

Luxury Vietnam & Cambodia Cruise

(Siem Reap - Kangpong Cham - Phnom Penh - Tan Chau - My Tho - Saigon -
Hanoi - Halong)

Itinerary Overview

Day	Destination	Meals
Day 1	SIEM REAP ARRIVAL	--
Day 2	SIEM REAP - ANGKOR TOUR	B
Day 3	SIEM REAP - FREE DAY	B
Day 4	SIEM REAP - KAMPONG CHAM - EMBARKATION	B/L/D
Day 5	WAT HANCHEY - KAMPONG CHAM	B/L
Day 6	ANGKOR BAN - SILK ISLAND - PHNOM PENH	B
Day 7	PHNOM PENH	B/L/D
Day 8	PHNOM PENH - NAVIGATION - BORDER CROSSING	B/L/D
Day 9	TAN CHAU	B/L/D
Day 10	SA DEC - CAI BE	B/L/D
Day 11	MY THO - DISEMBARKATION - SAIGON	B/L/D
Day 12	SAI GON - CITY & CU CHI TUNNELS	B/L/D
Day 13	SAIGON - HANOI - CITY TOUR	B/L/D
Day 14	HANOI - HA LONG BAY CRUISE	B/L/D
Day 15	HA LONG BAY DISCOVERY	B/L/D
Day 16	HALONG BAY - HANOI	B/L
Day 17	HANOI- DEPARTURE	B

Note*: B: Breakfast / L: Lunch / D: Dinner

Detailed itinerary

Day 1 SIEM REAP - ARRIVAL

Arrive in Siem Reap. Greeted by your driver at the airport. Transfer to your hotel in the city centre for check-in and at leisure in the rest of the day.

Meals: N/A

Accommodation: Hotel in Siem Reap

Day 2 SIEM REAP – ANGKOR TOUR

08:00 We drive to South Gate of Angkor Thom, the famous [Bayon temple](#) – a unique for its 54 towers decorated with over 200 smiling faces of Avolokitesvara, Baphoun, the Terrace of Temple, Elephants and Terrace of the Leper King.

15:00 The tour start with the visiting to the famous temple: Angkor Wat. Angkor Wat is a World Heritage Site since 1992, famous for its beauty and splendor. Angkor Wat features the longest continuous bas-relief in the world, which runs along the outer gallery walls and narrates stories from Hindu mythology. After that, visit Bakheng Temple and enjoy a romantic sun set view form Bakheng hill.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Siem Reap

Day 3 SIEM REAP – FREE DAY

Enjoy your free day to relax and explore Siem Reap

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Siem Reap

Day 4 SIEM REAP – KAMPONG CHAM - EMBARKATION

In the morning, Transfer from Sokha Angkor Resort hotel in Siem Reap from where you will join the RV Mekong Prestige Cruise in coach (5h). A packed lunch will be offered during the trip. Stop at the Kampong Kdei Bridge dating from the Angkorian period, built during the reign of Jayavarman VII.

Arrival on board in the middle of the afternoon. Welcome buffet and installation in the cabins. Beginning of navigation towards Wat Hanchey. Welcome dinner on board.

Meals: Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Mekong Prestige cruise

Day 5 WAT HANCHEY – KAMPONG CHAM

Stop at Wat Hanchey in the morning and after breakfast, visit the pre-Angkorian temple located on top of a hill overlooking the Mekong. Dating back to the 8th century, its ancient brick structures characterize the architecture of the Chenla Empire, which preceded the glory of Angkor. Back on board for lunch.

Continued navigation and arrival at Kampong Cham during lunch. In the afternoon, departure by bus to discover the temple of Wat Nokor. This twelfth century Buddhist temple built on the ruins of an ancient temple, is unique in Cambodia.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Mekong Prestige cruise

Day 6 ANGKOR BAN – SILK ISLAND – PHNOM PENH

Morning navigation on the Upper Mekong. Arrival at Angkor Ban in the morning. Overlooking the River Mekong, Angkor Ban offers a peaceful and majestic image of the river bathed in morning light in this still pristine area. Angkor Ban is one of the very few villages that has not been burned or destroyed during the Khmer Rouge period. It is a dive in intimate Cambodia, to the rhythm of its inhabitants. Visit of the village on stilts, discovery of traditional houses some of which are more than a century old. Back on board for further navigation to the Silk Island and visit of a silk weaving village. Navigation and late arrival in Phnom Penh

