

Exploring Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos - 19 Days

19 days · Tailor-made itinerary



Tour photograph · Mekong Delta

Your journey. Your pace. Your experiences.

Siem Reap - Phnom Penh - Chau Doc - Can Tho - Hoi An - Hanoi - Ba Vi -
Halong Bay - Vientiane - Pakse - Don Khong - Luang Prabang

From USD 3,530 per person

Indicative price · international arrival and departure flights excluded

A tour idea we can personalise together.

Your journey at a glance

Destinations: Vietnam · Laos · Cambodia



- 1 Siem Reap
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— Itinerary

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Connections are schematic. Flights depend on your travel arrangements.

Map data: Natural Earth.

What makes this journey special

- Angkor and village encounters near Siem Reap
- Speedboat from Phnom Penh to Chau Doc
- Tra Su Forest, Mekong Delta and free time in Hoi An
- Ba Vi and an overnight Halong Bay cruise
- Wat Phou, the Four Thousand Islands and Bolaven Plateau
- Luang Prabang, Kuang Si Falls and Pak Ou Caves

DAY 1**Arrival in Siem Reap**

Tour photograph · Siem Reap

Your Indochina journey begins on arrival 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. Explore at your own pace or relax at the hotel after your flight.

Overnight in Siem Reap.

DAY 2**Angkor Wat and Ta Prohm: private excursion (B)**

Tour photograph · Siem Reap

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**Village life and Tonle Sap: private excursion (B)**

Tour photograph · Tonle Sap Lake

After breakfast, visit Chrieve village to discover local life on an ox-cart ride. Meet residents in their home gardens, learn about Cambodian daily life and culture, help with vegetable growing and enjoy seasonal fruit in a village home. There will be plenty of opportunities for photographs and conversation.

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

Overnight in Siem Reap.

DAY 4**Bus to Phnom Penh (B)**

Tour photograph · Phnom Penh

After breakfast, check out and take the bus to Phnom Penh. On arrival, pause for lunch before an afternoon visit to the Royal Palace, the residence of Cambodia's king and royal family. Continue to the Silver Pagoda to see its cultural treasures and richly decorated Buddha figures, then visit Wat Phnom, the hilltop pagoda associated with Lady Penh and the city's founding story.

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, a Cham village and Tra Su Forest;
continue to Can Tho (B)**

Tour photograph · Can Tho

After breakfast, take a small motorboat along the Chau Doc River. Visit a fish farm to learn about local aquaculture, then continue to a Cham village for a walk, local food and an insight into everyday life. Cruise towards the small Vinh Te Canal before returning ashore for a walk around town. The excursion lasts around three hours.

Return to your hotel and check out, then travel with your luggage to Tra Su Forest, around 25 km away. Explore by rowing boat and motorboat, listen for birds and enjoy the green waterways and woodland on foot. Afterwards, transfer to Can Tho.

Overnight in Can Tho.

DAY 7**Fly from Can Tho to Da Nang and transfer to Hoi An (B)**

Tour photograph · Hoi An

Enjoy your remaining time in Can Tho before your private driver takes you to the airport for your flight to Da Nang. Your driver will meet you on arrival and transfer you to your accommodation in Hoi An. The rest of the day is free.

Overnight in Hoi An.

DAY 8**Hoi An at your own pace (B)**

Tour photograph · Hoi An

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 9**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. Your driver will meet you at Noi Bai Airport and take you to your accommodation. The rest of the day is yours.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 10**Ba Vi countryside and local encounters: private excursion (B/L)**

Tour photograph · Ba Vi

After breakfast, travel with your English-speaking guide to Ba Vi in the countryside outside Hanoi.

Arrive in Ri village to a welcome drink and 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 tea plantation to learn how to choose the best leaves, then see the mostly manual tea-processing methods in his small workshop.

After a short drive to Moc village, meet Ms Chin, who will teach you to prepare local dishes. Enjoy the lunch you have cooked in a tropical garden.

After a break, walk through the village with Ms Chin and visit local families. Learn about rural life and the making of tofu, conical hats and other local products. Then 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.

Finish with a warm herbal foot bath based on traditional Muong recipes—a relaxing way to rest your feet after cycling. Afterwards, transfer back to your accommodation in Hanoi.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 11**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.

DAY 12**Halong Bay and return to Hanoi (B/Brunch)**

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 13**Fly to Vientiane and explore the city (B)**

Tour photograph · Vientiane

Enjoy your remaining time in Hanoi before your private driver takes you to the airport for your flight to Vientiane, Laos.

On arrival at Vientiane Airport, meet your driver and transfer to your hotel. If time allows, visit Wat Sisaket, known for its thousands of small Buddha statues, and the former royal temple Wat Phra Keo, which once housed the Emerald Buddha. You also visit That Luang, a national symbol of Laos, and stop for photographs at Patuxai, Vientiane's triumphal arch.

Overnight in Vientiane.

Please note: on some days of the week, the flight from Hanoi to Vientiane may involve a connection in Bangkok.

DAY 14**Fly to Pakse; Wat Phou and Don Khong (B)**

Tour photograph · Don Khong

Start early today. Your guide and driver will take you to the airport for the morning flight to Pakse.

Your driver and guide will meet you on arrival and take you to Wat Phou. Set among rice fields and waterways in southern Laos, this Khmer temple complex predates Angkor Wat. Explore its three levels, from the lower reservoir to the carved pavilions and galleries and the sanctuary above. Once an important regional centre, Wat Phou remains a deeply revered religious site.

Continue to Khone Phapheng Falls, an immense cascade near the Cambodian border. Take in the powerful river scenery and the surrounding natural landscape.

Travel on to Don Khong, the largest island in the Si Phan Don region. Check into your hotel and enjoy time to explore independently.

