



# Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam

## 13 Night Private Tour

Explore the wonders of Southeast Asia with a journey through Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam, offering a perfect mix of culture, history, and unforgettable adventures.

Begin in Bangkok, where you'll visit the majestic Grand Palace and the Reclining Buddha. In Cambodia, engage with the Kok Sangke community and marvel at the awe-inspiring Angkor Wat, followed by a magical Apsara dance show. Discover the grandeur of Cambodia's Royal Palace before a fast boat ride along the Mekong River to Vietnam. Experience the lively floating markets and explore the historic Cu Chi Tunnels.

### Highlights:

- Discover Bangkok's majestic Grand Palace and the enormous Reclining Buddha
- Spend time with the Kok Sangke community in Cambodia
- Discover the timeless beauty of Angkor Wat
- Enjoy a dinner accompanied by an enchanting Apsara dance show.
- Marvel at Cambodia's Royal Palace
- Fast boat journey along the Mekong River from Cambodia to Vietnam
- Boat ride to the fascinating floating markets
- Discover the impressive Cu Chi Tunnels in Vietnam

### What's included:

- Getting there: Return flights to Bangkok
- Local English speaking guides throughout
- Transport: Return airport transfers, private ground transfers, private boat trip, speedboat trip and flight from Ho Chi Minh to Bangkok
- Accommodation: 13 or 14 nights total duration (including 1 or 2 nights on return flights) - 12 nights in hotels: 2 nights Bangkok, 1 night Battambang, 3 nights Siem Reap, 1 night Phnom Penh, 1 night Chau Doc, 1 night Can Tho, 1 night Ho Chi Minh and 2 nights Bangkok
- Meals included: 12 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 2 special dinners (dinner with Apsara dance show, and dinner on La Perle D'Orient on the Saigon river)

### Not included:

- Any meals (other than the one mentioned in the itinerary), drinks, tips, expenses of personal nature.
- Early/late check-in/out service at hotels (surcharge if requested)
- Travel insurance and visa
- Anything not mentioned in the "What's Included" column

# Full Itinerary

## Day 1 - Overnight Flight

Board your overnight flight from the UK to Bangkok Airport BKK.

## Day 2 - Arrival In Bangkok

Arrive in Bangkok, meet local tour guide and transfer to your hotel. Spend your afternoon relaxing and enjoying the hotel's facilities, or head out to begin exploring the city.

ACCOMMODATION: 4\* Aira Hotel, Bangkok or similar



## Day 3 - Bangkok City Tour

Immerse yourself in Thai culture today, on a full-day sightseeing tour.

Your first stop will be the colourful floating markets at Damnoen Saduak. Watch as the locals buy fresh produce from the traders on the boats, then head back into Bangkok for a guided tour.

See the Royal Island, where the Grand Palace adjoins the Wat Phra Kaew temple with its Emerald Buddha, as well as the less formal Wat Pho temple, home to the gigantic Reclining Buddha.

ACCOMMODATION: 4\* Aira Hotel, Bangkok or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, lunch



## Day 4 - Bangkok to Battambang

An early start sees you journey, through a stunning rural landscape barely changed in centuries, to the border at Psar Phnum, where you'll cross into Cambodia.

Once formalities are completed, you'll begin the second part of your adventure with the short journey to the elegant French colonial city of Battambang.

ACCOMMODATION: 4\* Classy Hotel, Battambang or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast



## Day 5 - Battambang to Siem Reap

Today you'll travel to Wat Ek Phnom, a pre-Angkor Period temple situated on the banks of the Sandker River.

Later, you'll visit the Cambodia Peace Gallery where you'll learn about Cambodia's journey from war towards peace reconciliation.

Continue to the colourful market town of Siem Reap, home to the archaeological Angkor National Museum and your gateway to the incredible temple complex of Angkor Thom.

ACCOMMODATION: 5\* Hotel Vellita, Siem Reap or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, lunch

## Day 6 - Visit the Kok Sangke Community

Today, you'll be driven to the Kok Sangke community to visit the home of a local family who'll make you several traditional Khmer desserts. You'll then learn about the village's sustainable farming techniques, visit a community center, which teaches local farmers about eco-friendly farming methods, see some nearby farms, and have lunch before travelling to Wat Luang Proleung and the village of Kampong Khleang.

ACCOMMODATION: 5\* Hotel Vellita, Siem Reap or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, lunch



## Day 7 - Visit the Angkor Temples

Today you will discover the four vast stone heads and countless carved faces of the Bayon, which stands in the heart of the 'lost city' of Angkor Thom.

Angkor Thom was the greatest citadel of the Khmer Empire that ruled half of South East Asia for nearly 600 years, and its ruined boulevards and gateways cover a vast area to the north of Siem Reap. Yet it is not the highlight of this landscape littered with great ruins, that title goes to Angkor Wat. The world's largest religious building, with its five great towers and 1000-metre-long carved bas-relief, is dazzling and unforgettable. Expect to return to your hotel awed and amazed by everything you've seen.

Enjoy dinner with Apsara dance show at Kanell restaurant.

ACCOMMODATION: 5\* Hotel Vellita, Siem Reap or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, dinner



## Day 8 - Siem Reap to Phnom Penh

Travel to the Cambodian capital, Phnom Penh, a French colonial treasure-chest on the banks of the Mekong River. It's a city of dusty, faded glory, except in its stupendous Royal Palace and its Silver Pagoda of priceless Buddhist artefacts.

ACCOMMODATION: 4\* Duong Chan Hotel, Phnom Penh or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast



## Day 9 - Phnom Penh to Chau Doc

Spend a thought-provoking morning at the Tuol Sleng Museum, which chronicles the Pol Pot years and the reign of the Khmer Rouge.

