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For over 25 years we've been helping travellers like you create unique experiences and stories that will last a lifetime.

Explore Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos your way with our independent travel collection. Whether you want to experience the energy of a vibrant city like Saigon, explore the ancient temples of Cambodia, cruise the Mekong Delta, relax on a tropical beach or do all of the above, our selection of private itineraries, City Explorer packages and river cruises will give you real insight into these amazing countries.

All our experiences are designed with flexibility in mind by our Asia experts.

If you can't find exactly what you're looking for, we will tailor-make an itinerary to suit your specific needs.

Let us help you discover Asia as an insider.

Imagine the stories...

See the world. Meet new people. Find yourself.
Have a story worth telling.

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The Insider Journeys Experience

At Insider Journeys, we make it easy to holiday in Asia.



Our private travel collection will allow you to experience Asia as an insider with the flexibility to explore at your own pace. Whether it's getting up early to beat the crowds, staying longer to watch that amazing sunset or spending time chatting to a local, it's this level of flexibility that makes all the difference. In many cities, we offer a Design Your Own Day Tour so you can discover each city your way.

We know that to truly experience Asia, you need to wander off the tourist trail occasionally.

Our collection of private itineraries will provide you with experiences that a guidebook alone simply cannot offer.

Whether you're travelling with your partner, family, a group of friends or solo, connecting you with Asia's heart is what we do best.

Let us help you experience Asia as an insider!

A word from our travellers...

“Our holiday proceeded flawlessly, with no problems at all. All our drivers were courteous and happy to assist us, and our guide was fantastic – a great ambassador for Vietnam. Thank you so much for making our holiday such a success.
JOHN, TASMANIA

“Our guides in Vietnam were so informative and always willing to help. I noticed that all the guides have worked with the company for over seven years, so they obviously love working for Insider Journeys and this comes across.
MARY, SOUTH AUSTRALIA



Halong Bay, Vietnam

Ready To Book Private Itineraries

Each of our unique, Ready to Book Private Itineraries are designed by our team of passionate Asia experts.

Every itinerary includes the must-see highlights and genuine experiences of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. From the moment your trip begins, our Private Itineraries provide a seamless travel experience.

To get a sense of the 'real' Asia, our itineraries take you off the tourist trail while ensuring you don't miss any of the must-see places. With plenty of free time and the services of knowledgeable local guides in each destination, you'll really feel like an insider!



Luang Prabang, Laos

City Explorer Packages

Our City Explorer packages offer the perfect introduction to the captivating cities in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

From the hustle and bustle of Hanoi to mystical Angkor, from the glimmer of Saigon to

beautiful Luang Prabang, these short stays include accommodation, airport transfers and sightseeing with knowledgeable, local English-speaking guides.

Some even provide the opportunity for you to design your own full day tour, allowing you to make the most of your precious holiday time.

There's a range of accommodation options from which to choose. Book as a stand-alone or combine with another City Explorer for the perfect Asia experience.



Ansara Hotel, Vientiane, Laos

Bespoke Accommodation

As well as our Ready to Book Private Itineraries and City Explorer packages, we offer an extensive range of accommodation options and experiences, so you can customise your Asia holiday.

Our hotels have been handpicked for comfort, location and to provide you with an insight into the region.

Where possible, we have selected properties with great local colour.

From the beautiful beaches of Southern and Central Vietnam to Laos' charming cities, we have accommodation options to suit all tastes and budgets.

Create Your Own Insider Journey

We know one size does not always fit all. So why not take creative control and create your own insider journey!



Our team of experts can help design a bespoke itinerary to suit your interests, timeframe and budget.

Use any of our Ready To Book Private Itineraries or City Explorer packages as inspiration or start from scratch with your own ideas.

We have a wide range of accommodation, sightseeing and transport options from which to choose and knowledgeable English-speaking local guides who will introduce you to their cities and towns in a way that only a local can do.

Whether its exploring remote hilltribe villages, seeing the magnificent temples of Angkor without the crowds, cooking up a storm at a private class in Hoi An or unwinding at a stunning beach resort, Insider Journeys will connect you with the heart of Asia as only an insider can!



The Places We'll Take You

From its sheer beauty to the genuine warmth of its people, Asia has a wonderful way of getting under your skin. Let us introduce you to our favourite countries.



Yen Stream, Hanoi

Vietnam

Home to friendly local people, stunning natural beauty and a flourishing food scene, Vietnam is a land of incredible diversity.



Bayon, Angkor

Cambodia

Discover the floating villages of Tonle Sap Lake and venture further afield to the rarely-visited outlying temples.



Vang Vieng

Laos

Spectacular landscapes, sparkling temples and hidden charms, where the warmth of its people is felt at every turn.

Vietnam

From stunning beaches and lush mountains to a vibrant culture and delectable cuisine, Vietnam has it all. Take an unforgettable journey as you venture from Saigon and the Mekong Delta to sparkling Halong Bay and the capital of Hanoi via the beaches of the central coast.



Halong Bay



Saigon & The Mekong Delta

Experience the buzzing energy of Saigon where luxury hotels, traditional markets and French-colonial grandeur intertwine. Cruise through the lush Mekong Delta and venture further afield to the Cu Chi tunnels.



Central Vietnam

Home to stunning beaches and quaint riverside towns, central Vietnam offers the perfect blend of relaxation and culture. Wander the charming streets of Hoi An, relax on the beach in Nha Trang and take in Hue's history.



Hanoi & Halong Bay

Colonial architecture, authentic cuisine and ancient history give Hanoi an air of elegance. Travel to Halong Bay for an unforgettable cruise among the limestone karsts or meet the hilltribe communities surrounding Sapa.

When To Go

With a tropical climate, Vietnam experiences two seasons – 'dry' and 'green'. From November to April temperatures in the north, particularly in Sapa, can drop below zero while the south offers warmer days. Travel between May and October when warm, humid days with afternoon showers create a lush landscape and fewer travellers.

Average min/max temperature (°C)

	MAR-MAY	JUN-AUG	SEP-NOV	DEC-FEB
HANOI	22°/28°	26°/33°	22°/29°	14°/22°
HOI AN	24°/30°	26°/34°	24°/29°	20°/25°
SAIGON	25°/33°	25°/32°	24°/32°	23°/32°



Hanoi



Saigon & Mekong Eyes

7 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$1,475* PER PERSON



Mekong Delta



Saigon

HIGHLIGHTS:

- From local experiences to architecture, create your own tour of Saigon with the help of your local English-speaking guide.
- Venture to the Cu Chi tunnels and learn about the Viet Cong's strategy to victory in the Vietnam War.
- Board the Mekong Eyes and spend three unforgettable days cruising the tributaries of the Mekong Delta.



DAY 1 Saigon

On arrival in Saigon, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next three nights at Elios Hotel (or similar).

DAY 2 Saigon

Meet with your local English-speaking guide to tailor a unique full day of activities to suit your interests. Explore Saigon with options including exploring historic French-colonial landmarks, bustling local markets, vibrant street scenes, museums and peaceful pagodas. Stop at a local restaurant to enjoy a traditional lunch featuring one of the region's specialty dishes. **(B)**

DAY 3 Saigon – Cu Chi Tunnels

From Saigon, travel to the Cu Chi tunnels and enjoy a morning guided tour through the famous tunnels which were used during the Vietnam War. The tunnel network stretches over 250 kilometres and extends to three levels underground, providing you with a remarkable insight into the hardships, courage and determination of the people involved in the war. The afternoon is free for you to explore Saigon independently. **(B)**

DAY 4 Saigon to Mekong River Cruise

After breakfast travel south from Saigon to

Can Tho and board your boat, Mekong Eyes. Explore the tributaries of the Mekong River followed by a delicious lunch of local specialties. After lunch, explore some of the region's canals and gain an insight into the lives of the local people. Take a guided walk through a rural village and picturesque plantations before returning to the boat for sunset and dinner. Stay the next three nights on board Mekong Eyes. **(BLD)**

DAY 5 Mekong River Cruise

Discover the Mekong's smaller canals on a sampan. See how a local family produces coconut candy and take a short bike ride through the laneways of a local village. Enjoy lunch as you cruise towards Sa Dec. Visit an ancient trader's villa and a local pagoda before enjoying sunset on the deck of your boat. **(BLD)**

DAY 6 Mekong River Cruise

Visit Tan Thuan Dong islet and choose to walk or cycle around the area. Enjoy lunch on board while taking in the panoramic views. Relax with a cocktail as the sun sets over the Mekong. **(BLD)**

DAY 7 Mekong River Cruise to Saigon

After breakfast, disembark Mekong Eyes at Tan Chau and be transferred to Saigon. **(B)**

INCLUDES:

- 3 nights 3 star hotel accommodation
- 3 nights on board Mekong Eyes
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Saigon Design Your Own full day tour
- Cu Chi Tunnels half day tour
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)



Mekong Eyes

EXPERIENCE MORE

From Tan Chau, choose to transfer by speedboat to Phnom Penh in Cambodia. Contact us for details.

Vietnam Express Getaway

8 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$1,025* PER PERSON



HIGHLIGHTS:

- With your local English-speaking guide, tailor a day tour to your personal interests and discover Saigon your way.
- Meander through the charming streets of Hoi An on a walking tour.
- Cycle through the quiet streets and traditional villages surrounding Hoi An, visit a family-run wine refinery and enjoy lunch at a local home.

DAY 1 Saigon

On arrival in Saigon, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next three nights at Saigon Prince Hotel (or similar).

DAY 2 Saigon

Meet with your local English-speaking guide to tailor a unique full day of activities to suit your interests. Explore Saigon with options including exploring Saigon's historic landmarks such as Dong Khoi Street, Notre Dame Cathedral, Reunification Hall and Giac Lam Pagoda. For an insight into local life, visit the bustling markets and vibrant trading streets. Stop at a local restaurant to enjoy a traditional lunch. (B)

DAY 3 Saigon – Cu Chi Tunnels

Travel from Saigon to the Cu Chi tunnels for a morning tour. Gain an insight into Vietnam's war history and the resilience of the Vietnamese people. In the afternoon, enjoy free time to further explore Saigon's fascinating streets and markets. (B)

DAY 4 Saigon to Hoi An

Be transferred to the airport for your flight to Danang and travel to the historic former trading town of Hoi An. Stay the next four nights at Hoi An Historic Hotel (or similar). (B)

DAY 5 Hoi An

Meet with your local English-speaking guide to tailor a unique morning of activities to suit your interests. Explore Hoi An on a walking tour with options including exploring a local market and historic buildings, a boat trip along the river or meandering through the Old Town on a cyclo. Enjoy a delicious local lunch before spending the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

DAY 6 Hoi An

Spend the day exploring the quiet streets and surrounds of Hoi An on a cycling tour. See traditional village scenes, enjoy a local basket boat performance and stop at a family-run wine refinery. After a delicious lunch in the garden of a local home, see mats being woven at a nearby village. Continue cycling to the river and board a boat back to Hoi An. (BL)

DAY 7 Hoi An

Today is yours to explore independently. Wander the rows of shophouses, have a tailor create a new garment for your wardrobe or head out to An Bang Beach. (B)

DAY 8 Hoi An

Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

INCLUDES:

- 7 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
- All flights as specified in the itinerary
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Saigon Design Your Own full day tour
- Cu Chi Tunnels half day tour
- Hoi An Design Your Own half day tour
- Hoi An Village Cycle full day tour
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch)



Vietnam Cities & Beach Escape

11 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$1,999* PER PERSON



Halong Bay



Cua Dai Beach, Hoi An

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Visit a family home and share tea, rice wine and stories with your hosts as you gain a glimpse into life within the Mekong Delta.
- Spend three unforgettable days relaxing on the beaches of central Vietnam.
- Cruise on the tranquil waters of Halong Bay as you take in the stunning scenery and towering limestone karsts.



DAY 1 Saigon

On arrival in Saigon, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next three nights at Saigon Prince Hotel (or similar).

DAY 2 Saigon – Cu Chi Tunnels

Spend the day with your local English-speaking guide. In the morning, walk through Saigon's vibrant streets, taking in historic landmarks and cultural sites including Notre Dame Cathedral, the Reunification Palace and War Remnants Museum. In the afternoon, journey to the Cu Chi tunnels and learn about the remarkable hardships, courage and determination of the people involved in the war. (B)

DAY 3 Saigon – Mekong Delta

Enjoy a full day tour travelling south to My Tho in the Mekong Delta. Explore scenic waterways and islands, stop to visit orchards and sample fresh local produce. Enjoy a memorable visit to a family home and share tea, rice wine and stories. After a delicious lunch, return by road to Saigon. (BL)

DAY 4 Saigon to Hoi An

Be transferred to the airport and fly from Saigon to Danang. Be transferred to your beachfront accommodation in Hoi An. Stay the next four nights at Palm Garden Resort (or similar). (B)

DAY 5 Hoi An

Embark on a morning walking tour of the old town. Visit a Chinese Assembly Hall, an ancient house and the stunning Japanese Covered Bridge. The afternoon is free. (B)

DAYS 6-7 Hoi An

Spend two free days exploring more of enchanting Hoi An or relaxing on the beach. (2B)

DAY 8 Hoi An to Hanoi

Be transferred from Hoi An to Danang Airport and fly to the captivating capital of Hanoi. Be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next three nights at The Ann Hanoi (or similar). (B)

DAY 9 Hanoi

Enjoy a full day tour discovering the highlights of Hanoi. Take a guided walk of Hanoi's lively Old Quarter and visit the Ho Chi Minh Quarter and the Museum of Ethnology. (B)

DAY 10 Hanoi – Halong Bay

This morning, take a scenic road journey to Halong Bay. Cruise among the islands as you enjoy lunch. Return to Hanoi in the late afternoon. (BL)

DAY 11 Hanoi

Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

INCLUDES:

- 10 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
- All flights as specified in the itinerary
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Saigon & Cu Chi Tunnels full day tour
- Mekong Delta cruise
- Hoi An Walking half day tour
- Hanoi City full day tour
- Halong Bay cruise
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch)



Tran Quoc Pagoda, Hanoi

Vietnam Explorer

14 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$2,575* PER PERSON



Imperial Palace, Hue



Mekong Delta

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Sample local snacks and drink freshly brewed beer known as 'Bia Hoi' in the lively streets of Hanoi's Old Quarter.
- Learn about the local ingredients which create the fresh flavours of Vietnamese cuisine during an interactive cooking class in Hoi An.
- Travel by speedboat into the Mekong Delta to explore markets, villages and orchards.



DAYS 1-2 Hanoi

On arrival in Hanoi, be transferred to your hotel. The following morning, discover the city's highlights, and in the afternoon, enjoy a food focussed walking tour. Stay two nights at Golden Lotus Luxury Hotel (or similar). (B)

DAY 3 Hanoi to Halong Bay

This morning, journey to Halong Bay and cruise among the islands. Overnight on board Indochina Sails. (BLD)

DAY 4 Halong Bay to Hanoi

Continue exploring Halong Bay before returning to Hanoi by late afternoon. Overnight at Golden Lotus Luxury Hotel (or similar). (R)

DAY 5 Hanoi to Hue

Be transferred to the airport and fly to Hue. After being transferred to your hotel, take a guided exploration of the city's fascinating sites. Overnight at Moonlight Hotel (or similar). (B)

DAY 6 Hue to Hoi An

Travel to Hoi An via the Hai Van Pass. Stay the next four nights at Ancient House Resort (or similar). (B)

DAY 7 Hoi An

Explore Hoi An this morning on a half day guided walking tour. Spend the afternoon at leisure. (B)

DAY 8 Hoi An

Sample the fresh flavours of Vietnamese cuisine during a half day cooking class with lunch at Ms Vy's. Enjoy a free afternoon. (BL)

DAY 9 Hoi An

Spend a morning exploring Hoi An's surrounds by bike. Cycle to the quaint village of Tra Que. After your activities, relax with a herbal foot massage and a local lunch before returning to town. (BL)

DAY 10 Hoi An to Saigon

Be transferred to Danang for your flight to Saigon. Be transferred to your hotel in Saigon. Stay the next four nights at Elios Hotel (or similar).

DAY 11 Saigon

This morning, enjoy a walking tour of Saigon's key cultural sites. The afternoon is at leisure. (B)

DAY 12 Saigon - Cu Chi Tunnels

Enjoy a morning tour to the Cu Chi tunnels, and spend the afternoon at leisure. (B)

DAY 13 Saigon - Mekong Delta

Board a speedboat to the lush Mekong Delta region for the day. (BL)

DAY 14 Saigon

After breakfast be transferred to the airport. (B)

INCLUDES:

- 12 nights 3 star hotel accommodation
- 1 night on board Indochina Sails
- All flights as specified in the itinerary
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Private touring
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, R = brunch, L = lunch, D = dinner)



Hoi An

Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City)

Saigon or Ho Chi Minh City, is one of Southeast Asia's most dynamic cities and retains remnants of the past with colonial-era buildings nestled among modern highrises. Explore bustling markets, grand boulevards and atmospheric alleyways, and sample flavoursome Vietnamese food.



Historical Sites

Saigon is home to many important historical sites. Walk through the empty halls of the Reunification Palace, the site of the end of the Vietnam War, then absorb the confronting War Remnants Museum.



Cu Chi Tunnels

Travel approximately 30 kilometres from Saigon to explore the famous Cu Chi tunnels. The incredible network of tunnels stretch over 250 kilometres and played a key role in the Viet Cong's strategy to victory during the war.



Architecture

As sleek skyscrapers pop up around the city, the architectural wonders of the historic grand post office building, Notre Dame Cathedral and French-colonial buildings ensure the past is ever present in this thriving metropolis.

Saigon City Explorer

4 DAYS FROM \$389* PER PERSON

Situated in southern Vietnam, Saigon is waiting to be uncovered. For the perfect introduction, choose our Saigon City Explorer. Explore the famous Cu Chi tunnels on a fascinating tour and design your own tour of Saigon with your local English-speaking guide.



City Hall



DAY 1 Saigon

On arrival in Saigon, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next three nights at Elios Hotel.

DAY 2 Saigon

Meet with your local English-speaking guide to tailor a unique full day of activities to suit your interests. Explore Saigon with options including shopping for hidden treasures on Antique Street, exploring elaborate pagodas such as Giac Lam Pagoda and Ngoc Hoang Pagoda or visiting a museum dedicated to traditional Vietnamese medicine. For lunch, try the delicious Pho Bo at a local restaurant. (B)

DAY 3 Saigon – Cu Chi Tunnels

In the morning, travel by road to the historic Cu Chi tunnels and learn about their role during the war. Stretching over 250 kilometres, the tunnels extend three levels underground providing you with a remarkable insight into the hardships and terror of a guerrilla war and the courage and determination of the Vietnamese people. Return to Saigon and spend the afternoon at leisure. (B)

DAY 4 Saigon

Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

INCLUDES:

- 3 nights hotel accommodation at Elios Hotel (Deluxe Room)
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Saigon Design Your Own full day tour
- Cu Chi Tunnels half day tour
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to Saigon accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast)

UPGRADE your hotel or extend your stay to experience everything this beautiful city has to offer.
See pages 18 and 19 for other hotel options and experiences.



