

Vietnam and Cambodia: Cultural Highlights and Countryside - 14 Days

14 days · Tailor-made itinerary



Tour photograph · Pu Luong

Your journey. Your pace. Your experiences.

Hanoi - Ba Vi - day trip - Pu Luong - Halong Bay - Hue - Hoi An - Siem Reap

From USD 2,136 per person

Indicative price · international arrival and departure flights excluded

A tour idea we can personalise together.

Your journey at a glance

Destinations: Vietnam · Cambodia



Connections are schematic. Flights depend on your travel arrangements.

Map data: Natural Earth.

What makes this journey special

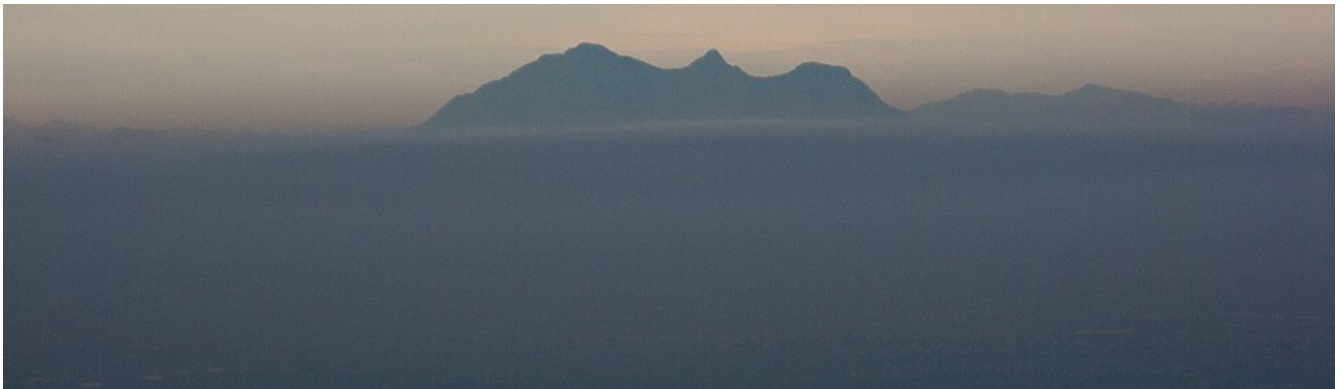
- Tea plantation and village cooking in Ba Vi
- Pu Luong waterwheels and bamboo rafting
- Villages, Bat Cave and a waterfall
- Overnight Halong Bay cruise
- Imperial Hue and sunrise over a lagoon
- Hai Van Pass and lantern-lit Hoi An
- Angkor and village life around Tonle Sap

DAY 1**Welcome to Vietnam: arrival in Hanoi**

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Your journey begins on arrival in Hanoi. Your private driver will meet you at the airport with a sign bearing your name and take you to your accommodation in the city centre, close to the Old Quarter. Explore at your own pace or relax at your hotel after the flight.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 2**Rural life on the Ba Vi countryside tour (B/L)**

Tour photograph · Ba Vi

After breakfast, travel with your experienced English-speaking guide to Ba Vi, a rural area outside Hanoi.

Arrive in Ri village to a welcome drink and light snacks. Your first host, Mr Duoc, is a Vietnam War veteran and tea farmer. Over a drink, he shares stories of his wartime experiences. Visit his plantation to learn how to select and pick the best tea leaves, then see the mostly manual processing methods in his small workshop.

A short drive brings you to Moc village. Your next host, Ms Chin, teaches you to prepare local Vietnamese dishes, which you then enjoy for lunch in a tropical garden.

After a break, walk through the village with Ms Chin and visit local families. Learn about rural life and see how tofu, conical hats and other products are made. Cycle through rice fields to your final host, Mr Chinh, who welcomes you with fresh lemon-and-mint juice made with ingredients from his garden.

Relax with a warm herbal foot bath prepared using traditional Muong recipes, then transfer back to your accommodation.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 3**Hanoi to Pu Luong: villages, waterwheels and bamboo rafting (B/L/D)**

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Pick-up from your hotel in Hanoi's Old Quarter is at 07:00. The drive takes around four hours in normal traffic, with scenic villages along the way and a planned 15-minute break at around 10:00.

Arrive in Pu Luong Nature Reserve around midday and have lunch at a local restaurant. Afterwards, settle into your reserved room and relax. Standard check-in is at 14:00.

