EASY DAY - LATE FLIGHT TO SAIGON	B
Day 9	SAIGON CITY + CU CHI TUNNELS TOUR	B/L
Day 10	SAIGON – MEKONG – VINH LONG – CAN THO	B/L
Day 11	CAN THO – FLOATING MARKET - CHAU DOC - TRA SU SANCTUARY	B/L
Day 12	CHAU DOC - PHNOM PENH	B
Day 13	PHNOM PENH - SIEM REAP	B
Day 14	SIEM REAP ANGKOR WITH SUNSET	B
Day 15	SIEM REAP - FREE DAY	B
Day 16	SIEM REAP DEPARTURE	B

**Note\*:** B: Breakfast / L: Lunch / D: Dinner

## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 1 HANOI ARRIVAL

Arrive in Hanoi. Greeted by your driver at the airport. Transfer to your hotel in the city centre for check-in and at leisure in the rest of the day.

**Note\*:**

- The hotel room will be available at 2:00pm, and in case that you would like to secure an early-check in, an additional charge will be applied.
- Please be advised that both international and domestic might be crowded at sometimes during the day, so in case that you arrive and cannot find our representatives, please be presented at Pole **No.16** outside lobby A2 (International) or Lobby of domestic arrival (Domestic flight) and contact us, so we could easily search for you.

**Meals:** N/A

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Hanoi

### Day 2 HANOI HALF DAY CITY TOUR

Free in the morning.

In the afternoon, half day tour to visit Hanoi. We start with visit to President Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum (Outside). We also visit the famous One Pillar Pagoda nearby. Leaving the President's complex, we continue to visit the Temple of Literature (Van Mieu). Although several Van Mieu can be found throughout Vietnam, the most prominent and famous is that situated in the city of Hanoi, and was functioned as Vietnam's first university

Finally, visit the Hoa Lo prison before getting back to the hotel in Hanoi for relax and self-exploration.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Hanoi

### Day 3 HANOI - HALONG BAY - NIGHT ON BOARD

08h00: Pick up from your hotel in Hanoi. Drive to Halong City through the paddy fields in the Red River Delta.

10h00: Stopover on the way for a refreshment break

12h00: Arrive at Tuan Chau wharf – Break and photography time

12h30: Board the Cruise for departure. Welcome drink will be served

13h00: Lunch is served while cruising through the bay

15h30: Visit exciting Cua Van fishing village. The village is free of busy roads and streets, electric lights, houses and high rise buildings. Instead, there are only herds of little boats and rafts. You will have the chance to discover the traditional culture and customs of the fishermen.

16h30: Enjoy kayaking or swimming (if the weather permits).

17h00: Back on board and continue cruising.

19h00: Dinner is served.

21h00: Take some leisure time to enjoy chatting at the bar or enjoy some night fishing.

**Note\*:** the itinerary and activities on board would vary depending on the boat you choose. Please see the choice of boat in Hotel Inclusions.

**Meals:** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

**Accommodation:** Night on Board

## Day 4 HALONG BAY - HANOI – TRAIN TO HUE

07.00: Coffee and tea will be served

08.00: Continue cruising

08h15: Visit splendid Sung Sot Cave

09h00: Check out and enjoy a fantastic cruise on the bay, passing Dinh Huong Island, fishing villages, Ga Choi Island, Dog Island and Sail Island.

09.30: Buffet brunch (breakfast/lunch) while cruising back through Halong Bay to the pier

11h30: Arrive at the pier. Time to say goodbye to the crew.

12.00: Return from Halong to Hanoi. Arrive Hanoi at about 17pm. Shower at small hotel before transferring to the station for overnight train to Hue.

**Note\*:** the itinerary and activities on board would vary depending on the boat you choose. Please see the choice of boat in Hotel Inclusions.

**Meals:** Breakfast/Lunch

**Accommodation:** Overnight train to Hue

## Day 5 HUE CITY TOUR

Arrive Hue at 10am.

