

VIETNAM FROM NORTH TO SOUTH

8
DAYS

7 Nights/8 Days

1nt Hanoi • Halong Bay • 1nt Hai Phong • 2nts Hoi An • Danang •
1nt Hue • 2nts Ho Chi Minh City

Day 1: Arrive Hanoi (D) Afternoon Hanoi city tour including: Hoan Kiem Lake & Ngoc Son Temple, Army and Historical Museum, Hanoi 36 Ancient Streets plus a 1hr early evening cyclo journey to the theatre where the ancient and unique art-form of water puppetry is enacted. Dinner at Wild Lotus, one of Hanoi's finest restaurants.

Day 2: Hanoi ~ Halong ~ Haiphong (B/L/D) Visit of Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum & his house before a day cruise on a traditional junk on the Halong Bay. After lunch on board, walk through one of the caves before cruising back to Halong City, with the option for a swim at Titov Beach. Later, return to Hai Phong.

Day 3: Haiphong ~ Hanoi ~ Danang ~ Hoian (B/L/D) Tour of Hai Phong city. Visit Du Hang Pagoda - founded three centuries ago. Continue to Hang Kenh Communal House which is known for its 500 relief sculptures in wood. Fly from Hanoi to Danang and spend the night in Hoi An.

Day 4: Hoi An (B/L/D) Tour of Hoi An - visit the Japanese covered bridge and a Chinese communal house. After lunch visit Danang and see the local village and community. A stroll through the small settlement of Hoa Chau, nestled among seemingly endless rice fields, allows you to experience first hand the very backbone of Vietnam's rural culture. Return to Hoi An.

Day 5: Hoi An ~ Hue (B/L/D) Travel to the sleepy provincial town of Hue for a city tour, followed by boat ride on the river. This was once the religious, economic and cultural epicentre of Vietnam.

Day 6: Hue ~ Saigon (B/L/D) Travel to Saigon and take a short city tour to. Stops are included at the Notre Dame Cathedral, the Post Office building, the former Presidential Palace, now Reunification Hall.

Day 7: Saigon ~ Tay Ninh ~ Cu Chi Tunnels (B/L/D) Visit the Great Temple at Tay Ninh before going to Cu Chi where you will visit the vast underground network of tunnels built first as a defence against the French, and later expanded during the American war.

DAY 8: Morning at leisure until transfer for onward journey.

Prices from £1276 pp



B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner. All tours include accommodation, domestic airfare and tax (where included), meals as stated, entrance fees, all transfers and tours with English speaking guide in air-conditioned vehicle, government tax and service charges.



ESSENCE OF CAMBODIA

3 Nights/4 Days

1nt Phnom Penh • 2nts Siem Reap

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DAYS

Day 1: Phnom Penh (D) Transfer to hotel. The afternoon will be spent visiting the Royal Palace, the National Museum and the Toul Sleng, now known as the Genocide Museum. Dinner at hotel.

Day 2: Phnom Penh ~ Siem Reap (B/L/D) Fly to Siem Reap and then be transfer to hotel. After lunch you will head out to the ancient walled city of Angkor Thom, this contains Bayon Temple with its mysterious faces and the Elephant & Leper King Terraces. Dinner at hotel.

Day 3: Siem Reap (B/L/D) Morning visit to Angkor Wat, the largest temple in the world! Estimated to have taken 30 years to build. After lunch visit Ta Prohm temple, surrounded by jungle, its labyrinth of stone hallways is overgrown with the roots and limbs of massive banyan trees. It is one of the largest temples at Angkor. Later you will visit Preah Khan 'The Sacred Sword' a monastic complex covering over 56 hectares. Dinner at hotel.

Day 4: Siem Reap (B) Visit Les Artisans, a development project teaching stone carving, wood carving and laquer application. Then continue onto Ton Le Sap Lake, the largest freshwater lake in South East Asia, visiting the floating homes and small fish farms. Transfer to the airport.

Prices from £505 pp

IMAGES OF LAOS

3 Nights/4 Days

1nt Vientiane • 2nts Luang Prabang

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DAYS

Day 1: Vientiane Transfer to hotel (D) Afterwards a city tour, taking in Wat Sisaket - the oldest original temple in Vientiane, Haw Phra Kaew - once the royal temple of Laos, Putousay - the victory gate and also the Phra That Luang stupa. Dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 2: Vientiane - Luang Prabang (B/L) Fly to Luang Prabang. After lunch is a city tour, taking in Vat Visoun, the site of an impressive stupa - The Makmo. Then on to the National Museum formerly the Royal Palace, Wat Mai and Phou Hill. Phou Hill has impressive views over the city.

Day 3: Luang Prabang (B/L) Take a boat trip to Pak Ou Buddha Caves, overlooking the confluence of the Mekong and Ou Rivers. Afterwards visit Ban Phnom Textile Village, these people originated from China and the town was once famous for producing silks for the Royal Palace.

Day 4: Luang Prabang (B) After breakfast transfer to the airport.

Prices from £444 pp