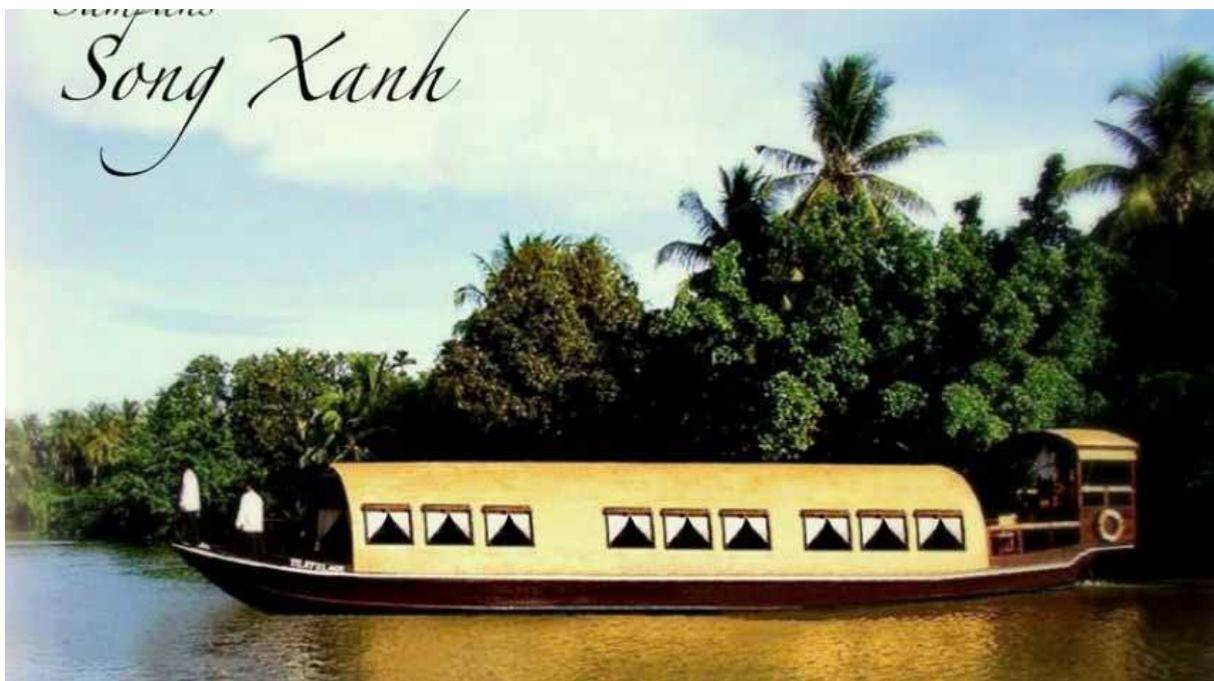




# Cambodia, Mekong Cruise and Vietnam 13 days from \$2899 per person

(Air, Cruise & Land). Single Supp \$1500



Departure dates: 16, 23 February; 02, 09, 16 March 2018.

Every Thursday in Aug, Sept, Oct and Nov 2018.

- \$2899 per person twin share. Private Mekong Delta Cruise

## Package Includes

- Return economy flights from Australian Capital Cities to Phnom Penh & Hanoi.
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- Intra-flight: Ho Chi Minh-Hanoi
- 12 nights accommodations
  - 2 nights Phnom Penh
  - 3 nights Private Boat cruise on Mekong River (3D/2N)
  - 3 nights Ho Chi Minh
  - 1 night Halong Bay
  - 3 nights Hanoi
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel portorage
- All transfers
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring
- Accommodation sharing bed room with daily breakfast
- Local Professional English Speaking guide
- All ground private transport during tours as mentioned in the itinerary
- Meals: Lunch and Dinner as mentioned in program
- Boat ticket Phnom Penh to Chau Doc (Hang Chau Boat)
- Private Boat cruise on Mekong River (3D/2N)
- All entrance fees for visit in program

## Special Features

- Leisure time to enjoy Hoi Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon) with its magnificent French colonial architecture
- View the thousands of limestone islands rising out of the sea during the Halong Bay Excursion
- Time to explore the capital city of Hanoi, a fascinating blend of East and West, at your own pace

## How to Save

- Phone 1300 813391: Tour Code - **TZEV200A**
- Book by **30 June 2017**

04-Jul	Day 1	Phnom Penh – Arrival	
05-Jul	Day 2	Phnom Penh – City Tour	

06-Jul	Day 3	Phnom Penh – Free – Boat to Chau Doc	
07-Jul	Day 4	Chau Doc - Mekong Delta – <b>Cruise on PRIVATE Song Xanh Sampan</b>	
08-Jul	Day 5	Mekong Delta - <b>Cruise on PRIVATE Song Xanh Sampan</b>	
09-Jul	Day 6	Mekong Delta - <b>Cruise</b> - HCM City	
10-Jul	Day 7	HCM City - Departure	

