

Cambodia and Vietnam with a Mekong River Cruise - 15 Days

15 days · Tailor-made itinerary



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Your journey. Your pace. Your experiences.

Siem Reap - Phnom Penh - Chau Doc - Can Tho - Mekong Delta - Bassac - Ho Chi Minh City - Hoi An - Hanoi - Ba Vi - Halong Bay

From USD 2,868 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

- Angkor Wat and Phnom Penh's history
- Speedboat from Phnom Penh to Chau Doc
- Overnight Bassac cruise in the Mekong Delta
- Cu Chi Tunnels and free time in Hoi An
- Tea picking and cooking in Ba Vi
- Shared Halong Bay cruise

DAY 1**Arrival in Siem Reap**

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Your adventure begins in Siem Reap. Your private driver will meet you at the airport with a name sign and take you to your accommodation in the heart of the city. Spend the rest of the day exploring at your own pace or relaxing after your flight.

Overnight in Siem Reap.

DAY 2**Explore the temples of Angkor (B)**

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After breakfast, begin exploring Angkor. Enter Angkor Thom through the South Gate, with its ancient stone faces, then visit Bayon, the royal enclosure, Phimeanakas, the Terrace of the Elephants and the Terrace of the Leper King. Continue to Angkor Wat, the vast 12th-century temple complex. Discover its columned galleries, libraries, pavilions, courtyards and pools reflecting the temple towers.

Continue to Ta Prohm, where huge fig trees and climbing plants wrap around the ancient stonework. The temple offers a striking glimpse of how the forest has grown around the ruins.

Overnight in Siem Reap.

DAY 3**Fly to Phnom Penh and explore the city (B)**

Tour photograph · Phnom Penh

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Phnom Penh.

In the afternoon, your guide collects you for a city tour. Visit the Royal Palace, home to Cambodia's royal family, and the Silver Pagoda, which houses important cultural treasures, including a gold Buddha decorated with diamonds. Finish at Wat Phnom, one of the city's most significant pagodas, traditionally associated with Daun Penh and the founding of Phnom Penh.

Overnight in Phnom Penh.

DAY 4**Phnom Penh's moving history (B)**

Tour photograph · Phnom Penh

After breakfast, visit Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, the former S-21 prison. Once a school, the site became a prison under Pol Pot's security forces. You then travel around 15 km south of Phnom Penh to the Killing Fields of Choeung Ek to learn about the people imprisoned and killed during the Khmer Rouge regime.

Then visit the Russian Market, also known as Toul Tumpong. Browse stalls selling clothing, Buddha figures, woodcarvings, betel-nut boxes, silk, silver jewellery and traditional musical instruments.

Overnight in Phnom Penh.

DAY 5**Speedboat to Chau Doc (B)**

Tour photograph · Chau Doc

After breakfast, your driver will collect you at around 11:00 and take you to the pier to board your speedboat.

The boat is scheduled to leave the international floating port on Sisowath Quay in Daun Penh at 12:00 for Chau Doc. You cross the Cambodia–Vietnam border along the way, with arrival in Chau Doc expected around 17:30. Your driver will meet you and take you to your hotel to relax after the journey.

Overnight in Chau Doc.

DAY 6**Chau Doc to Can Tho: board the Bassac cruise (B/L/D)**

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Have breakfast at your hotel at 06:00, then check out and travel to Can Tho. Board the Bassac at Ninh Kieu Pier, where a welcome drink and an introduction to the boat and crew await. Settle into your cabin before departure.

Cruise downstream on the Hau River with lunch on board. The boat turns into the Nicolai Canal towards the Mang Thit and Co Chien rivers. Relax on the upper deck as rice fields, sugar-cane plantations and wooded riverbanks pass by.

In the afternoon, the Bassac anchors for a visit ashore. Beyond the first line of trees, discover the delta's quiet rural life, with rice fields, fruit orchards and welcoming residents. Alternatively, take a short bicycle ride through the surrounding countryside.

Back on board, enjoy a complimentary drink and watch the sunset from the deck or bar. Dinner is served as the Bassac continues along the Mang Thit River, where it anchors for the night.

Overnight on board.

DAY 7**Bassac cruise to Cai Be and Ho Chi Minh City (B)**

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The boat sets off towards Cai Be at 06:00, with breakfast served from 07:00. After crossing the Co Chien River, the Bassac spends around 30 minutes cruising through Cho Lach Canal. Among the sand and rice barges, look out for fruit-drying facilities and wooden boatyards.

