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TAILOR-MADE TRAVEL. PERSONALLY PLANNED.

Vietnam and Cambodia: Local Life and Landmarks - 19 Days

19 days · Tailor-made itinerary



Tour photograph · Sapa

Your journey. Your pace. Your experiences.

Hanoi - Ninh Binh – day trip - Sapa - Ta Van - Halong Bay - Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City - My Tho – day trip - Siem Reap

From USD 1,955 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



1. **Hanoi**
2. **Ninh Binh – day trip**
3. **Sapa**
4. **Ta Van**
5. **Halong Bay**
6. **Hoi An**
7. **Ho Chi Minh City**
8. **My Tho – day trip**
9. **Siem Reap**

Itinerary Arrival & departure

Connections are schematic. Flights depend on your travel arrangements.
Map data: Natural Earth.

What makes this journey special

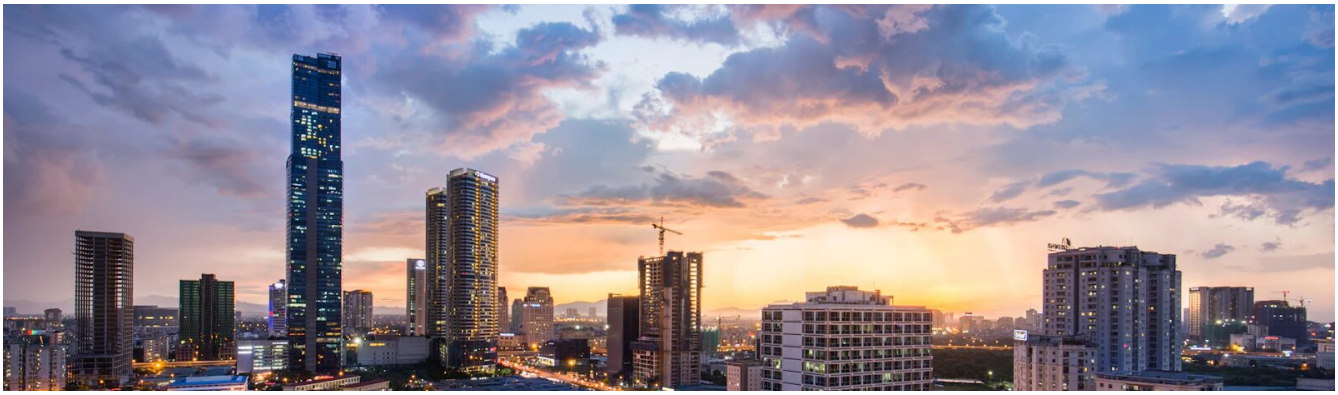
- Hanoi's railway neighbourhoods and markets
- Hoa Lu, Trang An and Mua Mountain
- Sapa trekking with a village overnight stay
- Overnight Halong Bay cruise
- Lantern making, cooking and herbal massage in Hoi An
- Saigon street food and the Mekong Delta

