



INSIDE VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

21 days/20 nights Small Group Tour



HIGHLIGHTS: This adventure embraces two amazing countries and offers an unparalleled glimpse of the people, rich cultural history, astounding archaeological sites and ancient treasures. From picturesque Halong Bay to the awe-inspiring temples of Angkor—this is a journey you will never forget.



^ Cambodian monks

DAY 1: ARRIVE HANOI

On arrival in Hanoi, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. This evening, join your group for welcome drinks and a tour briefing. **Overnight: Hanoi, Anise Hotel for 1 night.**

DAY 2: HALONG BAY CRUISE

Journey east through rural countryside to Hon Gai, the gateway to Halong Bay. Transfer to the port and board your boat for an overnight cruise. Enjoy a fresh seafood lunch on board. Halong Bay, Vietnam's greatest natural wonder, boasts over 3,000 islands that jut out of the sea. Visit some of the beautiful cave and islets around the bay before enjoying a sumptuous dinner on board. **Overnight: Halong Bay Cruise, 2 berth cabin. (B,L,D)**

DAY 3: HALONG BAY – HANOI

Rise early to make the most of Halong Bay's stunning scenery. Cruise back to Halong City this afternoon, and then return by road to Hanoi. **Overnight: Hanoi, Anise Hotel for 1 night. (B)**

DAY 4: HANOI – MAI CHAU VILLAGE

Today drive west to Mai Chau, a minority village situated in the beautiful and remote Mai Chau Valley. Stop at a village belonging to the Muong ethnic group – near Hoa Binh, with time to walk around their village and among their rice fields. On arrival, relax with a cup of tea or rice wine before exploring the local village. Tonight try the local food and sleep in a traditional family house. **Overnight: Mai Chau Village, Family House (best available) for 1 night. (B,D)**

DAY 5: MAI CHAU TO HANOI

After a leisurely breakfast, enjoy a walk through the beautiful valley to neighboring villages. This is a great chance to learn about hill tribe methods of cultivation and way of life—a world away from Vietnam's frantic cities. This afternoon return to Hanoi and in the evening you will have a chance to attend Hanoi's unique water puppet show. **Overnight: Hanoi, Anise Hotel for 1 night. (B,L)**

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INSIDE VIETNAM & CAMBODIA PRICE INCLUDES:

- All domestic flights and transfers
- 20 nights hotel accommodation
- 1 night hill tribe accommodation (basic)
- 1 overnight sleeper train (basic)
- 1 night Halong Bay Cruise
- All road transport via air-conditioned vehicles
- Local English speaking guides throughout
- Western tour leader based on minimum 7 people
- Boat trips as specified
- Sightseeing as specified (excluding entrance fees)
- 20 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners

Price per person US\$	DOUBLE	SINGLE
Inside Vietnam & Cambodia	\$2995	\$3785

Grade: Moderate to Adventurous

Maximum Group Size: 15

Reasonable level of fitness required. Some basic accommodation in remote areas, long road trips and plenty of walking in cities and at Angkor (optional climbing of temple steps at Angkor). Reunification Express involves basic rail travel.





^ Ricefields of Vietnam

DAY 6: HANOI SIGHTSEEING – HUE

Enjoy a cyclo ride through the Old Quarter and continue on foot as your guide explains the area's history. The afternoon is at leisure. Early evening transfer to the Hanoi Railway Station to board the Reunification Express train for the overnight journey to Hue. **Overnight: Reunification Express, shared sleeper cabin for 1 night.** (B)

DAY 7: HUE – NGUYEN DYNASTY & DRAGON BOAT CRUISE

Explore the tomb of the Nguyen Dynasty's fourth emperor, visit the home of Nguyen Dynasty emperors and the Citadel. See the Thien Mu Pagoda before your Perfume River dragon boat cruise. **Overnight: Hue, The Pilgrimage Village for 1 night.** (B)

DAY 8: HUE – BUDDHIST SHRINES – HOI AN

From Hue, travel to Danang via the Hai Van Pass, then south to Marble Mountains to explore sacred Buddhist shrines. Further south is enchanting Hoi An. Visit the Hoi An Museum, a Chinese Assembly Hall and the Japanese Covered Bridge. **Overnight: Hoi An, Hoi An Trails for 2 nights.** (B)

DAY 9: LOCAL FARMS – THU BON RIVER CRUISE

Join local farmers and learn about their cultivation techniques with hands-on experience. Later, cruise on the Thu Bon River. Return to Hoi An and visit a restaurant, or attend an optional cooking class. (B)

DAY 10: HOI AN – HO CHI MINH CITY

Day at leisure in Hoi An before transferring to the airport for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City, Saigon (flight included). On arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel. Evening at leisure. **Overnight: Ho Chi Minh City, Metropole Hotel for 3 nights.** (B)

