

Best Of Vietnam And Cambodia - 14 Days

Brief Itinerary:

Day 1: Hanoi arrival (D)

Day 2: Hanoi city tour – night train to Lao Cai (B)

Day 3: Lao Cai – Sapa (B, L)

Day 4: Sapa – Lao Cai – night train to Hanoi (B, L)

Day 5: Hanoi – Halong bay on cruise (B, L, D)

Day 6: Halong bay – Hanoi – fly to Danang – Hoian (B)

Day 7: Hoian – farmer to fisherman eco tour (B, L)

Day 8: Hoian free time (B)

Day 9: Hoian – Hue – Hue city tour (B)

Day 10: Hue – fly to Saigon (B)

Day 11: Saigon – Mekong delta excursion (B, L)

Day 12: Saigon – fly to Siem Reap (B, D)

Day 13: Siem Reap – Angkor temple complex (B)

Day 14: Siem Reap – Tonle sap lake - Departure (B)

Remark:

B = Breakfast, **L** = Lunch, **D** = Dinner

Tour includes:

- Accommodation based on **twin/double sharing room** with daily breakfast
- Vietnam visa approval letter
- Experienced station English speaking guides as indicated in the itinerary

- Private transportation with AC
- Flight tickets Hanoi – Danang, Hue – Saigon, Saigon – Siem Reap
- All sightseeing tickets
- Lunches and dinners as indicated in the itinerary
- Taxes and services charges

Tour excludes:

- International flight tickets and airport tax
- Visa stamping fee
- Early check in and late check out
- Drinks, gratuities and personal expenses
- Insurance

Detail itinerary:

Day 1: Hanoi arrival (D)

Warmly welcome at Noi Bai airport – Hanoi. Pick up and transfer to your hotel. If time permits, have walking tour around Hoan Kiem lake, Ngoc Son temple and Dong Xuan market. In the evening, enjoy welcomed dinner at your local restaurant.

Day 2: Hanoi city tour – night train to Lao Cai (B)

Enjoy breakfast at hotel then start a guided city tour of Hanoi. Having celebrated its 1000- year anniversary in 2010, the city has a rich and fascinating history.

Your city tour will take you to the main attractions of Hanoi, including Ho Chi Minh complex (Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum and stilt house); the Presidential Palace, the nearby One Pillar Pagoda, the Temple of Literature, West lake, Tran Quoc pagoda, Quan Thanh temple and of the city's museum (History Museum or Ethnology Museum). Late afternoon, enjoy Water puppet show and cyclo visiting the Old Quarter of Hanoi. In the evening, board an overnight sleeper train to Lao Cai

Day 3: Lao Cai – Sapa (B, L)

The train arrives at Lao Cai train station very early. There will be a vehicle waiting to transfer you to Sapa. The drive to Sapa is only 33 km but it takes around 1.5 hours.

Once to Sapa, enjoy the breakfast at the hotel. Then start your day tour by walking down to the South-west of Sapa (around 4 km) to visit Cat Cat village of the Black H'mong. Relax at the foot of the stunning waterfall and the vestige of a hydroelectric power station that was constructed by the French during the colonial time in Vietnam. Trekking next 6 km to Sin Chai, the village located at the foot of Fansipan Mountain, "the roof of Vietnam and Indochina".

In the afternoon, continue to visit Taphin village. You will have the opportunity to visit and explore the village where the Red Dao and Black H'Mong ethnic minority hill tribes live. Walking around the village to explore the custom, daily life and weaving technique of the local people. Back to the town. Check in hotel. Overnight in Sapa.

Day 4: Sapa – Lao Cai – night train to Hanoi (B, L)

In this area there are some fair markets which can't be missed (Can Cau on Saturday, Bac Ha on Sunday, Coc Ly on Tuesday, Xin Cheng on Wednesday).

You will check out hotel early and leave Sapa for about 3 hours driving to the market. Join in the colorful market of the tribal people in this region. On the fair market the H'mong, Dzao, Phu La people in their best traditional costumes go to the market for shopping and meeting friends and relatives.

Late afternoon, drive to Lao Cai railways station for night train to Hanoi.

Day 5: Hanoi – Halong bay (B, L, D)

Arrive in Hanoi at around 5 am. A day room will be available, so you can have shower and freshen up before breakfast. At around 7.30 am, your driver will pick you up for the journey to Halong Bay and arrive at around midday to board a traditional junk for an overnight cruise. Halong Bay is widely considered to be one of the natural wonders of the world. Thousands of towering pillars of sea and wind-carved limestone karst make the bay an unforgettable sight. After lunch, explore some of the huge limestone caves dotted around the bay and visit a floating fishing village. Then the captain will find a secluded spot where you can swim, soak up the sun on the top deck, or try your hand at kayaking. In the evening enjoy a seafood feast for dinner.

