

Vietnam and Cambodia: Hanoi, the Mekong and Angkor - 9 Days

9 days · Tailor-made itinerary



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Hanoi - Halong Bay - Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Siem Reap

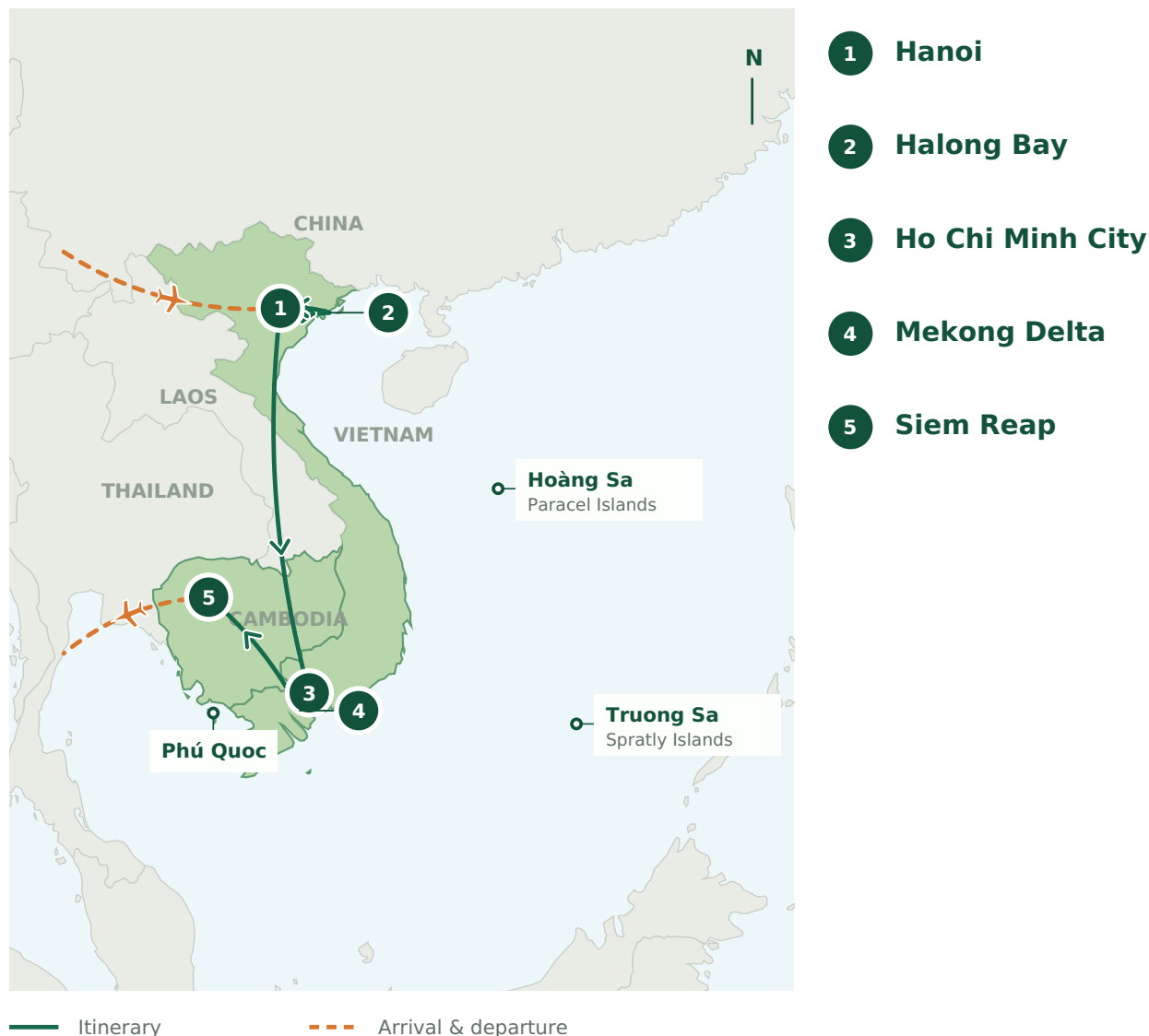
From USD 1,320 per person

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.

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What makes this journey special

- Hanoi's temples and museums
- Overnight Halong Bay cruise
- Ho Chi Minh City's skyline by waterbus
- Mekong Delta sampan trip and village encounters
- Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom and Ta Prohm

DAY 1**Arrive in Hanoi**

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Your Vietnam adventure 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 city-centre accommodation, close to the Old Quarter. Explore Hanoi at your own pace or rest at your hotel after the flight.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 2**Hanoi city sights — shared tour (B/L)**

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8–8:30 am: your guide collects you to begin your day exploring Hanoi.

8:45 am: visit Tran Quoc Pagoda on Golden Fish Island in West Lake. Founded in the sixth century, it is regarded as Hanoi's oldest pagoda.