Today, we will spend a full day touring Hue city. Our visiting sites includes Old Imperial City, Flag Tower, Thien Mu Pagoda, Royal Tombs of Minh Mang and Khai Dinh. The tour ends with your self-

exploration of Dong Ba bustling market then free for personal activities in Hue.

**Meals:** Lunch

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Hue

## Day 6 HUE – HOIAN SCENIC TRAIN JOURNEY

Free in the morning.

In the afternoon, transfer to the station for day train to HOIAN. Enjoy scenic view of Hai Van Pass on the way. Arrive Hoian in late afternoon. Transfer to the hotel and enjoy free time.

**Note\*:** Train journeys are part of a great local experience. The train take about 2.5 hours. Restrooms at either end of the carriages.

**Optional activities:** instead of the Train Journey, you can do full day tour to visit the Bana Hill and Golden Hand Bridge, then transfer to Hue. Please view the tour to Bana Hill and Golden Hand Brige.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Hoian

## Day 7 HOIAN - MY SON TOWERS TOUR

Pickup at the hotel at 7:50 am, we drive to visit My Son. The My Son temple complex is regarded one of the foremost Hindu temple complexes in Southeast Asia and is the foremost heritage site of this nature in Vietnam. It is often compared with other historical temple complexes in Southeast Asia, such as Borobodur of Java in Indonesia, Angkor Wat of Cambodia, Bagan of Myanmar and Ayutthaya of Thailand. Although badly damaged by bombing raids in the 1960s, the site still has more than 20 structures and was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1999.

Leaving My Son for boat station and taking a boat trip on Thu Bon river. You could visit the living of the local people and feeling the fresh air. Enjoy the beautiful views along the river. Arrive Hoian in early afternoon. Free time to explore Hoian ancient town.

**Meals:** Breakfast/Lunch

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Hoian

## Day 8 HOIAN - FREE AND EASY DAY – FLIGHT TO SAIGON

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Free and easy day to relax and explore Hoi an ancient town till airport transfer for late flight to Saigon.

**Note\*:** Hoi an ancient town is one of best destination in Vietnam. We will arrange accommodation near the town that you can walk to and explore yourself. The beach is about 4kms from the town

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Saigon

## Day 9 SAIGON CITY + CU CHI TUNNELS TOUR

Pickup at the hotel at 7:40 for half day city tour. Our city tour will help you to see the best of Saigon. We visit the historic Reunification palace and War Remnants Museum, followed by the architectural treats of French colonial Notre Dame Cathedral and the post Office. Lunch at local restaurant.

In late afternoon, we head out of town to visit the Cu Chi Tunnels, which is an extensive underground network of approximately 200 kilometers of tunnels dug initially by the Viet Minh and then expanded by the Viet Cong. Here contains hospitals, plus accommodation and schools, and were used extensively for refuge and storage and also utilized as a military base for the Viet Cong close to Saigon. We will then get back to Saigon. Arrive Saigon at about 6pm.

**Meals:** Breakfast/Lunch

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Saigon

## Day 10 SAIGON – MEKONG – VINH LONG - CAN THO

Depart for 2 hours drive to Cai Be, deep in the Mekong Delta. On the way you will visit the first chocolate factory in South Vietnam, you will know how to make chocolate and you can taste some.

After that, heading to the Mekong Delta, the journey begins with a wooden boat trip; proceed to evergreen islands among the Mekong River through a large network of meandering tributaries, crisscrossed with countless arroyos.

Enjoy lunch, then cruise to Vinh Long to discover beautiful landscapes along the river and observe the typical Mekong Delta rural life. At the end of the afternoon, move to Can Tho. Free for night discovery in Can Tho.

**Meals:** Breakfast/Lunch

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Can Tho

## Day 11

### FLOATING MARKET - CHAU DOC - TRA SU SANCTUARY

After Breakfast at hotel, take a motor boat to visit Cai Rang – the most fascinating floating market where we can see all trading activities by boat on Mekong river.