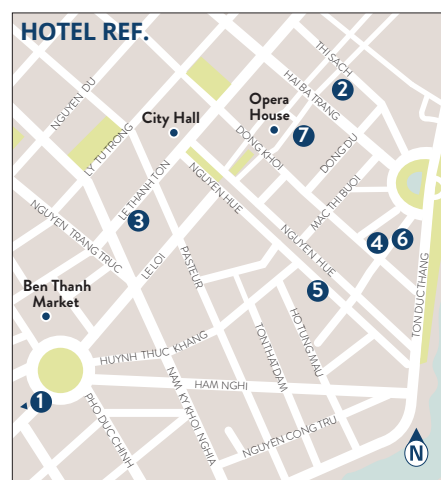
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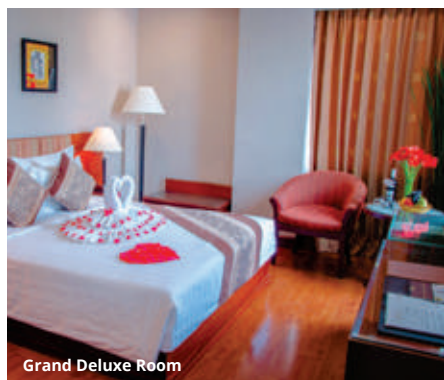
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Elios Hotel is ideally situated within walking distance of the city's entertainment and shopping district including Ben Thanh Market. Each modern guest room is simply furnished in a Vietnamese style. Rooms feature all the amenities you need for a comfortable stay, including air-conditioning, complementary wireless internet and spacious bathrooms.

Gaze down on the city from the rooftop restaurant while dining on Vietnamese or Western cuisine, or choose from a host of dining and entertainment options on your doorstep. Other facilities of the hotel are a Jacuzzi, sauna and gym.



SAIGON CITY EXPLORER – HOTEL UPGRADE OPTIONS



NORTHERN HOTEL

MAP
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2

Located in downtown Saigon, Northern Hotel is situated close to the Opera House, Ben Thanh Market and the Saigon River, making it an excellent base from which to explore the city.

Each room is well-appointed with large windows and some rooms offer city and river views. Relax by the rooftop infinity pool, stay active at the fitness centre or enjoy a delicious meal at the restaurant followed by a drink at the bar.

Bonus: Early check-in (subject to availability)
• Welcome drink • 10% discount on food and beverage. Valid 1 Jan – 31 Dec 19.

from **\$515*** per person for 4 Day Saigon City Explorer (Standard Room)



NORFOLK HOTEL SAIGON

MAP
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3

With an excellent location, Norfolk Hotel Saigon is within close proximity to the city's main attractions and shopping areas. Wooden textures and terracotta tones complement the boutique charms of the property to create a relaxed and cosy ambience. Each room is well-appointed with a range of amenities to ensure a comfortable stay. Escape to tranquillity at the day spa or enjoy a memorable dining experience at the restaurant.

Bonus: Late check-out (subject to availability)
• Welcome drink • Upgrade to the next room type (subject to availability). Valid 1 Jan – 31 Dec 19.

from **\$539*** per person for 4 Day Saigon City Explorer (Deluxe Room)



GRAND HOTEL SAIGON

MAP
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4

Built in 1930, the colonial-styled Grand Hotel Saigon blends history and modernity with a great downtown location. The property's rooms and suites are divided between two wings. The Ancient Wing houses the hotel's large suites and features a charming old façade. Modern rooms are available in the Luxury Wing with higher floors offering good views. Enjoy a swim in the pool or take in city views from the Rooftop Grand Lounge.

Bonus: Welcome drink • Upgrade to the next room type (subject to availability). Valid 1 Jan – 23 Dec 19.

from **\$545*** per person for 4 Day Saigon City Explorer (Deluxe Room)



SAIGON PRINCE HOTEL

MAP
REF.
5

Located in the centre of the city, Saigon Prince Hotel is close to numerous restaurants and Saigon's excellent shopping scene.

The property offers smart rooms equipped with modern facilities to ensure a comfortable stay. Each room features either river or city skyline views.

Indulge with a massage, stay active at the fully-equipped gym or simply relax by the pool.

Bonus: Late check-out on Saturday or Sunday
• 15% discount on food and beverage
• 30% discount on foot and body massage. Valid 1 Jan – 31 Oct 19.

from **\$569*** per person for 4 Day Saigon City Explorer (Deluxe Room)



RENAISSANCE RIVERSIDE HOTEL SAIGON

MAP
REF.
6

Overlooking the Saigon River, Renaissance Riverside Hotel Saigon features great shopping and eating opportunities on your doorstep. The hotel seamlessly blends old world charm and new age luxuries. Each spacious and modern room is well-appointed with luxury amenities, and city or river views. Indulge with a treatment at the day spa and work-out at the fitness centre. From the stunning rooftop swimming pool, enjoy views of the city and Saigon River.

from **\$589*** per person for 4 Day Saigon City Explorer (Deluxe City View Room)



CARAVELLE SAIGON

MAP
REF.
7

As one of Saigon's premier hotels, Caravelle Saigon was built in 1959 and is situated in a great location opposite the famous Saigon Opera House.

With neutral tones, each ample room is well-appointed and boasts city or river views and comfortable king size beds. Relax by the pool and indulge at the salon and spa. Located on the rooftop, enjoy excellent views of the city and a cool drink at Saigon Saigon Bar.

from **\$779*** per person for 4 Day Saigon City Explorer (Deluxe Room)

SAIGON EXPERIENCES


Saigon Street Life Walking Tour
 Half Day / Private

Saigon is a cultural melting pot boasting many historic, French-built landmarks, bustling local markets and vibrant street scenes.

With your knowledgeable English-speaking guide, walk through some of the backstreets of this energetic city.

Explore lanes and alleyways few tourists get to see and experience real local street life with all of its colour and activity.

from **\$30*** per person
Minimum 2 people


Cyclos & Markets
 Half Day / Join-in

Make like a local and experience Saigon using your own two feet and from the seat of a cyclo! See the classic sights and quintessential markets of this dynamic city. Marvel at colonial architecture at the Notre Dame Cathedral, General Post Office and Reunification Palace. Visit the famous bird café in Tao Dan Park, where locals take their caged birds every morning. Experience the biggest atmospheric flower market, Ho Thi Ky, as well as Ben Thanh Market and its nearby neighbourhoods.

from **\$57*** per person


Saigon Design Your Own Tour
 Full Day / Private

Make the most of your time and the knowledge of our experienced local guides who will help design the perfect tour for you.

Saigon is a cultural melting pot with something to offer every traveller boasting many historic, French-built landmarks, bustling local markets and vibrant street scenes, as well as interesting museums and peaceful pagodas.

This 'menu' style tours enable you, together with one of our knowledgeable local guides, to tailor-make your tour specific to your own interests.

from **\$117*** per person
Minimum 2 people


Saigon City & Cu Chi Tunnels
 Full Day / Join-in

Enjoy a full day discovering Saigon and the Cu Chi tunnels. Begin with a walking tour of Saigon's landmarks. Walk through the heart of the city along Dong Khoi Street, past the Rex Hotel, Municipal Theatre and Notre Dame Cathedral. Stop at the site of the former US Embassy then visit the Reunification Palace and War Remnants Museum. In the afternoon, be guided through the fascinating network of tunnels which were used during the war at Cu Chi.

This tour is also available as a Private Tour, ask your Agent for details.

from **\$128*** per person
Minimum 2 people


Cu Chi Tunnels by Saigon River Express
 Half Day / Join-in

Explore the famous Cu Chi tunnels used by the communist guerrillas during the Vietnam War. This tunnel network stretches over 250 kilometres and extends to three levels underground. Be transferred to the pier for a cruise on board a comfortable speedboat along the Saigon River and surrounding canals. On arrival at Cu Chi, your local guide will take you through the tunnels, providing you with a remarkable insight into the hardships and terror of a guerrilla war. Return to Saigon by speedboat.

This tour is also available as a Private Tour, ask your Agent for details.

from **\$130*** per person
Minimum 2 people


Vung Tau & Nui Dat
 Full Day / Private

This interesting and moving tour travels two hours to Ba Ria and the former Australian base at Nui Dat.

Visit Long Tan, the 'Horseshoe' and drive through the Long Hai hills before continuing on to the coastal resort town of Vung Tau. Visit to the 'White Villa', the impressive Statue of Jesus and the picturesque harbour before returning to Saigon by late afternoon.

from **\$207*** per person
Minimum 2 people

The Mekong Delta

One of Vietnam's great experiences is the Mekong Delta – a maze of waterways, tropical orchards, rice fields, vibrant towns and a unique river lifestyle. Explore exotic floating markets, sample local cuisine and see traditional river life.



Mekong Delta



My Tho

Gateway to the Mekong Delta, My Tho is easily accessible from Saigon. Known as the 'rice bowl' of Vietnam, the Mekong Delta is home to a number of markets including My Tho's famous floating markets.



Can Tho

The largest city in the Mekong Delta, Can Tho is a vibrant riverside city with delicious local cuisine and colourful markets. Enjoy a sunrise cruise to the floating market at Cai Rang, one of the iconic sights of the Mekong.



MEKONG DELTA EXPERIENCES



Mekong Delta Day Tour

Full Day / Join-in

From Saigon

Known as the 'rice bowl' of Vietnam, the Mekong Delta is the most fertile region in the country, and the main producer of rice and tropical fruits. This important waterway is a maze of rivers, islands, rice paddies and villages, where boats are the main means of transportation and are a great way of exploring the region. Discover the Mekong way of life and see the vibrant trading markets and traditional riverside living.

On this full day tour, travel south of Saigon to My Tho, the gateway to the Mekong Delta. From My Tho, board your boat and travel to one of the islands located in the middle of the Mekong River. On the island, visit a fruit orchard and sample some of the local produce, before boarding a smaller sampan that winds along narrow canals.

Take the opportunity to visit a local family's house and enjoy their hospitality as you share some tea or rice wine. After lunch in My Tho return to Saigon by mid to late afternoon. **(L)**

This tour is also available as a Private Tour, ask your Agent for details.



Mekong Eyes Cruise

2 Days / Join-in

DAY 1 Saigon to Cai Be

Be transferred from Saigon to Cai Be, board your cruise boat, the Mekong Eyes by midday and settle in to your floating home for the night. The Mekong Eyes river cruiser was built out of a traditional rice barge with the finest quality wood and artfully decorated by skilled craftsmen of the Mekong Delta.

Enjoy lunch on board while you cruise the scenic waterways, passing orchards and rice paddies. In the afternoon wind your way through picturesque plantations as you take a guided walk through a rural village. Gain a glimpse into local village life before returning to the boat. Enjoy a beautiful sunset and delicious dinner on board this evening. **(LD)**

DAY 2 Can Tho to Saigon

Wake up well-rested this morning and continue exploring the tributaries and canals of the verdant Mekong Delta. After breakfast, journey on a long sampan to the colourful and authentic Cai Rang floating market, one of the iconic sights of the Mekong. This boisterous market attracts hundreds of local boats and barges whose vendors trade on a daily basis. Visit one of the region's local food producers, a family-run vermicelli-making business in Can Tho, where the cruise comes to an end. Be transferred back to Saigon. **(B)**



Mekong Discovery

2 Days / Private

DAY 1 Saigon to Can Tho

Gain an insight into the thriving Mekong Delta as you travel south to the city of Can Tho this morning. On the way, stop at a unique Cao Dai temple. Pass farmers tending their fields and drying their produce on the roadside.

On arrival at Cai Be Port, board your boat to gain your first glimpses into life on the Mekong. Visit a local coconut candy workshop then continue along the narrow waterways, stopping to admire the impressive architecture of a century-old house. Stop for lunch with a local family and visit a nursery before disembarking and continuing on to Can Tho. In Can Tho, walk through a bustling local market before relaxing with a cocktail by the river. **(L)**

DAY 2 Can Tho to Saigon

This morning board your boat and cruise to the fascinating floating market at Cai Rang. See local farmers trading their produce on the water as they have done for centuries. Visit a fruit orchard to sample some of the region's tropical fruit and tea. Wander through the local village of Binh Thuy to gain a taste of village life along one of the smaller Mekong canals before driving back to Saigon in the afternoon. **(B)**

INCLUDES:

- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Join-in touring
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return transfers from Saigon accommodation
- Meals as indicated (L = lunch)

from **\$141*** per person
Minimum 2 people

INCLUDES:

- 1 night on board Mekong Eyes
- Join-in touring
- Local English-speaking guide on board
- Return transfers from Saigon accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)

from **\$291*** per person
twin share

INCLUDES:

- 1 night 3 star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Private touring
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return transfers from Saigon accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch)

from **\$394*** per person
twin share

Southern Vietnam Beaches

With stunning white beaches, tropical islands and turquoise water, the south of Vietnam is a beach-lovers dream. Whether you want a fun family holiday, a romantic honeymoon, an action-packed adventure or an island getaway, you can find it here.



Island Hideaways

Escape the mainland to the islands of Phu Quoc and Con Dao. Phu Quoc has plenty of untouched natural wonders, while Con Dao is home to a single luxurious resort – Six Senses Con Dao.



Bay Breaks

Relax along stunning Vinh Hy Bay and take in pristine Nui Chua National Park. Only accessible by boat, be surrounded by jungle-covered mountains at Ninh Van Bay.



SOUTHERN VIETNAM BEACH HOTELS



MIA RESORT NHA TRANG

MAP
REF. 1

Nestled in a quiet bay 20 kilometres south of the city of Nha Trang, Mia Resort Nha Trang is a haven of tranquillity with its own beautiful private beach. Each room is designed with ultimate luxury in mind, blending contemporary living with complete comfort. Dazzle your tastebuds in one of the excellent restaurants or indulge at the spa.

Includes:

- 3 nights accommodation (Garden View Condo)
- Full buffet, à la carte or room service breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Nha Trang Airport

from **\$525*** 3 nights
per person

MGALLERY LA VERANDA RESORT
PHU QUOCMAP
REF. 2

Set on Phu Quoc island, this resort features a style reminiscent of a French seaside mansion. Each room boasts colonial-influenced décor with a private balcony or terrace overlooking lush gardens or the ocean. Be pampered at the day spa, stroll along the white sandy beach or relax by the swimming pool.

Includes:

- 3 nights accommodation (Deluxe Garden View Room) • Full buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Phu Quoc Airport

Bonus: VIP check-in with welcome drink and canapés. Valid 1 Apr 19 – 31 Mar 20.

from **\$575*** 3 nights
per person



NAM NGHI PHU QUOC

MAP
REF. 2

Nestled on the pristine shores of Phu Quoc's Mong Tay peninsula, Nam Nghi Phu Quoc is surrounded by beautiful natural landscapes. All rooms are designed to add a sense of luxury using natural materials and traditional Vietnamese craftsmanship to create private spacious retreats. Rejuvenate at the holistic day spa or lounge by the outdoor swimming pool overlooking the ocean.

Includes:

- 3 nights accommodation (Blue Ocean Deluxe Room)
- Full buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Phu Quoc Airport

from **\$685*** 3 nights
per person



SIX SENSES CON DAO

MAP
REF. 3

Sitting on a private white sand beach on the island of Con Dao, Six Senses Con Dao is surrounded by dramatic mountain scenery. The light-filled villas are each designed with style and elegance, offering a private infinity pool and generous space. Floor to ceiling windows maximise views and private terraces and balconies look out to breathtaking vistas across the water. Dine on fresh local seafood at the main restaurant, or find peace at the uniquely designed Six Senses Spa.

Includes:

- 3 nights accommodation (Ocean View Duplex)
- Full buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Con Dao Airport

from **\$1,619*** 3 nights
per person



SIX SENSES NINH VAN BAY

MAP
REF. 4

Set on a stunning private bay north of Nha Trang, Six Senses Ninh Van Bay is a unique, boutique resort only accessible by boat. The property offers an unparalleled experience of luxury reflecting the local environment, and personal service with a butler available from arrival to departure. Each villa features a private plunge pool and is in total harmony with its surrounds. Enjoy unique views and delicious cuisine at the three dining venues and be pampered at the Six Senses Spa.

Includes:

- 3 nights accommodation (Hilltop Pool Villa)
- Full buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Nha Trang Airport

from **\$1,969*** 3 nights
per person



AMANOI, VINH HY BAY

MAP
REF. 5

A tranquil retreat, Amanoi resort is positioned on a hillside overlooking Vinh Hy Bay with impressive ocean or mountain views. Take a short buggy ride to the property's private golden sand beach. With a fusion of contemporary elegance and Vietnamese architectural styles, the pavilions and villas are perched along a ridge with views of the surrounding area. Relax in the tranquil setting of the spa or explore the pristine environment with a range of experiences on offer.

Includes:

- 3 nights accommodation (Lake Pavilion)
- À la carte breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Nha Trang Airport

from **\$2,159*** 3 nights
per person

Nha Trang

Backed by mountains and overlooking a beautiful turquoise bay of tropical islands, experience the best of Nha Trang. Relax and enjoy the long stretch of white sand, swim or cruise the waters, or if you're feeling energetic, partake in some watersports.



Island Boat Trips

Nha Trang's stunning bay is dotted with tranquil islands just waiting to be uncovered. Take a short boat trip from the mainland and spend the day exploring the quiet islands, hidden coves and clear blue waters.



Beach Escape

Vietnam is filled with incredible cities, yet it is the beaches which offer a relaxed escape. Nha Trang offers the best of both worlds – the beach to laze away your days and a great nightlife to keep you entertained.



NHA TRANG HOTELS



NOVOTEL NHA TRANG

MAP
REF. 1

Overlooking the beach, Novotel Nha Trang is a great contemporary property located along the city's main street and near some of the area's main attractions. Each light-filled room features a balcony with a view of the sea, a casual ambience and modern amenities. Stay active at the modern fitness centre, enjoy a treatment at the spa or relax by the swimming pool after a day at the beach. This is the perfect place to stay for an enjoyable beach escape.

Includes:

- 3 nights accommodation (Standard Room)
- Full buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Nha Trang Airport

from **\$359*** 3 nights
per person

SUNRISE NHA TRANG
BEACH HOTELMAP
REF. 2

Built in a colonial style, Sunrise Nha Trang Beach Hotel is located just steps away from the beach. This hotel combines modern comforts and a terrific location overlooking Nha Trang Bay and beach. Each spacious room is contemporary with a range of amenities to ensure a comfortable stay. Relax by the Roman-style swimming pool and spend time at the property's private beach area.

Includes:

- 3 nights accommodation (Superior Room)
- Full buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Nha Trang Airport

from **\$479*** 3 nights
per person



EVASON ANA MANDARA

MAP
REF. 3

Featuring its own private beach, Evason Ana Mandara combines luxury with a laidback ambience and boasts an absolute beachfront location. Each stylish room offers classic Vietnamese touches amid a tropical oasis. With a private terrace, each villa is a welcome retreat with a range of excellent amenities. Lounge by the pool or keep busy with water and beach sports. Overlooking the ocean, this property features all the facilities to make this a destination in itself.

Includes:

- 3 nights accommodation (Garden View Room)
- Full buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Nha Trang Airport

from **\$789*** 3 nights
per person

NHA TRANG EXPERIENCES

Nha Trang Food Adventure
Evening / Join-in

Discover a culinary culture unlike anywhere else in Vietnam. Dazzling Nha Trang is a beach paradise where Vietnamese and Chan recipes collide to create a vibrant food scene fed by the sea and surrounding hills. Featuring oodles of delicious local specialities for you to try, this is the perfect introduction to the exciting culinary treasures that await you during your time on the bay.

from **\$45*** per person

Nha Trang City Tour
Half Day / Join-in

Discover the highlights of Nha Trang during this half day city tour. Explore the Po Nagar Cham Towers to see the fascinating architecture of the Cham people. Continue on to Long Son Pagoda, featuring a huge white Buddha. Stop at the gothic-style Nha Trang Cathedral and visit the largest market in town, Dam Market.

