

Extension Option 6

Vietnam & Cambodia 8 days / 7 nights



ITINERARY

18 Feb: Bangkok - Hanoi (-/-/D)

This afternoon you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Hanoi on TG 564 at 17:35. On arrival at 19:20 you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Dinner at Forest restaurant
Accommodation at Mercure La Gare Hotel (Standard room)

19 Feb: Hanoi (B/L/D)

After breakfast in the hotel enjoy a full day tour to explore this unique Asian city with tree-lined boulevards, French colonial architecture, peaceful lakes and oriental pagodas and temples: Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (open: 7.30-11.00am, closed Monday, Friday and throughout October and November for maintenance), Ho Chi Minh`s house on stilts, One Pillar Pagoda, Quan Thanh Temple, Tran Quoc Pagoda, Shore of West Lake.

Lunch at Wild Rice Restaurant.

In the afternoon, continue by a visit to Ethnology Museum, the beautiful Ngoc Son Temple and Hoan Kiem Lake. Panoramic 01 hour cyclo to visit the Old quarter of Hanoi .

Drop off at the Thang Long theatre for Water Puppet Show, the unique Vietnamese traditional art. This art originates from rural festivals in Vietnam. The artists-men and women-stand waist-deep in the water to manipulate the puppets, making them move about, talk and laugh and even dance on the surface of the water.

Dinner at Ly Club Restaurant.

Accommodation at Mercure La Gare Hotel (Standard room)

20 Feb: Hanoi - Ha Long Bay - Hanoi (B/L/D)

Depart Hanoi for a four-hour drive through Red River Delta to Halong City with a short break for refreshment at a handicraft centre.

Transfer to a boat cruise on crystalline emerald waters of Halong Bay. Take in the stunning scenery of the UNESCO-designated World Heritage Site. Cruise among hundreds of islets to discover unspoilt pockets of Halong Bay and its remote, floating fishing villages. Seafood lunch on board.

Proceed back to Hanoi. On the way take some sightseeing in the rural areas. Dinner at nineteen 11 Restaurant.

Accommodation at Mercure La Gare Hotel (Standard room)

21Feb: Hanoi - Ho Chi Minh City (B/L/D) (B/L/D)

Check out hotel and transfer to the airport for a domestic flight VN 1121 at 09:40 to Ho Chi Minh City. Arrive Ho Chi Minh City International Airport at 11:40. Transfer to the hotel for check-in. Lunch at Local Restaurant.

Enjoy a half day city tour of Ho Chi Minh City, the largest and busiest city in Vietnam with a population of 8 million people. Discover the city turbulent past and get a glimpse into the fascinating variety the city has to offer: Notre Dame Cathedral; General Post Office; Emperor Jade Pagoda; City Hall; the powerful War Remnants Museum an History Museum (Close on Monday); panoramic view of Nha Rong wharf; Chinatown (Cholon); the oldest Giac Lam Pagoda; Thien Hau Temple and Binh Tay Market.

Dinner at Xu restaurant.

Accommodation at Rex Hotel (Deluxe Old Wing)

22 Feb: Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta (B/L/D)

Transfer for a couple of hours from Ho Chi Minh City to Cai Be.

Upon arrival take a boat trip to an orchard island to visit a farmer`s house and its orchards.

Walk through the villages streets and watch people making coconut candy, rice crispy cake, rice paper in the workshops. Then have a visit to the Ancient House before have lunch at a bonsai garden followed by tropical fruit desert feast. Continue your journey by strolling on the village paths (cycling or rowing sampan) and visiting brick and pottery factory.

Transfer to Ho Chi Minh City. Dinner at Hideaway Restaurant.

Accommodation at Rex Hotel (Deluxe Old Wing)

23 Feb: Cu Chi Tunnel - Departure (B/L/-)

Drive from Ho Chi Minh City to Cu Chi Tunnels, used by Viet Cong guerrillas as hiding spot during combat, as well as serving as communication and supply routes, hospitals, food and weapon caches and living quarters for numerous guerrilla fighters, to have an unique experience what underground life during the U.S.-Vietnam War must have been like.

Lunch at local restaurant.

Transfer to Ho Chi Minh City Airport for the departure flight VN 813 to Siem Reap at 16:30.