Route & highlights · continued

• Angkor Wat, Banteay Srei and Ta Prohm

DAY 1

Arrival in Hanoi



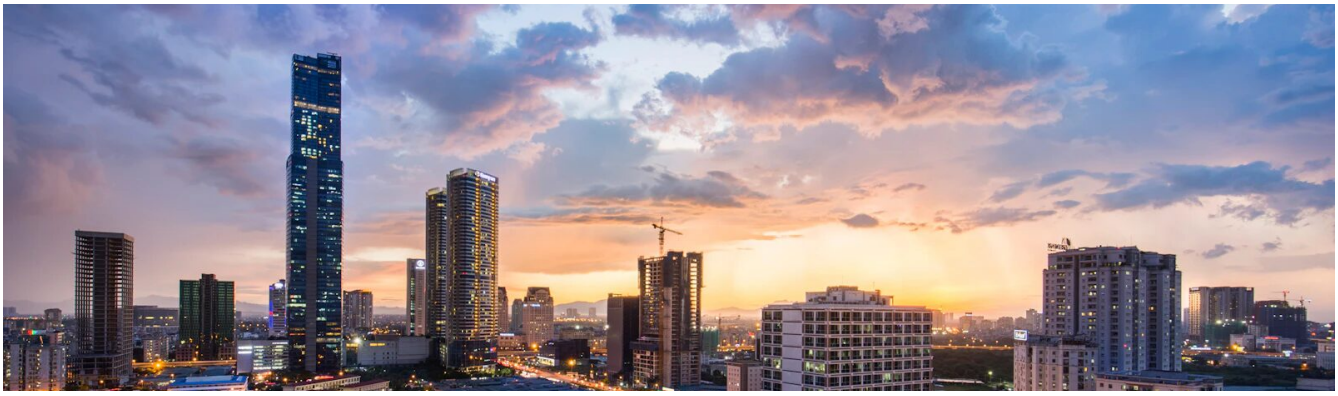
Tour photograph · Hanoi

After arriving at Noi Bai Airport and completing the arrival formalities, proceed to the arrivals hall, where your driver will be waiting with a name sign. If you cannot find your driver, ask at an airport information desk and call the emergency contact numbers provided by your travel consultant. Your driver will meet you there and take you to your hotel. After checking in, the rest of the day is free.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 2

Life beside Hanoi's railway (B)



Tour photograph · Hanoi

Discover a less familiar side of Hanoi: neighbourhoods where daily life has grown up alongside the railway. Your guide introduces these communities and their important local markets, following the access arrangements in place on the day.

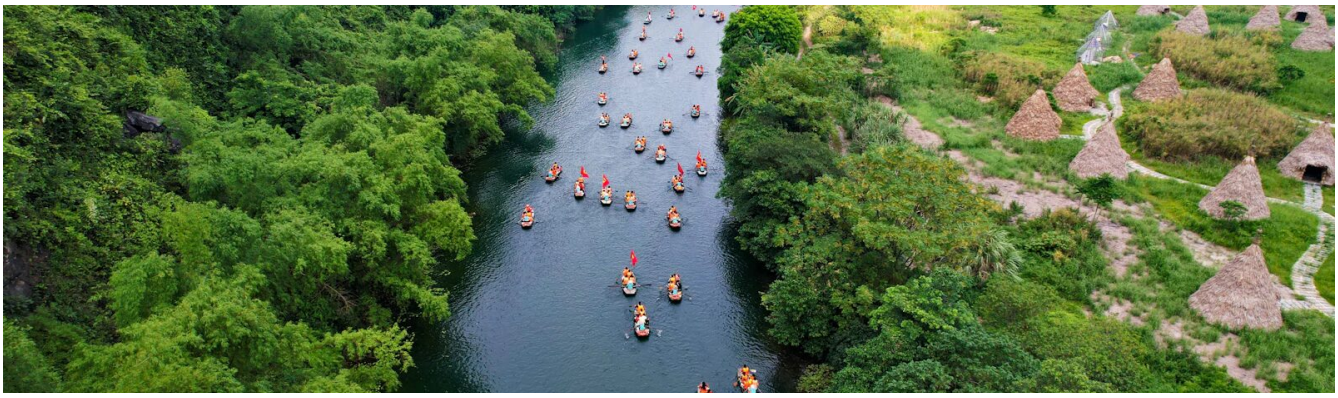
Pick-up is planned for around 08:00, with the final time to be confirmed. Visit the food market on Kham Thien Street to learn about ingredients used in Vietnamese cooking. Continue through narrow residential lanes towards Le Duan for a view of the railway neighbourhood from permitted areas. Depending on the timetable and access conditions, you may see a passing train. Continue towards Hanoi Railway Station, whose architecture combines colonial and socialist-era features.

Walk through further residential neighbourhoods and pause for refreshments on Cua Dong Street. Transfer to Gia Lam station for a train ride to Long Bien, then visit the lively market beneath Long Bien Bridge. This French-built bridge played a strategic role in the Vietnam War and suffered heavy bombing; some original sections remain.

Please note: the programme gives slightly different suggested start times, so your exact pick-up will be confirmed. Allow approximately four hours for the excursion.

DAY 3

Hoa Lu, Trang An and Mua Mountain: group excursion (B/L)



Tour photograph · Ninh Binh

Your guide will collect you between 07:30 and 08:30 for the journey to Ninh Binh province, around 120 km from Hanoi. A break of approximately 20 minutes is planned for 09:30.

At 10:30, visit Hoa Lu, a former Vietnamese capital. Learn why the capital later moved to Hanoi and explore the 17th-century temples honouring Kings Dinh and Le.

Around 11:45, enjoy a buffet of regional dishes such as goat and fried rice, with vegetarian choices available.

At 13:00, visit Trang An, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2014. Take a boat trip through its green waterways and limestone scenery, exploring caves on the planned route such as Sang, Toi and Nau Ruou. The surrounding landscape featured in Kong: Skull Island.

