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DAY 1

Destination	Hanoi
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Set out on a journey that reveals the best of Southeast Asia. From the villages of Vietnam and the temples of Cambodia to the friendly locals of Laos and the lively energy of Thailand, embark on an unforgettable cultural adventure. Start your journey in Vietnam – where lush valleys and verdant fields create a beautiful country with a long and rich history. Your tour opens in Hanoi. Layers of the city’s complex past can be found interwoven into its modern culture. Known for its French colonial architecture, tree-lined streets, and vibrant street food scene, Hanoi is Vietnam’s dynamic capital and second most populous city.

DAY 2

Destination	Hanoi
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Start your morning with a city tour of Hanoi. Visit Ba Dinh Square and the Temple of Literature. Follow the meandering streets, decorated with temples and pagodas, and feast on the history before you. After working up an appetite, enjoy a walking food tour featuring some of Vietnam’s most famous dishes such as banh mi and pho. Enjoy coffee and views of Hoan Kiem Lake – the “Lake of the Restored Sword” – at a rooftop café. Later this evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 3

Destination	Hanoi
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Rise early to walk around Hoan Kiem Lake. Watch Tai Chi practitioners moving along the waterfront in this peaceful respite as the city comes to life for the day. Your day continues at the infamous Hoa Lo Prison. This historic site, dubbed the “Hanoi Hilton” by American POWs, is now a museum that tells the story of Colonial history from the Vietnamese perspective. Following your visit, sit down with a local veteran from the Vietnam War to chat and connect with him as he recounts his history.

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DAY 4

Destination	Hanoi 🚗 Ha Long Bay
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Journey to Ha Long Bay and board a charming junk boat for an overnight cruise - the perfect vantage point for soaking up the landscape. Once on board, enjoy a feast of fresh seafood as you sail past vistas of low green mountains, small villages, hundreds of islands, and limestone peaks jutting out from the sea. Disembark to discover the wonders of nature, history, and archaeology. Back on board, sit back and relax as the sounds and peaceful sway of the boat lull you to sleep.

DAY 5

Destination	Ha Long Bay 🚗 Hanoi 🚗 Hue
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Awaken as the fog gently lifts above the emerald surface of Ha Long Bay. The day begins with a Tai Chi lesson on the sundeck. Then, it's your choice! Explore vibrant waters by traditional row boat -OR- see it from the seat of a kayak. Cruise back to the harbour and return to Hanoi to board your flight to Hue.

DAY 6

Destination	Hue
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A


At the shores of the Perfume River, board a traditional dragon boat and sail to Thien Mu Pagoda, a 17th-century temple better known as the "Heavenly Lady Pagoda." Continue to Hue's legendary Imperial City, enclosed within a stone citadel. Stop at a local nunnery for a lunch featuring fresh Vietnamese flavours. Conclude your day at the mausoleum of Tu Duc, an elaborate royal tomb dedicated to the former emperor.

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DAY 7

Destination	Hue  Hoi An
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

On your way to Hoi An, travel the coast and countryside via the breathtaking Hai Van Pass. Pause for a glimpse of Lang Co, a quaint fishing village. Arrive in the trading port of ancient Hoi An, a UNESCO World Heritage site. On a walking tour of the old town, stroll by the ornate Chinese-style temple Phuc Kien Assembly Hall and a 400-year-old Japanese covered bridge. End at the vibrant riverside market on the banks of the Thu Bon. Tonight, enjoy another memorable meal at a local restaurant.

DAY 8

Destination	Hoi An
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Explore the flavours of Hoi An today. Board a basket boat for a journey along the Thu Bon River to your kitchen for an immersive cooking class. Learn how to catch fish and crabs in the river and grind rice into flour. Use your ingredients to cook four classic Vietnamese dishes which you'll enjoy for lunch. Once you've learned the secrets to Vietnam's cuisine, embark on a moving experience at Reaching Out Vietnam. Celebrate the work of a talented team of artisans that create original pieces of sustainable and fair-trade products. Here, amongst new friends and enlightened minds, take part in an immersive lantern-making experience. Working together, create colourful beacons of prosperity in a place that is a beacon of hope for the community.

DAY 9

Destination	Hoi An
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore the magic of Hoi An. Perhaps you will walk along the canals that cut through Ancient Town, finding that history is very much alive in this preserved city on the central coast.

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DAY 10

Destination	Hoi An ✈ Ho Chi Minh City
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Leave Hoi An and fly to Ho Chi Minh City, the energetic urban capital formerly known as Saigon. On an eye-opening city tour, see the Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral,* and the Reunification Palace. Head over to explore treasures from local vendors on display at the Old Market in District 1.

DAY 11

Destination	Ho Chi Minh City 🚢 Mekong Delta 🚢 Ho Chi Minh City
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Take to the waters of the famous Mekong Delta. As you sail along, your guide will delve into the history and culture of the region. Find lush tropical gardens, floating markets, and a bustling energy that gives an intriguing peek into everyday life. Discover the region's cottage industry with a visit to a coconut candy factory and learn how this confection is made. Enjoy lunch featuring southern Vietnamese cuisine before Travelling back to Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 12

Destination	Ho Chi Minh City
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Spend your morning at the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used as hideouts by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in metropolitan Ho Chi Minh City before your dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 13

Destination	Ho Chi Minh City ✈ Siem Reap, Cambodia
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

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Enjoy free time this morning before your flight to Siem Reap, Cambodia's gateway to the wonders of Angkor. In this ancient city, you'll discover a world where colonial and Chinese architecture melds into a sophisticated urban and culinary scene. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant whilst enjoying a traditional Apsara show.