9:30 am: visit the Ho Chi Minh complex. When access permits, view Ho Chi Minh's preserved body in the mausoleum. Walk through the gardens to the two houses where he lived and worked between 1954 and 1969, then visit the distinctive One Pillar Pagoda, dedicated to the Goddess of Mercy.

Please cover your shoulders and knees when visiting the mausoleum, temples and pagodas. The programme lists Monday and Friday closures at the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, along with an annual maintenance period. Opening arrangements will be confirmed for your travel dates. When the mausoleum is closed, you can still view the exterior and explore the surrounding grounds.

11:15 am: visit the Vietnam Museum of Ethnology to learn about the country's 54 ethnic groups. On Mondays, when it is closed, the tour visits the Vietnamese Women's Museum instead.

12:45 pm: enjoy a Vietnamese lunch at a restaurant. Vegetarian dishes are available.

2–2:15 pm: continue to the Temple of Literature, Van Mieu-Quoc Tu Giam. Founded in 1070, this historic complex is closely associated with Vietnam's first university.

3:15 pm: visit Hoa Lo Prison, built by the French during the colonial period and known as Maison Centrale. Now a museum, it offers an insight into imprisonment and Vietnamese resistance to French rule.

4:30 pm: return to your hotel by bus at the end of the excursion.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 3**Overnight cruise in Halong Bay (B/L/D)**

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Check out in the morning and meet the cruise team for your transfer to Halong Bay. The scenic drive passes the rice fields of the Red River Delta. Board your boat and begin exploring the bay's limestone formations and caves from the water.

After your first views of the bay, enjoy a seafood lunch. Visit a limestone cave, then take the opportunity to kayak or swim for a closer look at the scenery, floating villages and shops.

Return to the boat for an early dinner. Spend the evening relaxing or joining the activities offered on board.

Overnight on your cruise.

DAY 4**Halong Bay to Hanoi (B/L)**

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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 5**Fly to Ho Chi Minh City and explore the city (B)**

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Enjoy your remaining time in Hanoi before your private driver takes you to the airport for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Meet your driver on arrival and transfer to your accommodation.

1 pm: begin your afternoon excursion with Cho Lon, the 'Big Market', and Thien Hau Pagoda in Chinatown. Continue to Bach Dang Harbour, check in for the waterbus and take your seat for the river journey.

From the Saigon River, look out for Vinhomes Central Park, Landmark 81, the Bitexco Financial Tower and the greener surroundings of District 2. The cruise offers a different perspective on a city once known as the 'Pearl of the Far East'.

6 pm: transfer back to your hotel or the meeting point, where the excursion ends.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 6**Mekong Delta: rivers and village life (B/L)**

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After breakfast, meet your guide in the hotel lobby at around 7:15–7:30 am for your Mekong Delta excursion. Drive to My Tho, on the left bank of the Mekong.

Board a sampan and cruise past Dragon, Unicorn, Phoenix and Tortoise islands. On Unicorn Island, walk along village lanes and through orchards, taste tropical fruit and listen to traditional folk music performed by local musicians.

Continue by hand-rowed sampan along Thoi Son Canal. Visit family workshops and a bee farm, and sample honey tea and coconut candy.

After a Vietnamese lunch, cycle through Tan Thach village and meet residents to learn about daily life in the Mekong Delta. If you prefer not to cycle, relax in a hammock and enjoy the breeze. Afterwards, return to your accommodation.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 7**Fly to Siem Reap (B)**

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Enjoy your remaining time in Ho Chi Minh City before your private airport transfer and flight to Siem Reap. Your private driver meets you at Siem Reap International Airport and takes you to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

Overnight in Siem Reap.

DAY 8**Discover 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 9**Depart from Siem Reap (B)**

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

Your journey ends here.

Included services

- Flight from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City with 20 kg of baggage per person.
- Flight from Ho Chi Minh City to Siem Reap 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.
- 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.
- 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 and, where applicable, during Tet. The programme mentions 21 January for Tet; the actual festival date will be confirmed when you book.
- Holiday surcharges at Christmas, New Year, Tet in Vietnam and Khmer New Year, where applicable.
- Airport-transfer surcharges between midnight and 5 am.
- Airport visa-on-arrival fees listed in the proposal: Vietnam USD 25 and Cambodia USD 30 per person. Applicable fees and entry procedures will be confirmed for your travel dates.
- 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.

Hanoi

3 stars**San Premium Hotel or similar****4 stars****Tirant Hotel or similar****5 stars****Apricot Hotel or similar**

Halong Bay

3 stars**Le Journey Cruise or similar****4 stars****Aquamarine Cruise or similar****5 stars****Doris Cruise or similar**

Ho Chi Minh City

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

Siem Reap

3 stars**Hari Residence or similar****4 stars****Somadevi Angkor Hotel or similar****5 stars****Angkor Miracle Resort or similar**

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.

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