

# Luxury Vietnam & Cambodia Cruise

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

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## Itinerary Overview

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

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

## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 1 HANOI ARRIVAL

Arrive in [Hanoi](#). 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 Hanoi

### Day 2 HANOI CITY TOUR

Free to relax in the morning.

**13:30:** Pick up at your hotel. 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.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Hanoi

### Day 3 HA NOI – HA LONG BAY

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 4 HA LONG BAY – DISCOVER

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 5 HALONG BAY – HANOI - SAIGON

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 to the airport for afternoon flight to Saigon.

Arrive Saigon, transfer to the hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast/Lunch

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Saigon

#### Day 6 SAI GON – 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, 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 7 SAIGON – MY THO - EMBARKATION

Pickup at the hotel, transfer to the Sofitel Plaza hotel in Saigon at 9 am for the transfer arrangement to My Tho, located 70 kilometers away. The transfer includes a stop at the Cholon Market and visit to a lacquer factory. Arrival in My Tho and welcome on board the RV [MEKONG PRESTIGE CRUISE](#) Lunch on board. Departure in the afternoon. Welcome Dinner on board & traditional Music Show.

**Meals:** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

**Accommodation:** Mekong Prestige cruise

## Day 8 CAI BE – SA DEC

Arrival at Cai Be in the morning. After breakfast we take a morning junk trip around Cai Be to visit a floating market and go ashore to see the French Gothic Cathedral. Take a stroll along the river bank and visit a local manufacturer producing rice paper, and coconut sweets. Return to the ship for lunch. Mekong Prestige Cruise passes Vinh Long Province to arrive at Sa Dec for an afternoon walk. 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 stroll through the colorful local market.

**Meals:** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

**Accommodation:** Mekong Prestige cruise

## Day 9 TAN CHAU – BORDER CROSSING

Arrival at Tan Chau in the morning, a remote town on the main Mekong River. After breakfast, transfer on small boats to visit the village. A rickshaw ride round this fascinating town takes you back to the pier for lunch. Depart for the Cambodian border. Evening cruise up the broad Mekong River to Phnom Penh.

**Meals:** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

**Accommodation:** Mekong Prestige cruise

## Day 10 PHNOM PENH

Arrival in Phnom Penh in the morning. The capital city of Cambodia still retains its old French colonial architecture in riverside streets. Visit the Royal Palace and the Silver Pagoda. The National Museum is another highlight, with outstanding displays of Khmer crafts. Lunch on board. Afternoon excursion to the former High School « S21 », now the Tuol Sleng Museum, converted to a detention center under the Red Khmer's rule between 1975 and 1979.

**Meals:** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

**Accommodation:** Mekong Prestige cruise

## Day 11 PHNOM PENH – SILK ISLAND

Early morning sailing from Phnom Penh to Chong Koh or Oknathey (both located in Silk Island). Visit this silk weaving village for a morning walk at leisure and a visit to the local workshop. The excursion includes a visit to a Pagoda and a meeting in a primary school. We cruise past the Mekong's timeless villages and River life with extensive fishing activities. Return to Phnom Penh and visit to Wat Phnom Hill after which the city was named. Time at leisure in the city.

**Meals:** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

**Accommodation:** Mekong Prestige cruise

## Day 12 ANGKOR BAN

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 north.

**Meals:** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

**Accommodation:** Mekong Prestige cruise

### Day 13 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 14 KAMPONG CHAM – DESEMBARKATION – SIEM REAP

Early morning, disembarkation and transfer (5h) to Siem Reap. Stop at the Kampong Kdei Bridge dating from the Angkorian period, built during the reign of Jayavarman VII and arrived in Siem Reap at lunch time.

Pickup and transfer to the hotel for checkin. Free.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Siem Reap

### Day 15 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 16 SIEM REAP – FREE DAY

Enjoy your free day to relax and explore Siem Reap

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Siem Reap

## Day 17 SIEM REAP - 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
- Upstream transfers from the Sofitel Plaza hotel in Saigon to the ship in My Tho on day 1 and from the ship to Siem Reap Sokha Angkor Resort hotel on day 8
- Downstream transfers from Siem Reap Sokha Angkor Resort Hotel on day 1 to the ship and from My Tho to Sofitel Plaza Hotel in Saigon on day 8.
- Full board in the selected category of the R/V Mekong Prestige II
- All meals from Lunch on Day 1 until Breakfast on Day 8
- 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

**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](mailto: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 individual 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 your 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.