Around 15:30, continue to Mua Cave. Climb nearly 500 steps to the top of Lying Dragon Mountain for wide views over Tam Coc.

Depart for Hanoi between 16:30 and 17:00, with arrival at your hotel expected around 19:30.

DAY 4

Hanoi to Sapa and Cat Cat village walk: group and bus transfer (B/L)



Tour photograph · Sapa

Start early for the journey to Sapa. If departure is before breakfast service, ask your travel consultant to arrange a packed breakfast with the hotel. The bus is expected around 06:30, with the exact time confirmed the previous day. The journey takes approximately 6.5 hours.

Your guide will meet you on arrival and accompany you to your hotel for check-in and lunch. After a break, begin a short walk around 14:30 to Cat Cat, a Black Hmong village in a valley below Fansipan. Learn about village life, then walk down to the waterfall and the hydroelectric station built during the French colonial period. Take photographs of the bridge and falls before walking uphill to meet your bus back to Sapa.

Overnight in Sapa.

Meals: breakfast and lunch.

Walking distance: approximately 3.5 km. Duration: around 2.5 hours. Difficulty: easy.

DAY 5

Y Linh Ho, Lao Chai and Ta Van: group trek (B/L/D)



Tour photograph · Sapa

Walk around 6 km southeast of Sapa through the Muong Hoa Valley to Y Linh Ho, a Black Hmong village. Continue approximately 2 km downhill to Lao Chai for lunch with a local family. Walk through rice terraces to Ta Van, a Dzay village, where you stay overnight. Discover traditional house design, local customs and daily life, then enjoy dinner and time to appreciate the valley setting.

Meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

DAY 6

Ta Van, Giang Ta Chai and Su Pan; return via Sapa to Hanoi (B/L)



Tour photograph · Sapa

After breakfast, continue on a walk of around 14 km to two villages home to Red Dao and Hmong communities. Along the way, see a waterfall and a rattan bridge, then walk through bamboo forest to the main road. Transfer back to your hotel in Sapa for a quick shower and to prepare for the return journey. Departure for Hanoi is planned around 16:00, with arrival around 21:30.

DAY 7

Hanoi to Halong Bay: shared cruise (B/L/D)



Tour photograph · Halong Bay

Discover UNESCO-listed Halong Bay, with limestone scenery, time to relax on board and the activities included in your cruise programme.

After breakfast, check out and meet the cruise team in your hotel lobby between 8:00 and 9:00 am; the exact time is confirmed the day before. Arrive at the pier around midday and take a transfer boat to your cruise ship. After a welcome and check-in, lunch is served as you sail between the islands.

Depending on the cruise route, afternoon activities include swimming, kayaking or a cave visit. You can also relax on board. Towards evening, the boat anchors in a scenic spot, with time to enjoy the sunset before dinner.

Overnight on board.

Meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Please note: poor weather may lead to changes or cancellation if boats cannot leave port. Your travel consultant will arrange an alternative.

DAY 8

Halong Bay to Hanoi (B/L)



Tour photograph · Halong Bay

Watch the sunrise over Halong Bay and enjoy breakfast as the boat returns towards the harbour. An early lunch is served before disembarkation. Transfer to Hanoi afterwards and spend the rest of the day exploring independently.

Overnight in Hanoi.

Meals: breakfast and lunch.

DAY 9

Fly from Hanoi to Da Nang and transfer to Hoi An (B)



Tour photograph · Hoi An

After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy free time until your private airport transfer. Fly to Da Nang, the gateway for your onward transfer to Hoi An.

DAY 10

Hoi An city tour and lantern workshop: group experience (B/L)



Tour photograph · Hoi An

Pick-up from your centrally located Hoi An hotel is at 08:15. Visit the Museum of Folk Culture, Tan Ky Old House, the Japanese Covered Bridge, the Fujian Assembly Hall and a craft workshop.

At 11:00, join a one-hour lantern-making class. Have lunch at a local restaurant around midday, then return to your hotel at approximately 13:00.

DAY 11

Cooking class, garden visit and herbal massage (B/L)



Tour photograph · Hoi An

Between 08:45 and 09:00, leave the meeting point and visit Hoi An's colourful market to choose ingredients for your cooking class.

Between 09:35 and 10:00, cycle through rice fields and enjoy a welcome drink.

From 10:05 to 11:15, visit an organic herb garden, learn about traditional growing methods and try some gardening yourself.

Between 11:20 and 13:00, enjoy another welcome drink and join a cooking class to prepare traditional village dishes, which you then eat for lunch.