This tour is also available as a Private Tour, ask your Agent for details.

from **\$53*** per person
Minimum 2 people

Nha Trang Sunset Cruise
Evening / Join-in

Board the Emperor Cruise and receive a welcome drink before enjoying a spectacular sunset.

While cruising Nha Trang Bay, sip a cocktail or glass of wine on the sundeck and enjoy listening to music under the stars as you gaze at the city lights.

Relax with a five-course seafood dinner on board. This sunset and dinner cruise is a perfect opportunity to experience Nha Trang Bay at night.

from **\$147*** per person
Minimum 2 people

Hoi An

With a picturesque riverside setting, colourful Hoi An is a former trading port which retains a charming mix of architectural styles from days gone by. Immerse yourself in the atmosphere of the old town, escape to the beach or venture further afield to experience laidback village life.



Hoi An



Old Town

Wander through the historic lanes of Hoi An's old town where the buildings have been largely preserved and have been painted yellow. See the Japanese Covered Bridge and spend time relaxing by the riverside.



Regional Flavours

Many of the historic buildings are now home to stylish restaurants and bars. From street carts to French-style cafés and riverfront seafood restaurants, Hoi An's unique cuisine has evolved over the centuries.



Tailor-made

From suits and skirts to dresses and jackets, have a tailor create a whole new wardrobe to suit you. Spend time roaming the row upon row of local shophouses which stock shoes, fabric, clothing and lacquerware.

Hoi An City Explorer

5 DAYS FROM \$425* PER PERSON

Undoubtedly the gem of central Vietnam, Hoi An has some of the country's best dining and shopping options. For the perfect introduction, choose our Hoi An City Explorer. Cycle to the rural villages surrounding the city and design your own tour of Hoi An with your local English-speaking guide.



DAY 1 Hoi An

On arrival at Danang Airport, be transferred to your hotel in the charming riverside town of Hoi An. Stay the next four nights at Hoi An Garden Palace.

DAY 2 Hoi An

Meet with your local English-speaking guide to tailor a unique morning of activities to suit your interests. Explore Hoi An with options including a scenic boat trip on Thu Bon River, a local market visit or a cyclo ride around the old town. Spend the afternoon further exploring Hoi An independently. Perhaps wander the rows of shophouses and shop for tailor-made clothing. (B)

DAY 3 Hoi An

Uncover beautiful scenery and local life as you cycle outside Hoi An town for the day. Cycle alongside the river and see basket boats being made at a traditional boatyard. Visit craft workshops and a family-run wine refinery. Have lunch in the garden of a local family home. Enjoy meeting the local people and gain a unique insight into their daily lives. (BL)

DAY 4 Hoi An

Today is free to explore the charming old town. (B)

DAY 5 Hoi An

Enjoy free time before checking out of the hotel and being transferred to Danang Airport. (B)

INCLUDES:

- 4 nights hotel accommodation at Hoi An Garden Palace (Junior Deluxe Room)
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Hoi An Design Your Own half day tour
- Hoi An Village Cycle full day tour
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to Hoi An accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch)

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HOI AN GARDEN PALACE

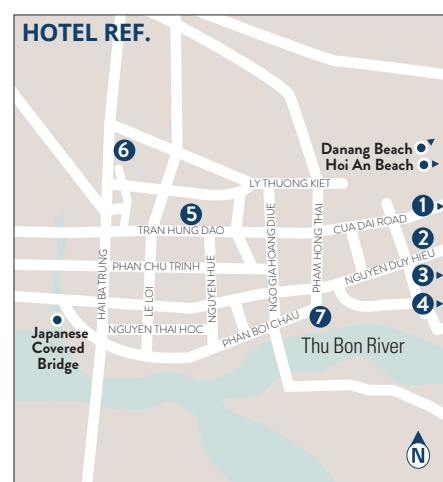


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Located between Hoi An old town and Cua Dai beach, Hoi An Garden Palace is a cosy property featuring an antiquity style elegance.

With a range of amenities, each room is different yet well-appointed to ensure a comfortable stay. With classic style interiors, rooms have a historic, old-world feel and enjoy views for the courtyard and fountain or local life of Hoi An. Enjoy a delicious meal at the courtyard restaurant, relax by the outdoor swimming pool or be pampered at the day spa.

Bonus: Sunset Bicycle Tour per person
• Afternoon tea per person on one day.
Valid 1 Jan – 31 Dec 19.



HOI AN CITY EXPLORER – HOTEL UPGRADE OPTIONS



ANCIENT HOUSE RESORT

MAP
REF.
2

Ancient House Resort is situated a 20 minute walk from the centre of town and a short drive to Cua Dai beach. A unique fusion of Vietnamese style and modern luxury, the property features a pleasant and relaxed atmosphere surrounded by tropical gardens.

Each comfortable room is modest in size and is ideally set around the central swimming pool. Enjoy breakfast in the open air restaurant, spend time by the swimming pool and relax with a treatment at the spa.

Bonus: 20% discount on resort services. Valid 1 Jan – 31 Dec 19.

from **\$435*** per person for 5 Day Hoi An City Explorer (Superior Room)



HOI AN TRAILS RESORT & SPA

MAP
REF.
3

Set among lush gardens, Hoi An Trails Resort & Spa is ideally located between Cua Dai beach and historical Hoi An. This boutique property offers a cosy, intimate feel.

Each large room is furnished with local décor and a unique design. Relax on your private balcony overlooking the countryside.

Be pampered at the spa, relax by the pool or enjoy a drink at the open-air bar.

Bonus: Set menu lunch or dinner per person on one day • Late check-out. Valid 1 Jan – 31 Dec 19.

from **\$499*** per person for 5 Day Hoi An City Explorer (Superior Room)



HOI AN HISTORIC HOTEL

MAP
REF.
4

Located moments from Hoi An's beautiful old town, Hoi An Historic Hotel is a resort-style property featuring expansive grounds.

Each elegantly-styled room is fresh and comfortable with a private balcony and modern amenities to ensure a pleasant stay.

Play a game of tennis, cool off in the outdoor pool or take the shuttle bus to Cua Dai beach. This is an excellent base from which to explore Hoi An's vibrant heritage streets.

Bonus: Guaranteed upgrade to a Deluxe Room • 20% discount on spa treatments. Valid 1 Jan – 31 Dec 19.

from **\$525*** per person for 5 Day Hoi An City Explorer (Superior Room)



HOI AN BEACH RESORT

MAP
REF.
5

With a great beachside location, Hoi An Beach Resort offers picturesque river views from the common areas.

Each spacious room is bright, simple and comfortably furnished with a private balcony offering views of the gardens, beach, river or paddy fields.

Spend time relaxing by the two swimming pools or enjoy a delicious meal as you take in the river views from the restaurant.

from **\$559*** per person for 5 Day Hoi An City Explorer (Standard Room)



ALMANITY HOI AN WELLNESS RESORT

MAP
REF.
6

Almanity Hoi An Wellness Resort draws on its surroundings and integrates these elements into its architecture and design.

Built around a large tropical courtyard swimming pool, each room is bright and comfortable with local design elements.

As one of the largest wellness spas on Vietnam's central coast, My Chi Spa offers daily spa treatments, Yoga and Tai Chi classes as well as a range of wellness activities.

Bonus: Set menu lunch or dinner for two adults on one day. Valid 1 Jan 19 – 31 Mar 20.

from **\$835*** per person for 5 Day Hoi An City Explorer (My Spirit Superior Room)



ANANTARA HOI AN RESORT

MAP
REF.
7

Situated on the Thu Bon River, Anantara Hoi An Resort is only a short stroll to Hoi An old town. Each spacious, split-level room overlooks the beautifully landscaped gardens and tranquil river. Hoi An's cultural diversity is reflected in the rooms and suites with a blend of French, Dutch, Chinese and Japanese design elements. Choose from a range of dining options at the hotel, indulge with a treatment at the day spa or spend time relaxing by the pool.

from **\$1,059*** per person for 5 Day Hoi An City Explorer (My Spirit Superior Room)

HOI AN EXPERIENCES



Hoi An Walking Tour

Half Day / Private

With your knowledgeable local English-speaking guide, spend time walking through the quiet streets of enchanting Hoi An. Once Vietnam's most active trading centre, Hoi An's old town has been largely preserved and still reflects the influences of Chinese, Japanese, Portuguese, French and British traders. Enjoy the town's architecture as you visit a traditional ancient house, the Hoi An Museum, a Chinese Assembly Hall and the Japanese Covered Bridge.

from **\$45*** per person
Minimum 2 people



Hoi An Village Cycle

Full Day / Join-in

Ride along quiet streets and laneways towards the river to begin your experience. Venture over a series of river crossings by boat and bamboo bridges. Along the way see a traditional wooden boatyard, basket boats being made and experience a local basket boat performance. Visit a family-run rice wine refinery and a Vietnamese traditional house. Enjoy a delicious lunch in the garden of a local family home and see how mats are woven at a nearby village. Take a short bike ride and boat trip to return to Hoi An.

This tour is also available as a Private Tour, ask your Agent for details.

from **\$51*** per person
Minimum 2 people



Red Bridge Cooking Class

Half Day / Join-in

Visit Hoi An's colourful market and experience its amazing sights, sounds and aromas. Board the Red Bridge boat for a leisurely cruise to the Red Bridge Cooking School. On arrival, explore the cooking school's herb and vegetable garden before learning about some of Hoi An's and Vietnam's well-known dishes. Enjoy demonstrations from the school's chefs and take the opportunity to help prepare some dishes.

This tour is also available as a Private Tour, ask your Agent for details.

from **\$62*** per person
Minimum 2 people



Hoi An Local For A Day

Half Day / Private

Cycle a short distance through picturesque countryside to the quaint village of Tra Que. Join a local family for the morning to learn about some of the farming methods unique to Vietnam during this hands-on experience. Take the opportunity to personally interact with the people of this region, experiencing a side to Vietnam few tourists get to see. Indulge with a herbal foot massage, the perfect way to relax following your activities. Enjoy a local lunch before returning to Hoi An by bicycle.

from **\$64*** per person
Minimum 2 people



Flavours of Hoi An Food Tour

Half Day / Private

Visit a local market and enjoy walking the streets of Hoi An on this fascinating culinary tour. Join your local English-speaking guide and explore the colourful Tan An market. Discover hidden producers and street vendors who make and sell a wide variety of exotic foods. Spend time interacting with the local sellers and learn about some of the ingredients in the food you will sample. Pass local food vendors, biscuit makers, bakeries and other local stalls throughout the lanes and alleyways of the old town.

from **\$77*** per person
Minimum 2 people



Hoi An Fisherman Tour

Half Day / Join-in

Learn about the lives of the local fishermen on this family-run, interactive tour. Board your boat for a cruise through Water Coconut Palm Canal, a tranquil area rarely visited by tourists. Learn about the history of the area and the lives of the local fishermen with a fun, hands-on experience. Gain an insight into local fishing techniques and learn how to navigate a basket boat through the narrow waterways. Enjoy a sumptuous seafood lunch on board your boat. This tour gives you a real insight into Vietnamese life.

from **\$104*** per person
Minimum 2 people

Central Vietnam Beaches

Endless stretches of sandy beaches extend from Hoi An to Lang Co via Danang. Stay at a resort close to Hoi An and combine the beach with history, culture and shopping. Alternatively, stay at a property near Lang Co or Danang and laze away your days on the beach.



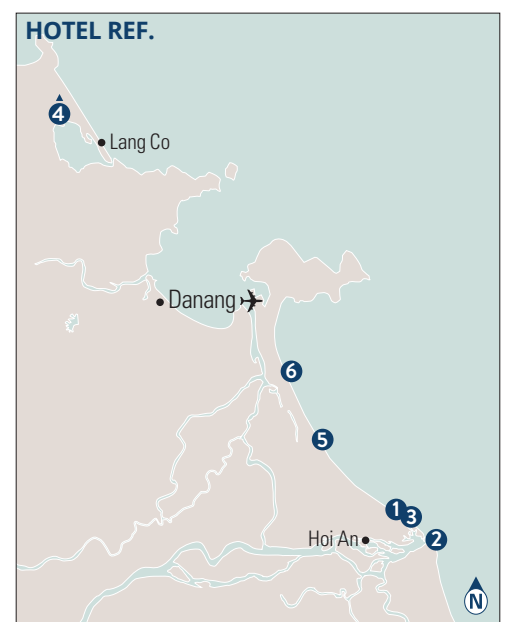
Hoi An Beaches

Stay at one of the beaches close to Hoi An and enjoy the beach and Hoi An's old town. Located between 15 to 30 minutes' drive from Hoi An, many hotels offer shuttle services to Hoi An.



Lang Co

Situated north of Danang, Lang Co offers a seemingly endless stretch of stunning white sand beach on one side of the peninsula and a lovely lagoon on the other side.



CENTRAL VIETNAM BEACH HOTELS



Superior Room

PALM GARDEN RESORT

MAP
REF.
1

With lush gardens set right on its own beach and close to Hoi An, Palm Garden Resort exudes an atmosphere of friendliness and relaxation. Simply designed, each room features Vietnamese silks and natural materials. Relax on your private balcony or terrace with garden or ocean views. Focusing on the essence of nature, enjoy a treatment at the spa or simply relax by the swimming pool. Choose to take a shuttle bus to Hoi An and explore this charming town.

Includes:

- 3 nights accommodation (Superior Garden View Room) • Full buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Danang Airport

from **\$399*** 3 nights
per person



River View Room

VICTORIA HOI AN BEACH
RESORT & SPAMAP
REF.
2

Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort & Spa is located on Cua Dai beach and is within easy reach of Hoi An. Each spacious room boasts a balcony or terrace with Vietnamese décor and is luxuriously appointed. Relax by the pool overlooking the beach, enjoy a rejuvenating treatment at the day spa, wander through the beautiful gardens or take the shuttle bus to Hoi An. Sample delicious Vietnamese or international cuisine at the restaurant and have a drink at one of the bars.

Includes:

- 3 nights accommodation (River View Room)
- Full buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Danang Airport

from **\$425*** 3 nights
per person



BOUTIQUE HOI AN RESORT

MAP
REF.
3

Set in open grounds facing the ocean, Boutique Hoi An Resort is just a short drive from Hoi An. With a private balcony or terrace, each room is well equipped with a range of amenities to ensure a comfortable stay. Relax in the spacious gardens surrounding a central pool or on the resort's stretch of beach. Dine in the restaurant with the choice of international and Vietnamese cuisine, or by the large outdoor swimming pool. Unwind at the spa, stay active at the gym or enjoy a walk along Cua Dai beach.

Includes:

- 3 nights accommodation (Superior Room)
- Full buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Danang Airport

from **\$429*** 3 nights
per person



ANGSANA LANG CO

MAP
REF.
4

Boasting a magnificent private stretch of coastline, Angsana Lang Co is a huge beach resort an hour drive from Danang at Lang Co. Each room is bright, bold and modern, and makes the most of the beautiful natural surrounds with a terrace or balcony. In addition to the stunning sweep of beach, the resort features a 300 metre pool which meanders throughout the lush gardens. Play a round of golf on the Sir Nick Faldo designed 18 hole championship golf course or be pampered at the renowned day spa.

Includes:

- 3 nights accommodation (Garden Balcony Grand Room) • Full buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Danang Airport

from **\$689*** 3 nights
per person



NAMAN RETREAT DANANG

MAP
REF.
5

Seamlessly blending Vietnamese heritage and culture with modern luxury, Naman Retreat Danang is situated on a stretch of beach between Hoi An and Danang. Contemporary design and luxury fittings ensure each room is a haven of privacy and relaxation. With a holistic approach, relax at the day spa with a rejuvenating treatment. Enjoy beautiful food at the restaurants and relax with a drink at the bar.

Includes:

- 3 nights accommodation (Babylon Room)
- Full buffet breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Danang Airport

from **\$775*** 3 nights
per person



1 Bedroom Pool Villa

FUSION MAIA DA NANG RESORT

MAP
REF.
6

Located on a beautiful beach between Danang and Hoi An, Fusion Maia Da Nang Resort blends healthy living with understated luxury. Each modern and elegant villa boasts a private plunge pool and courtyard garden. The living and sleeping spaces are stylishly combined in each villa. Indulge with two spa treatments included each day, enjoy delicious food at the open restaurant and spend time soaking in the lap pool leading to the beachfront.

Includes:

- 3 nights accommodation (Spa Villa)
- Full buffet or à la carte breakfast daily
- Return transfers from Danang Airport

from **\$2,395*** 3 nights
per person

Hue

Nestled in central Vietnam on the Perfume River, the former imperial capital of Hue is filled with relics of a fascinating royal past. The architecture is a sight to behold with the ancient Citadel and the emperors' atmospheric tombs. As the cradle of Buddhism in Vietnam, Hue is also home to tranquil pagodas.



Imperial Palace

Located within six metre high walls, the Imperial Citadel houses the residence, temples and palaces of the emperor. This historic site was heavily bombed during the war which has left only a fraction of the original complex intact.



Imperial Tombs

As Hue's most impressive tomb, Tu Duc's tomb was constructed between 1864 and 1867. Situated on hillside, the elaborate tomb of Khai Dinh is covered in blackened concrete yet the interior features colourful mosaics.



Perfume River

Cruise along the Perfume River in a dragon boat to see the city from a completely different perspective. Along the way, visit the revered Thien Mu Pagoda, Hue's oldest and most beautiful religious monument.

Hue City Explorer

3 DAYS FROM \$275* PER PERSON

On the banks of the Perfume River, Hue is a refined and quiet city. For the perfect introduction, choose our Hue City Explorer. Discover the tombs of past emperors, sample delicious regional dishes and travel by dragon boat along the river on a comprehensive full day tour.



Citadel



Thien Mu Pagoda

DAY 1 Hue

On arrival in Hue, be transferred to your hotel. As the former imperial capital, Hue offers a unique insight into historic Vietnam. The city is filled with relics of a fascinating past and the ancient architecture is a sight to behold. Stay the next two nights at Moonlight Hotel.

DAY 2 Hue

Embark on a full day tour of Hue's historic monuments, beginning with the impressive Citadel, home of the Nguyen Dynasty emperors. Much of the Citadel was destroyed during the Tet Offensive in 1968 and is gradually being restored. Visit the tombs of the fourth emperor

of the Nguyen Dynasty, Tu Duc and the second last emperor, Khai Dinh. Enjoy a traditional lunch at a local restaurant featuring the region's speciality dishes. Traditional Vietnamese food is renowned for the use of fresh ingredients, a balanced taste, complimentary textures, and a reliance on herbs and vegetables.

Travel by dragon boat along the Perfume River to the much-revered Thien Mu Pagoda, Hue's oldest and most beautiful. Take the opportunity to visit Dong Ba market before returning to your hotel. (BL)

DAY 3 Hue

Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

INCLUDES:

- 2 nights hotel accommodation at Moonlight Hotel (Deluxe City View Room)
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Hue City full day tour
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to Hue accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch)

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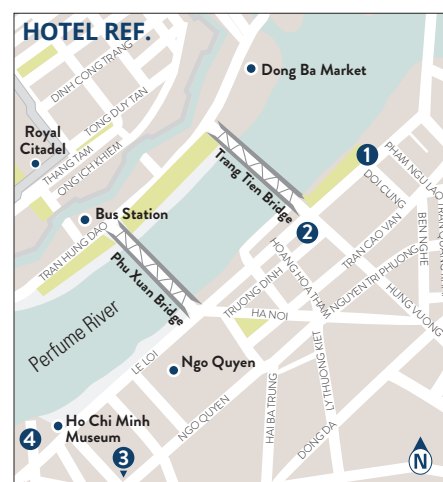
MOONLIGHT HOTEL

Situated in Hue's city centre, Moonlight Hotel is surrounded by many local eateries and shops. Friendly service and a great location make this property the perfect base to explore the city.