At 13:30, transfer to Ban Cong for the afternoon excursion. Walk around 2.5 km, crossing a suspension bridge to a scenic village beside Pu Luong's main stream. Follow the river past rice fields, village homes and the large waterwheels used by local communities. Difficulty: 2 out of 5.

At Chieu Lau Dam, board a bamboo raft and paddle upstream with local residents. Around 15:00, come ashore on the opposite bank and complete the loop with another walk of approximately 2 km through fields and villages. Your transfer will meet you at the main road, with arrival back at the hotel around 17:00.

An optional cooking class is available if you would like to join. Dinner is served at 19:00, followed by free time.

Overnight in Pu Luong.

DAY 4**Pu Luong with a local driver: caves, villages and a waterfall (B/L/D)**

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Have breakfast at 07:00. At 09:00, set off on a scooter excursion with a local driver. Travel through Bang village and forest, passing striking rice fields on the way to Kho Muong.

Your driver will introduce you to daily life in this secluded Thai ethnic-minority village. Explore Bat Cave, Pu Luong's largest cave.

Around 11:00, continue along rural roads to Hieu. A short walk leads to a waterfall within the nature reserve, where you enjoy lunch in a natural setting.

This afternoon, swim in the clear water and discover village life. Return to your hotel by scooter, arriving around 16:00, then enjoy time to relax.

You can join an optional cooking class if you wish. Dinner is at 19:00, followed by an evening at leisure.

Overnight in Pu Luong.

DAY 5**Pu Luong to Hanoi: rice terraces and brocade crafts (B/L)**

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Have breakfast at 07:00 and get ready for the day, aiming to be ready to leave around 08:30.

At 08:45, begin a gentle walk into the valley towards Don village, one of Pu Luong's main communities. Follow a winding path through broad rice terraces with changing views, then continue towards Uoi hamlet at the foot of a high mountain.

Descend to Lan village, home to around 100 Thai families. Explore on foot or on an optional bicycle ride, passing clear streams, fields and duck ponds. Meet residents and learn about daily life, particularly the traditional craft of brocade making.

Transfer back to your accommodation, check out by 11:30 and have lunch. The bus departs for Hanoi at 13:00, with arrival at your hotel expected around 18:30, depending on traffic.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 6**Halong Bay: cruise through a natural wonder (B/L/D)**

Tour photograph · Halong Bay

Check out in the morning and meet your cruise transfer team. Travel through the Red River Delta, passing green rice fields along the way.

Board at the pier and take in the limestone cliffs and caves. A seafood lunch is served, followed by time to enjoy the bay from the sundeck.

The boat stops in a quiet spot for kayaking or swimming, giving you a closer view of the limestone scenery. Return to the ship in the early evening for dinner, followed by time to join on-board activities or relax.

Overnight on board.

DAY 7**Halong Bay to Hanoi and flight to Hue (B/L)**

Tour photograph · Hue

Rise early to watch the sunrise over the bay. Breakfast is served in the dining room, and a tai chi session on the sun deck offers a gentle start to the day.

Visit a limestone cave to see its stalactites and stalagmites, then return on board to check out and enjoy brunch as the boat approaches the harbour. Transfer to Hanoi and have a break before your driver takes you to the airport for your flight to Hue. On arrival, transfer to your accommodation.

Overnight in Hue.

DAY 8

Discover Hue's highlights (B/L)

Tour photograph · Hue

Hue was Vietnam's imperial capital under the Nguyen dynasty. Its surviving royal monuments form a UNESCO World Heritage Site and offer a rich introduction to the country's imperial history.

Meet your guide at the hotel around 08:00–08:30. Take a boat along the Perfume River to Thien Mu Pagoda, one of Hue's oldest pagodas, then explore the Imperial Citadel, seat of the Nguyen dynasty from 1802 to 1945. See royal objects at the Museum of Royal Antiquities before visiting lively Dong Ba Market.

After a Vietnamese lunch, visit Khai Dinh's tomb, which combines Vietnamese traditions with European influences, followed by the Confucian-inspired tomb of Minh Mang. Along the way, stop at villages making conical hats and incense.

Return to your hotel between approximately 16:00 and 17:00.

Overnight in Hue.