From 13:00 to 14:00, relax with an herbal foot massage in a peaceful riverside setting before saying goodbye to the team.

DAY 12

Hoi An at leisure (B)



Tour photograph · Hoi An

Hoi An is a lovely place to explore independently. You might hire a bicycle from your hotel, visit the surrounding countryside or relax at An Bang Beach. Wander through the Ancient Town, especially in the evening when its lanterns glow. The town is also known for its tailors and shoemakers; if you would like something made, discuss the fitting and completion times with the shop.

Overnight in Hoi An.

Meal included: breakfast.

DAY 13

Transfer from Hoi An to Da Nang and fly to Ho Chi Minh City (B)



Tour photograph · Ho Chi Minh City

Enjoy your remaining time in Hoi An before your private driver takes you to Da Nang Airport for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Your driver will meet you on arrival and take you to your accommodation. The rest of the day is free.

DAY 14

Ho Chi Minh City street food and local life: group tour (B/L)



Tour photograph · Ho Chi Minh City

Your guide will collect you at 08:30. Before setting off, receive a short safety briefing for riding as a passenger on a scooter, then begin exploring.

Ride through neighbourhood streets with buildings from the 1960s, guitar-making workshops and small local restaurants. In the side streets, large apartment blocks reveal another side of the city. Walk from Nguyen Thien Thuat Street towards Ban Co Market to experience lively everyday Saigon and its opportunities for street photography.

Continue into Districts 10 and 5, where shops, street-food stalls and passing cyclos form part of daily life. Along Hai Thuong Lan Ong and Trieu Quang Phuc streets in Chinatown, explore traditional clinics and herbal-medicine shops, watching the traders at work. Visit Thien Hau Temple.

For lunch, try a Saigon favourite such as com tam, broken rice, or bun bo, a beef noodle soup. Return to your hotel around 13:30.

DAY 15

Explore the Mekong Delta: group excursion (B/L)



Tour photograph · Mekong Delta

The Mekong Delta supplies Vietnam with rice and fruit and is often called the country’s rice bowl. Mangrove-lined waterways, workshops and orchards offer a glimpse of rural life in southern Vietnam.

After breakfast, meet your driver between 7:30 and 8 am; the exact time will be confirmed the day before. Travel by shuttle bus to My Tho, visit Vinh Trang Pagoda, dating from the late 19th century, then take a sampan ride among the river islands.

On one of the islands, walk through the countryside and orchards, taste tropical fruit and listen to traditional folk music. Continue along Thoi Son Canal to another village, where you visit a coconut-sweet workshop and a bee farm. Enjoy honey tea, sweets and the peaceful surroundings.

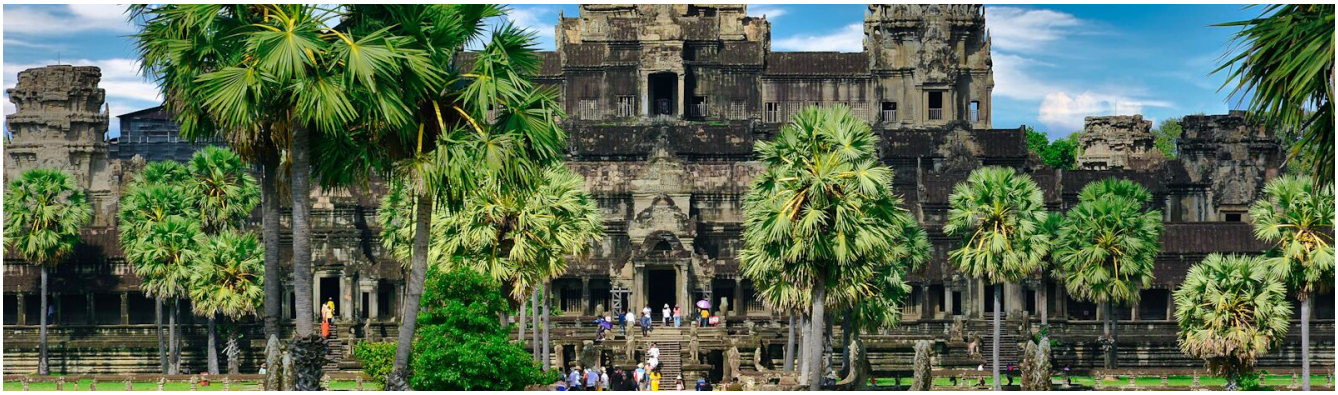
After lunch in a local restaurant and a short break, cycle through Tan Thanh village. If you prefer not to cycle, relax in a hammock or take a walk. Return to Ho Chi Minh City, arriving at around 5:30 pm.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

Meals: breakfast and lunch.