Each spacious room features a modern design with good basic amenities to ensure a pleasant stay. Escape to the day spa, stay active in the fitness room or relax by the indoor swimming pool.

Bonus: Welcome cocktail for stays of 2 nights or more • Set menu dinner for 2 adults for stays of 3 nights or more. Valid 1 Jan – 31 Dec 19.

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HUE CITY EXPLORER – HOTEL UPGRADE OPTIONS



HOTEL SAIGON MORIN

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2

A lovingly restored French-colonial building located opposite the Perfume River, Hotel Saigon Morin features excellent facilities and professional service. This property also offers great views of Truong Tien Bridge and the river.

Each spacious room boasts parquet floors, a marble bathroom and a range of amenities to ensure a comfortable stay.

Relax at this large, charming hotel, complete with a courtyard pool and a range of restaurants and bars.



PILGRIMAGE VILLAGE HUE

MAP
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3

Combining a soothing natural environment with local culture, Pilgrimage Village Hue is a reflection of its lush tropical gardens.

Each room is filled with traditional architectural touches and modern comforts with views over the garden or the lily lake. Featuring wooden furniture and marble floors, rooms feature air-conditioning, flat screen television, mini bar and lovely touches such as bathrobes, slippers and turndown service.

Enter a world of tranquillity as you relax with a pampering treatment at the day spa and enjoy a daily yoga or Tai Chi class. Sample local Hue delicacies created from fresh seasonal produce.

Bonus: Upgrade to the next room type for stays of 3 nights or more. Valid 1 Jan 19 – 31 Mar 20.

from **\$345*** per person for 3 Day Hue City Explorer
(Colonial Deluxe Room)

from **\$389*** per person for 3 Day Hue City Explorer
(Superior Room)



Superior Room

LA RESIDENCE HUE HOTEL & SPA

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4

Located on the banks of the Perfume River and in the heart of Hue, La Residence Hue Hotel & Spa is an Art Deco-inspired property once home to the French Governor of central Vietnam. This hotel is also within close proximity to Hue's historical attractions.

Each elegant room combines colonial charm and Asian opulence to ensure unparalleled comfort. Relax by the beautiful, riverside swimming pool or be pampered with a range of spa treatments.

Bonus: Early check-in and late check-out (subject to availability)

- Welcome fruit • Upgrade to the next room type (subject to availability)
- VND250,000 spa voucher per person. Valid 1 Jan – 31 Dec 19.

from **\$715*** per person for 3 Day Hue City Explorer
(Superior Room)

HUE EXPERIENCES



Royal City Street Eats

Evening / Join-in

Hop aboard a cyclo and take a tasty trip through historic Hue, the last imperial capital of Vietnam.

Explore the city's charms as you ride through alleyways, sit side-by-side with locals and taste local street foods, from sticky rice dumplings to pancakes.

Learn the history and significance of dishes that make up central Vietnamese cuisine and experience the nightly street life of Hue.

from **\$64*** per person



Hue City Tour

Full Day / Join-in

On a full day tour of Hue, you will visit the impressive home of the Nguyen Dynasty emperors – the Citadel. Also visit the tombs of the fourth emperor of the Nguyen Dynasty, Tu Duc and the second last emperor, Khai Dinh. In the afternoon travel by Dragon boat along the Perfume River to the much-revered Thien Mu Pagoda. You will also have the chance to visit Dong Ba market.

This tour is also available as a Private Tour, ask your Agent for details.

from **\$130*** per person
Minimum 2 people



DMZ Tour

Full Day / Private

Travel north from Hue along the road once known as 'the street without joy' towards Dong Ha and the Demilitarized Zone.

Spend today travelling through the former north/south border area, with a chance to see the Rockpile – an apparently unassailable observation post.

Visit Hien Luong Bridge and the Vinh Moc Tunnels before returning to Hue by late afternoon.

from **\$135*** per person
Minimum 2 people



Hue City Design Your Own Tour

Half Day / Private

Make the most of your time and the knowledge of our experienced local guides who will help design the perfect tour for you.

Hue is a quiet city home to some of Vietnam's most impressive feudal remnants including the old Citadel and emperors' tombs, as well as quiet pagodas and captivating local street scenes.

This 'menu' style tours enable you, together with one of our knowledgeable local guides, to tailor-make your tour specific to your own interests.

from **\$152*** per person
Minimum 2 people



Phong Nha Cave Explorer

3 Days / Private

Nestled in central Vietnam is Phong Nha Ke Bang National Park, home to some of Asia's oldest limestone karst mountains.

From Hue, travel to the Ben Hai River. The river is the natural border separating north and south Vietnam, and is located in the middle of the infamous DMZ (Demilitarized Zone). Explore the tunnels and a small museum before continuing to Phong Nha and the Chay Lap Farmstay, your home for two nights.

Enjoy a full day exploring Phong Nha Ke Bang National Park. The national park is home to the largest dry cave in Asia, Paradise Cave, and the largest single cave passage in the world, Son Doong Cave. Take a boat into the spectacular Phong Nha cave which the Cham people used as Buddhist sanctuaries in the 9th and 10th centuries. Walk up the 300 steps to Tien Son Cave before returning by boat to Son Trach village. Be driven to Paradise Cave and walk, or take an electric cart, to the base of a mountain. Climb approximately 500 steps to enter the cave and walk along a network of wooden pathways for more than one kilometre into the huge cave.

On your last day, journey back to Hue for your onward journey.

from **\$566*** per person
twin share

Hanoi

Located in northern Vietnam, graceful Hanoi is the country's modern-day capital. Classic colonial architecture, a distinctive cuisine and a millennium of history and culture blend beautifully to give Hanoi her elegance creating a city vastly different to Saigon.



Old Quarter

A network of narrow streets, the Old Quarter offers a wonderful insight into daily life among the Hanoi locals.

Look for the street names on every corner which tell of the shop types that dominated in days gone by.



Ho Chi Minh Quarter

Discover the Ho Chi Minh Quarter and learn about the life of 'Uncle Ho'. Visit Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum, museum and the Humble Stilt House where he lived after refusing to live in the Presidential Palace.



Hoan Kiem Lake

Surrounded by buzzing streets, picturesque Hoan Kiem Lake lies in the centre of the action yet offers peaceful respite from the city. The lake can be easily walked around as you pass elderly exercisers and Tai Chi enthusiasts.

Hanoi City Explorer

4 DAYS FROM \$435* PER PERSON

Historic architecture and the narrow streets of the Old Quarter combine to create atmospheric Hanoi. For the perfect introduction, choose our Hanoi City Explorer. Visit a Muong hilltribe outside the city on a full day tour and design your own tour of Hanoi with your local English-speaking guide.



DAY 1 Hanoi

On arrival in Hanoi, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next three nights at Golden Lotus Luxury Hotel.

DAY 2 Hanoi

Meet with your local English-speaking guide to tailor a unique full day of activities to suit your interests. Explore Hanoi with options including a cyclo ride or visit the city's fascinating museums. Discover the narrow streets of the Old Quarter or choose to shop for handicrafts. Alternatively explore the city's many temples and historical sites. For lunch, try a local specialty dish of barbecue pork, Bun Cha. (BL)

DAY 3 Hanoi – Hoa Binh Hilltribes

Venture outside Hanoi for the day and uncover the spectacular limestone mountain scenery. Visit a hydroelectric dam that was built with the aid of the former Soviet Union. Continue onto one of the many Muong hilltribe villages. The Muong people are one of 54 ethnic minorities which retain their traditional way of life in the hills of Vietnam. Sample tea and rice wine while learning about their farming methods. Enjoy a traditional lunch at a local restaurant before driving back to Hanoi. (BL)

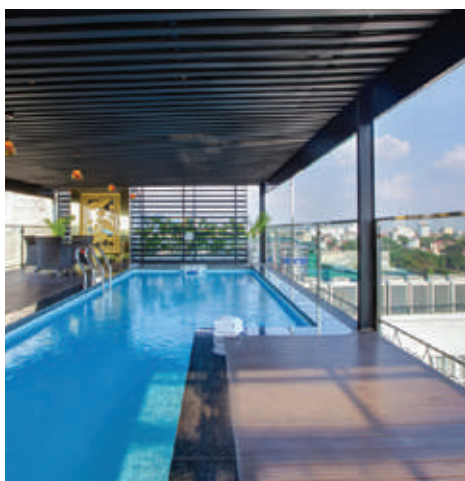
DAY 4 Hanoi

After breakfast be transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

INCLUDES:

- 3 nights hotel accommodation at Golden Lotus Luxury Hotel (Lotus Deluxe Room)
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Hanoi Design Your Own full day tour
- Hoa Binh Hilltribe full day tour
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to Hanoi accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch)

UPGRADE your hotel or extend your stay to experience everything this beautiful city has to offer. See pages 38 and 39 for other hotel options and experiences.



GOLDEN LOTUS LUXURY HOTEL

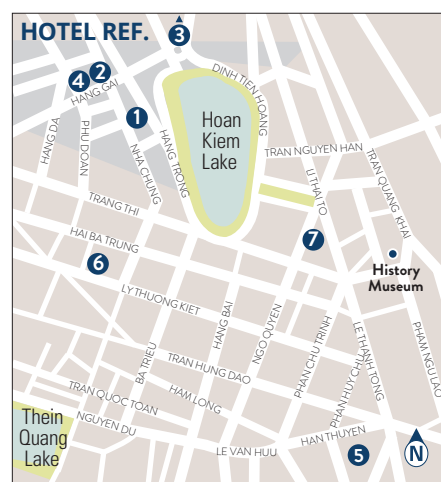
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Centrally located just a short walk from Hoan Kiem Lake, Golden Lotus Luxury Hotel is an excellent base for exploring Hanoi. Although small in size, each beautifully furnished room features local artwork and exudes a comfortable charm.

Enjoy a tasty meal at the restaurant, or relax with a drink in the Piano Bar or at the 12th floor Sky Bar. Indulge at the day spa or swim in the top-floor swimming pool overlooking Hanoi.

Bonus: Welcome cocktail and fruit plate

- 10% discount on food and beverage and spa treatments. Valid 1 Jan – 31 Dec 19.



HANOI CITY EXPLORER – HOTEL UPGRADE OPTIONS



Luxury Double Room

GOLDEN SILK BOUTIQUE HOTEL

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2

Situated in the heart of Hanoi, Golden Silk Boutique Hotel is just a short walk to Hoan Kiem Lake and the attractions of the Old Quarter.

Each cosy room is furnished in a modern style with classic Vietnamese touches, and each boasts a marble bathroom.

Relax with a drink overlooking the city at the rooftop bar, enjoy a tasty meal at the restaurant or be pampered at the day spa.

from **\$479*** per person for 4 Day Hanoi City Explorer (Luxury Room)



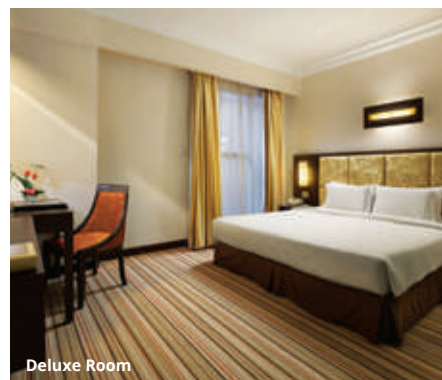
TIRANT HOTEL

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With a great location in the heart of the Old Quarter, Tirant Hotel is surrounded by restaurants and entertainment options. Each room is well-appointed with a range of amenities to ensure a comfortable stay. Enjoy the small rooftop swimming pool and relax at the rooftop café with fascinating Old Quarter views. The day spa offers an extensive range of treatments blending oriental techniques with Vietnamese herbal touches.

Bonus: 15% discount on spa treatments
• 10% discount on food and beverage.
Valid 1 Apr 19 – 31 Mar 20.

from **\$485*** per person for 4 Day Hanoi City Explorer (Deluxe Room)



Deluxe Room

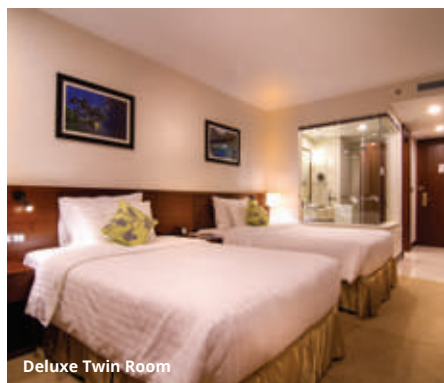
SILK PATH HOTEL

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Prominently located in the heart of Hanoi's tourist district, Silk Path Hotel combines unique architecture and local features. The property boasts good amenities and friendly service. Each room is inspired by a fusion of contemporary design and Vietnamese paintings. Hand-painted wallpaper and state-of-the-art technology combine to create an oasis of luxury. Sample local, Mediterranean or international cuisine at one of the hotel's restaurants.

Bonus: Welcome fruit plate • Early check-in and late check-out • Upgrade to the next room type (subject to availability) • 10% discount at the hotel restaurant. Valid 1 Jan 19 – 31 Mar 20.

from **\$515*** per person for 4 Day Hanoi City Explorer (Deluxe Room)



Deluxe Twin Room

THE ANN HANOI

MAP
REF.
5

The Ann Hanoi is situated south of Hoan Kiem Lake in the city's French Quarter making it the ideal base to explore the city.

From graceful design and stylish furnishings to chic amenities, each room is spacious and bright with a luxurious ambience.

Enjoy an excellent array of facilities including a restaurant offering a fine dining experience and rooftop pool with panoramic views.

from **\$519*** per person for 4 Day Hanoi City Explorer (Deluxe Room)



MELIA HANOI

MAP
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6

Melia Hanoi is situated in an unparalleled location in the heart of Hanoi with many attractions close by.

Featuring elegant interiors, each room is comfortably appointed with a range of necessary amenities.

Serving memorable dining experiences, enjoy a meal at one of the restaurants. Relax by the outdoor swimming pool, stay active at the fitness centre and be pampered at the spa.

from **\$699*** per person for 4 Day Hanoi City Explorer (Deluxe Room)



SOFITEL LEGEND METROPOLE HANOI

MAP
REF.
7

First opened in 1901, experience the opulence of Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi, the city's most distinguished hotel which is located just steps from Hanoi's French Quarter. The stunning Art Deco features are retained in the Heritage wing rooms while a contemporary yet stylish design is maintained in the Opera wing rooms. Dine on fine French or Vietnamese cuisine, retreat to the courtyard pool or enjoy a spa treatment.

from **\$1,115*** per person for 4 Day Hanoi City Explorer (Premium Room-Opera Wing)

HANOI EXPERIENCES



Village Discovery by Bike

Half Day / Join-in

Trade in the frenetic pace of Hanoi with an unforgettable bike ride through the Vietnam countryside.

Cycle along the banks of the Red River to explore the timeless traditional villages and learn about life outside of Hanoi.

Drop in to a local artist estate to admire some Vietnamese fine arts, visit a pottery making village to see how ceramics are made and finish with a magnificent sunset at West Lake.

from **\$57*** per person



Historic Hanoi Tour

Half Day / Private

Begin with a walk through the fascinating Old Quarter – 36 ancient streets where peddlers trade as they have done for centuries. Continue onto the eastern gate of the old Citadel (most of the Citadel was destroyed during French rule), walking along beautiful tree-lined boulevards. As you pass the Military Museum see reminders of American and Russian involvement in the country's long military history. See the old flag tower and pause at the Lenin Monument before arriving at what remains of the Citadel itself. Finish the tour with a visit to Hanoi's first university, the Temple of Literature, a centre of learning dating back to 1070 and now dedicated to Confucian worship.

from **\$62*** per person



Hanoi Design Your Own Day Tour

Half Day / Private

Make the most of your time and the knowledge of our experienced local guides who will help you design the perfect tour for you. Hanoi has much to explore, from the traditional commercial bustle of the Old Quarter, the local markets and chaotic traffic, to the quiet lakes, historic temples, fascinating museums and regal architecture of the French colonial districts.

This 'menu' style tours enable you, together with one of our knowledgeable local guides, to tailor-make your tour specific to your own interests.

from **\$85*** per person
Minimum 2 people



Hanoi Food Tour

Afternoon / Private

Walk through Hanoi's lively backstreets and try some delicious dishes with the locals.

On an afternoon tour, sample a local dessert 'Che' and shrimp cake. Join the locals for a beer at a local 'Bia Hoi' establishment before trying a delicious pancake made with chicken and pork.

A morning tour is also available with the local breakfast dish of noodles and fish. Taste a traditional glutinous rice dish served with local tea. Other treats may include shrimp cake or snail noodles. Stop at a local café for a coffee with condensed milk.

from **\$85*** per person
Minimum 2 people



Hanoi City Tour

Full Day / Join-in

Discover the best of Hanoi on a full day city tour. Walk through the fascinating Old Quarter to observe daily life. Visit the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, dedicated to the father of modern Vietnam – Uncle Ho. Continue to the Temple of Literature and the Ethnology Museum for an insight into Vietnam's various minority groups. Stop at the 'Hanoi Hilton' where pilots who were shot down during the war were imprisoned. The former prison is now a museum.

This tour is also available as a Private Tour, ask your Agent for details.

from **\$109*** per person
Minimum 2 people



Hoa Lu & Trang An Tour

Full Day / Private

Take the journey south to Hoa Lu, the ancient capital of Vietnam dating back to the 10th century. Visit the famous sanctuary of Dinh Tien Hoang, a former emperor of the Dinh Dynasty, and the temple dedicated to the Le Emperor. After lunch, visit Trang An Eco-site, otherwise known as 'Halong Bay on land'. Take a small boat through the magnificent scenery of lush rice paddies and unusual limestone karsts before returning to Hanoi late in the afternoon.

from **\$199*** per person
Minimum 2 people

Halong Bay

Halong Bay is one of Southeast Asia's stunning natural wonders and a World Heritage Listed site. Cruise the jade-coloured waters of Halong Bay and explore its limestone karsts, visit floating villages and enjoy a sumptuous lunch.



Ti Top Island

Venture to the top of Ti Top Island for incredible panoramic views of Halong Bay. Although a steep climb with a few hundred steps, it is worth the effort to see the limestone karsts dotted throughout the waters of the bay.

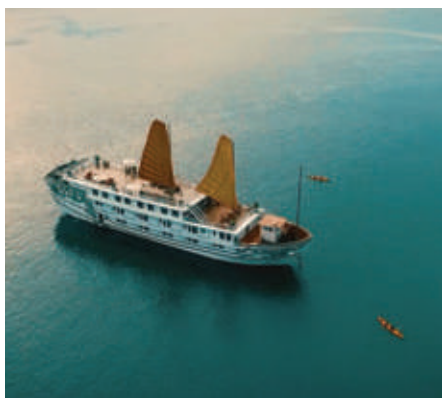


Fishing Villages

Gain a glimpse into the daily lives of the local people who reside on the floating fishing villages. Many of the families living in Halong Bay have done so for centuries and rely on catching squid and fish daily.



