



Vietnam and Cambodia

14 Night Private Tour

Discover the wonders of Southeast Asia on our 14 night Vietnam and Cambodia tour that combines stunning landscapes, ancient history, and vibrant culture.

Begin in Vietnam with the bustling streets of Hanoi, a scenic cruise through Halong Bay, and the charming town of Hoi An. Cross into Cambodia to explore the awe-inspiring Angkor Wat, a UNESCO World Heritage site, surrounded by lush jungle, and then return to Vietnam to delve into the dynamic energy of Ho Chi Minh City, uncovering its wartime past.

This tour offers a perfect blend of cultural immersion, historic exploration, and breathtaking natural beauty, making for an unforgettable journey through two captivating countries.

Highlights:

- Wander through the bustling streets of Hanoi's Old Quarter
- Experience the stunning limestone rocks and emerald waters of Halong Bay on a cruise.
- Stroll through the charming, lantern-lit streets of Hoi An
- Explore the awe-inspiring temple complex of Angkor Wat
- Visit important historical sites in Ho Chi Minh City like the War Remnants Museum and Cu Chi Tunnels

What's included:

- Getting there: Return flights to Hanoi
- Local English speaking guides throughout
- Transport: Return airport transfers, private ground transfers, Halong Bay cruise, speedboat trip and internal flights from Hanoi to Danang/Danang to Siem Reap/Ho Chi Minh to Hanoi
- Accommodation: 14 or 15 nights total duration (including 1 or 2 nights on return flights) – 13 nights in hotels: 2 nights in Hanoi, 1 night Halong Bay cruise, 2 nights Hoi An, 2 nights Siem Reap, 1 night Phnom Penh, 1 night Chau Doc, 1 night Can Tho, 2 nights Ho Chi Minh, 1 night Hanoi
- Meals included: 12 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 2 lunches, 5 dinners
- Experiences: Hanoi city tour with street food, Halong Bay cruise, Hoi An city tour with street food, Angkor Wat tour, tour of the Tuol Sleng Prison Museum, Cu Chi tunnels and half day Ho Chi Minh city tour

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)
- Optional excursion/tours
- 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 Hanoi Airport HAN.

Day 2: Arrival in Hanoi

Welcome to Hanoi, Vietnam, one of Asia's most enchanting cities, full of culture, history and the engaging contradictions of a rapidly developing and deeply traditional society. You are greeted by your guide and driver at the airport for your transfer to the hotel, and enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

ACCOMMODATION: 4* La Casa Hanoi Hotel or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Welcome Dinner



Day 3: Hanoi City Tour

Begin today's tour of Hanoi at the distinctive Presidential Palace. Wander through pristinely manicured botanical gardens to uncover Ho Chi Minh's modestly sized house on stilts, nestled amongst the tranquility of this rural oasis. From here, journey to Hanoi's emblematic One Pillar Pagoda and the 10th Century Temple of Literature before embarking on a street food tour, where you can sample Dried Beef Mannequin, Hanoi bread and Kebab Rice Noodles, as well as the delightful flavours of Egg-milk coffee within the vibrant Dong Xuan Market.

Continue to Hoa Lo Prison known by American POWs as the Hanoi Hilton and then to the bustling Old Quarter Street to experience the daily life of the locals, before enjoying a traditional Water Puppet Performance this evening.

ACCOMMODATION: 4* La Casa Hanoi Hotel or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, lunch



Day 4: Hanoi to Halong Bay

This morning gather in the lobby for your journey to Halong Bay (approximately 3 hours with stops enroute), where you will be driven across the Red River delta to reach the coast a little before noon. You will embark on a beautifully crafted wooden junk for an overnight cruise in the legendary seascape of Halong Bay.

Once on board, a delicious seafood-based lunch will be served, while the limestone rocks set the decor. In the afternoon, the cruise will reach a less travelled area with the option to relax, sunbathe and visit a cave. End the day on the sundeck while the sun sets, and enjoy an aperitif or attend a cooking demonstration before dinner. You will sleep in a comfortable private cabin with attached bathroom.

ACCOMMODATION: Bhaya Classic Cruise (Deluxe Cabin) or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, lunch, dinner



Day 5: Halong Bay to Hoi An

One of the most special experiences for travellers in Vietnam is to watch the sunrise over Halong Bay. Rise early to watch this spectacular and peaceful scene. After a light breakfast, continue cruising through the bay to visit Sung Sot, a beautiful cave but also an archaeological site. You will enjoy brunch on board before arriving at the wharf in the late morning and return to the dock, where you will be met and transferred to Hanoi airport for an included flight to Danang.

