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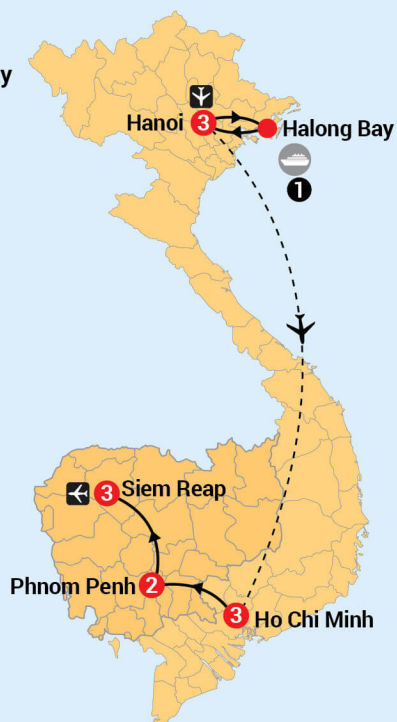
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Vietnam and Cambodia

---- Plane

→ Coach

① No. of Nights Stay



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DAY 1

Destination	Home ✈ Hanoi
Meals included	
Hotel	4 ★ Lenid Hotel Tho Nhuom, or similar

Chào Mừng! Welcome to Vietnam and Hanoi. You'll be met on arrival at Hanoi airport and transferred to your hotel.

It's no wonder Hanoi is fondly referred to as the cultural capital of Vietnam. With lots to do and see, it's a fascinating mix of old and modern Vietnam. Hanoi street life is crowded and hectic – with motorbikes whizzing by, just crossing the road can be an adventure. Hanoi is known for its street food and you'll find vendors all over the city, especially in the Old Quarter. Don't forget to try the local delicacies, whether it's pho, sticky rice or banh mi.

Take a break at a local coffee shop to experience the popular Hanoi pastime of sipping coffee and watching life in the neighbourhood.

Please note: Some flights may depart the day before.

Check in: Passengers will be arriving at various times throughout the day from as early as 6am through to late evening. If arriving prior to standard check-in time, which is generally 3pm local time, you are welcome to leave your luggage with hotel reception and explore your surroundings until check-in becomes available, as there are generally no scheduled activities on Day 1 of the itinerary. The hotel may grant early check-in, however this is strictly subject to availability and at the hotels discretion.

DAY 2

Destination	Hanoi
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	4 ★ Lenid Hotel Tho Nhuom, or similar

We'll see the city with a guided tour today. First stop is tranquil Tran Quoc Pagoda, located near West Lake. This 1400-year-old temple is the oldest in the city and very peaceful and scenic.

We'll then visit Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum Complex, containing a museum and Ho Chi Minh's final resting place. Ho Chi Minh is undoubtedly one of the most important leaders Vietnam has ever seen and this is a place of pilgrimage for many Vietnamese. See 'Uncle Ho's Stilt House', the simple two-room dwelling where he lived from 1958 until his final

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days in 1969. You'll have a chance to visit the mausoleum. Nearby, sitting in a lotus pond, view the miniature One Pillar Pagoda. It's a reconstruction of the original 11th century temple.

We'll visit beautiful Van Mieu, or Temple of Literature. The temple dates back to 1070, and is dedicated to the cult of Confucius. Note the peaceful series of walled courtyards and graceful gateways – this is one of the best examples of traditional Vietnamese architecture.

Afterwards, we'll explore Ngoc Son Temple (Temple of the Jade Mountain), dedicated to the national hero Tran Hung Dao. The temple, with its famous bright red Huc Bridge, is in the centre of Hoan Kiem Lake.

OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - HANOI FOOD TOUR ON FOOT

You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sights throughout your tour, free as part of your package.

The tour starts at 17:45 with a walk around the vibrant and historic Old Quarter to visit family-run stalls and local restaurants serving up popular authentic fare. You'll discover Vietnamese cuisine, culture, people and language. It's difficult to find these food stalls and culinary delights on your own in the hidden alleys and sidewalks. You'll watch and taste about 6-8 dishes. Your guide will tell you about the history of the Old Quarter – it's about one thousand years old and retains much of the old atmosphere that made the area special in earlier times. The tour wraps up at 9pm.