In Cai Be, check out and, if the tide allows, transfer to a rowing boat for a peaceful trip along a narrow canal. A local boat then takes you ashore to see traditional crafts in Cai Be. The Bassac programme ends on land in Cai Be that morning.

Please note: you leave the Bassac for the final time when you transfer to the small boat for the last excursion, usually around 08:00. The programme and visits may change for operational or technical reasons.

A private vehicle will then collect you for the journey to Ho Chi Minh City. Check into your hotel and enjoy some time to relax.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 8**Explore the Cu Chi Tunnels (B)**

Tour photograph · Cu Chi

After breakfast, drive to the Cu Chi Tunnels, a journey of around 1.5 hours. On arrival, an introduction and a short film explain how the tunnels were built and how people survived the harsh conditions of war.

Explore the preserved areas and tunnel network, including living quarters, kitchens, sleeping spaces, storerooms, weapons workshops, field hospitals and command centres. These underground facilities supported daily life, while concealed entrances and traps formed part of the wartime defences.

Afterwards, try tea and cassava, a staple food for guerrilla fighters during the war, before returning to your hotel.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 9**Fly to Da Nang and transfer to Hoi An (B)**

Tour photograph · Hoi An

Enjoy your remaining time in Ho Chi Minh City before your private airport transfer and flight to Da Nang. Meet your driver on arrival and transfer to your accommodation in Hoi An. The rest of the day is free.

Overnight in Hoi An.

DAY 10**Free time in Hoi An (B)**

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Today is free to explore Hoi An at your own pace. You could hire a bicycle from your hotel and ride through town to the river or beach. After a swim, stop at a small beachside café for a fresh fruit drink.

You may also like to visit one of Hoi An's tailors, where clothing, bags or shoes can sometimes be made overnight. Allow time for fittings and confirm the turnaround when ordering.

In the evening, stroll through the Old Town as its shopfronts glow with lanterns. Look out for colourful street performances along the way.

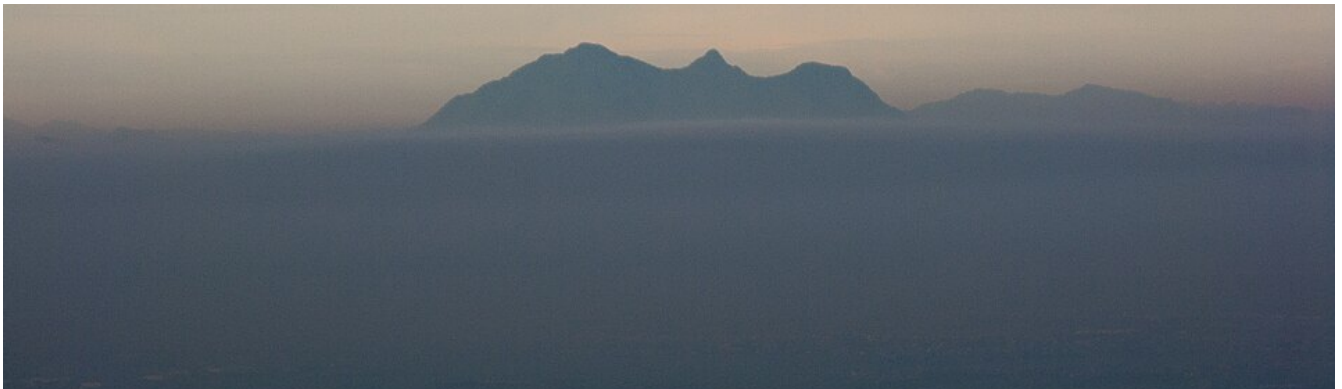
Overnight in Hoi An.

DAY 11**Fly from Da Nang to Hanoi (B)**

Tour photograph · Hanoi

Enjoy your remaining time in Hoi An before your private driver takes you to Da Nang Airport for your flight to Hanoi. On arrival at Noi Bai Airport, meet your driver and transfer to your accommodation in Hanoi's Old Quarter. The rest of the day is yours.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 12**Rural life in Ba Vi (B/L)**

Tour photograph · Ba Vi

Duration: one day.

Location: Moc village, Ba Vi District, around 68 kilometres from central Hanoi, approximately 1.5 hours by car.

Highlights: pick tea leaves on a traditional 30-year-old plantation; cook with a local host; visit village workshops; cycle through rice fields and villages; relax with a traditional Muong herbal foot bath.