Other meals are at your own expense.

Overnight on Don Khong.

DAY 15**Don Khong and Don Khone; return to Pakse (B)**

Tour photograph · Don Khong

After breakfast, continue south to Ban Nakasang village, then take a short boat ride to peaceful Don Khone. Explore the island by local motorcycle taxi, passing rice fields, coconut palms and reminders of the colonial era.

Visit Li Phi Falls, west of Don Khone near the Cambodian border. Also known as Tad Somphamit, or 'spirit trap', the falls are believed locally to catch evil spirits. Cross the old bridge to neighbouring Don Det for a glimpse of everyday island life.

Return by boat to Ban Nakasang, then continue by road to Pakse.

Overnight in Pakse.

DAY 16**Bolaven Plateau and flight to Luang Prabang (B)**

Tour photograph · Luang Prabang

Leave Pakse around 08:00 and visit a village known for knife making. Continue to coffee and tea plantations to learn about production, then see Tad Fane's twin falls, which drop around 120 metres, and the surrounding coffee-growing landscape. At Tad Yuang, pause for lunch at your own expense and some time to relax.

Return to Pakse this afternoon for your flight to Luang Prabang. Your guide will meet you at the airport and take you to your hotel. This beautifully preserved town combines a peaceful atmosphere, natural scenery and rich cultural heritage. The remaining time is yours to enjoy.

Overnight in Luang Prabang.

DAY 17**Luang Prabang and Kuang Si Falls (B)**

Tour photograph · Luang Prabang

After breakfast, meet your guide in the hotel lobby and visit Phousi Market. Browse its varied local produce and goods, from dried buffalo skin, regional tea and saltpetre to chickens, vegetables and textiles made by upland communities.

Discover some of Laos's traditional crafts with visits to Ban Ouray, a Hmong village, Ban Ou, a Lao Loum village, and Ban Thapene, a Khmu village. Continue to Kuang Si Falls, where you can swim in the permitted pools or stroll along forest paths, before returning to Luang Prabang.

Overnight in Luang Prabang.

DAY 18**Luang Prabang and Pak Ou Caves: private excursion (B)**

Tour photograph · Luang Prabang

Take a short guided city tour today, visiting Wat Sene and Wat Xieng Thong. The latter's sweeping, low roofs are a beautiful example of traditional Lao architecture.

Board a boat for a journey upstream on the Mekong, enjoying the peaceful river scenery. At Pak Ou, explore two caves filled with thousands of lacquered Buddha figures of different shapes and sizes, left by generations of pilgrims. On the return boat trip, stop at Ban Xanghai village, known for making rice wine.

Overnight in Luang Prabang.

DAY 19**Departure from Luang Prabang (B)**

Tour photograph · Luang Prabang

Enjoy breakfast on the final day of your Indochina journey. After checking out, there may be time to browse local markets for souvenirs before your private driver takes you to the airport for your flight home. Your journey ends here.

Included services

- Flight from Can Tho to Da Nang with 20 kg of checked baggage per person.
- Flight from Da Nang to Hanoi with 20 kg of checked baggage per person.
- Flight from Hanoi to Vientiane with 20 kg of checked baggage per person.
- Flight from Vientiane to Pakse with 20 kg of checked baggage per person.
- Flight from Pakse to Luang Prabang with 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.
- Public bus from Siem Reap to Phnom Penh.
- Speedboat from Phnom Penh to Chau Doc.
- Private collection and drop-off.
- Private vehicles or air-conditioned buses for excursions.
- Return shuttle-bus transfers to Halong Bay.
- 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.
- Drinks, personal expenses and tips.
- Early check-in and late check-out unless expressly included.
- Compulsory gala dinners on 24 and 31 December and, where applicable, during Tet. The programme mentions 21 January for Tet; the actual festival date will be confirmed when you book.
- Holiday surcharges where applicable at Christmas, New Year, Tet in Vietnam and local New Year celebrations in Cambodia and Laos.
- Airport-transfer surcharges between midnight and 5 am.
- Airport visa-on-arrival fees listed in the proposal: Vietnam USD 25, Cambodia USD 30 and Laos USD 40 per person. Applicable fees and entry procedures will be confirmed for your travel dates.
- Services not expressly included.

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

Carefully selected accommodation

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

Siem Reap

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

Phnom Penh

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

Chau Doc

3 stars**Chau Pho Hotel or similar****4 stars****Victoria Nui Sam Chau
Doc or similar****5 stars****Victoria Chau Doc or
similar**

Can Tho

3 stars**Ninh Kieu Riverside Hotel
or similar****4 stars****TTC Can Tho or similar****5 stars****Sheraton Can Tho 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**

Hanoi

3 stars

Chalcedony Hotel or similar

4 stars

Le Jardin Haute Couture or similar

5 stars

Apricot Hotel or similar

Halong Bay

3 stars

Le Journey Premium Cruise or similar

4 stars

Milalux Cruise or similar

5 stars

Amanda Luxury Cruise or similar

Vientiane

3 stars

Sabaidee @ Lao or similar

4 stars

Eastin Hotel or similar

5 stars

Crowne Plaza or similar

Don Khong

3 stars

Senesothxeune Hotel or similar

4 stars

Pon Arena Hotel or similar

5 stars

Pon Arena Hotel or similar

Pakse

3 stars

Pakse Hotel or similar

4 stars

Grand Champasak Hotel or similar

5 stars

Grand Champasak Hotel or similar

Luang Prabang

3 stars**Villa Chitdara or similar****4 stars****Souphattra Hotel or similar****5 stars****Pullman Hotel or similar**

Check-in is from 2 pm and check-out is by noon, unless your itinerary specifies otherwise. Final accommodation is confirmed when you book. Some properties may be used in more than one trip category.

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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