DAY 9**Lagoon sunrise and the Hai Van Pass to Hoi An (B)**

Tour photograph · Hoi An

Start early, meeting the team around 04:30–05:00 for the drive to An Truyen village. Visit the early lagoon market, then board a motorised sampan to watch the sunrise and discover life on the water. At a family-run fishing operation, learn about local fishing techniques. After time for photographs, enjoy tea or coffee and a typical breakfast at a restaurant near the village market. Return to your hotel around 07:30–08:00.

Prepare for the private drive of around three hours to Hoi An. Cross the scenic Hai Van Pass, with views over the mountains and sea, then check into your hotel and enjoy time to explore.

Overnight in Hoi An.

DAY 10**Explore lantern-lit Hoi An on foot (B/L)**

Tour photograph · Hoi An

Hoi An, once known as Faifo, was an important trading port. Merchants from different countries shaped its distinctive mix of architecture, food, religions and traditions. The Ancient Town has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1999.

Explore the former trading port on foot. Its restored buildings, silk shops, skilled tailors, yellow façades and local noodle and seafood dishes reflect its long history of international trade. The relaxed atmosphere and pedestrian streets make it a pleasure to wander.

Begin at Chua Ong Pagoda, built in 1653 in honour of the Chinese general Quan Cong. Continue to the Phuc Kien Assembly Hall, whose shrine honours the sea goddess. Its significance reflects the importance of trade and safe sea journeys to Hoi An.

Finish with a visit to the historic Tan Ky House and the famous Japanese Covered Bridge, built by Japanese craftsmen and also home to a shrine. Your guide will explain their construction and significance. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before returning to your hotel.

Overnight in Hoi An.

DAY 11**Hoi An and flight to Siem Reap (B)**

Tour photograph · Siem Reap

Enjoy your remaining time in Hoi An before your private driver takes you to Da Nang International Airport for your flight to Siem Reap. Your driver will meet you on arrival and take you to your accommodation. The rest of the day is yours.

Overnight in Siem Reap.

DAY 12**Discover the temples of Angkor (B)**

Tour photograph · Siem Reap

After breakfast, begin exploring Angkor at the South Gate of Angkor Thom, with its monumental stone faces. Continue to Bayon, the royal enclosure, Phimeanakas, the Terrace of the Elephants and the Terrace of the Leper King.

Continue to Angkor Wat, the largest and most complete temple in the complex. Explore this vast 12th-century site, walking through columned galleries, libraries, pavilions and courtyards, with pools reflecting the temple towers.

Visit Ta Prohm, where huge fig trees and climbing plants wind around the ancient stonework, creating a striking meeting of forest and temple ruins.

Overnight in Siem Reap.

DAY 13**Village encounters and Tonle Sap Lake (B)**

Tour photograph · Tonle Sap Lake

After breakfast, visit Chrieve village for an ox-cart ride and a chance to meet local residents. Visit home gardens, learn about everyday life and Cambodian culture, help with vegetable growing and try seasonal fruit in a village home. There will be opportunities for photographs and conversation.

This afternoon, visit Chong Khneas floating village, around ten kilometres south of Siem Reap. Take a traditional wooden boat onto Tonle Sap Lake, passing homes on stilts. Then visit Chantiers Écoles-Les Artisans d'Angkor, where young Cambodians learn traditional Khmer stone sculpture and woodcarving, before returning to your hotel.

Overnight in Siem Reap.

DAY 14**Farewell: departure from Siem Reap (B)**

Tour photograph · Siem Reap

Enjoy breakfast on the final day of your Vietnam and Cambodia journey. After check-out, you may have time to browse local markets for souvenirs before your private driver takes you to the airport for your flight home.

Your journey comes to an end.

Included services

- Domestic flight from Hanoi as described in the itinerary, with up to 20 kg of checked baggage per person. The daily programme indicates arrival in Hue; the exact flight route will be confirmed when you book.
- Flight from Da Nang to Siem Reap with up to 20 kg of checked baggage per person.
- Child airfares follow the airline's conditions at booking. Please contact us for a quote if travelling with more than one child.
- Experienced English-speaking guide. German-, French-, Spanish- or Dutch-speaking guides are available on request for a supplement.
- Meals as listed in the itinerary: B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner.
- Private door-to-door collection and drop-off.
- Return air-conditioned bus transfers between Hanoi and Halong Bay.
- Air-conditioned buses or private vehicles for excursions.
- All sightseeing and admission tickets listed in the itinerary.
- Tissues and drinking water in the vehicle.
- Service charges and government taxes.
- 24/7 assistance through our hotline.