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Mekong Prestige cruise

Day 7 PHNOM PENH

The capital city of Cambodia still retains its old French colonial architecture in riverside streets. Morning bus tour including the Royal Palace & the Silver Pagoda. The National Museum is another highlight, with outstanding displays of Khmer crafts. Lunch on board. An afternoon excursion is arranged to the former High School « S21 » (now the Tuol Sleng Museum), which was converted to a detention center under the Red Khmer's rule between 1975 and 1979. Leisure time and shopping at the

"Central Market". Dinner on board Mekong Prestige cruise

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Mekong Prestige cruise

Day 8 PHNOM PENH – NAVIGATION – BORDER CROSSING

The ship departs towards the border with Vietnam in the morning. We cruise past the Mekong's timeless villages and river life with extensive fishing activities. Crossing of the border and completion of the required formalities.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Mekong Prestige cruise

Day 9 TAN CHAU

Arrival at Tan Chau in the morning, a remote town on the main Mekong River. After breakfast, transfer on small boats to visit this charming locality. This small town is very representative of this part of Asia, divided between rurality and a lively economic activity.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Mekong Prestige cruise

Day 10 SA DEC – CAI BE

Arrival at Sa Dec. The French writer Marguerite Duras spent parts of her childhood in Sa Dec, a sprawling busy town on the Mekong Delta. We see the house of Marguerite's Chinese Lover. The house is a small museum of « The Lover » in Sadec. Visit to a Cao daist Temple and a stroll through the colorful local market. Lunch on board. We cruise past Vinh Long Province, located in the middle of the Delta region, between the two tributaries of the Mekong. Arrival at Cai Be, tour on local boats to see the French Gothic Cathedral. Walk along the river bank and visit to a manufacturer of rice paper and coconut sweets. Dinner on board & traditional Music Show.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Mekong Prestige cruise

Day 11 MY THO - DISEMBARKATION

Arrival at My Tho. Disembarkation after breakfast and bus transfer to Saigon city center. The transfer includes a stop at the Cholon Market and the visit to a lacquer factory. Drop off at Sofitel Plaza around 12.00pm. Checkin. Enjoy your free time to relax and explore Saigon.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Saigon

Day 12 SAIGON - CITY & CU CHI TUNNELS

Pickup at the hotel at 7:40 for city tour. Our city tour will help you to see the best of Saigon. We visit the historic Reunification palace and War Remnants Museum, followed by the architectural treats of French colonial Notre Dame Cathedral and the post Office.

In the afternoon afternoon, we head out of town to visit the Cu Chi Tunnels, which is an extensive underground network of approximately 200 kilometers of tunnels dug initially by the Viet Minh and then expanded by the Viet Cong. Here contains hospitals, plus accommodation and schools, and were used extensively for refuge and storage and also utilized as a military base for the Viet Cong close to Saigon. Come back to Saigon in late afternoon.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Saigon

Day 13 SAIGON – HANOI – CITY TOUR

Pickup at the hotel for airport transfer for the flight to Hanoi. Upon arrival, we will spend a half day to visit the city. We start with visit to President Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum (Outside). We also visit the famous One Pillar Pagoda nearby. Leaving the President's complex, we continue to visit the Temple of Literature (Van Mieu). Although several Van Mieu can be found throughout Vietnam, the most prominent and famous is that situated in the city of Hanoi, and was functioned as Vietnam's first university.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 14 HANOI – HALONG BAY CRUISE

07.45 – 08.15 : Pick up at your hotel in Ha Noi by shuttle bus.
12.00 – 12.30 : Embark at Hon Gai International harbor.
12.30 – 13.00 : Check-in, enjoy welcome drink & cruise briefing.
13.30 – 15.00 : Have lunch while cruising to magnificent Bai Tu Long Bay; admire the fascinating formations.
15.00 – 16.30 : Cruise to Cap La.
16.30 – 17.30 : Enjoy paddling around Cap La fishing village by kayak.
17.45 – 19.00 : Back to junk for swimming or relaxing.
19.00 – 21.00 : Have dinner and overnight on board in Cong Do.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Night on board

Day 15 HA LONG BAY DISCOVERY

07.30 – 08.00 : Morning view of Bay's landscape with a cup of tea or coffee. Have breakfast in the fresh air.
08.30 – 09.00 : Start cruising to Cong Dam while discovering geological values of Bai Tu Long Bay.
09.00 – 11.00 : Enjoy kayaking through the hidden lagoons and geological park in Cong Dam. Go swimming in the crystal water.
11.30 – 14.00 : Back to junk for lunch and relaxing.
14.00 – 19.00 : Cruise to Hon Co Island for swimming or kayaking to discover the stunning scenery of the Bay.
19.00 – 21.00 : Overnight in Cong Do area.