HALONG BAY CRUISES



Paradise Luxury



Halong Jasmine



Superior Cabin



Deluxe Cabin, Paradise Luxury



Superior Cabin, Halong Jasmine

Indochina Sails

Cruise the delightful waters of Halong Bay with the well-established Indochina Sails. During this overnight cruise, visit an interesting floating fishing village by bamboo boat and have the opportunity to interact with the local fishermen. Enjoy a fruit and vegetable carving lesson and in the evening, enjoy a cocktail while watching the sun set. Take a morning Tai Chi class and a short trek to the summit of one of the islands for a panoramic view of the bay. Throughout the cruise, there is also ample time to swim and sunbathe on the deck.

Onboard facilities

Each Indochina Sails boat features ample public and private areas including a stylish dining room and excellent viewing areas. Enjoy a varied selection of Vietnamese and international cuisine including fresh local seafood in the restaurant. Well-trained staff help to create a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere, ensuring you feel comfortable throughout your stay.

Cabins

Each of the 15 cabins are well-appointed with polished timber interiors and a marble en-suite. Large windows enable you to view the spectacular Halong Bay scenery.

Paradise Cruises

To experience the emerald waters of Halong Bay in the lap of luxury, you cannot go past Paradise Cruises. During your overnight cruise through the stunning lime karst scenery of the bay, stops will be made to explore fascinating caves and a floating fishing village. Have the opportunity to kayak or be rowed in a bamboo basket boat. Enjoy a cooking demonstration and a pre-dinner cocktail on the sundeck, followed by a movie night or squid fishing. Greet the day with a morning Tai Chi session. Relax on board or visit Sung Sot Cave, one of the largest caves in the bay.

Onboard facilities

Each custom-built boat is designed in the style of a traditional Vietnamese junk, yet boasts modern facilities and cabins to cruise in comfort and style. With all the comforts of a hotel, enjoy delicious cuisine at the stylish restaurant and relax at the top deck bar. Pamper yourself with a massage, relax at the spa or enjoy the bay views from the Jacuzzi.

Cabins

Each of the 17 spacious cabins feature dark wooden furnishings, windows and a marble bathroom. Windows in each cabin offer great views.

Note: Information based on Paradise Luxury vessel.

Halong Jasmine & Violet

Explore Halong Bay on the beautiful Halong Jasmine or Violet. Begin your cruise with a visit to a floating fishing village and observe fishermen who have been living in the bay for generations. Explore the bay by small rowing bamboo boat and watch a cooking demonstration. On a day trip boat, cruise to the bay's most untouched areas. Visit one of the biggest caves in Halong Bay, visit a Pearl Farm Village and enjoy a kayaking excursion. Rise early for Tai Chi and spend the morning swimming and hiking to the top of one of the islands for great views.

Onboard facilities

Both Halong Jasmine and Violet are deluxe wooden junks that combine classic style with modern comfort. Relax in the spacious boutique dining room which serves either a delicious buffet or à la carte meals featuring fresh local seafood. Halong Jasmine has 23 cabins on board, while Halong Violet boasts only 6 cabins.

Cabins

All cabins feature panoramic windows, air-conditioning, great amenities and a private en-suite to ensure a comfortable and relaxing stay.

Note: Halong Violet vessel also available.

INCLUDES:

- 1 night on board Indochina Sails (Superior Cabin)
- Breakfast daily, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- Join-in touring
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return transfers from Hanoi accommodation

from **\$319*** per person

INCLUDES:

- 1 night on board Paradise Luxury (Deluxe Cabin)
- Breakfast daily, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- Join-in touring
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return transfers from Hanoi accommodation

from **\$538*** per person

INCLUDES:

- 2 nights on board Halong Jasmine (Superior Cabin)
- Breakfast daily, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- Join-in touring
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return transfers from Hanoi accommodation

from **\$769*** per person

Sapa

Located in the far northwest of Vietnam in the mountains bordering China, Sapa and its surrounds are home to deep mountain valleys and traditional villages. Discover the unique customs of the Red Dzao and Black H'mong people as you explore this fascinating region.



Ethnic Minorities

Explore Vietnam's mountainous region which is home to ethnic hilltribe people.

The best known are the Red Dzao.

The women shave their heads and eyebrows, wear bright scarlet turbans and are skilled at embroidery.



Local Markets

Wander through the local markets in Sapa and gain a glimpse of the colourfully dressed minority groups. Marvel at the intricacy of the embroidered clothing and accessories which the local women make for the market.



Village Walks

Easy treks uncover the rural way of life of the hilltribes living at these high altitudes. The friendly faces of local hilltribe women greet you as you walk across picturesque rice terraces, feeling the cool mountain breeze.

Sapa By Road

4 DAYS FROM \$829* PER PERSON

Venturing into the mountains of Vietnam is an unforgettable experience. For the perfect introduction, choose our Sapa By Road tour. Journey from Hanoi to discover spectacular mountainous scenery, bustling towns, colourful markets and unique hilltribe communities.



DAY 1 Hanoi to Sapa

Depart Hanoi in the morning for a five hour drive from Hanoi to Sapa, perched in a picturesque mountain region. Take an afternoon guided walk of Sapa's bustling town and colourful markets. Stay the next two nights at Sapa Highland Resort.

DAY 2 Sapa – Red Dzao Village

This morning, visit the Red Dzao village of Ta Phin, where women are known for their shaved heads and eyebrows, and wear bright scarlet turbans. The Red Dzao are also well known for their intricate embroideries and handicrafts. Continue to explore this beautiful area before heading back to Sapa for some free time. (B)

DAY 3 Sapa – Muong Hoa Valley

Travel a short way to Muong Hoa Valley this morning. Walk through terraced rice paddies to the village of Hau Thao, home to a Black H'mong hilltribe where you have the extraordinary opportunity to interact with your hosts.

In the afternoon travel to your unique ecolodge in Supan, Topas Ecolodge. Descend into a valley to visit ethnic minority groups in Lech Village, a picturesque area not often visited by tourists. Overnight at Topas Ecolodge.

DAY 4 Sapa to Hanoi

Continue to uncover Sapa before departing after midday for your return journey to Hanoi. (B)

INCLUDES:

- 2 nights hotel accommodation at Sapa Highland Resort (Superior Room)
- 1 night lodge accommodation at Topas Ecolodge (Premium Executive Bungalow)
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Private touring
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return transfers from Hanoi accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast)

UPGRADE your hotel in Sapa or extend your stay to experience everything this beautiful region has to offer. See pages 44 and 45 for other hotel options and experiences.



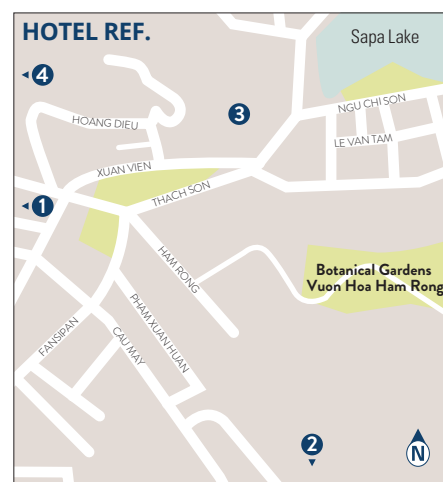
SAPA HIGHLAND RESORT



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Nestled in the heart of Sapa, this property is the perfect base for exploring the northern highlands of Vietnam. Built as a modern Vietnamese mountain retreat with accented wooden décor, the hotel features great views over the Hoang Lien Mountain range and the surrounding town.

The hotel offers elegantly-appointed, spacious rooms and a range of facilities. The ambience of Sapa Highland Resort ensures a comfortable stay in Sapa town.



SAPA BY ROAD – HOTEL UPGRADE OPTIONS



VICTORIA SAPA RESORT & SPA

MAP
REF.
3

Soak up the spectacular mountain and valley views at Victoria Sapa Resort & Spa. This low-rise property was built using local stone and timber to reflect its natural surrounds.

Retreat to stylishly designed rooms with warm wooden floorboards and furnishings, white linens and local ethnic textiles. Private balconies ensure you make the most of the idyllic setting.

Explore the property's excellent range of facilities including a heated indoor swimming pool and spa.



SILK PATH GRAND RESORT

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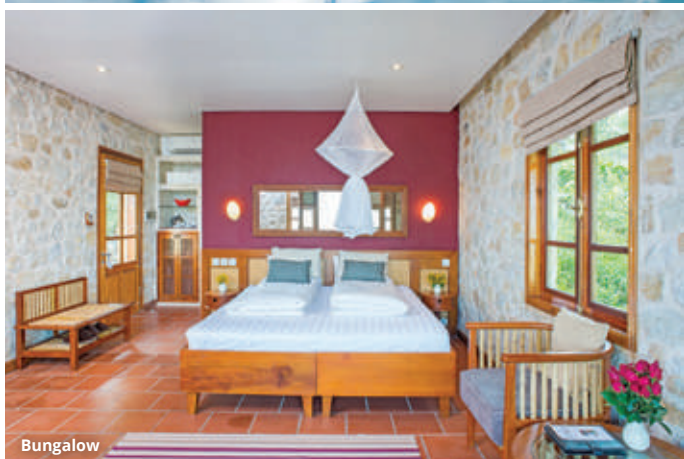
Located on its own picturesque hill, Silk Path Grand Resort features amazing views of the surrounding mountain range, Hoang Lien Son.

Each thoughtfully designed room features a spacious layout with a luxurious bathroom and a balcony or terrace.

Retreat to the indoor swimming pool after a day exploring the mountains. Unwind with a drink at the lounge which boasts a terrace with breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains.

from **\$935*** per person for 4 Day Sapa By Road
(Superior Room)

from **\$1,059*** per person for 4 Day Sapa By Road
(Classic Room)



Bungalow

TOPAS ECOLODGE

MAP
REF.
2

Topas Ecolodge is a unique property which has been acknowledged by National Geographic as a 'unique lodge'.

Set on a hilltop with sweeping views, the lodge was built using natural, local materials. Its environmentally-friendly features include solar power, waste water treatment and a natural water source from the nearby mountains. Bungalow accommodation purposefully excludes televisions so you can truly unwind.

For tranquil relaxation, swim in the infinity pool complete with breathtaking views of the mountains and valleys and indulge at the spa specialising in traditional Red Dao herbal baths. The lodge also makes a perfect base for exploring the surrounding area by foot or bike or simply relaxing far away from the busy urban areas.

SAPA EXPERIENCES



Sapa by Train

4 Days / Private

DAY 1 Hanoi to Lao Cai

Be transferred from your Hanoi hotel to Hanoi railway station for the overnight train to Lao Cai.

DAY 2 Lao Cai to Sapa

On arrival at Lao Cai train station you will be met for the 35 kilometre drive up to Sapa, passing spectacular mountain scenery to finally reach this charming town, set amongst the highest and most beautiful mountains in Vietnam. On arrival, head south towards the Muong Hoa Valley, and then descend by foot through the largest terraced rice paddy area in the Sapa region. The walk takes you through the village of Hau Thao, home to the Black H'mong minority. Have the opportunity to observe the daily life and traditional hospitality before returning to Sapa. The afternoon is free to relax or wander into town to explore the colourful local market. (B)

DAY 3 Sapa to Lao Cai

After a leisurely start, journey out of Sapa to the Red Dzao village of Giang Ta Chai. One of the area's best known and most colourful minorities, Red Dzao women shave their heads and eyebrows and wear bright scarlet turbans. Return to Sapa for lunch followed by free time to relax at the hotel or further explore the town. In the early evening, be transferred to Lao Cai station for the overnight train to Hanoi. (B)

DAY 4 Lao Cai to Hanoi

There is an early arrival in Hanoi this morning before being transferred to your hotel.

INCLUDES:

- 2 nights on board the train
- 1 night 3 star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Private touring • Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return transfers from Hanoi accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast)

from **\$455*** per person

Sapa & Topas Ecolodge

5 Days / Private

DAY 1 Hanoi to Lao Cai

Be transferred from your Hanoi hotel to the train station and travel by overnight train from Hanoi on route to Lao Cai.

DAY 2 Lao Cai to Sapa

On arrival at Lao Cai train station in the morning, take a scenic journey up to Sapa. On arrival, your leisurely morning begins with a brief guided tour of Sapa town and the local colourful market. The afternoon is free. (B)

DAY 3 Sapa to Supan

This morning, head towards Muong Hoa Valley, and walk through the largest terraced rice paddy area in the region and the village of Hau Thao, home to the Black H'mong minority. Continue on to the remote Topas Ecolodge in Supan. This unique, eco-friendly lodge is situated on a small outcrop with unsurpassed views to the surrounding countryside and valley below. (B)

DAY 4 Supan to Lao Cai

This morning, set out by foot to the Red Dzao village of Dao Lech, stopping en route to capture the most beautiful scene of the valley. Head back to Sapa for some free time and finally descend to Lao Cai before boarding your overnight train for the return trip to Hanoi. (B)

DAY 5 Lao Cai to Hanoi

On arrival of the train to Hanoi this morning, be transferred to your hotel.

INCLUDES:

- 2 nights on board the train
- 2 nights 3 to 5 star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Private touring • Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return transfers from Hanoi accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast)

from **\$665*** per person

Ha Giang & Beyond

4 Days / Private

DAY 1 Hanoi to Ha Giang City

Depart early for a full day journey passing through spectacular mountain ranges to Ha Giang city. Along the way, stop at Tuyen Quang and visit a temple where locals worship the Goddess Mother of the Forest in a region seldom visited by tourists. Settle into your home-stay accommodation for the evening.

DAY 2 Ha Giang City to Meo Vac

Visit Sung La village where the short film 'The Story of Pao' was filmed about a H'mong girl who tries to find her birth mother. Continue to Sa Phin village in Dong Van and visit the H'mong Palace. Journey to Meo Vac, via the spectacular Ma Pi Leng pass, and witness the landscapes and traditional tribal villages of the north. (B)

DAY 3 Meo Vac to Ba Be

Embark on a rewarding full day journey to Ba Be. Along the way stop and stretch your legs at small road side villages and capture the beautiful scenes of the area. In the late afternoon, arrive at your overnight home-stay in Pac Ngoi village overlooking Ba Be Lake. (BD)

DAY 4 Ba Be to Hanoi

Rise early for a short walk around the village and then venture by boat onto Ba Be Lake. The lake is one of the largest freshwater lakes in Vietnam and is the centre of the Ba Be National Park. In the early afternoon, head back to Hanoi. (B)

INCLUDES:

- 2 nights home-stay accommodation
- 1 night 3 star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Private touring • Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guides
- Return transfers from Hanoi accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, D = dinner)

from **\$1,040*** per person

Northern Regional Vietnam

Vietnam's north is home to spectacular mountain scenery, limestone caves and colourful hilltribe communities, each with unique traditions, language and clothing. This compelling region offers unexpected encounters with these fascinating groups.



Ninh Binh

Ninh Binh features the dramatic waterways of Trang An which wind in and out of limestone caves and hidden valleys sheltered by towering limestone hills. The area is often referred to as 'Halong Bay on Land'.



Mai Chau

Set southwest of Hanoi, Mai Chau is a beautiful valley a world away from the bustling streets of Vietnam's capital. Home to Thai ethnic minority groups, the valley is dotted with rice fields and villages.



NORTHERN REGIONAL VIETNAM EXPERIENCES



Trang An



Mai Chau



Phat Diem Cathedral



Mai Chau

Ninh Binh Discovery

2 Days / Private

DAY 1 Hanoi to Ninh Binh

Embark on a trip into a unique region of Vietnam which offers some amazing photographic opportunities a world away from Vietnam's frantic cities.

This morning travel from Hanoi to the beautiful area of Ninh Binh, often described as 'Halong Bay on Land'. In Ninh Binh, take the opportunity to cycle through the unique scenery and neighbouring villages to the ancient capital of Hoa Lu to visit the Dinh and Le temples.

Enjoy a paddle boat ride through the beautiful karst limestone fringed waterways of Trang An Eco Region. As you cruise, venture through multiple water caves to see some amazing pagodas set amidst stunning verdant backdrops.

DAY 2 Ninh Binh to Hanoi

In the morning, travel to Phat Diem cathedral considered to be one of the most beautiful and famous churches in Vietnam. The architecture is influenced by both Vietnamese and European styles and was built of stone extracted from the surrounding limestone mountains and wood over a 24 year period. Explore the beautiful cathedral and the surrounding area before returning to Hanoi in the afternoon. **(B)**

INCLUDES:

- 1 night 3½ star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Private touring
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return transfers from Hanoi accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast)

from **\$317*** per person

Northern Landscapes

3 Days / Private

DAY 1 Hanoi to Mai Chau

Take a morning drive from Hanoi to Mai Chau. En route, stop at the Ethnology Museum on the outskirts of Hanoi for an introduction to the customs, traditions and beliefs of the Vietnamese people. On arrival in Mai Chau, enjoy a cup of tea or rice wine before exploring a local village which has its own unique dress, language and customs. Visit Mo Luong (Soldiers) Cave which played a role during the war. Enjoy sunset drinks outside the cave before returning to your accommodation for dinner.

DAY 2 Mai Chau to Ninh Binh

After a leisurely breakfast, choose to walk or cycle through the beautiful valley to the neighbouring villages and learn about the hilltribe methods of cultivation and their way of life. The scenery is spectacular and allows for some amazing photographic opportunities. Continue on to Ninh Binh arriving mid-afternoon. **(B)**

DAY 3 Ninh Binh to Hanoi

In the morning, take a paddle boat ride through the karst limestone fringed waterways of Trang An Eco Region. Described as 'Halong Bay on Land', venture through multiple water caves and view some amazing pagodas set amidst a stunning backdrop. After the boat trip, return to Hanoi. **(B)**

INCLUDES:

- 1 night home-stay accommodation
- 1 night 3½ star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Private touring
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return transfers from Hanoi accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast)

from **\$680*** per person

Cambodia

Venture to Cambodia and explore a land of iconic temples, turbulent history and welcoming peoples. Experience the magnificent temples of Angkor, discover the fishing communities of Tonle Sap Lake, and explore the bustling streets of Phnom Penh.



Ta Prohm, Angkor



Phnom Penh

The reinvented riverside capital of Phnom Penh buzzes with a youthful energy where boutiques, art galleries and quirky cafés are nestled along tree-lined boulevards. Discover the Royal Palace and visit the city's namesake, Wat Phnom.



Temples of Angkor

The temples of Angkor are dotted throughout the World Heritage Listed Angkor Archaeological Park. Visit the must-see temples of Angkor Wat, Bayon and Ta Prohm before venturing off the tourist trail to some of the smaller, more remote temples.



Regional Cambodia

Regional Cambodia is filled with fascinating towns and villages, ancient sites and picturesque landscapes. Battambang is home to French-colonial architecture, a thriving art scene, the famous bamboo train and Cambodia's first winery.

When To Go

Influenced by two seasons – 'dry' and 'green', Cambodia offers different experiences throughout the year. November to February brings cooler temperatures with little rain. From May to early October, it generally rains for a short time in the early morning and late afternoon, temple moats are full, the scenery is lush and green, and there are fewer visitors.

