

# VIETNAM - LAOS - CAMBODIA 16 DAYS

**Routing:** Ha Noi - Ninh Binh - Ha Long - Hue - Da Nang - Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh - Siem Reap - Luang Prabang

**Tour Style:** Nature, Culture & History Tour

**Tour Start:** in Ha Noi / **Tour End:** in Luang Prabang

**Trip duration::** 16 Days 15 Nights

## Overview:

The tour includes overnight stays in Hanoi for three nights, followed by an overnight on a cruise in Ha Long Bay. Afterward, you will spend one night in Hue and one night in Hoi An. In Ho Chi Minh City, the itinerary includes two nights, followed by three nights in Siem Reap. The journey concludes with four nights in Luang Prabang.

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## Trip Details

### DAY 1: HANOI ARRIVAL

Arrive in Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam. Hanoi is one of the most charming cities in South East Asia with its authentic street scenes, large shady avenues, numerous lakes, manicured gardens and well-preserved architecture. Transfer from Noi Bai airport to your hotel. Free evening.

**Night in Hanoi.**

### DAY 2: HANOI CITY TOUR[B/L]

The day is dedicated to a more in depth discovery on Hanoi beginning with a visit to Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum( outside from Ba Dinh Square ). One Pillar Pagoda. Visit the Temple of Literature, the compound soon became first Vietnam's university. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Visit the Museum of Ethnography, which houses an interesting collection of artifacts relating to the mosaic of ethnic groups that inhabit Vietnam. Visit the Temple of Jade at the centre of atmospheric Hoan Kiem lake. In the evening, enjoy water puppets theatre traditional show. Overnight at hotel.

### DAY 3: HANOI - HOA LU - TAM COC - HANOI[B/L]

Have breakfast at the hotel.

We pick you up at your hotel, and depart for Hoa Lu-Tam Coc, enjoying the beautiful sceneries of the rural areas on the way.

After arriving in Ninh Binh province, the guide takes you to visit **Hoa Lu** - the Ancient Royal capital of Vietnam. We will visit Dinh king temple and Le King temple, in the 10th century, find out the heroic histories of these two Kings in Chinese Wars. After that, we go to Tam Coc (10 km away from Hoa Lu).

Have lunch.

In the afternoon, you will get on a bamboo boat - rowed by the local people - in Hoang Long river to visit **Tam Coc** (three caves) on the way. You pass through three enormous caves that provide a brief respite from the intense summer sun. It takes approximately two hours to go up and down the river and along the way, you witness local fisherfolk, village life along the river, and, of course, the striking limestone karst formations that Tam Coc is famous for.

**Back to Hanoi and overnight at hotel.**

#### **DAY 4 : HANOI – HALONG BAY – OVERNIGHT ON CRUISE (SHARE CRUISE)[B/L/D]**

Depart for the world famous Ha Long Bay, Ha Long Bay is a stunning limestone archipelago stretching over some 1500 square kilometers and comprising nearly 3000 islets.

Warm welcome aboard with refreshing drinks and a brief introduction to the cruise itinerary.

Enjoy a scenic voyage through majestic limestone formations, shaped by nature over millions of years.

Visit remarkable natural sites, with options for kayaking, swimming, or exploring hidden caves.

Savor a gourmet lunch and dinner featuring fresh local seafood and authentic Vietnamese cuisine.

In the late afternoon, join exciting onboard activities:

Sunset party on the sundeck with drinks & breathtaking views.

Traditional Vietnamese cooking class – learn how to make signature dishes.

Squid fishing at night for a fun hands-on experience.

Spend the night in a deluxe cabin with ocean views, falling asleep to the gentle waves.

#### **DAY 5: HALONG BAY - HANOI - FLIGHT TO HUE[B/Br]**

Start your morning with Tai Chi on the sundeck, embracing the fresh sea breeze and golden sunrise.

Enjoy a light breakfast, followed by a visit to another scenic highlight of the bay.

Immerse yourself in nature's tranquility or take part in more activities like a bamboo boat ride.

Return to the cruise for a hearty brunch while sailing back towards the harbor.

Disembark with unforgettable memories of this magical journey.

Transfer to Noi Bai airport for your flight to Hue. On arrival in Hue, transfer to your hotel and check in. Breakfast, lunch and accommodation included. Overnight in Hue.