Afterwards, you'll have the opportunity to visit the Wat Phnom Temple before you board the fast boat along the Mekong River to feel the wind on your face on a thrilling boat ride into Vietnam.

ACCOMMODATION: 4\* Victoria Chau Doc Hotel, Chau Doc or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast

## Day 10 - Chau Doc to Can Tho

Your day begins with a visit to the holy mountain of Nui Sam. Studded with pagodas and temples, the mountain offers visitors stunning views over the Mekong Delta, which awaits you today.

You'll stay overnight in the university town of Can Tho, with its colourful floating markets, busy working harbour and sacred Khmer pagoda, Muniwangsyaram.

ACCOMMODATION: 4\* Victoria Can Tho Resort, Can Tho or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast





## Day 11 - Can Tho to Ho Chi Minh

Enjoy another journey through the Mekong landscape of rice paddies, flat-bottomed boats, fruit trees and bougainvillea, peopled by farmers in conical hats and dotted with floating markets. Take a fascinating boat ride to the floating markets of Cai Rang, before arriving in Ho Chi Minh City.

In the afternoon, a guided tour will reveal its fascinating mix of French colonial history and modern Vietnamese life. Highlights include the grand General Post Office, the Reunification Hall on the site of the former President's Palace, the Xa Loi Pagoda with its bronze Buddha, and (time permitting) the War Remnants Museum.

Your day ends with dinner at La Perle D'Orient cruise along Saigon river.

ACCOMMODATION: 5\* Hotel Grand Saigon, Ho Chi Minh or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, dinner



## Day 12 - Cu Chi Tunnels and travel to Bangkok

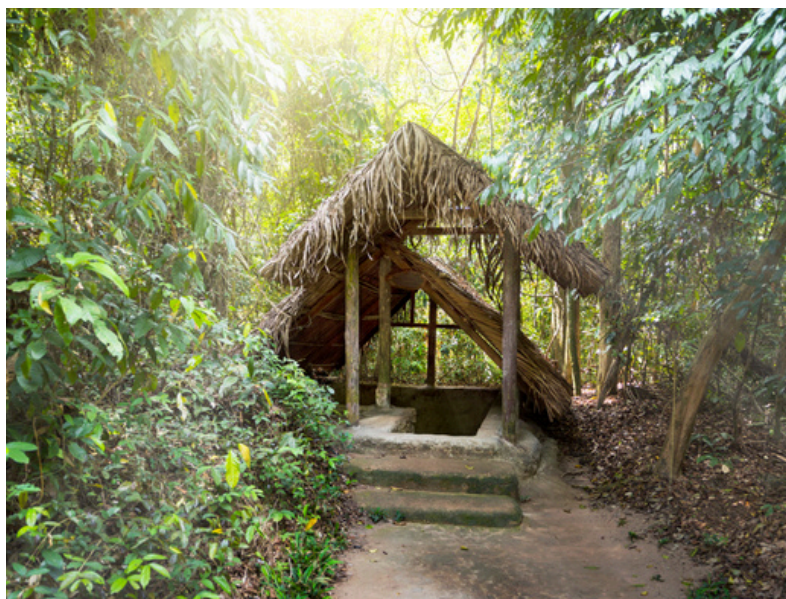
The remarkable Cu Chi tunnel complex provides a poignant reminder of the country's recent history. This 200 km underground labyrinth was used by the Viet Cong as a base, and now serves as a national memorial for those who lost their lives in the conflict.

In the afternoon, proceed to the airport for your flight to Bangkok.

Arrive in Bangkok, meet local tour guide and transfer to your hotel. Spend your afternoon relaxing and enjoying the hotel's facilities.

ACCOMMODATION: 4\* Aira Hotel, Bangkok or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast



## Day 13 - Day at leisure in Bangkok

Enjoy a full day at leisure.

ACCOMMODATION: 4\* Aira Hotel, Bangkok or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast

## Day 14 - Departure from Bangkok

Spend your final day relaxing till check-out before 12 pm noon.

Meet your tour guide and transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK. Depending on your flights you will arrive home today or the next day

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast

# FAQs

## **WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO TRAVEL?**

The best time to visit South-East Asia is November to April when it's dry and warm. Wet season and monsoonal rains fall from June to October.

During Vietnamese Lunar New Year, most restaurants and attractions are closed, therefore we recommend not to travel during this time.

## **MALARIA**

It is not common to get malaria, unless you are staying in the mountains or the jungle for a long time.

## **DRESS CODES FOR SOME HISTORICAL SITES**

Be mindful of local customs and wear suitable attire when visiting religious or cultural sites. This typically involves covering your shoulders and knees. Dress code guidelines are often displayed at the entrance to these places.

## **WHAT LUGGAGE IS INCLUDED ON MY INTERNAL FLIGHT?**

The internal flight with Vietnam Airlines includes 23kg check-in luggage and 12kg cabin baggage per person.

## **WHO IS THIS TOUR SUITABLE FOR?**

This tour is accessible to most people with an average level of fitness and normal mobility. This tour is not suitable for anyone with walking difficulties. Children aged 6 and above.

## **VISAS AND VACCINATIONS**

UK passport holders can enter Thailand visa-free for a stay up to 60 days, and Vietnam visa-free for a stay up to 45 days.

UK passport holders require a visa to enter Cambodia, as this itinerary enters Cambodia via the land border with Thailand you will only be able to get a visa on arrival at the border crossing, which costs \$30 USD in cash on arrival. An E-Visa is not permitted for land border crossings. Your passport needs to have at least one completely blank page and be valid for more than 6 months.

Please refer to the FCDO website for more information about entry requirements and vaccinations.