Average min/max temperature (°C)

	MAR-MAY	JUN-AUG	SEP-NOV	DEC-FEB
PHNOM PENH	25°/34°	25°/33°	25°/31°	23°/31°
SIEM REAP	25°/33°	26°/32°	25°/31°	22°/31°
BATTAMBANG	25°/33°	26°/32°	25°/31°	22°/31°



Royal Palace, Phnom Penh



Essence of Cambodia

7 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$1,305* PER PERSON



Royal Palace, Phnom Penh



Ta Prohm, Angkor

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Design your own tours of Phnom Penh and Siem Reap with your local English-speaking guide.
- Cruise along the Tonle Sap and Mekong Rivers as the sun sets over the Phnom Penh skyline.
- Before dawn, travel by tuk-tuk to Angkor and see the sun rise over the spires of Angkor Wat, then discover the Bayon, Banteay Srei and Ta Prohm.



DAY 1 Phnom Penh

On arrival in Phnom Penh, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next three nights at Rambutan Resort (or similar).

DAY 2 Phnom Penh

Meet with your local English-speaking guide to tailor a unique full day of activities to suit your interests. Explore Phnom Penh with options including the Phnom Penh Royal Palace, National Museum or Wat Phnom. Gain an insight into Cambodia's past at the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, take a cyclo ride through the hustle and bustle of the city to see local life or explore the markets. (B)

DAY 3 Phnom Penh – Mekong River Cruise

Spend the morning at leisure exploring Phnom Penh. In the afternoon, visit Wat Phnom before boarding your small boat to begin cruising along the Tonle Sap and Mekong Rivers. Take in stunning views of the Royal Palace and the Phnom Penh skyline. (B)

DAY 4 Phnom Penh to Siem Reap

Be transferred to the airport for your flight to Siem Reap, and be transferred to your hotel. Meet with your local English-speaking

guide to tailor a unique full day of activities to suit your interests. Explore Siem Reap with options including venturing to the outlying temples, visiting Tonle Sap Lake or exploring the Old Market. Stay the next three nights at Somadevi Angkor Hotel & Spa (or similar). (B)

DAY 5 Siem Reap – Temples of Angkor

Rise early and take a tuk-tuk through the darkness to Angkor Wat on a full day tour. See the sunrise over the iconic spires before exploring the temple. Visit Angkor Thom, marvel at the stone heads of Bayon, and see the Terraces of the Elephant and Leper King. In the afternoon, venture to intricately-carved Banteay Srei and atmospheric tree-covered Ta Prohm. (B)

DAY 6 Siem Reap – Tonle Sap Lake

Travel from Siem Reap to Tonle Sap Lake. This boat journey on the 'great lake' provides an amazing look into a remarkable way of life. Cruise past floating villages complete with schools, restaurants and even a hospital. Return to Siem Reap and spend the afternoon exploring independently. (B)

DAY 7 Siem Reap

Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

INCLUDES:

- 6 nights 3 star hotel accommodation
- All flights as specified in the itinerary
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles (except tuk-tuk touring)
- Phnom Penh Design Your Own full day tour
- Siem Reap Design Your Own full day tour
- Angkor Wat Sunrise full day tour
- Mekong River Sunset cruise
- Tonle Sap Lake cruise
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast)



Tonle Sap Lake

Portrait of Cambodia

7 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$1,265* PER PERSON



Battambang



Tonle Sap Lake



HIGHLIGHTS:

- Venture to the bohemian city of Battambang to explore the local market and colonial architecture.
- Explore the ancient temple of Ek Phnom, the Killing Caves of Phnom Sampeau and the five-spire temple of Phnom Banan.
- Discover the iconic temples of Angkor including the favourites of Angkor Wat, Bayon and Ta Prohm.

DAY 1 Phnom Penh

On arrival in Phnom Penh, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next two nights at Cardamom Hotel (or similar).

DAY 2 Phnom Penh

Enjoy a full day city tour of Cambodia's capital, Phnom Penh. Visit the National Museum, the Royal Palace and the beautiful Silver Pagoda. In the afternoon, visit the chilling Tuol Sleng Museum of Genocidal Crimes and the Killing Fields memorial of Choeng Ek. Both sites give an important insight into Cambodia's turbulent history. (B)

DAY 3 Phnom Penh to Battambang

Travel north to Battambang, and discover a bohemian city filled with charm on the banks of the Stung Sangke River. Walk along the riverside to see some of Cambodia's most impressive colonial architecture and explore the local market. Stay the next two nights at Stung Sangke Hotel (or similar). (B)

DAY 4 Battambang

On a full day tour, head to the ancient temple of Ek Phnom, and stop at a rice paper-making village. Ek Phnom is a partly collapsed 11th century temple featuring impressive and intricate carvings. Visit the Killing Caves of Phnom Sampeau, and

enjoy breathtaking rural views from the summit. Climb up 358 steps to explore Phnom Banan with its five-spire temple, stop at a small local winery and experience a unique bamboo train ride. Return to Battambang for the evening. (B)

DAY 5 Battambang to Siem Reap

From Battambang, journey through some of Cambodia's prettiest landscapes to Siem Reap. Gateway to the temples of Angkor, Siem Reap is a small city filled with interesting sights, charm and atmosphere. Stay the next two nights at Somadevi Angkor Hotel & Spa (or similar). (B)

DAY 6 Siem Reap – Temples of Angkor

Rise early and venture by tuk-tuk to the East Gate of the temples of Angkor. Away from the crowds, see the sun rise over Angkor Wat's iconic spires. Spend the morning exploring Angkor Wat, see the many faces of Bayon and discover Preah Khan, before returning to your hotel for some free time.

After midday, travel to the outlying temple of Banteay Kdei, explore tree-covered Ta Prohm and see the sun set over Angkor Wat. (B)

DAY 7 Siem Reap

Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

INCLUDES:

- 6 nights 3 star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles (except tuk-tuk touring)
- Phnom Penh full day tour
- Battambang full day tour
- Angkor Sunrise full day tour
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast)



Angkor Wat

Angkor & Siem Reap

The magnificent temples of Angkor are located within the World Heritage Listed Angkor Archaeological Park. The park is located six kilometres from Siem Reap town, and offers a range of temples to discover, each with distinct characteristics.



Big Three Temples

The big three temples include Angkor Wat, Bayon and Ta Prohm. See the dramatic spires of Angkor Wat, marvel at the mysterious Buddha faces of Bayon and explore Ta Prohm which is covered with an intricate web of tangled tree roots.



Outlying Temples

Venture to the atmospheric, jungle-enveloped Boeng Mealea to enjoy a real sense of adventure. Surrounded by a moat, Banteay Srei features delicately carved pink sandstone bas-reliefs depicting scenes of daily life.



Inside Siem Reap

Home to restaurants, bars, busy markets, spas and shops, Siem Reap has a lot to offer. Soak up the charming atmosphere, admire the old French shophouses or venture further to fascinating Tonle Sap Lake.

Temple City Explorer

4 DAYS FROM \$349* PER PERSON

Gateway to the temples of Angkor, Siem Reap is a charming city with so much to offer. For the perfect introduction, choose our Temple City Explorer. Discover the temples of Angkor and wander along the tree-lined boulevards on a fascinating full day tour.



Bayon



Old Market

DAY 1 Siem Reap

On arrival in Siem Reap, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next three nights at Tara Angkor Hotel.

DAY 2 Siem Reap – Temples of Angkor

Gateway to the temples of Angkor, Siem Reap is a small city filled with interesting sights, charm and atmosphere. With your local English-speaking guide, explore the endless array of temples including the iconic spires of Angkor Wat. Visit the southern Gate of Angkor Thom and see the multiple faces at the Bayon. Continue on to discover the Terrace of the

Leper King and the Terrace of the Elephants. Venture out to Preah Khan temple, known as the 'Temple of the Sacred Sword'. Visit the tree-covered ruins of Ta Prohm before returning to your hotel. (B)

DAY 3 Siem Reap

A full day is free for you to explore Siem Reap. Perhaps cruise Tonle Sap Lake, cycle through the countryside or take a cooking class. (B)

DAY 4 Siem Reap

Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

INCLUDES:

- 3 nights hotel accommodation at Tara Angkor Hotel (Superior Room)
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Angkor Temples full day tour
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to Siem Reap accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast)

UPGRADE your hotel or extend your stay to experience everything this beautiful city has to offer.
See pages 54 and 55 for other hotel options and experiences.



TARA ANGKOR HOTEL



MAP
REF.
1

With a convenient location just a short drive from temples of Angkor, Tara Angkor Hotel is ideally situated near the Angkor National Museum, Pub Street and the Royal Residence.

Each spacious room is stylish and well-equipped to ensure a comfortable stay.

Take part in a cooking class, enjoy a peaceful spa treatment or relax by the pool with a signature cocktail.



TEMPLE CITY EXPLORER – HOTEL UPGRADE OPTIONS



SOMADEVI ANGKOR HOTEL & SPA MAP REF. 2

Located in the heart of Siem Reap, Somadevi Angkor Hotel & Spa is just steps to great restaurants, shopping and entertainment. Spacious public areas are decorated with Khmer themes.

Simple yet elegantly designed, each room is fitted with a range of convenient amenities and a private balcony overlooking the city or the lush gardens and pool. Have a drink at the poolside bar by one of the largest swimming pools in Siem Reap.

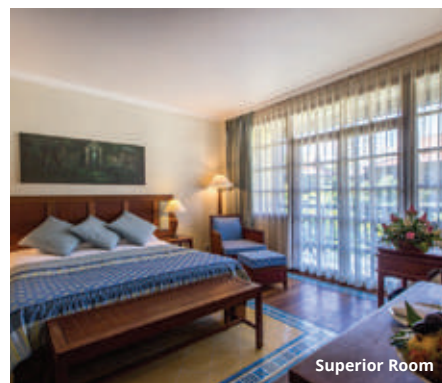


JAYA HOUSE MAP REF. 3

Centrally located along Siem Reap's tree-lined river, Jaya House is surrounded by tropical gardens offering a peaceful escape.

Each beautifully appointed room features a range of amenities to ensure a comfortable stay. All rooms have either a balcony or direct garden and pool access.

Cool off in one of two swimming pools, enjoy a massage at the day spa or simply relax in the gardens.



VICTORIA ANGKOR RESORT & SPA MAP REF. 4

Victoria Angkor Resort & Spa is set around lovely tropical gardens in the heart of Siem Reap. The property's design is inspired by the colonial architecture of the 1930s.

Each room features wooden floors, local handicrafts and a private balcony with views of the hotel pool or the Royal Gardens.

Enjoy a drink at the bar or relax with a delicious meal at the restaurant. Relax by the pool or be pampered with a treatment at the spa.

from **\$429*** per person for 4 Day Temple City Explorer (Deluxe Room)

from **\$599*** per person for 4 Day Temple City Explorer (Deluxe Room)

from **\$599*** per person for 4 Day Temple City Explorer (Superior Room)



SHINTA MANI SHACK MAP REF. 5

A boutique resort in Siem Reap's French Quarter, Shinta Mani Shack is nestled in a quiet, leafy setting next to the river.

Renowned architect Bill Bensley transformed this hotel into a unique experience.

Each room features either twin or king-sized beds and Terrazzo bathroom with rain shower. Direct access or first floor balconies offer views over the swimming pool and tropical gardens.



RAFFLES GRAND HOTEL D'ANGKOR MAP REF. 6

Experience the grand atmosphere of one of Asia's finest hotels at the meticulously restored Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor. The beautiful rooms are spread across an original main building and adjoining new wing. After an unforgettable experience exploring the temples of Angkor, retreat to a luxurious property with a range of service facilities.

Enjoy the 35 metre swimming pool, fitness centre and library, and dine on gourmet cuisine in the chic Restaurant Le Grand.



SHINTA MANI ANGKOR MAP REF. 7

A stylish, boutique hotel with impeccable service, Shinta Mani Angkor is located close to Siem Reap's buzzing Old Market area. Designed by acclaimed architect Bill Bensley, the property features contemporary interiors infused with Khmer design.

Each room boasts modern facilities with a Terrazzo bathroom and rain shower while the Angkor artworks complement the minimalist and chic interiors. Try the property's innovative cuisine or cool off in its black-tiled lap pool.

from **\$615*** per person for 4 Day Temple City Explorer (Poolview Room)

from **\$755*** per person for 4 Day Temple City Explorer (State Room Garden View)

from **\$759*** per person for 4 Day Temple City Explorer (Superior Room)

SIEM REAP EXPERIENCES


Siem Reap Street Food
 Evening / Private

Explore Siem Reap's backstreets by local tuk-tuk with your local guide and uncover hidden culinary treasures. Taste local favourites such as yellow bean or Khmer rice cake, and sample seasonal fruits. You'll also learn about local ingredients and spices that commonly feature in local foods. Visit an area where locals sell exotic snacks such as fried tarantulas or crickets, as well as Khmer fried chicken, green mango served with chili and salt, quail egg and barbecued corn. Enjoy Khmer delicacies for dinner at a local restaurant before finishing for dessert at a local stall where fruit shakes, fruit with condensed milk and baked desserts are on offer.

 from **\$58*** per person

Tonle Sap Floating Village
 Half Day / Join-in

The Tonle Sap is known as the 'great lake'. This journey provides a truly amazing look into a remarkable way of life on the lake. Cruise along a canal, past floating villages complete with schools, restaurants and even a hospital. See fishing nets being mended, children swimming and playing, floating pigpens and even crocodile enclosures. Continue through a section of mangroves and out onto the massive lake, past local fishermen and an array of boats.

This tour is also available as a Private Tour, ask your Agent for details.

 from **\$60*** per person
 Minimum 2 people

Siem Reap Countryside Ride Tour
 Half Day / Join-in

Cycle along the Siem Reap river and ride on small dirt paths through the scenic countryside and friendly villages where children will be welcoming you with a hello from every angle.

Gain an insight into the production of palm wine and sugar. The countryside buzzes with all sorts of activities including basket weaving and rice farming. Stop to enjoy some unique Cambodian snacks before riding back to Siem Reap.

 from **\$71*** per person
 Minimum 2 people

Siem Reap Design Your Own Tour
 Half Day / Private

Make the most of your time and the knowledge of our experienced local guides who will help you design the perfect tour for you. The Temples of Angkor represent 600 years (802 – 1432) of Khmer civilisation – one of Asia's greatest Kingdoms. Spend half a day exploring these amazing temples.

This 'menu' style tour enables you, together with one of our knowledgeable local guides, to tailor-make your tour according to your own specific interests.

 from **\$162*** per person
 Minimum 2 people

Tuk-tuk Angkor with Sunrise
 Full Day / Private

Enjoy the day exploring the Angkor temples – some of the most impressive monuments built by mankind. Begin with a pre-dawn departure by tuk-tuk for sunrise at Angkor Wat. Explore the interior of the great temple including the corridors, central chambers and upper terraces. Continue with a drive through Angkor Thom city and visit the temple of Bayon before moving on to Preah Khan temple. In the afternoon, visit Banteay Kdei temple and the jungle-enveloped Ta Prohm.

 from **\$167*** per person
 Minimum 2 people

Boeng Melea & Banteay Srei Tour
 Full Day / Private

Spend the day discovering three of the most interesting temples outside Angkor Thom city. Drive through rural Cambodia to Dom Deak town and stroll through a typical village market. Continue to Boeng Mealea, a prototype of iconic Angkor Wat. It is the largest temple outside the main Angkor complex. Enjoy a picnic lunch before visiting the well-preserved Banteay Srei. Continue to Banteay Samre, a laterite structure which once featured internal moats. Return to Siem Reap by late afternoon.

 from **\$240*** per person
 Minimum 2 people

Phnom Penh

Cambodia's riverside capital, Phnom Penh, is abuzz with youthful energy. The city is bursting with boutiques, art galleries and stylish cafés taking residence in charming French-colonial villas and shophouses.



Royal Palace



Royal Palace

Uncover the home of Cambodia's beloved king with a visit to the Royal Palace and famous landmark, the Silver Pagoda. Built in 1892, the Silver Pagoda has a tiled floor which is lined with 5,000 solid silver tablets.



Turbulent History

Ever-present in the minds of the local people, Cambodia faced a brutal civil war during the late 1970s. Visit the Tuol Sleng Museum and see the rows of bracelets left in honour of the victims at the Killing Fields of Choeng Ek.



Mekong River

Phnom Penh is situated along the Mekong River. Wander along Phnom Penh's breezy riverfront at the end of the day to see locals doing aerobics, playing hacky sack, badminton and a myriad of other activities.

Phnom Penh City Explorer

3 DAYS FROM \$365* PER PERSON

Discover the evolving city of Phnom Penh. For the perfect introduction, choose our Phnom Penh City Explorer. On an interesting full day tour, learn about the turbulent history of the Pol Pot era and visit the Royal Palace and its beautiful Silver Pagoda.



National Museum



DAY 1 Phnom Penh

On arrival in Phnom Penh, be transferred to your hotel. Cambodia's capital, Phnom Penh is abuzz with youthful energy. The city is nestled along the mighty Mekong River and has a rich colonial past and majestic royal character. Enjoy free time this afternoon to explore this dynamic city. Stay the next two nights at Cardamom Hotel.

DAY 2 Phnom Penh

Spend the day exploring Phnom Penh with your local English-speaking guide. Visit the National Museum to learn about Khmer history and see its amazing collection of Angkorian

and pre-Angkorian artefacts. Continue to the Royal Palace and the beautiful Silver Pagoda, famous for its 5,000 silver tiled floor, set within its grounds.

In the afternoon, visit the chilling Tuol Sleng Museum of Genocidal Crimes and the Killing Fields memorial of Choeng Ek. Both sites are a testament to the Pol Pot era and while they can be challenging places to visit, these sites give an important insight into Cambodia's recent history. (B)

DAY 3 Phnom Penh

Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

INCLUDES:

- 2 nights hotel accommodation at Cardamom Hotel (Deluxe Room)
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Phnom Penh full day tour
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to Phnom Penh accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast)

UPGRADE your hotel or extend your stay to experience everything this beautiful city has to offer.
See pages 58 and 59 for other hotel options and experiences.



CARDAMOM HOTEL



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In the heart of the tourist area of Phnom Penh, Cardamom Hotel is conveniently located just a short walk from the markets, and a great range of shops and restaurants.

Each room is comfortable and simply decorated with Khmer architecture scriptures and well-designed furniture. Facilities in the rooms include tea and coffee making facilities, individually controlled air-conditioning, hair dryer and cotton bathrobes and slippers.

Enjoy tasty Asian and international cuisine at the restaurant or the lobby bar serves light snacks and is a great place for a pre-dinner drink.



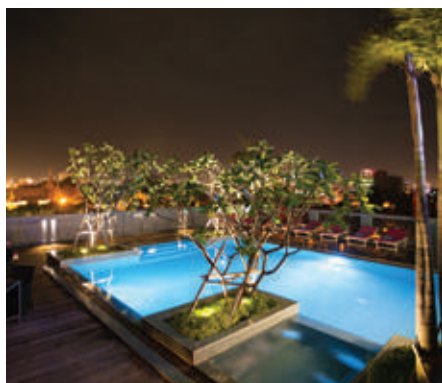
PHNOM PENH CITY EXPLORER – HOTEL UPGRADE OPTIONS



RAMBUTAN RESORT

MAP
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2

Nestled in a quiet street, Rambutan Resort is a short five minute drive to Phnom Penh's bustling riverfront. This boutique-style city property offers a peaceful escape with tropical gardens. Contemporary oriental design evokes a 1960s style, while the décor is contemporary Khmer, with modern rattan furniture and interesting artworks. Relax by the poolside restaurant or enjoy a spa after a busy day exploring Phnom Penh's monuments, temples and markets.