DAY 3

Destination	Hanoi 🚗 Halong Bay 🚢
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Ship: Majestic Cruise, or similar

After breakfast, we'll leave Hanoi for Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It's a few hours drive – a journey through the Red River Delta with lush rice fields, water buffalo and a glimpse into Vietnamese rural life.

When we arrive at Tuan Chau Harbor, we'll proceed with check-in formalities. After your welcome on board, lunch will be served while cruising towards Halong Bay.

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First stop is the pearl farm, home to the long-time local tradition of pearl harvesting. There's also a chance for kayaking. We'll then visit Titop Island before continuing through the bay, admiring the dramatic, fascinating rock formations. In the evening, you can join a cooking class onboard and learn to prepare traditional Vietnamese dishes, like spring rolls.

Dinner is a seafood BBQ served onboard, followed by evening entertainment like chess, karaoke, squid fishing and cards.

DAY 4


Destination	 Halong Bay  Hanoi
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	4 ★ Lenid Hotel Tho Nhuom, or similar

Early risers will enjoy a Tai Chi lesson on the sundeck, followed by breakfast, with those beautiful morning views of the bay's landscape.

We'll stop at Sung Sot Cave (Amazing Cave), where a guide will help you explore the cave. We'll then continue to cruise through the magnificent rock formations, back towards port. Lunch will be served onboard before disembarking to transfer back to Hanoi. There will be a brief stop in Hai Duong province to visit a ceramics workshop.

When you arrive back in Hanoi, the rest of the day is yours.

DAY 5

Destination	Hanoi  Ho Chi Minh City
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	3 ★ Elios Hotel Saigon, or similar

It's a free day until your evening flight to Ho Chi Minh City. When you arrive, you'll be transferred to your hotel. The rest of the night is yours to relax or explore the city.

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OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT – HOA LU AND TAM COC FULL DAY TOUR

This morning we'll take a scenic drive passing through the rural beauty of northern Vietnam to arrive at Vietnam's first capital, Hoa Lu. Here we'll visit the temples of Dinh Tien Hoang (first emperor of Vietnam) and Emperor Le Dai Hanh (of the Le dynasty, 980-1009). Hoa Lu's ancient citadel used to cover an area of approximately three square kilometres, with palaces, temples, defensive walls and shrines. However, now only a few temples of past greatness remain. After seeing these temples, we'll continue our drive to Tam Coc town for a Vietnamese lunch. We can make photo stops on the way as these dramatic landscapes are beautiful. Famous for its flooded cave system under the amazing limestone karsts that define its landscape, Tam Coc is part of the Trang An Scenic Landscape Complex, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After lunch, enjoy a boat ride along Ngo Dong River, passing through paddy fields and limestone karst formations to get to Tam Coc caves – the name means 'three caves'. No doubt this will be the highlight of the day – Hang Ca (First Cave) is the longest and most beautiful, around 127 metres long with a ceiling about two metres high above the water.

DAY 6

Destination Ho Chi Minh City 🚌 Cu Chi Tunnels 🚌 Ho Chi Minh City

Meals included Breakfast, Lunch

Hotel 3 ★ Elios Hotel Saigon, or similar

You'll spend the day exploring the Cu Chi Tunnels, an elaborate network of more than 120 kilometres of underground tunnels and chambers, built by Vietnamese guerrillas to hide and fight against rival forces. Now a popular tourist attraction, here you'll learn about the many kinds of booby traps used during the Vietnam War. Your guide will explain the methods of creating, maintaining and living in these tunnels, as well as the special technique for hiding smoke invented by the guerrillas. You'll also visit different types of underground halls, secret spots and meeting rooms.

Afterwards, enjoy tea and cassava, typical wartime fare for the guerrillas. Watch a short 15 minute documentary about the tunnel before you return to Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 7

Destination Ho Chi Minh City

Meals included Breakfast

Hotel 3 ★ Elios Hotel Saigon, or similar

It's a free day to continue exploring this hectic, fascinating city.