Note*: the itinerary and activities on board would vary depending on the boat you choose. Please see the choice of boat in Hotel Inclusions.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch

Accommodation: Night on board

Day 16 HALONG BAY – HANOI

8.00 – 08.30 : Enjoy fresh air & gentle breeze of the bay in morning. Have breakfast on board.
08.30 – 09.30 : Visit Vung Vieng fishing village by a rustic row-boat, meet the local people and pass through the floating school and fish farms.
10.00 : Check out of the cabin. Start cruising towards the harbor while an A la carte lunch is served.
11.45 – 12.00 : Disembark. Pickup and transfer back to Hanoi.
Arrive Hanoi, enjoy your free time to explore Hanoi

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 17 HANOI - DEPARTURE

Free and easy till airport transfer for departure flight. Trip ends.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: n/a

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions:

- 2 nights @ Hanoi Apricot hotel – 5*
- 3 days Halong cruise package on [Dragon Legend cruise](#) – 5*
- 2 nights at Sofitel Saigon hotel – 5*
- 2 nights at Sokha Angkor Resort Hotel – 5*
- 8 days package by your selected [Mekong river cruise](#)
- Private Pre/post tours in Saigon and Siem Reap
- 1 internal flight: Hanoi – Saigon or vs flight
- Full board in the selected category of the R/V Mekong Prestige II
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Drinks on board : Mineral Water, non-alcoholic beverages, local beers and local wine during meals
- On board tips/gratuities
- All excursions and entrance fees with English speaking guide as per included excursions in the itinerary
- The services of an English-speaking Cruise Director
- Port taxes
- Private car pickups/transfers.
- Tours and transfers as mentioned by air-conditioned vehicles

Exclusions:

- Early checkin/late checkout at hotels
- Meals and services other than those noted in the itinerary
- Visas fees
- Overseas flights

- Laundry, telephone calls, and personal expenditures
- Gratuities for guides, drivers, porters, boat crew, and personal, non-itinerary services (US\$5/person/day is suggested for the guide/driver for the day with tours)

Payment & Terms

Payment

- To guarantee your land tour booking, a deposit 20% must be paid in advance. The balance must be settled 30 days prior to departure
- We accept payments in cash, by credit card or by bank transfer and Western Union. Any charges to settle the payment must be paid by the Clients. We will recognize the amount receive only.

Cancellations

Cancellations for all or any part of the trip will not be effective until received in writing. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply:

- 65 days or more before departure: 15% of total tour cost
- Between 64 and 35 days before departure: 25% of total tour cost
- Between 34 and 15 days before departure: 50% of total tour cost
- Between 14 and 7 days before departure: 80% of total tour cost
- 6 days or less before departure / No Show: 100% of total tour cost

Note: We strongly recommend for your protection that you purchase a trip cancellation insurance.

Important Information

Emergency Contact

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call the travel consultant whom you deal with and then our hot line contacts. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please send us a detailed message and contact information by email to the agent and to info@indochinatreks.com, we may check and return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

Our all travel consultants use WhatApps. Please ensure that you have the contact number. It's best to buy a local sim-card upon arrival. Most hotels offer free wifi. So it's very easy to contact in urgent case.

Emergency contact numbers

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Internal Flights

For all internal flights, we would use Vietnamairlines, Vietjesair, Jestar, Cambodia Angkorair or Laos Airlines. Most domestic flights in Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar, airlines would use small 70 seat ATR72 for short distances. Most airlines in Vietnam use the Airbus A321. 20kg for checkin luggage and 7kg for hand-bag is included in the price.

International flights before/after the tour must be booked by yourself before travelling date.