Day 6: Halong Bay – Hanoi – fly to Danang – Hoian (B, Br)

Enjoy an early morning swim (during the summer), followed by breakfast as you cruise through more spectacular scenery. The cruise arrives at the harbor by noon. The driver will pick you up and then transfer directly to the airport for flight to Danang. Upon arrival in Danang, you will be transferred to your hotel in Hoian. Check in and free time to explorer the ancient town.

Day 7: Hoian – Farmer to fisherman eco tour – joining tour (B, L)

The tour will provide your family a close-up and intimate exposure to both the local farming and fishing communities. Accompanied by your tour guide, you commence the day leisurely cycling along country roads witnessing local Vietnamese rural life first hand, discovering all manner of photo opportunities. Stop at Tra Que village, which is famous for its sweet scented green vegetables that spice up Hoi An’s famous delicacies. Join them in the fields and learn about their planting and harvesting techniques. You and your family can try ride a water buffalo in a rice paddy field, see duck swimming along the rice farm... The photo opportunities are endless. As well you will experience the friendliness of the local people greeting you along the way.

Later you will board the Hoi An Eco-tour boat for a river cruise to meet and engage with local fishermen and enjoy a hands-on experience of traditional net fishing. You will also experience the unique Vietnamese bamboo basket boat through the waterways of coconut palm paradise. This tour provides you a unique cultural window into the Vietnamese way of life.

Day 8: Hoian free time (B)

Today is your free time in Hoian. You might like to consider the following activities for your day:

- Visit Hoi An Old Quarter with ancient households, and touches of Japanese, Chinese and Thai styles in the building designs. Historic sites of Phuc Kien Communal House, Tan Ky ancient commercial house, the iconic Japanese Bridge (featured on the 20,000 Vietnam Dong note) or Phung Hung Ancient Trading House.
- Take a bike tour or leisurely stroll along Cua Dai beach, located about 5km from the town centre.

Day 9: Hoian – Hue (B)

This morning, you leave Hoian for Hue. On the way, you will have chance to the fascinating Marble Mountain en route to the old capital Hue. Upon arrival, you will visit the Citadel and the Forbidden Purple City. Then board a private boat for a cruise on Perfume river. You will visit Thien Mu pagoda and then take a drive to visit Minh Mang tomb. You also have a free time for shopping at the vibrant Dong Ba market.

Day 10: Hue – fly to Saigon – City tour (B)

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel and then transfer to the airport for flight to Saigon, Vietnam's largest city has an exciting buzz as millions of people rush around on their daily business. The tour guide will pick you up at the airport and transfer to hotel. After a short rest, you will have a half day tour Saigon including The

Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral and Old Post Office, Remnant War Museum and Ben Thanh market.

Day 11: Saigon – Cu Chi tunnels and Cao Dai temple (B)

This morning, you will visit the famous Cu Chi tunnels, an incredible underground tunnel network constructed by Vietnamese resistance fighters during the long struggle for independence. The network included innumerable trap doors, specially constructed living areas, storage facilities, weapons factories, field hospitals, command centers and kitchens.

After that, drive to Tay Ninh province to visit Cao Dai great temple – one of the most striking structures in Asia. This temple is the holy land of Cai Dai religion - a mixture of Buddhism, Confucius, Taoism, Hinduism, Christianity...). You will have chance to attend the daily noon prayer. Come back Saigon in the late afternoon.

Day 12: Saigon – fly to Siem Reap (B, D)

Today you will catch flight to Siem Reap. Pick up from the airport and transfer to the city centre. After a short break, start your tour to the incredible temple Ta Prohm. There are enormous fig trees and gigantic creepers which embrace themselves in the stone foundations of the structure giving the impression of man's creation being reclaimed by the powerful forces of nature. You also explore the grand circuit with Preah Khan, Kravan, Neak Pean, Krol Ko, Ta Som, East Mebon and Pre Rup Temples, where you can enjoy the sunset. Enjoy dinner with Apsara dance show at the local restaurant.

Day 13: Siem Reap – Angkor temple complex (B)

Following the breakfast at your hotel, you have a full day to explore the wondrous ancient ruins with the South Gate of Angkor Thom, which is famous for its series of colossal human faces carved in stone, the impressive Bayon Temple, the Royal Enclosure, Phimeanakas, the Elephant Terrace, the Terrace of the Leper King and the largest as well as the most complete temple of Angkor Wat. This architectural masterpiece was constructed in the 12th century and covers an area of about 210 hectares. You stroll around this massive edifice, seeing the many galleries with columns, libraries, pavilions, courtyards and ponds full of water reflecting the towering temple.

Day 14: Siem Reap – Tonle sap lake – departure (B)

Breakfast at the hotel and then drive to Choueng Kneas village, where you will take the boat to visit the way of Cambodian poor people life along with schools, restaurants, hospitals and much more floating on the great lake of Tonle sap. Transfer to the airport for the flight departure.