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A feast for the senses, Ho Chi Minh City is interesting, vibrant and moves at a frenetic pace. There are well-preserved colonial structures and war relics from the devastating Vietnam War. At the Reunification Palace, see where the first communist North Vietnamese tanks crashed through the gates in April 1975, resulting in Saigon's official surrender.

Being Vietnam's largest city, there are plenty of shopping options, ranging from high end, to major department stores and bustling markets.

In Ho Chi Minh City you'll find downright daring dishes – like deep-fried snake or barbecued scorpion. But don't worry, all your favourites are here. The city loves its street food, with great food on every block. Banh mi, pho, the crispy savory snack banh xeo, noodle soups like bun rieu and of course banh cuon, best described as noodle-wrapped spring rolls. Coffee is a national obsession in Vietnam and iced coffee is a must, a dark roast sweetened with condensed milk poured over ice.

OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT – MEKONG DELTA FULL DAY TOUR

You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sight throughout your tour, free as part of your package.

You'll be picked up at your hotel to travel to the Mekong Delta – the 'rice bowl of Vietnam' – with its green rice paddies, lush fruit orchards and winding rivers. Upon arrival in My Tho, you'll visit Vinh Trang Pagoda with its unique blend of architectural styles. Afterwards, take a cruise around the intricate small canals and observe how locals go about daily life. See how they make coconut candy and chat to the friendly vendors about life in the Mekong Delta. We'll stroll through an orchard and sample some tropical fresh fruits while enjoying traditional music. Visit a honey bee farm and taste special hot tea straight from the farm. After a delicious lunch, you'll return to Ho Chi Minh City at 5pm.

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OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT – HIDDEN TREASURES OF HO CHI MINH CITY

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Meet your private guide at Ben Thanh Market and take a bus with the locals to Chinatown, where you'll visit a fruit market. Enjoy a fruit tasting and head towards Le Quang Sung Street, a must-visit for a glimpse of Vietnamese life. It's the only place in town to purchase wedding betel and areca – betel leaves and areca nuts or flowers are very important in Vietnamese marriage ceremonies. You'll learn about Vietnamese and Chinese communities as you continue to Binh Tay Market, known for its beautiful Sino-French architecture. Wander and take in the atmosphere and peruse the food stands while your local guide tells you more about life in Ho Chi Minh City. Next stop is 19th-century Cha Tham Church, a decaying light-caramel-painted church with a sleepy, tropical feel. We'll then visit markets like Kim Bien and Dai Quang Minh. The latter is heaven for Saigon creatives, full of shops that sell countless supplies for sewing and crafting. We'll continue to beautiful temples where you can practise traditional gestures by making wishes for good fortune. Take in the sacred atmosphere of Thien Hau Temple, dedicated to the goddess of the seafarers. We'll stop for a coffee break at one of the oldest cafes in town, where coffee is brewed the traditional way with an old-fashioned cloth strainer and a clay pot. The tour will end at Ban Co Market, where locals shop.

DAY 8

Destination	Ho Chi Minh City 🚌 Phnom Penh
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	3 ★ Le Grand Palais Boutique Hotel , or similar

You'll be picked up and taken to the Giant Ibis office for your transfer to Phnom Penh. It takes about six hours, including immigration procedures.

On arrival, you'll be taken to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours in Cambodia's busy capital.

You'll find beautiful architecture everywhere, from ancient temples to 'new Khmer', the term given to buildings erected after Cambodia's independence in 1953. The art deco Central Market, with its distinctive domed building with four wings, is a great place to wander. It's buzzing. It was once said to be the largest market in Asia.

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For a refreshing tippie, head to tourist favourite Elephant Bar, at the iconic Raffles Hotel Le Royal. It's an institution around here for afternoon tea and happy hour, home to one of Asia's largest selections of gin. Try the Femme Fatale, their signature cocktail first made for Jacqueline Kennedy during her visit in 1967.

Giant Ibis bus service: This is a public and well-known bus transfer service. You will have an English speaking driver on-board, wifi, complimentary water, air-conditioning and comfortable leg room. Please keep in mind that there are no toilets on-board the bus service. The bus will have scheduled rest stops for lunch near Moc Bai, where customers can order a meal and rest, while the bus staff do all the immigration paperwork, and then deliver the passport back to customers.