8:00 am: Your private guide and driver collect you from your hotel or accommodation.

9:30 am: Arrive in Ri village and enjoy a welcome drink at your host's home. Mr Duoc, a Vietnam War veteran and tea farmer, shares stories from his life.

10:00 am: Join Mr Duoc on his peaceful tea farm to learn how to pick tea leaves. Help with the harvest and discover which leaves are selected for traditional Vietnamese tea. Afterwards, see the largely handmade processing methods in his small workshop.

11:15 am: A short drive of around ten minutes takes you to another host family in Moc village. Mrs Chin introduces you to Vietnamese cooking in a hands-on class, followed by a shared lunch of the dishes you have prepared.

1:30 pm: Walk through the village and visit local families to learn about rural life and the making of tofu, conical hats and other local products.

2:45 pm: Cycle through rice fields, with opportunities to meet local farmers.

3:30 pm: Relax after your ride with a warm herbal foot bath prepared using traditional Muong recipes.

4:00 pm: Return to your hotel or accommodation in Hanoi.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 13**Halong Bay shared cruise (B/L/D)**

Tour photograph · Halong Bay

Check out this morning and meet the cruise team's transfer service. Travel through the Red River Delta towards Halong Bay, passing a landscape of green rice fields.

At the pier, board your cruise and take in the limestone formations and caves. Enjoy a seafood lunch, then admire the bay from the sun deck.

The boat stops in a quiet area where you can get closer to the limestone scenery by kayak or go swimming. Return on board towards evening for an early dinner. Afterwards, join an optional onboard activity or simply relax.

Overnight on your cruise.

Please note: the Halong Bay trip may be cancelled without advance notice if bad weather prevents the boat from sailing or staying overnight. Alternative arrangements or a refund will be considered according to the circumstances.

DAY 14**Halong Bay and return to Hanoi (B/L)**

Tour photograph · Halong Bay

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

Explore a limestone cave filled with stalagmites and stalactites. Return to your boat, check out and enjoy brunch as you sail back to the harbour, then transfer to your accommodation in Hanoi.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 15**Departure from Hanoi (B)**

Tour photograph · Hanoi

Enjoy breakfast on the final day of your Cambodia and Vietnam journey. After check-out, visit local markets for souvenirs if time allows. Your private driver later takes you to the airport for your flight home.

Your journey ends here.

Included services

- Flight from Siem Reap to Phnom Penh with 20 kg of baggage per person.
- Flight from Ho Chi Minh City to Da Nang with 20 kg of baggage per person.
- Flight from Da Nang to Hanoi with 20 kg of 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.
- Air-conditioned bus on the overland section from Chau Doc towards Cai Be, combined with the Bassac cruise as described in the itinerary.
- Return air-conditioned bus transfers between Hanoi and Halong Bay.
- 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.
- Travel insurance.
- Drinks, personal expenses and tips.
- Early check-in and late check-out unless expressly included.
- Compulsory gala dinners on 24 and 31 December, where applicable.
- Holiday surcharges at Christmas, New Year and Tet in Vietnam, where applicable.
- Airport-transfer surcharges between midnight and 5 am.
- An e-visa or visa for Vietnam and Cambodia, where required.
- Other activities and services not expressly included.

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Carefully selected accommodation

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

Siem Reap

4 stars**Saem Siem Reap or similar****5 stars****Borei Angkor or similar**

Phnom Penh

4 stars**Anik Palace or similar****5 stars****Palace Gate Hotel & Resort or similar**

Chau Doc

4 stars**Victoria Chau Doc Hotel or similar****5 stars****Victoria Chau Doc Hotel or similar**

Mekong Delta

4 stars**Bassac Cruise or similar****5 stars****Bassac Cruise or similar**

Ho Chi Minh City

4 stars**Alagon Sai Gon Hotel or similar****5 stars****The Myst Dong Khoi or similar**

Hoi An

4 stars**The Saga Hoi An or similar****5 stars****Palm Garden Hoi An or similar**

Halong Bay

4 stars**Milalux Cruise or similar****5 stars****Amanda Luxury Cruise or similar**

Hanoi

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

This trip offers two accommodation categories, both using Victoria Chau Doc and Bassac Cruise. Check-in is from 2 pm and check-out is by noon, unless your itinerary specifies otherwise. Final accommodation and cabin categories 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.

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