Your personal proposal will set out the included services. Any changes and availability will be confirmed before you book.

Additional costs

- International arrival and departure flights, and departure taxes. The expressly listed flight from Da Nang to Siem Reap is included.
- Travel insurance.
- Drinks, personal expenses and tips.
- Early check-in and late check-out unless listed.
- Compulsory gala dinners on 24 and 31 December and during Tet, where applicable. The programme mentions 21 January for Tet; dates must be confirmed when booking.
- Holiday surcharges at Christmas, New Year, Tet in Vietnam and Khmer New Year in Cambodia, where applicable.
- Airport-transfer surcharges between midnight and 5 am.
- Entry visa fees: the programme lists Vietnam at USD 25 and Cambodia at USD 30 per person. Please confirm current requirements and fees before travelling.
- Services not expressly listed.

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Carefully selected accommodation

Suggested hotels by destination and category. Your personal proposal will confirm room types and availability.

Hanoi

3 stars**Chalcedony Hotel or similar****4 stars****Le Jardin Haute Couture or similar****5 stars****Apricot Hotel or similar**

Pu Luong

3 stars**Pu Luong Eco Garden or similar****4 stars****Pu Luong Retreat or similar****5 stars****Pu Luong Retreat or similar**

Halong Bay

3 stars**Le Journey Cruise or similar****4 stars****Milalux Cruise or similar****5 stars****Amanda Luxury Cruise or similar**

Hue

3 stars**Cherish Hue Hotel or similar****4 stars****Eldora Hotel or similar****5 stars****Silk Path Grand Hue Hotel & Spa or similar**

Hoi An

3 stars**Hoi An Riverside Villas & Apartments or similar****4 stars****The Saga Hoi An or similar****5 stars****Palm Garden Hoi An or similar**

Siem Reap

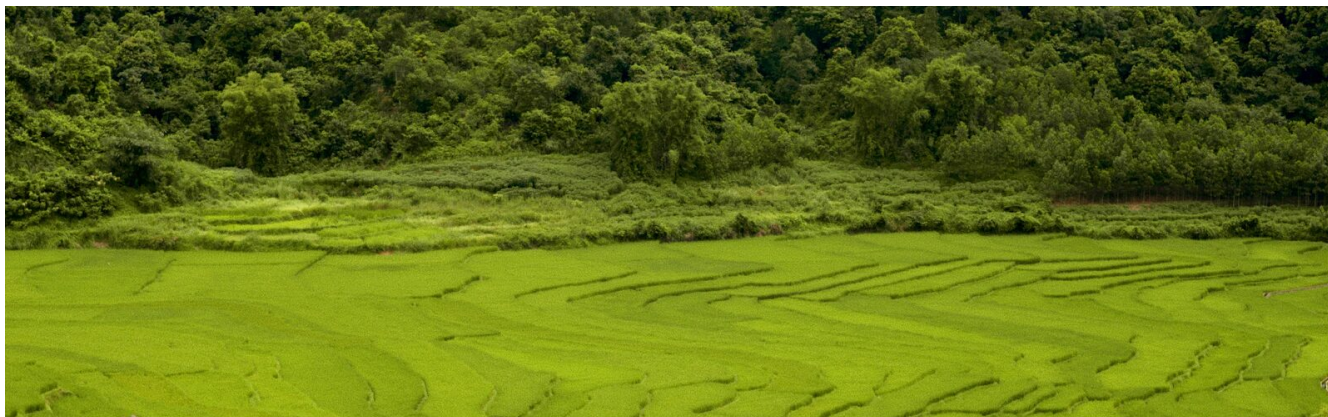
3 stars**Royal Crown Hotel & Spa
or similar****4 stars****Saem Siem Reap or
similar****5 stars****Borei Angkor or similar**

Check-in is from 2 pm and check-out is by noon, unless early check-in or late check-out is expressly included in your itinerary. Pu Luong Retreat is listed for both higher trip categories. Final hotels and the cruise vessel are confirmed when you book.

These hotels are suggestions, not reservations. If unavailable, a comparable alternative will be offered. Columns show the trip categories; some lodges, homestays and cruises may be the same across categories.

Turn your idea into your journey.

Discuss your route, pace, accommodation and activities with our local travel team. We will help you shape a trip around your interests, with personal advice in English.



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