



Vietnam & Cambodia

Escorted Tour

14 days from \$3799

Per person including flights from Australia
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT



BOOK BY 31 MARCH 2019

Departs every Wednesday & Saturday:

07 September to 30 November 2019

01 February to 31 May 2020

Other dates available at higher prices, please phone 1300 813391 for details.

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Escorted Package Includes:

- Return economy airfares from Australia capital cities to Siem Reap & Hanoi (surcharges apply from some ports)
- All intra-flights: Phnom Penh-Siem Reap, Siem Reap-Ho Chi Minh, Ho Chi Minh-Da Nang & Hue-Hanoi
- 13 nights First Class accommodations
 - 1 night Phnom Penh
 - 2 nights Siem Reap
 - 2 nights Ho Chi Minh
 - 2 nights Hoi An
 - 2 nights Hue
 - 1 night Halong Bay
 - 3 nights Hanoi
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel portorage
- All transfers included only with airfare purchase on package arrival & departure dates†
- 22 meals: 13 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 6 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Services of local guide in Cambodia
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring
- Gratuities for tour manager & coach drivers

Special Features

- View the impressive Silver Pagoda on the grounds of the Royal Palace in Phnom Penh
- Stand in awe at the architectural masterpiece of Angkor Temple Complex
- Ox cart ride in the lush farmlands and visit the National Museum in Siem Reap

- Ho Chi Minh City Tour includes the Notre Dame Cathedral, City Hall and the magnificent Saigon Opera House
- Explore the Old City of Hoi An, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Tour of the Imperial City and the 19th century Citadel in Hue
- Sail on Halong Bay, one of the most breathtaking places on the planet
- Visit the Museum of Ethnology and attend the world-famous Water Puppet Show in Hanoi

†Transfers are available for purchase for land only or on alternative flight dates

ITINERARY:

DAY 1, Wednesday - Arrive in Phnom Penh

Depart for Cambodia. Arrive in Phnom Penh, Cambodia's capital city and transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day is at leisure to rest, relax and acclimate to the new time zone

Overnight: Phnom Penh

DAY 2, Thursday - Phnom Penh City Tour, Flight to Siem Reap

Morning visit to the Victory Monument, dedicated to the independence from the French; it now also serves as a memorial to Cambodia's war victims. Visit the Royal Palace, built by King Norodom on the site of the old town. Within these walls, visit the Silver Pagoda (Wat Preah Keo Morakot) with its floor of over 5000 shimmering silver tiles. Other national treasures housed here include solid gold and jeweled Buddha statues and a small 17th century Baccarat crystal Buddha, known as the "Emerald Buddha". Then, visit the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum on the site of a former high school used as the notorious Security Prison 21 (S-21) by the Khmer Rouge regime. After, depart Phnom Penh and fly to Siem Reap, gateway to the Angkor temples. Tonight, enjoy dinner with a traditional Apsara show

Overnight: Siem Reap

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3, Friday - Full Day Angkor Thom & Angkor Wat Tour

Today, you'll understand why the architectural masterpieces of Angkor Thom and Angkor Wat, are designated as one of the "Seven Wonders of the World". This sprawling city, built by Khmer Kings was once home to more than one million people at the height of the empire. On the tour of the fortified city of Angkor Thom visit the Elephants Terrace and Terrace of the Leper King, all adorned with dramatic bas-reliefs. Continue to the mysterious Bayon Temple, highlight of Angkor Thom, replete with beautifully preserved bas-reliefs and more than 172 giant smiling stone faces. On to the monuments of Ta Keo, Prasat Kravan and Srah Srang before arriving at Ta Prohm, where the jungle was left untouched, as it appeared to European explorers. The highpoint of the day is the visit to stunning Angkor Wat, a temple dedicated to the Hindu god Vishnu. World-famous for its beauty and splendor, Angkor Wat has the longest continuous bas-relief in the world, which runs along the entire outer gallery walls, narrating stories from Hindu mythology. Stay to experience the unforgettable sunset - a view that cannot be compared to anything you have ever seen! Return to the

hotel for dinner and overnight

Overnight: Siem Reap

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4, Saturday - Tonle Sap Lake Boat Excursion, Flight to Ho Chi Minh

Depart Siem Reap, driving along the rolling verdant hills of the farm lands, stopping for a ride on an ox-cart, the vehicle still being used today by local farmers. Arrive at Tonle Sap Lake in the heart of Cambodia, with its rich and diverse ecosystem. Embark on a serene boat excursion - observe the local life unfolding and the floating fishing villages that dot the shoreline. Later, visit the National Museum with its multi-media exhibits depicting the Golden Era of the Khmer Kingdom. Afterwards, fly to Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon), the largest city in Vietnam; transfer to your hotel

Overnight: Ho Chi Minh

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5, Sunday - Ho Chi Minh City Tour

Spend the morning at leisure or, join the *optional* 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, participate in a guided tour in 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. In the evening, join your Tour Manager and travel companions for dinner at a local restaurant

Optional: Half Day Cu Chi Tunnels (AM)

Overnight: Ho Chi Minh

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 6, Monday - Flight to Da Nang, Hoi An Walking Tour