Have you ever tasted Vietnamese vermicelli soup? Well, now go and see how it is made. Then wander around the village and meet the friendly local people. Visit the orchard garden. Stop for lunch. Proceed to Chau Doc, continue the tour to visit Tra Su, getting to the wild birds Sanctuary, cruising smoothly with small boats to discover the arrays of splendid canals deep into the forest, watching storks, cranes and other tropical birds. Back to the Town, hotel check in. Overnight in Chau Doc.

**Meals:** Breakfast/Lunch

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Chau Doc

## Day 12

### CHAU DOC - PHNOM PENH - CITY TOUR

Pickup at 7:00 to transfer to the jetty for speedy boat to Phnom Penh (about 5 hours)

Arrive Phnom Penh at about 1pm. A city tour acquaints us with some major sights of Phnom Penh. The private quarters of the Royal Palace are now home to the royal family and are therefore very close to the public. At the northern area of the palace grounds is Silver Pagoda, the most sacred shrine in the country. We visit both structures as well as the legendary temple of Wat Phnom, which provides an interesting view over the environs. The next stop of our trip is the National Museum, exclusively dedicated to Khmer art and sculpture. The majority of the exhibits are from the Angkor period from 9th to 15th centuries, but some date from as early as the 4th century.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Phnom Penh

## Day 13

### PHNOM PENH - SIEM REAP

Free and easy in the morning.

In the early afternoon, transfer to the bus station for touristbus transfer to Siem Reap (6 hours). Enjoy the ride. Arrive Siem Reap in late afternoon. Free for personal activities.

**Note\*:** Surcharge is applied if you would like to take the flight from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Siem Reap

## Day 14 SIEM REAP ANGKOR TOUR WITH SUNSET

08:00 We drive to South Gate of Angkor Thom, the famous Bayon temple – a unique for its 54 towers decorated with over 200 smiling faces of Avolokitesvara, Baphoun, the Terrace of Temple, Elephants and Terrace of the Leper King.

15:00 The tour start with the visiting to the famous temple: Angkor Wat. Angkor Wat is a World Heritage Site since 1992, famous for its beauty and splendor. Angkor Wat features the longest continuous bas-relief in the world, which runs along the outer gallery walls and narrates stories from Hindu mythology. After that, visit Bakheng Temple and enjoy a romantic sun set view form Bakheng hill.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Siem Reap

## Day 15 SIEM REAP – FREE AND EASY

Free and easy day to explore Siem Reap.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Siem Reap

## Day 16 SIEM REAP DEPARTURE

Today, you are free till airport transfer for departure flight. Trip ends!

**Note\*:** depending on your flight schedule, we will arrange airport transfer accordingly (2.5 hours for domestic flight/ 3.5 hours for international flights).

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** N/A

## Hotel Inclusions

Location	Hotel		
	2-3*	3-4*	4*
Hanoi	La Suite Hotel & Spa	Hanoi Noble Hotel	Golden Silk boutique hotel

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Halong Bay Cruise	A Class Cruise	Aclass Stellar Cruise	Huong Hai Sealife Cruise
Hoian	Uptown Hoi An Hotel	Vinh Hung Emerald Resort	Vinh Hung Riverside Resort
Hue	Orchid hotel	Hue Cherish Hotel	Eldora Hotel
Saigon	Saigon Beautiful 3	Tan Hoang Long Saigon Hotel	Grand Silverland Hotel & Spa
Can Tho	Iris Hotel	Muong Thanh Luxury Hotel	Victoria Resort
Chau Doc	<b>Chau Pho Hotel</b>		Victoria Chau Doc Resort
Phnom Penh	Hang Neak Hotel	River Home Hotel	Frangipani Hotel
Siem Reap	Desire Park Hotel	Angkor Holiday Hotel	Somadevi Angkor

**Note\*:** Checkin/checkout time is 14:00pm and 12:00am respectively as per the hotel's policy. Early checkin/late checkout is subject to availability. Supplement for early checkin/late checkout (if any) is not included.