ADD ON PACKAGE - CAMBODIA

23 Feb: Ho Chi Minh City - Siemreap (-/-/D)

Upon arrival at Siem Reap International airport. Meet and greet by local English speaking guide and transfer to hotel for Check-in. Dinner at local restaurant.

Accommodation at Tara Angkor Hotel (Superior room).

24 Feb: Siemreap (B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Visit Angkor Thom complex by Tuk Tuk Visit South Gate of Angkor Thom; it is one of the main and beautiful access gates to the temples. Continue to famous Bayon temple and Jungle Ta Prohm temple. Bayon temple is one of the most impressive and mysterious temples emerging from the jungle as an incredible forest of heads and is considered to be an architectural masterpiece. The apparent chaos of its dark rooms and interconnected galleries are crowned with lotus flowers, symbol of enlightenment, and are dominated by 200 gigantic stone faces facing N, S, E and W on 51 smaller towers. The facial features are striking and the full lips, curling upwards at the corners, are known as 'the smile of Angkor'.

Lunch at hotel. In the afternoon, visit by coach to Angkor Wat temple until sunset.

Restriction: The visitor should wear blouse covering arms, shoulders and long skirts covering legs (no short miniskirt or short trousers).

Angkor Wat, the Cambodia's ancient temple city is one of the wonders of the oriental world. Masterpieces of decorative details as well as of architectural style, its awe-inspiring ruins survive as testament to the spectacular achievements of Southeast Asia's greatest civilization. It is a replica of the universe according to the Hindu mythology. It is composed by the Mount Meru, surrounded by the continents and the oceans. Its extraordinary bas-reliefs, describe some Khmer epics and myths. Angkor Wat's five famous towers rise into the sky, a geometrical arrangement of numerous galleries, adorned with beliefs and the stone images of celestial Apsara dancers, as well as portals, chambers and courtyards.

Dinner at local restaurant. Accommodation at Tara Angkor Hotel (Superior room) Included: A Green Day

in Angkor

With climate change and other environmental issues looming large, We will points the way and seeks to limit the travel's impact on the environment. To reduce carbon emission and to help to turn travel green we encourage you to leave your petrol-driven vehicle behind for just one day and visit the Angkor Archaeological Park with a battery car instead. These new electric cars are not dependent on gasoline and significantly reduce the amount of noise and CO2 released into the atmosphere. You will be picked up and dropped off again at your hotel. Make your contribution to environmental protection and book a Green Day in Angkor. Leave footprints not waste!

25 Feb: Siem Reap Departure (B/L/-)

This morning visit Floating Village on Tonlé Sap Great Lake.

Embark for a boat ride on the Tonle Sap great lake, you will go through the floating houses with small private boat. The natural wonder of Ton Le Sap offers an insight into the old tradition of riparian life and the natural splendour of the countryside.

Lunch at hotel.

Afternoon visit Theam's House; for more than 10 years artistic director of Artisans d'Angkor, Theam has launched a new project that includes training a team of artisans- apprentices, as he is now embarking on a new creative journey of his own paintings. As an artist-designer, Theam is one of the few overseas educated Cambodians involved in helping to revive the Cambodian craft sector since 1995. After receiving a sound artistic and technical education at the École Boule where he studied interior design and graphics, then at the prestigious École des Beaux-Arts de Paris, he returned to his native country to be reunited with those he had left behind.

Les Artisans d'Angkor www.atisansdangkor.com, a complete visit of the Arts and crafts school will take you through the various training and production workshops of the les Artisans d' Angkor. Discover the traditional techniques used for wood sculpting, stone carving, lacquer work,



polychrome and stone patina work, with the explanations of a guide.

Transfer to Siem Reap airport for your flight PG 908 to Bangkok departing at 19:30 to connect with TG 910 to London.

End of services.

Tour package rates include:

- Transportation in private air-conditioned vehicles as per program;
- Cruise, boat excursions according to itinerary
- Entrance fees to the mentioned attractions;
- Hotel accommodation as per hotel list, in double or twin-sharing, unless otherwise arranged;
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (breakfast: B; Lunch: L ; Dinner: D)
- Domestic Flight ticket HAN HUI / DAD SGN
- English Speaking tour guides

Tour package rates do not include:

- Drinks other than mentioned above;
- Personal insurance;
- Personal expenses;
- Visa stamping fees (25 USD/pax);
- Airport taxes;
- Any other benefits not mentioned in the program.