Accommodation

We would use different hotel categories and you can select any basing on your budget. So your travel companions would not stay at your hotel. A Hotel Voucher will be provided once your tour is confirmed with all hotel details.

Packing List

Conservative Dress

- Modest clothing that covers knees and shoulders (Long pants, long skirts, shirts that cover shoulders)
- Shawl or scarf (for temple visits)

Note*: Please pack clothing for the season in which you will be travelling. From Dec-Feb weather can be cold, so please pack warm clothing. From May-Nov it is the wet season, so please bring waterproof clothing.

Documents

- All tickets (required)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Required visas
- Hotel & Tour Vouchers
- Meeting sign (with your names and flight details that we will use for transfers)

Train Travel

Train travel in Vietnam is very basic and train cleanliness is often not a priority for train staff. Sleeper trains normally have 4 seats per compartment, which convert into sleeping bunks (two upper and two lower). A sheet, pillow and blanket are provided, although many people prefer to bring their own sleeping sheet. At times, passengers of different genders may be required to share a sleeper train berth and/or share a compartment with people not travelling in your group. For short distance - 3 hours (as Hue to Danang or vv), you will do the trip on soft/hard seat carriage.

Simple food is available on the train but many people like to stock up on freshly baked bread, cheese and fruit prior to departure. Water should also be bought before the journey.

Train journeys in Vietnam are an experience and allow you to get a real taste of Vietnam.

Airport transfers

All airport transfers are included in the tour price. You should provide us your arrival/departure flight details and we will arrange things basing on the information. A meeting sign with your name and all flight details will be sent to you. Please be ready at the lobby at pointed time for pickup.

Driver/guide should always be present at the airport before your arrival time. If you could not find the driver, please contact your travel consultant who you deal with. For any reason that airport transfer could not be arranged, please take the taxi to the hotel. We will refund the money then.

Travel insurance

Travel insurance is not included in our tour price. When travelling with us, you are suggested to buy insurance that covers all medical coverage, cancellation, personal liability, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects.

Trip Specific Safety

We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage.

Be aware that petty theft can be an issue in some towns and cities especially late at night. A common tactic is opportunists on motorbikes that drive by and snatch bags. Please always leave valuables and passports etc in your hotel in safety boxes if available and only carry with you enough cash to spend for the day. Bags should always be carried over the neck and not left to sit on your shoulder.

Warming

Please do not buy gems unless you know what you are doing. Even if genuine you should not expect to be able to sell them at home. If you fall victim to a gem scam, we are unable to assist you.

Visas and Entry Requirements

Please note that visas for Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos are the responsibility of the inpidual traveller. The visa requirements for your trip vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. For the most up to date information please check your Governments Foreign Ministry website or with you travel agent as rules do change.

CAMBODIA - Visas can be obtained at the Cambodian border or Siem Reap Airport for approx. \$35 USD very easily. Please have *at least* 2 passport photos with you as well.

VIETNAM - As of March 2017, a select 80 nationalities are now eligible to enter Vietnam with an E-Visa. Please contact your Foreign Ministry or Vietnamese consulate to see if your nationality is eligible. Please note that you should ONLY apply for a Vietnam E-Visa if you are entering Vietnam by international

airport - either Noi Bai International Airport (Hanoi) or Tan Son Nhat International Airport (Ho Chi Minh City).

If you are entering Vietnam by land border, please apply for a regular visa for Vietnam. Many of the land borders we travel through do not accept the Vietnam E-Visa. Please view this link to apply E-Visa: <https://evisa.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn/web/guest/trang-chu-ttdt>

LAOS - Visas are issued upon arrival in Laos. You will need two passport size photographs and approx \$35. Tourists are generally admitted to Laos for 15 days with a visa on arrival or for 30 days with a visa issued at a Lao embassy. Please bring visa photos with you.

Please be aware that you will require four clean pages (minimum) in your passport and at least six months validity.

Tipping

It is customary in Asia to tip service providers such as waiters, at approximately 10%, depending on the service. Tipping is expected - though not compulsory - and shows an expression of satisfaction with the people who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides or drivers we use. Recommendations for tipping drivers and local guides would range from \$3-\$5 USD per person per day depending on the quality and length of the service.

Electricity

Indochina Countries use 220V, and a mixture of flat 2-pin, round 2-pin or 3 pin plugs. It is recommended to bring a universal plug adapter.