For group sizes between 2-4 passengers, our driver will pick customers up from their hotel and transfer them to Giant Ibis bus. On the bus, there is a driver and a Bus assistant, who can speak English and will be very help full with immigration procedures. They will collect the passports of customers and help them obtain their exit stamp from Vietnam and Visa on arrival to Cambodia (Visa cost 35USD per person).

DAY 9

Destination	Phnom Penh
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	3 ★ Le Grand Palais Boutique Hotel , or similar

We'll see the sights on a half-day tour, starting with the city's walkable riverfront. We'll visit the beautiful Royal Palace compound, built in 1866 and set in exquisite gardens. The ornate Silver Pagoda (also known as the 'Temple of the Emerald Buddha') displays plenty of Buddha statues that are decorated and made with diamond, emerald, gold and silver – it's especially famous for its Emerald Buddha statue and a modest 90kg Gold Buddha statue encrusted with thousands of diamonds.

Next stop is the Independence Monument, constructed in 1958 after Cambodia regained their independence from French colonial rule. It is now also a memorial to Cambodia's war dead. The majestic tower, rising 20 metres in the air as a blooming lotus, is modelled on Angkor Wat's central tower.

You'll see the National Museum, a distinctive red building that's a shining example of traditional Khmer architecture. Built in 1920, it contains more than 5000 artifacts and houses the largest collection of Khmer art in the world. Then we'll visit the Toul Sleng Genocide Museum (also known as S21), where we'll learn about the turbulent and harrowing history of Khmer Rouge's reign in the 1970s. Located in a quiet Phnom Penh suburb, this museum – ironically a former school – was the infamous Khmer Rouge high-security prison and torture centre.

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We'll enjoy a sumptuous lunch at Topaz, a landmark for French fine dining in the heart of Phnom Penh. Afterwards, you are free to explore the city on your own.

DAY 10

Destination	Phnom Penh 🚗 Siem Reap
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	3 ★ Cheathata Angkor Hotel, or similar

It's about a six-hour drive to Siem Reap through the Cambodian countryside. Watch the landscapes change through rural farm country and see the unique modes of transport the locals use to carry their wares. This route will be conducted on a private coach with your guide.

On arrival in Siem Reap, the rest of the evening is at your leisure. The city is known for its nightlife, and a great place to soak up the backpacker atmosphere is Pub Street in downtown Siem Reap. Elsewhere, you'll find plenty of options, from high end to budget and everything in between. Don't forget about the karaoke bars, either!

DAY 11

Destination	Siem Reap 🚗 Angkor Wat 🚗 Siem Reap
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	3 ★ Cheathata Angkor Hotel, or similar

This is what you've been waiting for. We'll head off in the morning to discover the most famous of all the temples on the Angkor plain: Angkor Wat. There isn't much that matches the magnificence of this temple complex, one of the largest religious monuments ever built.

The temple complex covers about 500 acres and is comparable in size to the Imperial Palace in Beijing. This 12th-century masterpiece is considered to be a prime example of classic Khmer art and architecture and its depiction appears on the national flag. Built to represent Mount Meru, its distinctive five towers symbolise the five peaks of the mountain; the enclosed wall represents the mountains at the edge of the world and the surrounding moat symbolises the ocean.

The jungle-covered temple of Ta Prohm is an incredible sight. There are enormous fig trees and gigantic creepers entwined in the stone foundations of the traditional structure, giving the impression of man's creation being reclaimed by the powerful forces of nature. It has a romantic, haunted charm. We'll explore this masterpiece as well as some of the surrounding temples including Banteay Kdei, Srah Srang, Ta Keo, Thommanon and Chau Say Tevado.

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Visit the ancient city of Angkor Thom, once the capital of the Khmer empire. See the well preserved South Gate, with its huge statues depicting the Hindu mythology of the Churning of the Ocean of Milk. We'll visit Bayon Temple, famous for its 54 towers decorated with over 200 smiling faces of Avalokitesvara. We'll also see the Royal Enclosure, Phimeanakas, the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King.