#### **DAY 6 : HUE CITY TOUR[B/L]**

Cruise in a sampan on the Huong River (Perfume River) to Thien Mu pagoda, or pagoda of the Heavenly Lady. Visit to the Citadel, seat of the Nguyen Dynasty Emperors. Construction began in 1804 under the orders of the first Emperor Gia Long. Next, take a walk through Dong Ba market. Lunch at a local. In the afternoon visit the intricately decorated tomb of Khai Dinh, which contains a beautiful altar and a bust of the king. Next, visit Minh Mang's mausoleum located on the left bank of the Huong River, which represents the perfect harmony between nature and architecture. Return to Hue. Overnight at hotel.

#### **DAY 7: HUE - DA NANG - HOIAN[B/L]**

Depart Hue for Hoi An. This drive is reputedly the most beautiful in all Vietnam, taking you past coastal fishing settlements. The drive also takes you over Hai Van Pass. En route you can stop in Da Nang for a visit to a village of stone carvers at the foot of the Marble Mountain. Continue on to the delightful town of Hoi An. Around the fifteenth century, this old port town in the kingdom of Champa was known as Faifo. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Visit the Japanese covered bridge, the temple of the water genie, the Fujian temple. Overnight at hotel in Hoian.

#### **DAY 8 : HOIAN - DANANG – FLIGHT TO HO CHI MINH CITY[B/L]**

Transfer to the airport for your flight from Danang to HochiMinh city. Pick up and check in to your hotel. Begin your exploration of this frenetic city with lunch at a local restaurant. Visit Notre Dame – Sai Gon's beautiful cathedral. Continue your city tour with a visit to Cholon or China Town. Finish your city tour with a stop at Thien Hau temple, otherwise known as 'Temple of the Heavenly Lady', to marvel at its intricate friezes and coils of incense. Overnight at hotel.

#### **DAY 9 : HO CHI MINH CITY - BEN TRE[B/L]**

After breakfast at hote, transfer to Ben Tre. Boating on Ben Tre river – one of tributaries of Mekong river- go along mangrove trees growing up ashore of waterway. Witness lively activities of town market on land and transferring on waterway as fishing boats, coconut cargo boats. Discover handmade local workshops and country in Nhon Thanh village.

Stop at traditional brickwork to see how to make bricks by hand. Turn on Cai Son canal winding through coconut jungle, visit coconut workshop, have a look stages of coconut processing from husk off, prize out to peel out by hand. Go on small waterway

and stop at coconut candy workshop, have a look them making candy by hand, try some sweet, enjoy some fruits and listen to local music as well. Go on by boat and step ashore and take a shortwalk to farmer house who making sleepmats. Hop on tuktuk through coconut grove, deeping on coconut jungle in country. Stop for lunch at local restaurant. Relax and keep going by rowing boat on shady palm tree canal.  
Go back by boat and drop tour off at Buffalo pier. Back to Saigon.  
Overnight in Saigon.

#### **DAY 10 : HO CHI MINH CITY - SIEM REAP[B]**

Free until the tour guide and driver pick you up at hotel and transfer to airport for flight to Siem Reap.  
Upon arrival at Siem Reap Angkor Int Airport, meet our driver at the Exit Door, and you'll transfer directly (Approx. 60 minutes) to your hotel in the city center. The official check-in time is at 2 pm; early check-in depends on room availability. Simply enjoy your own free time at the hotel's poolside.  
Night in Siem Reap

#### **DAY 11: EXPLORE ANGKOR[B]**

Meals: Breakfast

08:30 am start your visit to the ancient city of Angkor Thom, which was the last capital of the Great Khmer Empire under the reign of Jayavarman VII. This city is surrounded by an 8 m high wall, drawing a perfect square. Enter the city through the ancient South Gate, an impressive stone gate carved with Elephants and four giant faces. On each side of the entrance path, a row of 54 gods or demons is holding the sacred Naga snake.

Then continue to the Ta Prohm temple, built in the mid-12th to early 13th centuries. Ta Prohm is unique in that it has been left largely as it was found: overgrown by jungle trees and vines, with many parts of the temple crumbling to the ground. This makes Ta Prohm one of the most picturesque and memorable of the Angkor temples.