**Free time: No car, no driver and no guide**

## ***YOUR DETAILS ITINERARY « day by day»***

### **Day01: Phnom Penh – Arrival**

Upon arrival at Phnom Penh Airport, Cambodia you will be met by your professional tour guide and transfer to the hotel for checking in (check in time @ 14:00). Free and leisure with your own time after your flight. Overnight in Phnom Penh

### **Day02: Phnom Penh – City Tour**

This morning we visit to the **Royal Palace** and **Silver Pagoda**: the **Royal Palace** compound builds in 1866 by the Predecessors of King Norodom, is the most conspicuous feature and also one of impressive colorful Khmer-style Palaces. Nearside the **Royal Palace** is **Silver Pagoda** (The Emerald Buddha temple), display plenty of Buddha Statues that were decorated and made by diamond, emerald, gold and silver. Then we continue to National Museum and continue to Wat Phnom - the birthplace of the capital, visit to Toulseng S21, the witness of Pol Pot genocidal regime and Cheuong Ek Killing fields. We will lead to the Russian Market to be fallen into its bustling atmosphere. The Russian Market is the most well-known foreign market in Cambodia and is the must-visit place for any visitors. Visitors will be surprised with many types of goods in the market such as silk, jewelry, clothes. Overnight in Phnom Penh

#### **➤ Breakfast included**



### **Day03: Phnom Penh – Free – Speed Boat to Chau Doc**

Today after breakfast at hotel, free for your own time at hotel until our driver pick up for transfer to pier for speed boat to Chau Doc as will depart at 12:30. Upon arrival in Chau Doc, met and welcome by our driver and then transfer to hotel in Chau Doc. Check in the hotel. Overnight at hotel in Chau Doc

- Breakfast included

#### Day04: Chau Doc - Mekong Delta – Cruise on PRIVATE Song Xanh Sampan

Your crew welcomes you at the Victoria Chau Doc Hotel jetty at 10:00am with cold towels and a refreshing drink as your Song Xanh private sampan sets off for its leisurely cruise on the waterways around Chau Doc towards Long Xuyen, traveling along a narrow canal past monkey bridges and peaceful villages.

Lunch is served on board before arriving in Long Xuyen.

Visit Tiger Island (Cu Lao Ong Ho), a small island that was once the home of Vietnam's second president - Ton Duc Thang. Take a stroll around the park surrounding the museum and cycle around the island for a better look. Your last stopover before sunset is at a Vietnamese home to gain insight into how the locals live. The owner will welcome you and a candlelit dinner will be served.

Enjoy your first night on board the Song Xanh on the Hau River

Overnight on board

- Breakfast, lunch and dinner included



#### Day05: Mekong Delta - Cruise on PRIVATE Song Xanh Sampan

Breakfast is served on board at 7:00 am while your sampan cruises downstream. Arrive in Sa Dec in time for a stroll around this charming town. Visit one of the town's highlights, the ancient house of Huynh Thuy Le, a real-life character in the celebrated novel and film "The Lover" by Marguerite Duras. The small town is well worth exploring as it played an important role in the development of the Mekong Delta. Large Chinese and Khmer communities were established here, while the French also left their mark on the local architecture. As a result, many religions are represented side by side: a Cao Dai temple, a Catholic church, a Chinese temple and Vietnamese pagodas.

Lunch and dinner are served on board. Enjoy your second night aboard the Song Xanh on the Mekong River.

Overnight on board

- Breakfast, lunch and dinner included



#### Day 06: Mekong Delta - Cruise – Ho Chi Minh City

We begin cruising at 6:00 am towards Cai Be. Observe life as it plays out on shore - people going about their daily activities against picturesque landscapes - while your crew serves breakfast onboard. Stop at various points along the way for a look into some of the cottage industries of the region: a brick factory and local food production like coconut candy and puffed rice (the local equivalent of popcorn), small home-based businesses that provide a living for the river people.

Your cruise ends at Le Longanier Restaurant

After a short walk along a beautiful narrow canal, your own car will be waiting for you, ready to transfer you to Saigon.

Overnight at hotel in HCM City

➤ **Breakfast included**

### **Day 07: Ho Chi Minh City – Vietnam Tour Starts Here.**

Today, breakfast at hotel, The remainder of the day is FREE for your to explore the wonderful city of Saigon at leisure.