DAY 12

Destination	Siem Reap
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	3 ★ Cheathata Angkor Hotel, or similar

It's a free day for you to explore Siem Reap today, with more to this city than simply being the gateway to the ruins of Angkor.

It's home to Southeast Asia's largest butterfly enclosure, a working butterfly farm with thousands flying freely around a large, enclosed tropical garden.

For authentic local food, head to Phsar Chas, the Old Market. You'll find crispy fried tarantulas as well as other tamer delicacies like fried banana kebabs. The Angkor Night Market, with over 200 bamboo hut stalls, is open until midnight.

The Angkor National Museum is the perfect place to learn more about the history of the Angkorian period. A more sombre experience is the Landmine Museum, highlighting the ongoing danger and the efforts still being made to clear the country's landmines.

OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT – BANTEAY SREI AND TONLE SAP TOUR

You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sight throughout your tour, free as part of your package.

It's an early morning start to drive out of town, about 35km, to visit the famous 10th-century Banteay Srei (Citadel of Women). This pink sandstone temple is known for its fine, intricate carvings. We'll then stop at Bakong Temple, the first of Angkor's large mountain temples. The next stop is Kompong Phluk, a cluster of three villages. The villages are primarily Khmer with about 3000 inhabitants between them, mostly living in stilt houses. The locals depend largely on fishing and tourism. We'll embark on a traditional wooden boat through the flooded forests of the Great Tonle Sap Lake, to visit this amazing floating village built on eight to ten metre high stilts. We'll visit an island pagoda, a school and traditional stilt houses to meet local families.

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OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT – TONLE SAP HALF DAY TOUR

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This morning we'll visit Kompong Phluk, a cluster of three villages. The villages are primarily Khmer with about 3000 inhabitants between them, mostly living in stilt houses. The locals depend largely on fishing and tourism. We'll embark on a traditional wooden boat through the flooded forests of the Great Tonle Sap Lake, to visit this amazing floating village built on eight to ten metre high stilts. We'll visit an island pagoda, a school and traditional stilt houses to meet local families.

DAY 13

Destination	Siem Reap ✈ Home
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	N/A

After breakfast, you'll have some free time in the morning before checking out at noon. You'll be transferred to the airport for your flight home.

We hope you've enjoyed this extraordinary journey.

Check out: Passengers will be departing at various times throughout the day. Standard hotel check-out times will apply no matter what time your flight is scheduled to depart. Check-out time is generally anywhere from 10am-12pm. You are welcome to leave your luggage at hotel reception and spend your final moments of free time exploring the area or alternatively please speak with hotel staff if you would like to extend your check-out time. Please note this service is subject to availability and will likely come at an additional cost. Your tour guide (or hotel staff) will confirm the time of your airport transfer with you directly.

DAY 14

Destination	Home
Meals included	
Hotel	N/A

Arrive home today. We hope you've been *inspired*.

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Inclusions

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return international airfares with a full-service airline
- All airport and port transfers with guide assistance
- 11 nights in quality 3 to 4-star accommodation
- 1 night cruising the stunning Halong Bay in a Deluxe Ocean View Cabin
- All Transportation
- Activities indicated in the itinerary
- Meals: Breakfast daily, 6 lunches & 1 dinner
- English speaking, local tour guides within each city stay
- All accommodation as listed
- All entrance fees to the sites listed (except optionals)
- All activities listed in the itinerary unless a paid optional
- Comfortable, dedicated private transportation throughout
- 24/7 customer service and your own Dedicated Support Agent

SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Hanoi - Visit the oldest pagoda in the city, the 1400-year-old majestic Tran Quoc
- Hanoi - Explore Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum Complex, including 'Uncle Ho's Stilt House' and the final resting place of this important leader
- Hanoi - Enjoy free time in this bustling city to experience the hectic street life, discover local food and explore the historic and lively Old Quarter
- Halong Bay - Cruise the emerald waters of this majestic bay marvelling at both the spectacular sunset and sunrise, enjoying all meals and entertainment onboard
- Ho Chi Minh City - Enjoy free time to explore this vibrant, interesting city
- Ho Chi Minh City - Explore the Cu Chi Tunnels, an elaborate underground network built by Vietnamese guerrillas during the Vietnam War
- Phnom Penh - Discover the Cambodian capital's main sights, like the exquisite Royal Palace compound, the Silver Pagoda, the Independence Monument and the National Museum
- Phnom Penh - Learn about Cambodia's turbulent and harrowing history of the Khmer Rouge regime, at the Toul Sleng Genocide Museum
- Siem Reap - Explore the magnificent 12th-century temple complex of Angkor Wat, the eerie jungle-covered temple of Ta Prohm and the ancient city of Angkor Thom

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INSPIRING FEATURES

Inspiring Tastes

- Experience cutting-edge gastronomy with lunch at Topaz, a renowned destination for French fine dining in an elegant setting in the heart of Phnom Penh

Inspiring Sights

To enhance your journey, we're offering guests 2 bonus sightseeing experiences out of a choice of 6 options (further details listed under 'Optional Tours')

- Visit the ancient capital of Hoa Lu then take a boat ride along Ngo Dong River, passing through paddy fields and limestone karst formations to reach the magical Tam Coc caves.
- Explore the lush, agricultural heart of Vietnam, the Mekong Delta, visiting friendly vendors, strolling through a fruit orchard and discovering a honey bee farm.
- Explore Ho Chi Minh City like a local with your expert guide, visiting markets, temples, a church and one of the oldest cafes in town.
- Take an evening walking tour through the vibrant Old Quarter of Hanoi to discover Vietnamese cuisine, culture, people and language. tasting the local favourites.
- Visit the famous 10th-century Banteay Srei, Bakong Temple and take a traditional wooden boat ride through the Great Tonle Sap Lake to visit this floating village of Kompong Phluk with traditional stilt houses.
- Visit Kompong Phluk and take a traditional wooden boat through the flooded forests of the Great Tonle Sap Lake to meet local families in this amazing floating village.

Inspiring Stays

- Spend 1 night on the magical waters of Halong bay onboard a 5 star vessel as you sail between the incredible limestone karst. Discover the magic, peaceful and silent beauty of Thien Canh cave and Cong Dong area and experience the spectacular view of Bai Tu Long

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HALONG BAY CRUISE INFORMATION

For further details on your Halong Bay cruise, please click [HERE](#).

Fine Print

HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

- Book now and secure your package with only a \$100 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$1,000 per person within 28 days.
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

Booking Process

- Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
- Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure).
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
- Your booking is confirmed once your Booking Form is submitted and you can begin the countdown to your Inspiring Vacation!
- You will then be allocated and contacted by one of our Dedicated Support Agent's (within 48 hours) who will support you right up until you return from your journey

FLIGHTS, UPGRADES & EXTENSIONS

Airfare Information

- Full-service airline used will be Singapore Airlines, Cathay Pacific, China Southern, Malaysia Airlines, Thai Airways, Vietnam Airlines or similar.
- Flights are not direct and include a maximum of two connections

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- If you would like to travel with a preferred airline, please ensure you mention this in the special request field. Please note that appropriate fare and tax difference will be applicable in order to confirm your request.
- Melbourne and Sydney clients will most likely fly direct with Vietnam Airlines
- Brisbane, Perth and Adelaide clients will most likely fly with Singapore Airlines
- Adelaide customers will likely require two stops in either direction
- All tickets will include 20 kilos checked baggage per person, along with 7 kilos of hand luggage.
- Despite the airlines baggage allowance, we recommend travelling with 20 kilos per person due to restrictions with internal flights (where applicable), as well as coach and train transportation. Also, you will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters is not included. If travelling over this amount, you will be liable for any excess baggage fees enforced by the airline, payable direct.
- Once ticketed, flights are non-refundable; any changes will be subject to the airline rules and change fees
- Full names as per passport (including all middle names) are required
- Any airline schedule changes or cancellations are beyond our control

Premium Economy or Business Class upgrades

- Premium Economy upgrade available from an additional \$1,500 per person (subject to availability).
- Business Class upgrade available from an additional \$3,000 per person (subject to availability).