Depart Ho Chi Minh on your flight to Da Nang, one of Vietnam's major ports, situated on the coast of the South China Sea. Travel south to the picturesque ancient town of Hoi An, where people still wear the "*ao dais*", Vietnam's traditional dress. The ancient town of Hoi An, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, was one of the most important trading ports in Southeast Asia in the 15th century. Its ancient past is superbly preserved in an enchanting collection of temples, pagodas, shop houses and magnificent private homes in the town's Old Quarter. Walking tour of this artistic jewel, with its century's old architecture includes the gorgeous Phuoc Kien Pagoda, the 400 year old bright-red Japanese Covered Bridge and the Ancient House. Afterwards, continue to dinner at a local restaurant

Overnight: Hoi An

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7, Tuesday - Full Day in Hoi An

Spend a full day at leisure discovering all of the delights of Hoi An independently. Walk through the Old City, stopping at one of the city's many museums, or see artisans using age-old techniques to fashion a variety of crafts. Of special interest are the colorful and elaborate paper lanterns created by lantern artisans for which Hoi An is well-known. Or, join the *optional* boat trip on the Thu Bon River visiting the Organic Village, including lunch. The boat trip begins at a local pier in the Old Town. You'll cruise down streams

and past many fishing areas before arriving in Kim Bong village, home of traditional woodworking and boat building. Return to the mainland and drive to the Traque Organic Village for lunch. Here, you'll meet local farmers and learn about the many vegetables and herbs organically grown to support the people of Hoi An. After a Vietnamese culinary lesson and tasting, return to Hoi An

Optional: Boat Trip on the Thu Bon River & Organic Village with Lunch

Overnight: Hoi An

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8, Wednesday - Travel to Hue, Hue Imperial City Tour

This morning, travel to Da Nang, with stunning views of bowl-shaped Da Nang Bay. Drive by the Marble Mountains, an area well-known for its sophisticated handmade marble products. Journey over the towering mountains to Hue, home to a wealth of palaces, temples, libraries and museums. Take an afternoon tour of this former Imperial capital, modeled after the Forbidden City in Beijing. Enter the Ngo Mon Gate, principal entrance to the Imperial Enclosure and the central passageway reserved for use by the Emperor. Continue to the Thai Hoa Palace with its spacious hallways and ornamental roof, the Halls of the Mandarins, the Nine Dynastic Urns, and the ruins of the Forbidden Purple City, once home to the royal family. Tonight, spend time at leisure to explore on your own or, or join the *optional* tour for a Cyclo Ride (Trishaw) in the city, ending with a multi-course feast at a special restaurant within the Citadel

Optional: Cyclo Ride with Dinner at the Citadel

Overnight: Hue

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 9, Thursday - Full Day in Hue

Today is at leisure to explore Hue independently. Or, participate in the not-to-be-missed *optional* boat excursion on the gentle Perfume River, which explores the life along the banks of the ancient royal capital city. The river, with its shimmering blue color is dotted with a poetic landscape of boats, gardens, pagodas, towers and temples. The tour continues to the legendary Thien Mu Pagoda, on the north bank of the Perfume River, built in seven successive tiers. Then, a drive to the Tomb of Emperor Tu Duc, final resting place of Vietnam's longest reigning emperor and to Khai Dinh, the last monument of the Nguyen dynasty. Here, a vegetarian lunch will be prepared by Buddhist nuns of the Dong Thien Pagoda. Return to Hue

Optional: Perfume River Boat Trip and Lunch at Dong Thien Pagoda

Overnight: Hue

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10, Friday - Flight to Hanoi, Sightseeing en route to Halong Bay

Depart Hue on the 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

**On some departures, the flight Hue-Hanoi may be changed to depart from Da Nang-Hanoi. Details will be provided locally by your Tour Manager*

Overnight: Halong Bay

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 11, Saturday - 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 3000 islands in the emerald waters and over 1000 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 to one of the caves. Afterwards, drive 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 12, Sunday - Hanoi City Tour & Evening Water Puppet Show

Today, visit the Museum of Ethnology, center for the preservation and exhibition of cultural heritage for over 50 ethnic groups in Vietnam. In the evening, 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

Overnight: Hanoi

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 13, Monday - 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 Cambodia and Vietnam ends with many lasting memories. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner with your fellow travelers and Tour Manager

Optional: Thai Pagoda & So Village with lunch

Overnight: Hanoi

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 14, Tuesday - Depart Vietnam

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation:

The Frangipani Royal Palace Hotel & Spa, Phnom Penh



This first class hotel is located nearby the Royal Palace.

Regency Angkor Hotel, Siem Reap



This first class hotel is located along the main road to the historic city of Angkor.

Saigon Prince Hotel, Ho Chi Minh



This first class hotel is located in the heart of the city overlooking the Saigon River and historic sites.

Silk Luxury Hotel & Spa, Hoi An



This first class hotel is a short walk from the Japanese Covered Bridge.

Huong Giang, Hue



This first class hotel is centrally located in the heart of Hue, along the banks of the Perfume River.

Royal Lotus Hotel Halong, Halong Bay



This first class hotel looks out over the picturesque bay and is within walking distance to Halong pier.

Thang Long Opera Hotel, Hanoi



This first class hotel is a five minute walk from the Hanoi Opera House.



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- \$75 per person to reissue any travel documents lost in the mail.
- \$100 per person to process insurance claims when travel insurance has not been purchased from this office.

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

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