### **DAY 8, Friday - Full Day in Hoi Chi Minh**

Enjoy the full day at leisure or, join the *optional* morning half day tour to Cu Chi Tunnels. They were part of an underground tunnel network built by the Viet Cong to control a large rural area near Saigon. The Cu Chi network includes 125 miles of tunnels with many branches connecting to underground hideouts, weapon factories, hospitals, shelters and other tunnels. In the afternoon, choose to participate in an *optional* half day tour of Ho Chi Minh City, which includes the neo-Romanesque Notre Dame Cathedral, the Central Post Office with its French style architecture, City Hall, and the magnificent Saigon Opera House. From here, visit lively Ben Thanh Market - where an unbelievable assortment of wares and crafts are sold under one roof. Continue to Dong Khoi Street, a major shopping thoroughfare in the center of the city. Early in the evening, enjoy a Welcome Drink and briefing by your Tour Manager. Remainder of the evening is at leisure. Be sure to check out the diversified dining scene in this culinary rich city

**Optional:** Half Day Cu Chi Tunnels (AM)

**Optional:** Half Day Hoi Chi Minh City Tour (PM)

**Overnight:** Ho Chi Minh

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 9, Saturday - Flight to Hanoi, Transfer to Halong Bay**

Depart Ho Chi Minh on a flight to sparkling Hanoi, cultural center of the country. Upon arrival, travel overland and through the lush Vietnamese countryside to picturesque Halong Bay, considered one of Vietnam's most celebrated attractions. As you approach, you'll see thousands of limestone islands rising out of the sea creating a truly magical scene. Arrive at your hotel in Halong Bay for overnight

**Overnight:** Halong Bay

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 10, Sunday - Cruise Halong Bay, Travel to Hanoi**

Incredible views await you today! Halong Bay is considered one of the most breathtaking places on the planet, added to the list of UNESCO Heritage sites and declared recently as one of the "New Seven Natural Wonders of the World". There

are over 3,000 islands in the emerald waters and over 1,000 have their own names. Numbers of caves and grottos of all sizes and shapes are filled with small waterfalls, stalactites and stalagmites. Sail on a traditional wooden boat on the tranquil bay with lunch served on board. Visit one of the caves and afterwards, travel to Hanoi, Vietnam's vibrant capital and check into your hotel. This city's history is tied to French colonialism - its architecture, cuisine and local culture still bear evidence of the French influence

**Overnight:** Hanoi

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

#### **DAY 11, Monday - Full Day in Hanoi**

Spend a full day at leisure discovering all of the delights of Hanoi independently, or, enjoy an *optional* half day tour of Hanoi including a visit to the Museum of Ethnology, center for the preservation and exhibition of cultural heritage for over 50 ethnic groups in Vietnam. Later in the afternoon, join an *optional* Cyclo Ride & Water Puppet show with dinner. Take a cyclo ride around the bustling Old Quarter of Hanoi. The Cyclo is a very common mode of transportation in Vietnam. Afterwards, attend a performance of the world-famous Water Puppet Show, accompanied by a traditional Vietnamese orchestra and Cheo (*a form of opera*). The show depicts a series of ancient Vietnamese folktales, acted out by puppets over a pool of water. Enjoy a delightful dinner of Vietnamese delicacies before returning to your hotel

**Optional:** Half Day Hanoi City Tour (AM)

**Optional:** Cyclo Ride & Water Puppet Show with Dinner

**Overnight:** Hanoi

**Meals:** Breakfast

#### **DAY 12, Tuesday - Full Day in Hanoi**

Spend a full day at leisure discovering Hanoi on your own, or, take the *optional* tour to the stunning Thai Pagoda and So Village, including lunch, also known as the "Pagoda of the Master". Nestled against the hillside in Sai Go Village, it shares its compound with the smaller Ca pagoda. Here, you'll also see Thuy Dinh Stage, a water palace on Long Tri Pond, where the ancient form of water puppetry is performed. Continue to So Village, a well-preserved ancient village. Walking tour around the village with its traditional layout and small alleyways in-between the houses. Stop at one of the communal houses to meet villagers who earn their living from making noodles. Tonight, your journey to Vietnam ends with many lasting memories