DAY 16

Fly to Siem Reap (B)

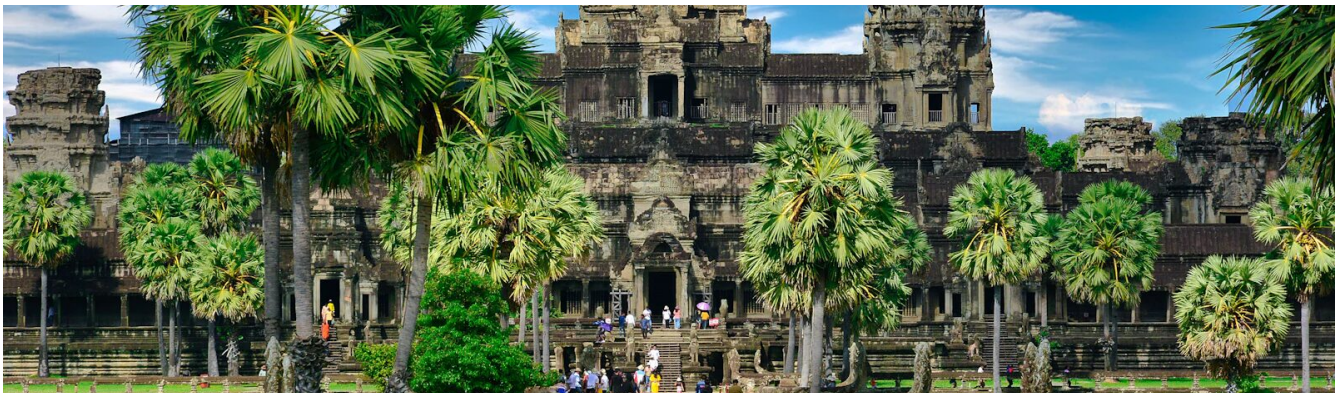


Tour photograph · Siem Reap

After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy free time until your private airport transfer for the flight to Siem Reap. This flight is included.

DAY 17

Banteay Srei, Banteay Samre and Angkor Wat (B)



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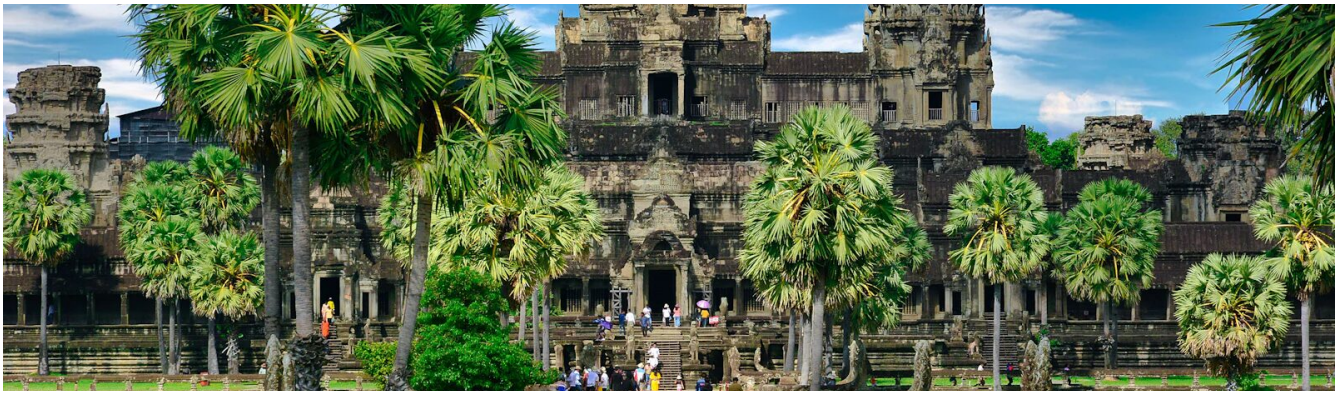
After breakfast, travel out of town to Banteay Srei, known for its intricate, well-preserved carvings. Stop at Preah Dark village along the way, then visit Banteay Samre to see reliefs depicting stories of Vishnu and Krishna.

This afternoon, explore Angkor Wat, one of the world's great temple complexes. Its vast grounds, moat and enclosing walls reveal the scale of this extraordinary Khmer monument.