Please specify this as a 'Special Request' when completing your booking and you will be quoted for the additional fare. In the event your selection is unavailable, or that you are dissatisfied with the quote, you will be provided with a full refund.

Land Only discount

A reduction of \$700 per person applies if you wish to arrange your own airfares. To purchase a land-only fare, please select this option in the booking process under 'Departure City'.

Please note, if you are not arriving or departing as per the group itinerary, airport transfers are also no longer included. If you would like us to arrange this service for you, please refer to the 'Extra services' section for pricing.

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Extending Your Stay

Some customers like to enhance their holiday by extending their stay pre- and/or post-tour or including a stopover in another destination. If you wish to do so, please follow these steps:

1. Once you have logged in to your account, click on 'Book Now' and complete the required fields until you reach the 'Special Requests' free text field.
2. Here, please specify your preferred flight arrangements and/or preferred airline. Be sure to mention if you would like us to also quote additional nights' accommodation, with the number of nights needed.
3. After finalising your purchase by processing your deposit payment, please proceed to submit your booking form with all traveller details. Your booking will then be assigned to your Dedicated Support Agent who will be in contact with you via email to verify your request.

By choosing to extend your stay, please note that a supplement of \$150 per person, plus applicable fare and tax differences will apply. We will contact you via email with a quote and proposed flight itinerary, and then proceed with collecting the additional payment required to confirm your request.

EXTRA SERVICES

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour, adding a stopover package en-route or booking a tour extension. On this tour you can choose from the following options:

Airport chauffeur

Take the hassle out of getting to the airport with private chauffeur transfers to and from your home airport. Your personal chauffeur will meet and greet you, attend to your luggage and drive you to your destination in a luxury vehicle.

- Within 30km of airport: \$139 per vehicle (max 2 guests)
- Outside 30km of airport: You may add this option to your booking and the final price will be adjusted based on the transfer distance.

Additional surcharges may apply depending on pick-up time, tolls and government levies.

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Airport Chauffeur can be selected once you have finalised your tour purchase and paid your deposit. When completing your Passenger Booking Form, you will be asked if you would like to add this service, where any applicable cost will be added to your final balance.

Pre and post tour accommodation (deviating from group flights forfeits your group airport transfers)

- Pre-tour accommodation: \$101 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast and transfer
- Post-tour accommodation: \$110 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast and transfer

Arrival and departure airport transfers

- Arrival Transfer: \$35 per vehicle per direction (2 people)
- Departure Transfer: \$35 per vehicle vehicle per direction (2 people)

Your transfer may be shared with other Inspiring Vacations customers.

Please specify in the 'Special Request' field when making your purchase your preferred travel arrangements and if you would like our team to book additional nights' accommodation and/or airport transfers. The additional cost for these land arrangements will be added to your final payment invoice and are subject to availability.

Airport lounges

Escape busy airport terminals and relax at a cosy and catered lounge instead. Departure lounge access in Sydney \$70 per person (up to 6 hours); Melbourne & Brisbane \$55 per person (up to 3 hours).

Airport lounge passes can be selected once you have finalised your tour purchase and paid your deposit. When completing your Passenger Booking Form, you will be asked if you would like to add this service, where any applicable cost will be added to your final balance.



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OPTIONAL TOURS

To enhance your journey, we're offering 2 free sightseeing experiences out of a choice of 6 options, listed below. Guests can also purchase any of the remaining 4 sightseeing experiences:

- Hanoi Food Tour on foot (Day 2) - AUD \$55 per person
- Hoa Lu and Tam Coc full day tour (Day 5) - AUD \$55 per person
- Hidden Treasures of Ho Chi Minh City (Day 7) - AUD \$60 per person
- Mekong Delta full day tour (Day 7) - AUD \$55 per person
- Tonle Sap half day tour (Day 12) - AUD \$95 per person
- Banteay Srei and Tonle Sap full day tour (Day 12) - AUD \$165 per person

Optional tours can be selected once you have finalised your tour purchase and paid your deposit. When completing your Passenger Booking Form, you will be asked if you would like to add Optional Tours, where any applicable cost will be added to your final balance. If you choose not to select them at this time, you can choose to add them later by logging in to your Account online or speaking with your Dedicated Support Agent for assistance.