## Internal Flights

### Danang – Saigon

## Inclusions & Exclusions

INCLUSIONS	EXCLUSIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Overnights in selected hotels or similar</li> <li>➤ Vietnam visa approval letter</li> <li>➤ Halong bay 2 day Cruise package</li> <li>➤ All in-tour stationed local English speaking guide.</li> <li>➤ Entrance fees for sightseeing mentioned in the itinerary</li> <li>➤ Excursions as mentioned in the itinerary</li> <li>➤ Transfers as mentioned by air-conditioned</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Surcharge for Phnom Penh - Siem Reap or Siem Reap - Phnom Penh flight</li> <li>➤ Meals and services other than those noted in the itinerary</li> <li>➤ Visa stamping fee</li> <li>➤ International flights pre/post tour</li> <li>➤ Laundry, telephone calls, and personal expenditures</li> <li>➤ Gratuities for guides, drivers, porters, boat</li> </ul>

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<p>vehicles (including airport pick up &amp; see off)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Meals as indicated in the itinerary</li> <li>➤ Internal flights (Danang - Saigon)</li> <li>➤ 1 overnight train for Hanoi – Hue / 1 day train for Danang - Hue</li> <li>➤ Phnom Penh - Siem Reap bus</li> <li>➤ Chau Doc - Phnom Penh by speedy boat</li> </ul>	<p>crew, and personal, non-itinerary services</p>
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## Booking Terms & Conditions

### Payment

- To guarantee your land tour booking, a deposit 30% must be paid in advance. The balance must be settled **either** in USD Cash on arrival **or** 1 week before arrival date via any other methods.
- We accept payments in cash, by credit card or by bank transfer and Western Union. Any charges to settle the payment must be paid by the Clients. We will recognize the amount receive only.

### Cancellations

Cancellations for all or any part of the trip will not be effective until received in writing. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply:

- Cancellation received 60 days or more before arrival date: 10% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 30 days to 59 days prior arrival date: 20% 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

**\* Note: Full charge is applied for all flights – US\$100/person**

We strongly recommend for your protection that you purchase a trip cancellation insurance.

## Important information

### Emergency Contact

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call the travel consultant whom you deal with and then our hot line contacts. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please send us a detailed message and contact information by email to the agent and to [info@indochinatreks.com](mailto:info@indochinatreks.com), we may check and return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

Our all travel consultants use WhatApps. Please ensure that you have the contact number. It's best to buy a local sim-card upon arrival. Most hotels offer free wifi. So it's very easy to contact in urgent case.

Emergency contact numbers

Mr. Kelvin Do: +84 986759655

Ms. Thuy Pham: +84 984654964

## **Combo Trip**

If you book small group tour option, please note that the tour combines with our other tours. As such, some travel companions on your tour may have previously been travelling together with us. Likewise, some travel companions may be continuing together on another tour after your trip concludes.

You can start the tour on any date (please contact our consultant in advance to avoid peak dates or holidays) and customize itinerary with extra days/activities at any destination.

## **Internal Flights**

For all internal flights, we would use Vietnamairlines, Vietjesair, Jestar, Cambodia Angkorair or Laos Airlines. Most domestic flights in Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar, airlines would use small 70 seat ATR72 for short distances. Most airlines in Vietnam use the Airbus A321. 20kg for checkin luggage and 7kg for hand-bag is included in the price.

International flights before/after the tour must be booked by yourself before travelling date.

## **Accommodation**

We would use different hotel categories and you can select any basing on your budget. So your travel companions would not stay at your hotel. A Hotel Voucher will be provided once your tour is confirmed with all hotel details.

## **Packing List**

Conservative Dress

- Modest clothing that covers knees and shoulders (Long pants, long skirts, shirts that cover shoulders)
- Shawl or scarf (for temple visits)

Note\*: Please pack clothing for the season in which you will be travelling. From Dec-Feb weather can be cold, so please pack warm clothing. From May-Nov it is the wet season, so please bring waterproof clothing.