This afternoon, visit the biggest religious temple in the world: the magnificent Angkor Wat Temple. Built by Suryavarman II, in the early 12th century, Angkor Wat was constructed following the model of the temple mountain symbolizing Mount Meru, home of the gods. Considered a masterpiece of Khmer architecture, this Vashnie temple is the King's funerary temple. These are the main reasons that explain the western exposure of the temple. Inside the temple, the walls are covered by carvings and bas-reliefs depicting the Hindu mythology and the wars Suryavarman II made during his reign. Stay at this magic place until the sun sets and witness how the warm evening light changes the appearance of the 2000 Apsara dancers decorating the temple. Back to your hotel

Night in Siem Reap

#### **DAY 12 : BANTEAY SREI – GRAND CIRCUIT[B]**

Meals: Breakfast

In the morning, we travel out of the city around 35km through the countryside to visit Banteay Srei Temple, which is well-known for its 10th-century architecture. With an indication of the distinctiveness of this little gem of a temple, it is also honorably called the jewel in the crown of classical Khmer Art. On the way back, we stop at Pradark Village to see local villagers selling sugar products before continuing our visit to the Grand Circuit, Preah Khan temple. Built by King Jayavarman VII, Preah Khan is, like Ta Prohm, a place of towered enclosures and shoulder-hugging corridors. However, it is in a good state of preservation, and ongoing restoration efforts should maintain and even improve this situation. Keep going to the next stop; we will meet at the fountain Neak Pean, which is built in the middle of a pool, representing the paradisiacal Himalayan mountain lake, and is guarded by stone figures of harnessed elephants (so-called Ta Som and Eastern Mebon). Return to your hotel for a restful night.

Night in Siem Reap

#### **DAY 13 : SIEM REAP - FLIGHT TO LUANG PRABANG[B]**

Meals: Breakfast

Morning or noon, you'll transfer to Siem Reap International Airport for your flight to Luang Prabang.

Welcome to Luang Prabang. Upon arrival, our guide will meet you at the airport and then escort you to your hotel for check-in. The rest of the day is free at leisure.

Overnight in Luang Prabang.

#### **DAY 14: LUANG PRABANG – CITY & PAK OU CAVE[B]**

Breakfast at hotel

Today we will start explore the heritage city such as visit Wat Mai, the National Museum at the former Royal Palace displays a lovely collection of the artifacts reflecting the richness of Lao culture dating from the days of the early kings right through the last sovereign, Wat Aham and also visit the magnificent Wat Xiengthong with its roofs sweeping low to the ground, which represents classical Laotian architecture. We then board a cruise upstream on the Mekong River, which also gives us a panoramic view of the tranquil countryside as well as an interesting visit to the mysterious of Pak Ou Caves, two linked caves crammed with thousands of gold lacquered Buddha statues of various shapes and sizes left by pilgrims. Along the way, we will make a stop at Ban Xang Hai village where rice wine is distilled. We will visit the caves of Tham Ting and Tham Phoum which house hundreds of Buddha statues

We return to Luang Prabang in the afternoon, continue to visit Ban Xang Khong, a village well known for silk hand-weaving and traditional Saa paper-making. After that we climb up 328 steps of Mount Phousi for an enjoyable exploration of the sacred, gilded stupa as well as a beautiful sunset view of the city and the Mekong River.

This evening is free time to explore the Night Market, where you can find a lovely selection of handmade textiles made by the hill tribe and local people surrounding Luang Prabang.

Overnight in LUANG PRABANG

#### DAY 15 : LUANG PRABANG – KHOUANGSI WATERFALL[B]

At 5:40am An early start gives you the fantastic opportunity to participate in the daily morning rituals of saffron-clad monks collecting offerings of Alms (ubiquitous sticky rice) from the faithful residents. This tradition is very unique in Laos, being the only Buddhist nation still preserving the procession

We then visit the **Morning Market**, where you will see such diverse offerings as dried buffalo skin, local tea and saltpeter among the chickens, vegetables and hill-tribe weavings.

After breakfast at hotel, we then drive our way to **Khouang Si waterfall** and pass by the **Free Asian bear**. You will enjoy feeling the mist of the cool, turquoise waters of the different waterfalls. Swimming in the refreshing waters is possible and then return back to the town on return, you stop to visit local villages of **Ban Na Ouane** (Hmong). You will learn more about the life style of these people.

Make another stop at **Ock Pop Tok** for a short visit to the Living Craft Center, where you will have a short tour so you get information about Silk, about weaver, about the Women that work in the Centre then transfer you to hotel for relax at leisure time

Overnight in LUANG PRABANG

#### DAY 16 : LUANG PRABANG – DEPARTURE[B]

Breakfast at hotel. Rooms available until 12h00. Free at leisure until transfer back to Luang Prabang airport for departure flight. End of services!