Upon arrival, meet your local tour guide and transfer to your hotel in Hoi An.

ACCOMMODATION: 4* Vinh Hung Riverside Resort & Spa, Hoi An or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Brunch

Day 6: Hoi An

Formerly one of Southeast Asia's chief ports, discover a labyrinth of riverside streets strewn with perfectly preserved Japanese merchant houses and Chinese tea warehouses. Explore this easily navigable town at leisure in the morning before joining a city tour in the afternoon, visiting the 17th-century Japanese Pagoda Bridge.

After the tour, sample some of the street food in Hoi An's Ancient Town, including Cao Lau Noodles, White Rose Cake, Fried Wonton Dumplings, Chicken Rice, and Fried Banana Cake. During this street food experience, you'll have the chance to interact with local vendors, see firsthand how some of these iconic dishes are made, and, if you're feeling adventurous, even try your hand at making them yourself.

ACCOMMODATION: 4* Vinh Hung Riverside Resort & Spa, Hoi An or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, dinner



Day 7: Hoi An to Siem Reap

You are met in the lobby of your hotel for a short drive to Danang airport. Embark on your flight to Siem Reap, where your temples adventure awaits.

Welcome to Cambodia! Go through immigration and you will be greeted upon your exit of the airport and driven to your hotel.

ACCOMMODATION: 4* Saem Siem Reap Hotel or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast



Day 8: Angkor Temples

Today, embark on a tour of the Angkor Wat complex; a stunning example of enduring devotion to the gods, this grandiose temple has been in constant use since its construction in 1112.

Flanked by a commanding row of 54 stone figures, enter the South Gate of the Angkor Thom and visit the mesmerizing gothic towers of Bayon and later the Baphuon, Phimeanakas and the Elephant Terrace. Following lunch, uncover the mystical Ta Prohm temple, partially engulfed by the jungle's burgeoning canopy, before enjoying dinner and traditional Apsara dance performance.

ACCOMMODATION: 4* Saem Siem Reap Hotel or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, dinner

Day 9: Siem Reap to Phnom Penh

Travel to the Cambodian capital, and on arrival immerse yourself in regal grandeur at the Cambodian King's residence, where the ornately gilded Khmer roofs of the Royal Palace majestically rub shoulders with the neighbouring lavish Silver Pagoda.

Later in the day, wander through the National Museum's fascinating exhibition of Cambodian history, boasting one of Cambodia's largest collections of Khmer art dating from the prehistoric era through to the present day, and enjoy the evening at leisure.

ACCOMMODATION: 4* Baitong Hotel & Resort Phnom Penh or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast



Day 10: Tuol Sleng Museum and Speedboat to Chau Doc

Following breakfast, a moving tour of the Tuol Sleng Prison Museum and the Killing Fields of Choeung Ek explores the reality of Cambodia's troubled past. Although inconceivable to comprehend the harrowing events which once unfolded here, these excursions illustrate imperative pieces of Cambodia's historical puzzle. Pay your respects to the victims of the Pol Pot regime at Choeung Ek's poignant Buddhist memorial.

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 or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast

Day 11: 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* Iris Hotel Can Tho or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast



Day 12: 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 market of Cai Rang, before arriving in Ho Chi Minh.

ACCOMMODATION: 4* Bay Hotel Ho Chi Minh or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast



Day 13: Ho Chi Minh

This morning you will visit the remarkable Cu Chi tunnel complex, which 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.

Back in Ho Chi Minh City 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 a celebratory farewell dinner: the perfect opportunity to look back on your holiday and relive the many highlights.

ACCOMMODATION: 4* Bay Hotel Ho Chi Minh or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, dinner

Day 14: Ho Chi Minh to Hanoi

You are met in the lobby of your hotel for a short drive across the island to the airport. Embark on your flight to Hanoi, on arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

ACCOMMODATION: 4* Mk Premier Boutique Hotel, Hanoi or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast



Day 15: Hanoi to the UK

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK. Some flights arrive the same day, others are overnight.

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 do not need a visa to travel to Vietnam for a stay less than 45 days.

UK passport holders require a visa to enter Cambodia, you can apply for an E-Visa, or get a visa on arrival. A visa on arrival costs \$30 USD per person in cash on arrival at the border, and your passport needs to have at least one completely blank page and be valid for more than 6 months. From 1 September 2024, you will also need to complete and submit an e-Arrival card within 7 days prior to arrival into Cambodia, there is no charge for this. Please refer to the FCDO website for more information.

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