Documents

- All tickets (required)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)

- Required visas
- Hotel & Tour Vouchers
- Meeting sign (with your names and flight details that we will use for transfers)

## **Train Travel**

Train travel in Vietnam is very basic and train cleanliness is often not a priority for train staff. Sleeper trains normally have 4 seats per compartment, which convert into sleeping bunks (two upper and two lower). A sheet, pillow and blanket are provided, although many people prefer to bring their own sleeping sheet. At times, passengers of different genders may be required to share a sleeper train berth and/or share a compartment with people not travelling in your group. For short distance - 3 hours (as Hue to Danang or vv), you will do the trip on soft/hard seat carriage.

Simple food is available on the train but many people like to stock up on freshly baked bread, cheese and fruit prior to departure. Water should also be bought before the journey.

Train journeys in Vietnam are an experience and allow you to get a real taste of Vietnam.

## **Airport transfers**

All airport transfers are included in the tour price. You should provide us your arrival/departure flight details and we will arrange things basing on the information. A meeting sign with your name and all flight details will be sent to you. Please be ready at the lobby at pointed time for pickup.

Driver/guide should always be present at the airport before your arrival time. If you could not find the driver, please contact your travel consultant who you deal with. For any reason that airport transfer could not be arranged, please take the taxi to the hotel. We will refund the money then.

## **Travel insurance**

Travel insurance is not included in our tour price. When travelling with us, you are suggested to buy insurance that covers all medical coverage, cancellation, personal liability, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects.

## **Trip Specific Safety**

We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage.

Be aware that petty theft can be an issue in some towns and cities especially late at night. A common tactic is opportunists on motorbikes that drive by and snatch bags. Please always leave valuables and passports etc in your hotel in safety boxes if available and only carry with you enough cash to spend for the day. Bags should always be carried over the neck and not left to sit on your shoulder.

## **Warming**

Please do not buy gems unless you know what you are doing. Even if genuine you should not expect to be able to sell them at home. If you fall victim to a gem scam, we are unable to assist you.

## Visas and Entry Requirements

Please note that visas for Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos are the responsibility of the individual traveller. The visa requirements for your trip vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. For the most up to date information please check your Governments Foreign Ministry website or with your travel agent as rules do change.

**CAMBODIA** - Visas can be obtained at the Cambodian border or Siem Reap Airport for approx. \$35 USD very easily. Please have *\*at least\** 2 passport photos with you as well.

**VIETNAM** - As of March 2017, a select 80 nationalities are now eligible to enter Vietnam with an E-Visa. Please contact your Foreign Ministry or Vietnamese consulate to see if your nationality is eligible. Please note that you should **ONLY** apply for a Vietnam E-Visa if you are entering Vietnam by international airport - either Noi Bai International Airport (Hanoi) or Tan Son Nhat International Airport (Ho Chi Minh City).

If you are entering Vietnam by land border, please apply for a regular visa for Vietnam. Many of the land borders we travel through do not accept the Vietnam E-Visa. Please view this link to apply E-Visa: <https://evisa.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn/web/guest/trang-chu-ttdt>

We will help you apply an approval letter for visa on arrival if you enter Vietnam through international airports. You will have to pay for stamping fees to the custom at the airport. View how visa on arrival works through this link:

[https://www.indochinatreks.com/Vietnam\\_Visa\\_On\\_Arrival](https://www.indochinatreks.com/Vietnam_Visa_On_Arrival)

**LAOS** - Visas are issued upon arrival in Laos. You will need two passport size photographs and approx \$35. Tourists are generally admitted to Laos for 15 days with a visa on arrival or for 30 days with a visa issued at a Lao embassy. Please bring visa photos with you.

Please be aware that you will require four clean pages (minimum) in your passport and at least six months validity.

## Tipping

It is customary in Asia to tip service providers such as waiters, at approximately 10%, depending on the service. Tipping is expected - though not compulsory - and shows an expression of satisfaction with the people who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides or drivers we use. Recommendations for tipping drivers and local guides would range from \$3-\$5 USD per person per day depending on the quality and length of the service.

## Electricity

Indochina Countries use 220V, and a mixture of flat 2-pin, round 2-pin or 3 pin plugs. It is recommended to bring a universal plug adapter.