FRANGIPANI ROYAL
PALACE HOTELMAP
REF.
3

Frangipani Royal Palace Hotel is a boutique property located only a few minutes walk from the bustling river front area and the historic Royal Palace. Each room is elegant featuring contemporary Cambodian design. Relax at the rooftop swimming pool which provides a refreshing oasis after a day of sightseeing. Enjoy Cambodian and international cuisine at the Royal Café or the rooftop poolside bar. Pamper yourself with an indulgent treatment at the day spa.



SUNWAY HOTEL

MAP
REF.
4

Nestled in a leafy enclave of colonial buildings, Sunway Hotel is a modest hotel offering quality facilities. The property is ideally located just steps from Wat Phnom temple.

Each spacious room is tastefully decorated with modern trimmings and a range of amenities to ensure a comfortable stay.

Dine in the restaurant or enjoy a drink at the lobby lounge. Stay active at the fitness centre and be pampered at the spa with a range of treatments.

from **\$389*** per person for 3 Day Phnom Penh City Explorer (Standard Room)

from **\$415*** per person for 3 Day Phnom Penh City Explorer (Deluxe Room)

from **\$465*** per person for 3 Day Phnom Penh City Explorer (Deluxe Room)



AMANJAYA PANCAM SUITES

MAP
REF.
5

Overlooking the Mekong and Tonle Sap rivers, Amanjaya Pancam Suites is a short stroll from Phnom Penh's major sights. Each suite is decorated with reproductions of artefacts found in the capital's National Museum. Local rosewood floors and raw silk adorn each room to evoke a truly Cambodian experience. Choose to dine in the hotel's restaurant or relax with a drink at the rooftop lounge boasting views over the river.



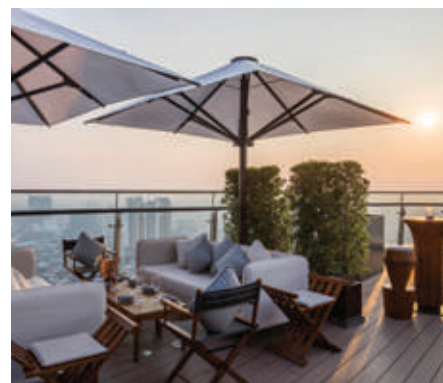
RAFFLES HOTEL LE ROYAL

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Raffles Hotel Le Royal is a classic hotel with a premier address in Phnom Penh. Meticulously restored, this historic property exudes an old-world charm with a distinctive style.

Each tastefully decorated room is immaculately furnished.

Enjoy afternoon tea in the conservatory, cocktails in the bar or a drink by one of the two pools. Indulge at the sumptuous spa, complete with a fully-equipped gym, jacuzzi and steam room.



ROSEWOOD PHNOM PENH

MAP
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7

Soaring 188 metres above the heart of Phnom Penh's business district, Rosewood Phnom Penh is a deluxe hotel that blends traditional Cambodian hospitality with contemporary sophistication. The hotel's rooms boast unparalleled views of the city and offer plush furnishings and intuitive technology. Unwind high above the city at the rooftop bar, dine at one of the many restaurants and cafés, keep your routine at the fitness centre and lap pool or indulge at one of the best day spas in the city.

from **\$499*** per person for 3 Day Phnom Penh City Explorer (Junior Suite)

from **\$655*** per person for 3 Day Phnom Penh City Explorer (State Room Garden View)

from **\$895*** per person for 3 Day Phnom Penh City Explorer (Executive King Room)

PHNOM PENH EXPERIENCES


Phnom Penh Evening & Craft Beer Tour
 Evening / Join-in

Phnom Penh is a huge city and it can be difficult to find the best local restaurants, so let your local guide share their passion and knowledge with you. Take a tuk-tuk to local, family-run restaurants and stalls, where you'll hear the story behind each dish and its importance to the local culture. Cover a distance of around 10 kilometres during the evening, zipping past some of Phnom Penh's famous landmarks. Enjoy a generous selection of food, all the while sipping on unlimited beer (or soft drinks if you prefer)!

 from **\$85*** per person

Mekong Sunset Tour
 Half Day / Private

From your hotel, drive to Wat Phnom which sits at the centre of Phnom Penh. Wat Phnom is home to a large and impressive pagoda where people visit daily to pray and receive blessings from Buddhist monks.

After your visit to Wat Phnom, board a small private boat for a two hour cruise along the Tonle Sap and Mekong Rivers. Take in stunning views of the Royal Palace and Phnom Penh skyline as the sun sets over this magnificent city.

 from **\$107*** per person
 Minimum 2 people

Silk Islands & Mekong Cruise
 Half Day / Join-in

Discover Phnom Penh's backstreets on a traditional cyclo. Board a large traditional wooden boat and cruise to Koh Oknha Tei Island, home to many silk weaving workshops. Ride a tuk-tuk past stilt houses, schools, small local markets and fruit plantations. Stop at stunning pagodas to see the elaborate relief paintings. See the traditional art of silk weaving before returning to your hotel in the early afternoon.

 from **\$107*** per person
 Minimum 2 people

Phnom Penh Walking Tour
 Full Day / Private

Travel by tuk-tuk to Wat Phnom and embark on an informative walking tour. See the striking example of 1960s architecture of the CDC building and visit the old colonial centre of Phnom Penh for its beautiful colonial architecture. See the Cambodia-Vietnam Friendship Monument and the Independence Monument. Visit Wat Oudnalum, the National Museum and the Royal Palace. Walk through Phsar Chass (Old Market) and wander the backstreets of Phnom Penh to see daily city life.

 from **\$115*** per person
 Minimum 2 people

Phnom Penh Secrets
 Full Day / Join-in

Spend the day learning about Phnom Penh's past and present.

Delve into the region's history; it's dark but essential to understanding the Cambodia of today. Visit sombre spots made infamous by the Khmer Rouge and learn about the current politics that continue to shape this country.

Then, get out of the capital to visit an island on the Mekong, where you'll experience the local way of life along the river.

 from **\$156*** per person

Phnom Penh Tour
 Full Day / Private

Phnom Penh is a city reinventing itself. Visit the National Museum for an appreciation of the splendour of Khmer history. Spend time at the Royal Palace and the beautiful Silver Pagoda, famous for its 5,000 silver tiled floor. Visit the chilling Tuol Sleng Museum of Genocidal Crimes and the Killing Fields of Choeng Ek, both offer a moving but important insight into recent Cambodian history.

 from **\$163*** per person
 Minimum 2 people

Laos

Stunning landscapes, enchanting people and compelling history combine to create the landlocked country of Laos. Lose yourself in the gentle pace of life in a place reminiscent of old-world Asia as you encounter Buddhist temples, lively markets and the languid Mekong River.



Vang Vieng



Vientiane

The laidback capital of Laos, Vientiane is home to beautiful French-colonial architecture and Buddhist culture. Climb to the top of Patuxai monument which is reminiscent of the Arc de Triomphe in Paris and visit ancient Wat Sisaket to learn about Buddhist culture.



Luang Prabang

Nestled on the banks of the Mekong River, Luang Prabang is surrounded by rugged mountains. Rise early to catch a glimpse of monks collecting alms, take a short tuk-tuk ride to the cascading waters of Kuang Si Falls and relax as the sun sets over the Mekong.



Southern Laos

Venture to southern Laos and uncover a region where time seems to stand still. Discover the cool climate Bolaven Plateau known for its high-grade coffee, the towering waterfalls of Tad Fane and the archipelago of islets and sandbars of the 4,000 Islands region.

When To Go

As with most of Southeast Asia, Laos experiences both 'dry' and 'green' seasons. From May to October the tropical lowlands have very warm days with short, heavy showers of rain, green landscapes and fewer travellers. Pleasant temperatures are experienced throughout most of Laos from November to March, although it can become cold in the mountain regions.

Average min/max temperature (°C)

	MAR - MAY	JUN - AUG	SEP - NOV	DEC - FEB
VIENTIANE	24°/34°	25°/32°	23°/32°	19°/29°
LUANG PRABANG	18°/31°	22°/31°	19°/29°	13°/25°
PAKSE	24°/35°	25°/33°	23°/33°	19°/32°



Luang Prabang



Central Laos Adventure

5 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$1,335* PER PERSON



Song River, Vang Vieng



Plain of Jars, Phonsavan



HIGHLIGHTS:

- Discover the spectacular limestone formations of Tham Chang Cave in Vang Vieng.
- Gaze at the towering karsts from your kayak as you paddle along the Nam Song River.
- Explore one of Asia's most unusual sights, the Plain of Jars which are over 2,000 years old and remain a mystery to this day.

DAY 1 Vientiane to Vang Vieng

Journey north through Laos' amazing natural landscapes from Vientiane to the riverside town of Vang Vieng. Enjoy some free time before visiting Tham Chang Cave. Climb the steps to the cave entrance and take in panoramic views of spectacular karst limestone formations and the town of Vang Vieng. Stay the next two nights at Thavonsouk Bungalows (or similar).

DAY 2 Vang Vieng

Enjoy a free morning, perhaps rent a bicycle and ride around town or spend time relaxing. In the afternoon, travel upstream of Nam Song River for some light kayaking. After a brief introduction to the basics of kayaking, make your way downstream and take in the towering landscape from your kayak. Return to Vang Vieng and unwind as you watch the sunset. (B)

DAY 3 Vang Vieng to Plain of Jars

After breakfast, pass through beautiful mountain ranges and H'mong hilltribe villages to Tham Pha Cave. The cave was used by local people as a shelter during the 'secret war' and contains some atmospheric Buddha statues. Continue to Phonsavan, the main town in the Plain of Jars. The jars are one of

Asia's most unusual sights and are thought to be over 2,000 years old, yet their origin still remains a mystery. Stay the next two nights at Vansana Plain of Jars (or similar). (B)

DAY 4 Plain of Jars

Visit the morning market then explore the Mine Action Group Visitor Centre to gain an insight into the region's war-torn history. Set out to the main Plain of Jars site to begin your exploration of the three different sites. Site 1 is the most famous of the three, although small it has the largest and most number of jars, Site 2 offers excellent countryside views and Site 3 is considered the most beautiful as it is set atop a small rise, surrounded by scenic yet bomb-scarred rice paddies.

After lunch, journey to Muang Khoun town which is home to unique Buddhist-style temples, French administration buildings and a bustling market. On your return journey to Phonsavan pass through the picturesque countryside. (B)

DAY 5 Plain of Jars to Luang Prabang

Travel most of the day to Luang Prabang, soaking up some of Laos' most spectacular views. Your journey ends in the charming riverside town of Luang Prabang. (B)

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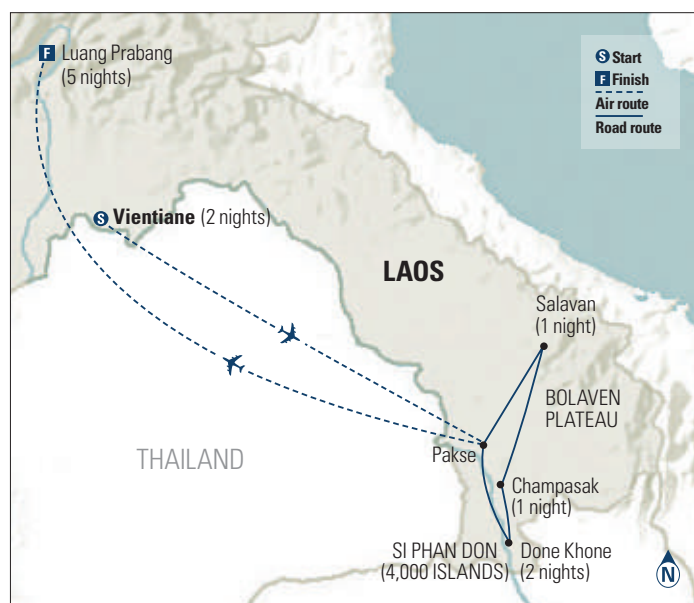
- 4 nights 3 star hotel accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Private touring
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast)



Muang Khoun

Laos Magical Kingdom

12 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$2,659* PER PERSON



HIGHLIGHTS:

- Design your own tours of Vientiane and Luang Prabang, with your local English-speaking guide.
- Discover the waterfalls and coffee-growing plantations of the Bolaven Plateau.
- Go in search of the elusive Irrawaddy freshwater dolphin on a cruise through the 4,000 Islands region.
- Take part in a bamboo themed cooking class.

DAY 1 Vientiane

On arrival in Vientiane, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next two nights at Mandala Boutique Hotel (or similar).

DAY 2 Vientiane

Meet with your local English-speaking guide to tailor a unique full day of activities to suit your interests. Explore Vientiane with options including visiting a premier silk-weaving centre, playing a favourite local game such as petanque or learning to make some delicious Lao dishes. (B)

DAY 3 Vientiane to Bolaven Plateau

Be transferred to the airport for your flight to Pakse and enjoy a short guided town tour. On the way to the coffee-growing Bolaven Plateau, visit Tad Lo and Tad Fane waterfalls. Overnight at Tadlo Lodge (or similar). (B)

DAY 4 Bolaven Plateau

Explore pre-Angkorian temple Wat Phou and venture through the forest to Mount Asa. Overnight at Kingfisher Ecolodge (or similar). (B)

DAY 5 Bolaven Plateau to 4,000 Islands

Explore the 4,000 Islands area by longtail boat. Visit Li Phi Falls and look for the elusive Irrawaddy freshwater dolphin. Stay the next two nights at Sala Done Khone (or similar). (B)

DAY 6 4,000 Islands

Spend a free day exploring today. (B)

DAY 7 4,000 Islands to Luang Prabang

This morning depart Done Khone Island and travel to imposing Khonepheng waterfalls. Travel to Pakse and fly to Luang Prabang. Stay the next five nights at Sala Prabang (or similar). (B)

DAY 8 Luang Prabang

Meet with your local English-speaking guide to tailor a unique full day of activities to suit your interests. Explore Luang Prabang with options including an architectural walking tour, a game of petanque or a visit to a silk weaving village. (B)

DAY 9 Luang Prabang

This morning learn about the importance of the bamboo plant to Lao culture and create delicious Lao dishes. Spend the afternoon at leisure. (BL)

DAY 10 Luang Prabang – Kuang Si Falls

Today visit Kuang Si Falls for a swim. Return to Luang Prabang for a free afternoon. (B)

DAY 11 Luang Prabang

Enjoy a free day to explore Luang Prabang.

DAY 12 Luang Prabang

Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

INCLUDES:

- 11 nights 2 to 4 star hotel accommodation
- All flights as specified in the itinerary
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Vientiane Design Your Own full day tour
- Luang Prabang Design Your Own full day tour
- Bamboo Weaving & Cooking Class half day tour
- Kuang Si Falls half day tour
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch)



Luang Prabang

Soak up the charm of old world Asia as you uncover the tranquillity and laidback beauty of Luang Prabang. Glittering temples and wandering monks are common sights as the languid Mekong River passes by as it has done for centuries.



Nam Khan River



Old Town

The old town offers a gentle pace and is best discovered on foot or on a bicycle.

Meander down little laneways, slip into one of many fabulous bakeries or cycle across one of the rivers on an old wooden bridge.



Morning Alms

Alms giving allows monks to gather food for the day from devoted locals.

Gain an insight into this ancient tradition and see hundreds of monks walking through the streets of Luang Prabang to collect their alms at dawn.



Kuang Si Falls

Venture a short distance from Luang Prabang to discover the turquoise pools of Kuang Si Falls where the water tumbles over limestone formations. Spend time relaxing and swimming in the pools, and enjoy a picnic lunch.

Luang Prabang City Explorer

5 DAYS FROM \$525* PER PERSON

Luang Prabang is one of the most beautiful and engaging cities in Asia. For the perfect introduction, choose our Luang Prabang City Explorer. Take part in a cooking class, swim at Kuang Si Falls and design your own tour of Luang Prabang with your local English-speaking guide.



Royal Palace



Kuang Si Falls

DAY 1 Luang Prabang

On arrival in Luang Prabang, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next four nights at Sala Prabang.

DAY 2 Luang Prabang

Meet with your local English-speaking guide to tailor a unique full day of activities to suit your interests. Explore Luang Prabang with options including a monk blessing, an architectural walking tour, food focussed experiences, village visit or river fishing. (B)

DAY 3 Luang Prabang

In a picturesque outdoor bamboo pavilion, learn the art of bamboo weaving during a hands-on demonstration and participate in a

bamboo-themed cooking class. Savour your delicious creations as you enjoy the beautiful countryside views. After the cooking class, return to your hotel and enjoy some free time exploring independently. (BL)

DAY 4 Luang Prabang – Kuang Si Falls

This morning visit Kuang Si Falls, considered to be the most beautiful and famous waterfalls in Laos. Choose to swim in the turquoise waters or simply explore the lovely forest surrounds. Return to your hotel and spend the afternoon at leisure. (B)

DAY 5 Luang Prabang

Enjoy breakfast before transferring to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

INCLUDES:

- 4 nights hotel accommodation at Sala Prabang (Classic Room)
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Luang Prabang Design Your Own full day tour
- Bamboo Weaving & Cooking Class half day tour
- Kuang Si Falls half day tour
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to Luang Prabang accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch)

UPGRADE your hotel or extend your stay to experience everything this beautiful city has to offer.
See pages 66 and 67 for other hotel options and experiences.



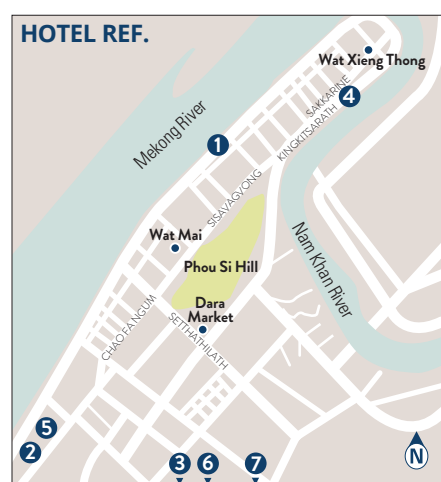
SALA PRABANG



Blending into its laidback riverside setting, Sala Prabang is a unique guesthouse. Located across a series of five historic villas restored by its Lao owner-architect, this boutique-style property has a relaxed, private feel.

The simple yet comfortable rooms utilise local woods, bamboo and calming white textiles. Watch the sunset over the Mekong from the riverside restaurant.

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LUANG PRABANG CITY EXPLORER – HOTEL UPGRADE OPTIONS



MAISON DALABUA



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Located just a five minute walk from the town centre, the charming retreat of Maison Dalabua is nestled in a serenely quiet spot. Each beautifully-appointed room is situated around a stunning lotus pond with beautiful gardens.

An elegant blend of traditional Lao and contemporary design with modern amenities is featured in each room. Relax by the swimming pool after a day of exploring, indulge with a treatment at the day spa or enjoy delicious Lao cuisine at the restaurant.



LE SEN BOUTIQUE HOTEL



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Situated on a quiet street, Le Sen Boutique Hotel is a five minute bicycle ride to the town centre and night market.

Each room is decorated with an Asian influence while some rooms offer a view over the garden.

Spend time relaxing by the outdoor swimming pool, stay active at the gym or enjoy a delicious meal at the restaurant.



BURASARI HERITAGE



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Inspired by the 19th century French naturalist and explorer, Henri Mouhot, Burasari Heritage is a chic boutique property in the heart of Luang Prabang's historic old town.