DAY 14

Destination	Siem Reap 🚗 Angkor Wat 🚗 Siem Reap
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Depart by tuk-tuk for Angkor Wat in time to see a sunrise shining over the area. A perfect example of classic Khmer architecture, Angkor Wat is the Kingdom of Cambodia's most-heralded treasure. Enter its eastern gate and exit at its west to watch the light of the sun play on its otherworldly stones. Have breakfast back at the hotel before returning to Angkor. This afternoon, visit Ta Prohm, a sprawling monastic complex that is partially overgrown with jungle debris. At Angkor Thom, the last capital of the Khmers, visit the Terrace of the Leper King and the temples of Baphuon and Bayon, 11th- and 12th-century masterpieces at the centre of the city.

DAY 15

Destination	Siem Reap 🚗 Kampong Khleang 🚗 Siem Reap
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

The day begins at Kampong Khleang, a permanent community built on the floodplain of Tonle Sap Lake. Meet local residents and learn about their fishing-based economy and daily lives. After lunch, continue to Les Artisan d'Angkor Workshop, a development project that teaches the Khmer arts – such as stone and wood carving – to young adults. Later this afternoon, visit the JWOC Community Centre to learn about their ongoing projects.**

DAY 16

Destination	Siem Reap ✈️ Luang Prabang, Laos
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

This morning, board your flight to Luang Prabang, the spiritual capital of Laos. Sit down with new friends in a traditional Laotian village this evening, where a home-hosted dinner introduces you to the best of authentic local cuisine.

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DAY 17

Destination	Luang Prabang 🚌 Ban Xang Hai Bus Luang Prabang
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Enter the heart of Laos this morning via a local tuk-tuk. Visit the temples of Wat Xieng Thong and Wat Visoun before spending time in a different Buddhist temple where you'll take part in an exclusive private blessing ceremony delivered by one of the monks. Learn about everyday life in rural Laos when you visit the "Whiskey Village" of Ban Xang Hai, a riverside weaving and fishing village. Be welcomed to the village with a special Baci ceremony – a Laotian tradition that brings good luck and vanquishes bad spirits. After visiting Pak Ou Buddha Cave, home to thousands of Buddha statues, you'll get to relax as you cruise down the Mekong in a private boat with lunch on board.

DAY 18

Destination	Luang Prabang 🚌 Ban Long Lao 🚌 Luang Prabang
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Journey through the idyllic countryside to a traditional Hmong hill tribe village in Ban Long Lao. Spend time exploring the village and get to know the tribe and their daily way of life. Set out on an easy hike*** through lush jungle and panoramic mountain scenery to the incredible Kuang Si Waterfall. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure back in Luang Prabang.

DAY 19

Destination	Luang Prabang ✈️ Bangkok, Thailand
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Board your flight to Bangkok, the capital of Thailand. A feast for the senses, this bustling city on the banks of the Chao Phraya River blends cosmopolitan sophistication with a strong sense of history and tradition. Tonight, join your fellow travellers and toast to the end of your adventure on a Klong dinner cruise.

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DAY 20

Destination Bangkok

Meals included Breakfast

Accommodation N/A

Return home with memories of your travels through the kingdoms of Southeast Asia.

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Inclusions

WHATS INCLUDED

On a charming junk boat, bask in the serenity of Ha Long Bay
Find inspiration at Cambodia's Angkor Wat temple, the world's largest religious structure
A local Laotian family welcomes you into their home for dinner
Explore the hundreds of Buddhas found in the Pak Ou caves
34 Meals -19 Breakfasts - 7 Lunches - 8 Dinners
Superior twin share accommodation
Sightseeing and transportation as per the itinerary

Fine Print

HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a \$250 deposit per person.
Pay a 2nd instalment of \$635 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 position on the tour will be confirmed within 48 hours of completing your order. If your place cannot be confirmed, a full refund of the deposit will occur.

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OPTIONAL TOURS

Kingdoms of Southeast Asia Tour Gratuities \$435 pp
Traditional Water Puppet Show & Dinner \$87 pp
Sunrise Photography Tour of Hoi An \$73 pp

Saigon After Dark by Vintage Vespa \$138 pp
Siem Reap by Gondola \$87 pp
Phare, the Cambodian Circus \$95 pp
Laotian Cooking Class \$95 pp

EXCLUSIONS

Airfares
Personal Expenses
Travel Insurance
Optional activities
Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional

HOTEL LIST

Hanoi - Mercure Hanoi La Gare
Ha Long Bay - Bhaya Classic Halong Bay
Hue - Pilgrimage Village Hue
Hoi An - La Siesta Hoi An Resort And Spa
Ho Chi Minh City - Novotel Saigon Centre
Siem Reap - Tara Angkor Hotel
Luan Prabang - Souphattra Hotel Luang Prabang
Bangkok - Rembrandt Hotel

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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.

Single Supplement

A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra \$1450 subject to availability.

Triple Share

Not available.

Children

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

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