Overnight in Siem Reap.

DAY 18

Angkor Thom, Preah Khan and Ta Prohm (B)



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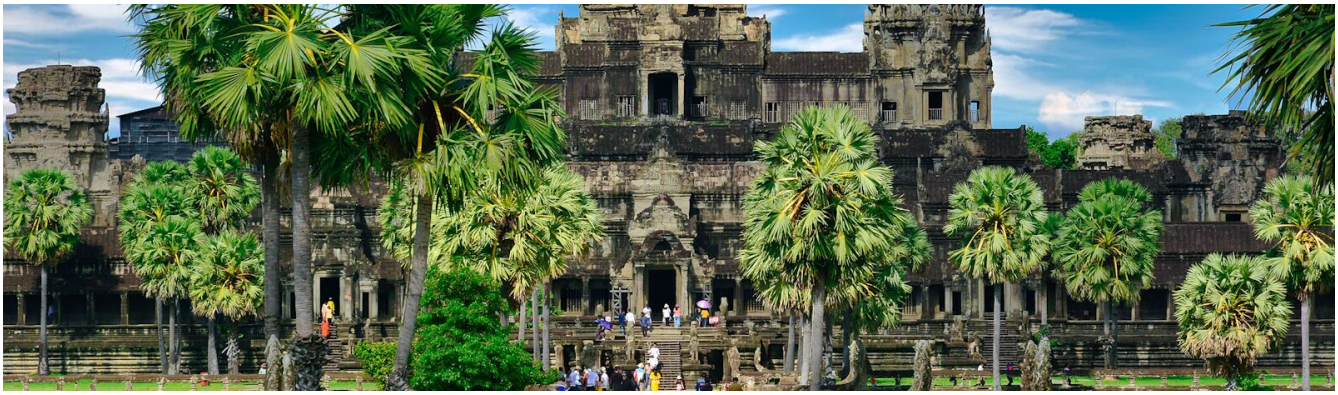
After breakfast, explore Angkor Thom, including the South Gate, Bayon Temple with its stone towers and faces, the former Royal Palace enclosure, Phimeanakas, the Terrace of the Elephants and the Terrace of the Leper King. Continue to Preah Khan, the large Buddhist monastic and teaching complex that King Jayavarman VII dedicated to his father.

This afternoon, explore Ta Prohm, where enormous fig trees and vines entwine with the temple's stonework. Finish the day with sunset at Phnom Bakheng.

Overnight in Siem Reap.

DAY 19

Departure from Siem Reap (B)



Tour photograph · Siem Reap

Enjoy free time this morning until your transfer to the airport at the agreed time for your flight home.

Included services

Accommodation

- Accommodation type and room or cabin depend on the selected travel package.

Flights

- Flight from Hanoi to Da Nang for Hoi An with up to 20 kg of checked baggage per person.
- Flight from Da Nang to Ho Chi Minh City with up to 20 kg of checked baggage per person.
- Flight from Ho Chi Minh City 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.

Guide

- Experienced English-speaking guide. German-, French-, Spanish- or Dutch-speaking guides are available on request for a supplement.

Meals

- Meals as listed in the itinerary: B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner.

Transport

- 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.

Other included

- 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.

Final inclusions and availability will be confirmed in your personal proposal.

Excluded Services

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- International arrival and departure flights, and departure taxes. The expressly listed flight from Ho Chi Minh City to Siem Reap is included.
- Drinks, personal expenses and tips.
- Early check-in and late check-out unless listed.
- Mandatory gala dinners on 24 or 31 December, where applicable. Any festival-related charges are confirmed for your travel dates before booking.
- Holiday surcharges at Christmas, New Year, Tet in Vietnam and local New Year celebrations in Cambodia and Thailand, 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 the requirements and fees applicable to your entry before travelling.
- Services not expressly listed.

The items above are excluded from the tour price unless specifically stated in your personal proposal.

Carefully selected accommodation

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

Hanoi

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

Sapa

3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
Panorama Sapa or similar	Aliana Boutique Sapa or similar	Silk Path Grand Sapa or similar

Halong Bay

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

Hoi An

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

Ho Chi Minh City

3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
Acnos Hotel or similar	Paragon Saigon Hotel or similar	The Myst Dong Khoi or similar

Siem Reap

3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
Royal Crown Hotel & Spa or similar	**Saem Siem Reap or similar**	**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. The itinerary includes an overnight stay in Ta Van village; the property will be confirmed. 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.



Tell us what you have in mind.

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