**Optional:** Thai Pagoda & So Village with Lunch

**Overnight:** Hanoi

**Meals:** Breakfast

#### **DAY 13, Wednesday - Depart Vietnam**

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

**Meals:** Breakfast



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### Half Day Cu Chi Tunnels

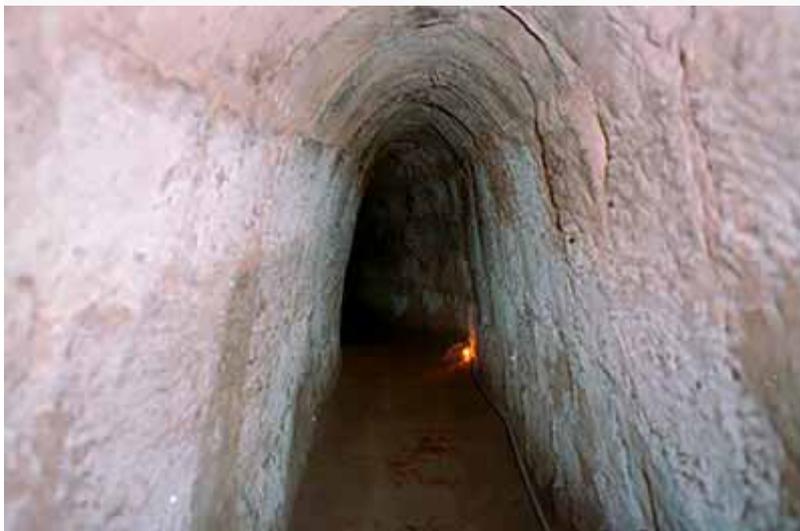
The Cu Chi tunnels were part of an underground tunnel network built by the Viet Cong to control a large rural area near Saigon. These tunnels were first used during the French/Vietnamese War (1946-1954) and later used by the Viet Cong as a base of operations during the 1968 Tet offensive. The Cu Chi network includes 125 miles of tunnels with many branches connecting to underground hideouts, weapon factories, hospitals, shelters and other tunnels. The entire structure was dug out of the rock by hand tools without the use of cement. On this tour, you'll learn about the tunnels and other aspects of the war. Opportunity for a brief view of life underground as you enter areas that have been enlarged to create easier access for visitors. The majority of the tour will be above the tunnels. *Please note: This tour is presented from a Vietnamese perspective, based on past wars with France and the United States. If you are uncomfortable with the expressed point-of-views and prefer not to hear this discussion, then we recommend that you do not participate.*

Approximate tour duration is 6 hours.

Day #2

01 Jul 2016 - 30 Jun 2018

AUD\$54.00



### Half Day Ho Chi Minh City Tour

Embark on a guided tour of Ho Chi Minh City and immerse yourself in its vibrant atmosphere. Admire the impressive neo-Romanesque Notre Dame Cathedral, Central Post Office with its French style architecture, City Hall, and the magnificent French colonial façade of Saigon Opera House. From here, head to the lively Ben Thanh Market - where an unbelievable assortment of wares and crafts are sold under one roof. Continue to Dong Khoi Street, a major shopping thoroughfare in the center of the city with beautifully restored French colonial buildings.

Approximate tour duration is 4 hours.

Day #2

01 Jan 2017 - 30 Jun 2018

AUD\$45.00



### Half Day Hanoi City Tour

Begin this half day tour of Hanoi and view Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum, the One Pillar Pagoda, West Lake and the Quan Than Pagoda. Continue with a visit to the Museum of Ethnology, center for the preservation and exhibition of cultural heritage for over 50 ethnic groups in Vietnam.

Approximate tour duration is 4 hours.

Day #5

01 Jan 2017 - 30 Jun 2018

AUD\$54.00



### Cyclo Ride & Water Puppet Show with dinner

Take a cyclo ride around the bustling Old Quarter of Hanoi. Witness the daily life of the city as you wind through the narrow streets and alleyways. The Cyclo is a very common mode of transportation in Vietnam. Afterwards, attend a performance of the world-famous Water Puppet Show, accompanied by a traditional Vietnamese orchestra and Cheo (a form of opera). The show depicts a series of ancient Vietnamese folktales, acted out by puppets over a pool of water. Enjoy a delightful dinner of Vietnamese delicacies before returning to your hotel.

Approximate tour duration is 4 hours.

Day #5

01 Jan 2017 - 30 Jun 2018

AUD\$77.00



### Thay Pagoda & So Village with lunch

Today tour the stunning Thay Pagoda and So Village, including lunch, also known as the "Pagoda of the Master." Nestled against the hillside in Sai Go Village, it shares its compound with the smaller Ca Pagoda. Here, you can also see Thuy Dinh Stage, a water palace on Long Tri Pond, where the ancient form of water puppetry is performed. Continue to So Village, a well-preserved ancient village. Walking tour around the village to see the traditional layout with small alleyways in-between the houses. Stop to visit one of the impressive communal houses to meet villagers who earn their living from making noodles and tofu. Enjoy the stunning Thay Pagoda, the "Master's Pagoda," nestled on the foot of Sai Son Mountain.

Departs at 8:30 am. Pick-up and drop-off at the hotel. Approximate tour duration is 6 hours.

Day #6

01 Jan 2017 - 30 Jun 2018

AUD\$77.00



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	Loss of Deposit and 50% loss of fare	75%	85%	100%

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