DAY 11: HO CHI MINH CITY TOUR

Ho Chi Minh City is Vietnam's commercial capital and a city of extraordinary energy. Enjoy a walking tour of Saigon landmarks such as Municipal Theater, Ho Chi Minh Square and Notre Dame Cathedral. After a tour of the Reunification Palace, drive to Cholon to visit the Binh Tay wholesale market and Thien Hau Pagoda. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

DAY 12: RIVERBOAT & CU CHI TUNNELS

Travel from the center of Saigon by riverboat along the Saigon River to the Cu Chi Tunnels. There will be an opportunity to stop at a small village en route. In the afternoon return to Saigon by boat. (B)

DAY 13: HO CHI MINH CITY – CAN THO

This morning, travel south into the heart of the Mekong Delta. You will travel deep into an area of Asia famous for its massive production of high quality rice. This afternoon, check-in to your hotel, have lunch and explore Can Tho town. **Overnight: Can Tho City, Golf Can Tho Hotel for 1 night.** (B)

DAY 14: CAI RANG FLOATING MARKET & CHAU DOC FOR SUNSET

Board your boat for a visit to the Cai Rang floating market. Then travel by boat into the Mekong Delta and see a side of Delta life few tourists experience. In Chau Doc, visit Sam Mountain for sunset, with its breathtaking views. **Overnight: Chau Doc, Victoria Chau Doc Hotel for 1 night.** (B)

DAY 15: CHAU DOC – PHNOM PENH

Cross the border from Vietnam into Cambodia on a 4-hour boat journey. Today's city tour includes sites such as the National Museum, Wat Phnom, Thmei Market, the Independence Monument and a ride on a cyclo. This evening is at leisure.



^ Enjoy a ride on a cyclo

Overnight: Phnom Penh, Cambodiana Hotel for 2 nights. (B)

DAY 16: PHNOM PENH CITY TOUR

Visit the Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda. The chilling Tuol Sleng Museum of Genocidal Crimes and Killing Fields of Choeung Ek offer insight into the country's somber history. Afternoon is free for exploring. (B)

DAY 17: PHNOM PENH – SIEM REAP

Enjoy the scenic drive to Siem Reap. Stop at Skuon and try the local delicacy—sautéed spiders! Visit Wat Kua Hat Nokor and Kampong Thom, arriving in Siem Reap late afternoon. **Overnight: Siem Reap, Day Inn Angkor & Resort for 4 nights.** (B)

DAY 18: ANGKOR & LAKE TONLE SAP

After sunrise, explore Angkor Wat's chambers and corridors. Board a fixed-cable balloon for an aerial view of the world's largest sacred monument and surrounding Angkor park. After lunch, you'll cruise beautiful Tonle Sap, through a floating village with floating houses, schools and a floating hospital. (B)

DAY 19: JUNGLE TEMPLES & SILK FARM

Explore atmospheric, jungle-enveloped Ta Prohm, and the sister site, Preah Khan. Return to town and visit a silk farm and weaving center to learn about traditional Khmer silk weaving. (B)

DAY 20: TEMPLES OF ANGKOR IN DEPTH

A 2-hour drive through rural Cambodia brings you to the temples of Boeng Mealea, then on to Banteay Srei and Banteay Samre. Return to Siem Reap to celebrate the end of an amazing journey. (B)

DAY 21: DEPART SIEM REAP

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight (flight not included). (B)

2007 DEPARTURES				2008 DEPARTURES									
Sep 15	Oct 6	Nov 3	Dec 1	Jan 12	Feb 9	Mar 8	Apr 12	May 10	Jul 12	Sep 6	Oct 4	Nov 1	Dec 13
Sep 29	Oct 13	Nov 17	Dec 15	Jan 19	Feb 16	Mar 15	Apr 19	May 31	Jul 26	Sep 13	Oct 11	Nov 15	Dec 20
	Oct 27	Nov 24	Dec 29	Jan 26	Feb 23	Mar 29	Apr 26	Jun 14	Aug 9	Sep 27	Oct 25	Nov 22	Dec 27
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2007 departures follow slightly different itinerary. **Not Included:** Entrance fees in local currency (approx. \$90USD payable direct), international flights, international and domestic departure taxes, visa fees, porters, insurance, gratuities, and items of a personal nature. **Note:** Prices are "from" and seasonal surcharges may apply. **Visa Requirements:** You must obtain your Vietnam visa before arriving in Vietnam. Cambodian visas may be obtained on arrival at Kamsammar, where the boat from Chau Doc (Vietnam) will stop for simple visa entry procedures. Obtaining a visa here costs \$23USD per person (passport photo required). An English-speaking guide will be on board to provide assistance if necessary. **Travel insurance is mandatory.**

Tour Code: VTNCB21

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