#### INCLUSIVE

- Accommodation in twin/double room with daily breakfast at the below indicated room types (see hotel category list below) (check-in and check-out around noontime)
- 2Days/1Night cruise on board a cruise in Ha Long Bay (double/twin cabin on shared boat)
- Services of a driver and private air-conditioned vehicle during all tours and transfers
- Experienced English-speaking guide during day tour
- Entrance fees for all visits as mentioned in the itinerary
- Boat trip in Tam Coc (Ninh Binh)
- Boat trip to Thien Mu Pagoda
- Boat trip in Mekong Delta
- Meals (B/L/D) (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner) as indicated in the program
- 02 Domestic Flight: Hanoi – Hue & Da Nang – Ho Chi Minh
- 01 bottles of mineral water per person per day on days of sightseeing

#### EXCLUSIVE

- Early check-in or late check-out
- Optional excursions and activities
- International flight tickets
- Offering tips and expressing gratitude for guides and drivers is recommended at a rate of 5 USD /client /day for guides and 2 USD per client /day for drivers.
- Visa - as per country requirements
- Travel insurance (we highly recommend that you purchase adequate insurance)
- Meals (other than mentioned in the program)
- Additional transfer required due to any emergency situation

#### LIST OF HOTELS USE

City	Hotel/Cruise 3*	Hotel/Cruise 4*	Hotel/Cruise 5*
HA NOI	LA DOLCE VITA HOTEL SUPERIOR <a href="http://www.ladolcevita-hotel.com">http://www.ladolcevita-hotel.com</a>	THANG LONG OPERA Superior <a href="http://www.thanglongoperahotel.com">http://www.thanglongoperahotel.com</a>	THE ORIENTAL JADE HOTEL Sapphire Quarter View <a href="http://www.orientalhospitalitygroup.com">http://www.orientalhospitalitygroup.com</a>
HA LONG	SYRENA CRUISE	V'SPIRIT CRUISE	ALISA PREMIER CRUISE



	Deluxe with balcony <a href="http://www.syrenacruises.com">http://www.syrenacruises.com</a>	Junior Suite <a href="http://www.vspiritcruises.com/">http://www.vspiritcruises.com/</a>	Junior Balcony Suite <a href="http://www.alisapremiercruises.com">http://www.alisapremiercruises.com</a>
<b>HUE</b>	<b>ROSALEEN BOUTIQUE HOTEL</b> Deluxe <a href="http://www.rosaleenhotel.com/">http://www.rosaleenhotel.com/</a>	<b>ELDORA HUE HOTEL</b> Deluxe City View <a href="http://www.eldorahotel.com">http://www.eldorahotel.com</a>	<b>SILK PATH GRAND HUE HOTEL</b> DELUXE <a href="http://www.silkpathhotel.com">http://www.silkpathhotel.com</a>
<b>HOI AN</b>	<b>LA CHARM HOI AN HOTEL &amp; SPA</b> Superior double/twin <a href="https://lacharmhoianhotel.com/">https://lacharmhoianhotel.com/</a>	<b>VINH HUNG RIVERSIDE RESORT &amp; SPA</b> Deluxe River View <a href="https://vinhhungriversideresort.com/">https://vinhhungriversideresort.com/</a>	<b>BLISS HOI AN BEACH RESORT &amp; WELLNESS</b> Deluxe <a href="http://www.Blisshoian.com">http://www.Blisshoian.com</a>
<b>HO CHI MINH</b>	<b>ACNOS GRAND HOTEL</b> Grand Deluxe <a href="http://acnoshotel.com/">http://acnoshotel.com/</a>	<b>HAPPY LIFE GRAND HOTEL &amp; SKY BAR</b> Lessini Premier (with window) <a href="http://www.happylifeenterprise.com">http://www.happylifeenterprise.com</a>	<b>REX HOTEL SAI GON</b> Deluxe Room - East Wing <a href="https://www.rexhotelsaigon.com/">https://www.rexhotelsaigon.com/</a>
<b>SIEM REAP</b>	<b>KOUREPY HOTEL</b> Deluxe <a href="http://www.hotelkoupreamkor.org">www.hotelkoupreamkor.org</a>	<b>DAMREI ANGKOR HOTEL</b> Superior <a href="http://www.damreiangkorhotel.com">www.damreiangkorhotel.com</a>	<b>ANGKOR MIRACLE RESORT</b> Deluxe CV <a href="http://www.angkormiracle.com">www.angkormiracle.com</a>
<b>LUANG PRABANG</b>	<b>TREASURE HOTEL</b> Deluxe room <a href="https://www.treasurehotellaos.com/">https://www.treasurehotellaos.com/</a>	<b>LE BELAIR RESORT HOTEL</b> Mouhot room <a href="https://www.lebelair-resort.com/">https://www.lebelair-resort.com/</a>	<b>LUANG PRABANG VIEW HOTEL</b> (Deluxe room) <a href="https://www.luangprabangview.com/">https://www.luangprabangview.com/</a>