

# Vietnam And Cambodia Highlights - 10 Days

## Brief Itinerary:

- Day 1: Hanoi arrival – Hanoi city tour (D)
- Day 2: Hanoi – Halong bay on cruise (B, L, D)
- Day 3: Halong bay – Hanoi – fly to Nha Trang (B)
- Day 4: Nha Trang free time (B, D)
- Day 5: Nha Trang free time (B)
- Day 6: Nha Trang – fly to Saigon – Saigon city tour (B)
- Day 7: Saigon – Mekong delta excursion (B, L)
- Day 8: Saigon – fly to Siem Reap (B)
- Day 9: Siem Reap – Angkor Wat – Angkor Thom (B)
- Day 10: Siem Reap 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 English-speaking guides as indicated in the itinerary
- Private transportation with AC
- Flight tickets Hanoi – Nha Trang, Nha Trang – 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:**

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##### *Day 1: Hanoi arrival – Hanoi city tour (D)*

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Upon arrival, tour guide and driver of S Vietnam Travel will welcome you. Tour briefing and transfer to city centre. After a short break, you will begin the city tour with interesting places: Temple of literature – the first university of Vietnam, One Pillar pagoda and one of the city museum (Vietnamese Women museum or Vietnam History museum). In the late afternoon, enjoy walking tour around Hoan Kiem lake and the Old Quarter of Hanoi. Enjoy a welcome dinner at the local restaurant hosted by S Vietnam Travel.

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##### *Day 2: Hanoi – Halong bay (B, L, D)*

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At around 8 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.

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### *Day 3: Halong Bay – Hanoi – fly to Nha Trang (B)*

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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 Nha Trang. Upon arrival in Nha Trang, you will be transferred to your hotel in city centre.

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### *Day 4, 5: Nha Trang free time (B)*

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You have 2 full free days in Nha Trang. You have two full days to enjoy the beach. A lot of suggestions for your holiday such as:

Take a boat trip of the coast of Nha Trang and enjoy diving or snorkeling to admire the coral reef as well as the array of beautiful fish in the water

Visit some interesting places in the downtown. Start at the Cham Tower -- an ancient shrine and temple built by the erstwhile ruling Cham people. Nearby is Long Son pagoda, where you can climb up to a majestic sitting Buddha and take in the scenic views over Nha Trang city. From the summit, you should be able to spy your next stop, the Oceanographic Institute. Housed in a huge complex of old French colonial buildings, the Institute is an interesting place to stroll

around, not least for some of the gruesome exhibits. Think big glass jars and vinegar.

Go to Thap Ba hot springs, Thap Ba Hot Spring Centre where you can wallow in the mud bath, The local mud is said to be exceptionally good for the skin. Also within the complex is a swimming pool, spa and a sauna -remember to wash off the mud beforehand.

Don't forget to try local delicacy like fresh seafood, Nem Nuong (Grill Pork wrap in rice paper), fish noddle (Bun Ca), Lac Canh' s grilled beef, Can Cake...

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### *Day 6: Nha Trang fly to Saigon – Saigon city tour (B)*

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You will catch morning flight to Saigon. Upon arrival in Saigon - Vietnam's largest city, you will have a half day tour including the interesting sites such as The Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral and Old Post Office, Remnant War Museum and Ben Thanh market

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### *Day 7: Saigon – Mekong delta excursion (B, L)*

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Today, you will discover Mekong delta and visit the colorful floating market - Cai Be. Leave bustling Saigon for the 3 hour drive to the delta town of Cai Be. On arrival, board your boat for cruise in the Delta's waterways.

Start your journey by passing by Cai Be's floating market, cruising among local barges with full of fruits and vegetables... The cruise will then bring you to some local home factories to discover traditional rice paste making, rice pop corn, coco candies...

After a delicious lunch at the local ancient house, you will have chance admire the scenery and the daily life of the local villagers by rowboat passing through small sampan. Stops on the way can be made upon request for particular visits or photos marking. The excursion will end at around 3.00 pm. You will return to Saigon in the later afternoon.

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### *Day 8: Saigon – fly to Siem Reap (B)*

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Today, you will fly to Siem Reap. Upon arrival in Siem Reap, brief itinerary and transfer to 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 welcomed dinner at the local restaurant.

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### *Day 9: Siem Reap – Angkor Wat – Angkor Thom (B)*

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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.

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*Day 10: Siem Reap – Tonle Sap Lake – departure (B)*

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Breakfast at the hotel then visit the Grand Fresh Water Lake (Tonle Sap Lake) - Kampong Phluk. It is about 20 km southeast of Siem Reap and it is a group of three villages of stilted houses built within the floodplain of the Tonle Sap .The villages are for the most part Khmer and have about 3,000 inhabitants between them. Flooded mangrove forest surrounds the area and is home to a variety of wildlife including crab-eating macaques. Transfer to the airport for the flight departure.