Please note that you must select your Optional Tours no later than 65 days before departure, after which you will be required to purchase them on tour. Please keep in mind that anything purchased on-tour is subject to availability and prices may vary as you will be paying in local currency. We appreciate your understanding.

EXCLUSIONS

- Visas
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Tipping
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses

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Fitness Requirements

While the tour itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected

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requirements, to determine if this tour is right for you we categorise each of our tours in terms of their intensity. These guidelines are to ensure that each tour group is conducted as expected and to ensure the overall satisfaction of all Inspiring Vacations customers.

As a general rule, portage is not included, therefore at all times you are expected to handle your own luggage where help may not be available.

This particular tour is categorised as a "3":

3 – Moderate Tour: A good level of fitness and mobility is required, as this tour includes a moderate level of physical activity and is considered a medium-fast paced tour. You should be able to walk up and down stairs, get on and off the coach and able to walk reasonable distances of approximately 2 kilometres per day or more with ease. Any physical ailments you may have must be disclosed at the time of booking to determine your suitability. If you have any form of walking aids, other than a walking stick or hiking poles, then this tour is not suitable.

Tipping

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. Tipping is not compulsory on your trip, but they can make a big difference to locals employed in the tourism industry. If you feel that your guide and driver have done an impeccable job, you can choose to give a gratuity, but this is entirely your decision.

For the services of your guide, it is suggested that you budget for AUD\$10-20 per person, per day. Tipping of your driver is also appreciated and we would suggest AUD\$5 per person, per day.

As this particular tour does not collect a 'kitty', it is entirely up to the individual whether or not you would like to tip locals for the services of things like taxis or when dining at restaurants. In these cases, we suggest you allow 10-20% of the value of the service as a tip. Again, it is not compulsory and entirely up to the individual.

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

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Single Supplement

Single supplement is \$450 per person in addition to the twin share price.

Triple Share

Not available.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

We have partnered with nib to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book comprehensive or budget cover simply by clicking [HERE](#) to arrange your policy.

Visa & Passport information

It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return.

A visa is required for travel to Vietnam. The visa is easiest to complete online and takes approximately 72 hours to confirm.

Please note the e-visa is limited to 30 days validity from the date of arrival and is only valid for 3 months from date of issue. You must make sure that the same travel document that was used for applying online is used for entering into Vietnam.

Visit <https://evisa.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn/> to apply for an e-visa.

Information required:

- Personal and passport details
- Arrival date and departure date (no specific flight details are required)
- Purpose of entry (tourist)
- Passport information
- Passport scanned copy
- Passport size photo scanned copy
- The name and address of your first hotel in Vietnam
- Pay USD \$25 per person by credit card
- Wait for it to be approved and you will be notified via email within approximately 72 hours.

Once approved, please ensure that you travel with the following documentation as they are required to present to customs upon arrival into the country:

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- Passport with 6 months validity
- E-visa printout
- Travel itinerary (provided 30 days before departure)
- Hotel list (provided 30 days before departure)

For Cambodia, you will obtain your visa when crossing the border from Vietnam to Cambodia. The cost of the Cambodian Visa is USD\$35 per person. Your driver or guide will collect your passports and assist in getting your stamp and visa.

Please note that these details are subject to change without notice. We recommend visiting <https://smartraveller.gov.au> for up to date information in terms of entry requirements.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

Group Size

6-20 people.

Trip Style - Small Group Tour

These tours are our proudest creations. They have been crafted for Inspiring Vacations travellers exclusively, with personal and unique experiences in mind. You will travel with only a maximum of 20 other guests. Enjoy choice features such as hand-picked accommodation, a sampling of the region's best culinary delights and a range of optional activities to choose from to best suit your travel style. 6-20 people.

Children

Children must be 2 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are the same price as adults.

Tour Length

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule, please refer to the day by day itinerary for the time spent on land. [Click HERE](#) for more information on weather in Vietnam.

WHAT CLIMATE TO EXPECT

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