Each room is comfortable, offering plenty of natural light with furnishings inspired by traditional Lao design, while still maintaining a contemporary ambience and modern facilities. Enjoy breakfast at the open-air terrace restaurant, overlooking the tranquil Nam Khan River.

from **\$559*** per person for 5 Day Luang Prabang City Explorer (Classic Room)

from **\$659*** per person for 5 Day Luang Prabang City Explorer (Deluxe Room)

from **\$719*** per person for 5 Day Luang Prabang City Explorer (Superior Room)



MAISON SOUVANNAPHOUM HOTEL



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Maison Souvannaphoum Hotel is a former royal residence with a chic mix of Asian and Western elegance. The property is just steps from Luang Prabang's atmospheric temples, eclectic range of cafés and scenic riverside.

Each boutique room is draped with rich red and gold silk textiles, and private balconies feature deep wicker chairs perfect for relaxing. The open-air restaurant and pool serve as wonderful places to relax on a hot afternoon.



SOFITEL LUANG PRABANG



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With high fortified walls, watchtowers, manicured gardens and a sparkling amethyst-tiled pool, Sofitel Luang Prabang embodies French sophistication and old world romance. Each villa suite features exquisite furnishings, hand-woven textiles and Lao artefacts.

Aspects of local tradition and design can be found throughout the stunning building making it the perfect escape for travellers who wish to soak up local culture in a heavenly setting.



LUANG SAY RESIDENCE



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Reflecting life in the colonial-era, Luang Say Residence is set among lush, tropical gardens just a short walk to the town centre. Boasting exquisitely appointed suites, each includes a lounge area which looks out to the surrounding mountain scenery or tropical gardens.

Feel the cool mountain air in Le Belle Epoque, the on-site restaurant serving seasonal Asian cuisine, retire to the bar for fine wines and enticing cocktails or relax by the freeform swimming pool.

from **\$825*** per person for 5 Day Luang Prabang City Explorer (Garden Wing Room)

from **\$1,289*** per person for 5 Day Luang Prabang City Explorer (Garden Suite)

from **\$1,335*** per person for 5 Day Luang Prabang City Explorer (Pioneer Suite)

LUANG PRABANG EXPERIENCES



Architecture Walking Tour Half Day / Private

Walk through Luang Prabang's quiet backstreets to see French colonial-era buildings of historical importance or architectural significance.

Begin at the junction of the Mekong and Nam Khan Rivers to learn about the site of one of the grandest French buildings still standing in the town. Stroll to a collection of other well-preserved French buildings including the French school, the old police station and the French hospital.

from **\$59*** per person
Minimum 2 people



Home-cooked Luang Prabang Half Day / Join-in

Get a literal taste for local life with this culinary experience that brings you into a family home for an authentic Laotian meal!

Visit a local market, shop for fresh ingredients and help with the food preparations as you learn how to make yummy Laotian cuisine. Chat with family members about their lives, dine on delicious homemade food and come away with a new understanding of life in Luang Prabang!

from **\$87*** per person



Luang Prabang Design Your Own Tour Full Day / Private

Make the most of your time and the knowledge of our experienced local guides who will help you design the perfect tour for you. Luang Prabang is an enchanting town with a tranquil atmosphere. Discover its temples and palaces and its colonial architecture. Play a relaxing game of patanque or eat a delicious rice-noodle broth with your local guide.

This 'menu' style tours enable you, together with one of our knowledgeable local guides, to tailor-make your tour specific to your own interests.

from **\$109*** per person
Minimum 2 people



Kuang Si Falls Half Day / Private

Visit Kuang Si Falls, the most beautiful and famous waterfalls in Laos, and enjoy a swim in the turquoise waters or simply explore the beautiful surrounds. You'll also stop at Phou Si market, a vibrant place showcasing the region's colourful fruits and vegetables, as well as the Ock Pop Tok weaving centre, an environment devoted to the preservation of traditional weaving practices.

After the falls, visit a nearby sanctuary which cares for and rehabilitates bears rescued from animal traders, or from deforested habitat.

from **\$111*** per person
Minimum 2 people



Pak Ou Caves Half Day / Private

Enjoy a leisurely boat journey along the Mekong to the mysterious 'Cave of 1,000 Buddhas' at Pak Ou. Along the way, soak up the Mekong riverside scenery, including villages, local fisherman and mountains carpeted with thick green forest. At the caves, in a tradition that has lasted for centuries, local people add annually to a repository of Buddha statues near the base of the small cave.

On the return to Luang Prabang, visit a riverside village and sample the local rice wine (Lao-Lao).

from **\$133*** per person
Minimum 2 people



Pak Ou Caves & Kuang Si Falls Full Day / Private

Cruise along the Mekong River to the mysterious Pak Ou Caves. In a tradition that has lasted for centuries, local people add Buddha statues near the base of the small cave.

On the way back to Luang Prabang, visit a riverside village and sample the local rice wine (Lao-Lao). Enjoy free time for lunch. In the afternoon, drive to Kuang Si Falls and visit a nearby sanctuary which rehabilitates rescued bears.

from **\$178*** per person
Minimum 2 people

Vientiane & Southern Laos

Colonial mansions, tree-lined streets and the tranquil Mekong meet in the charming city of Vientiane, Laos' capital. Venture to southern Laos and discover a land of waterfalls, coffee beans, the 4,000 Islands and the Irrawaddy freshwater dolphin.



Pha That Luang, Vientiane



Vientiane

Nestled on the banks of the slow-moving Mekong River, Vientiane is home to a charming mix of French-colonial architecture, glittering temples and some lovely restaurants. See Pha That Luang and Patuxai Monument.



Bolaven Plateau

During colonial times the Bolaven Plateau was populated by French settlers who were attracted to the cooler climate and fertile soils which created ideal coffee-growing conditions. Today, Laos coffee beans are highly sought after.



4,000 Islands

As water levels of the Mekong recede in the dry season, thousands of sandbanks and islands are revealed, giving the region the name '4,000 Islands'. The region is also known for the Irrawaddy freshwater dolphin.

Vientiane City Explorer

3 DAYS FROM \$259* PER PERSON

Vientiane offers an idyllic setting on the banks of the Mekong River. For the perfect introduction, choose our Vientiane City Explorer. Design your own tour of Vientiane with your local English-speaking guide and discover the city's important museums, sample traditional Lao cuisine or see craftsmen at work.



Patuxai Monument



Wat Si Saket

DAY 1 Vientiane

On arrival in Vientiane, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next two nights at Mandala Boutique Hotel.

DAY 2 Vientiane

Meet with your local English-speaking guide to tailor a unique full day of activities to suit your interests.

Explore Vientiane with options including playing favourite local games such as petanque or bowling with your guide. Sample some delicious Lao snacks and visit Talat Thong Khan Kham market. Alternatively, enjoy an in-depth

discovery of some of Vientiane's compelling monuments such as the Lao Peoples' Army History Museum, or wander around the city's impressive golden temples. Visit the Carol Cassidy House and Weaving Centre for an insight into Lao weaving traditions and textile production. Choose to stop at COPE, a museum which will provide an understanding of the impact that unexploded ordnances have had on the local people. (B)

DAY 3 Vientiane

Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

INCLUDES:

- 2 nights hotel accommodation at Mandala Boutique Hotel (Superior Room)
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Vientiane Design Your Own full day tour
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to Vientiane accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast)

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See page 70 for other hotel options and experiences.



MANDALA BOUTIQUE HOTEL



Formerly a private villa, Mandala Boutique Hotel is located in central Vientiane down a quiet leafy lane, just a short walk from the Mekong riverfront and Wat Simeuang.

Spacious rooms blend French-colonial design with Asian touches such as natural silks and earthy wood tones. Organic Lao coffee and tea are available during your stay, making your room a charming retreat.

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VIENTIANE CITY EXPLORER – HOTEL UPGRADE OPTIONS



LAO ORCHID HOTEL



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Situated next to the Mekong River, Lao Orchid Hotel is located in downtown Vientiane just a short stroll from the bustling night market.

Each room is comfortably appointed with a range of amenities to ensure a pleasant stay.

Spend time relaxing in the peaceful garden following a day of sightseeing. Enjoy a tasty meal at the restaurant or a drink at the bar.



ANSARA HOTEL



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Set in a small lane, Ansara Hotel is peacefully quiet, yet situated in the very heart of Vientiane with many popular sights just moments away. The hotel blends traditional French-Lao styles with contemporary Asian décor.

Each understated room features rosewood parquet flooring and handwoven silk fabrics. Stand on your private balcony overlooking the verdant garden as the palms sway. Enjoy a refreshing swim in the pool after a day of sightseeing.



SETTHA PALACE



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Enhance your exploration of Vientiane's grand monuments and French-colonial architecture with a stay in a meticulously restored 1930s family mansion, Settha Palace.

This colonial-era building has a refined, old-world atmosphere with its rosewood four-poster beds, high ceilings and white linens. Each room looks out over the pool or lovely gardens. Enjoy relaxing at the large pool which is set among tropical gardens.

from **\$289*** per person for 3 Day Vientiane City Explorer (Superior Room)

from **\$429*** per person for 3 Day Vientiane City Explorer (Savvy Room)

from **\$655*** per person for 3 Day Vientiane City Explorer (Deluxe Room)

VIENTIANE EXPERIENCES



Vientiane City Tour Half Day / Private

Spend the morning exploring Vientiane. Visit exquisite Wat Sisaket, Vientiane's oldest original temple, then discover the city's most famous landmark, the golden-spired Pha That Luang.

Continue to the COPE Visitor's Centre, an inspiring organisation which provides prosthetic limbs to victims of exploded ordinance. Climb the stairs of the Patuxai Monument for panoramic city views before returning to your hotel.

from **\$85*** per person
Minimum 2 people



Vientiane Textiles Tour Full Day / Private

Visit the Carol Cassidy weaving display centre showcasing and selling designs from all over Laos. Continue to the Nikone Weaving Centre and see the weavers working on looms, or spend time inside the boutique. Visit Mai Savanh, a Fair Trade workshop which sells silk wares and tea.

Drive back to the city centre for a visit to Saoban boutique, one of the best collections of quality finished woven products in Laos.

from **\$102*** per person
Minimum 2 people



Phou Khao Khuay Trek Full Day / Private

Venture into the Lao countryside and stop at Ban Hai village. From the village, board a small boat to travel into Phou Khao Khuay National Protected Area. This forested area is home to elephants, gibbons, black bears and clouded leopard. Hike along a narrow track to Tad Xai Waterfalls.

After a picnic lunch, drive to Wat Pha Baht Phonsan, an old temple famous as the site of a foot imprint left by Lord Buddha.

from **\$334*** per person
Minimum 2 people

Southern Laos Discovery

5 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$1,115* PER PERSON

A journey to Southern Laos reveals a region where time seems to stand still. For the perfect introduction, choose our Southern Laos Discovery. Discover the 4,000 Islands, spot the elusive Irrawaddy freshwater dolphin or soak in a stunning Mekong sunset.



DAY 1 Pakse to Bolaven Plateau

Take a short guided tour of Pakse town and the local market before travelling to the Tad Lo and Tad Fane waterfalls. Continue to the lush Bolaven Plateau, Laos' premier coffee growing region. Encounter some of the plateau's Laven minority people and sample some of the coffee beans. Overnight at Tadlo Lodge.

DAY 2 Bolaven Plateau

In the morning, visit Champasak and the mysterious World Heritage listed, pre-Angkorian Wat Phou temple set on the end of a hill overlooking the surrounding countryside. The temple used to be the capital of the once powerful Khmer Empire. Continue to Ban Kiet Ngong in the Xe Pian National Protected Area. Overnight at Kingfisher Ecolodge. (B)

DAY 3 Bolaven Plateau to 4,000 Islands

A short drive this morning leads to the 4,000 Islands region and Khong Island. Explore quaint fishing villages and impressive waterfalls by boat. In the afternoon, travel by tuk-tuk to the site of the only railway in Laos, visit the beautiful Li Phi falls, then take a local boat in search of the Irrawaddy freshwater dolphin. Stay the next two nights at Sala Done Khone. (B)

DAY 4 4,000 Islands

Today is free for you to explore at leisure. (B)

DAY 5 4,000 Islands to Pakse

Depart Dhone Khone Island by local boat to Ban Nakasan village. Then, travel by vehicle to the imposing Khonepapheng waterfalls. Be transferred back to Pakse Airport for your onward journey. (B)

INCLUDES:

- 1 night lodge accommodation at Tadlo Lodge (Standard Room)
- 1 night lodge accommodation at Kingfisher Ecolodge (Comfort Bungalow)
- 2 nights lodge accommodation at Sala Done Khone (Ban Lao Room)
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles (except tuk-tuk touring)
- Private touring
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- One way transfer from 4,000 Islands to Pakse Airport
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast)



TADLO LODGE, BOLAVEN PLATEAU

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Perched above the Sexet River, Tadlo Lodge offers an incredible ambience and great views of Tad Lo and Tad Hang waterfalls. Each room is simply furnished with a rustic character and a private bathroom. Enjoy the natural surroundings from a private balcony.



KINGFISHER ECOLODGE, BOLAVEN PLATEAU

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Kingfisher Ecolodge is a delightful lodge featuring simple bungalows designed to harmoniously blend with the beautiful natural surroundings. Each wooden bungalow is raised on stilts made from local materials with a spacious private verandah allowing guests to enjoy the scenery.



SALA DONE KHONE, 4,000 ISLANDS

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With its stunning riverfront location, Sala Done Khone offers unique accommodation on Dhone Khone Island. Guests can enjoy a comfortable stay with efficient service that's hard to find in this remote and languid part of Laos. Dine at the floating restaurant or relax by the swimming pool.

Southeast Asia

United by landscapes and lifestyles, Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos are influenced by the ebb and flow of the mighty Mekong. Although each country is unique, the people of Southeast Asia are known for their resilience, humility and friendliness.



Mekong Delta, Vietnam



Vietnam

Discover Vietnam's stunning natural beauty, exciting cuisine and fascinating culture, both old and new. Cruise along the Mekong River, wander the ancient streets of Hoi An and marvel at the natural beauty of Halong Bay.

See page 10.



Cambodia

With a rich history and unique beauty, Cambodia is a diverse country with iconic temples, little known beaches and hidden treasures. Sample the delicious flavours of Khmer cuisine, explore bustling markets and meet the friendly locals. See page 48.



Laos

Step back in time and experience the Asia of old as you discover Laos' riches. Sparkling temples, peaceful lodges and the mighty Mekong are surrounded by pristine landscapes which are home to smiling locals and unique hilltribe communities. See page 60.

When To Go

Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos are mainly influenced by two seasons – 'dry' and 'green'. Vietnam has a tropical climate and can be visited throughout the year. Cambodia experiences little rain from November to February, while May to early October it rains for a short time in the late afternoon creating a lush landscape. From November to March, Laos has pleasant temperatures yet from May to October the tropical lowlands can have very warm days with short, heavy showers of rain.



Southern Laos to Angkor

7 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$2,599* PER PERSON



Koh Ker, Preah Vihear, Cambodia

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Search for the Irrawaddy freshwater dolphin as you cruise through the 4,000 Islands region of southern Laos.
- Discover Cambodia's less-visited temples including the seven-tiered pyramid temple of Koh Ker and the mountain temple of Preah Vihear.
- Visit local villages in both Laos and Cambodia to gain an insight into their unique ways of life.



Tad Lo Waterfall, Bolaven Plateau, Laos



DAY 1 Pakse to Bolaven Plateau (Laos)

Meet your local guide and enjoy a short tour of Pakse before driving to Tad Lo and Tad Fane waterfalls. Continue to the Bolaven Plateau, Laos' premier coffee growing region. Overnight at Tadlo Lodge (or similar).

DAY 2 Bolaven Plateau to Done Daeng

Journey from the plateau to Champasak and visit the pre-Angkorian temple of Wat Phou. Cruise along the Mekong to Done Daeng Island. Overnight at La Folie Lodge (or similar). (B)

DAY 3 Done Daeng to Dhone Khone

Depart Done Daeng to the 4,000 Islands region. As water levels of the Mekong recede in the dry season, thousands of sandbanks and islands are revealed, giving the region the name '4,000 Islands'. Cruise through the 4,000 Islands area to Dhone Khone and see fishing villages and old colonial houses. Visit Li Phi waterfall and end the day searching for the illusive Irrawaddy freshwater dolphin. Stay two nights at Sala Done Khone (or similar). (B)

DAY 4 Dhone Khone

Spend the day at leisure exploring the region. Hire a bicycle and ride around the northern part of Dhone Khone or relax at your resort. (B)

DAY 5 Dhone Khone to Preah Vihear (Cambodia)

Travel by boat to Ban Nakasan village before driving to Khonephapheng Falls, the largest in Southeast Asia in terms of water volume. Cross the border into Cambodia. Visit a local weaving centre before continuing to Koh Ker and explore the seven-tiered pyramid temple. Overnight at Preah Vihear Boutique Hotel (or similar). (BL)

DAY 6 Preah Vihear to Banteay Chhmar

Rise early to travel to the remote mountain temple of Preah Vihear. Visit a local community based tourism association to enjoy a home-cooked meal, and a traditional music and dance performance. Overnight at Banteay Chhmar Home-stay (or similar). (BL)

DAY 7 Banteay Chhmar to Siem Reap

Take an ox-cart ride through the fields to Banteay Chhmar Central Complex, a fascinating, largely unrestored temple. Enjoy a delicious local lunch and learn about the technique of 'dalambok' or the pounding of rice with a wooden stick and adding coconut milk, banana and sugar. Travel to Siem Reap via Banteay Toap temple and Trapoang Thmo Lake to discover the native birdlife. In the afternoon, be transferred to Siem Reap Airport for your onward journey. (BL)

INCLUDES:

- 5 nights 2 to 4 star hotel accommodation
- 1 night home-stay accommodation
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Private touring
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch)



Bolaven Plateau, Laos

Taste of Indochina

11 DAY PRIVATE ITINERARY FROM \$2,139* PER PERSON



HIGHLIGHTS:

- On a traditional junk boat, cruise the beautiful waters of Halong Bay on an overnight cruise.
- From local cuisine to architecture, explore Luang Prabang on a design your own tour tailored to your personal interests.
- Choose to do what you want to do as you create your own tour of Siem Reap with your local English-speaking guide.

DAY 1 Hanoi (Vietnam)

On arrival in Hanoi, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next two nights at Golden Lotus Luxury Hotel (or similar).

DAY 2 Hanoi

Meet with your local English-speaking guide to tailor a unique full day of activities to suit your interests. Explore Hanoi with options including discovering the Old Quarter, visiting the endless number of temples and museums or taking a cyclo ride through the bustling streets. (B)

DAY 3 Hanoi to Halong Bay

Travel to Halong Bay and board your traditional junk boat. Enjoy a delicious seafood lunch as you cruise the waters and marvel at the spectacular scenery of Halong Bay. Visit Thien Canh Son cave before relaxing on board. Overnight on board White Dolphin Cruises (or similar). (BLD)

DAY 4 Halong Bay to Hanoi

Rise early to make the most of your time on Halong Bay before returning to Hanoi. Overnight at Golden Lotus Luxury Hotel (or similar). (R)

DAY 5 Hanoi to Luang Prabang (Laos)

Be transferred to the airport and fly to Luang Prabang in Laos. Stay the next three nights at Sala Prabang (or similar). (B)

DAY 6 Luang Prabang

Meet with your local English-speaking guide to tailor a unique full day of activities to suit your interests. Explore Luang Prabang with options including local architecture, learning about Laos' unique cuisine or visiting temples. (B)

DAY 7 Luang Prabang - Kuang Si Falls

Visit a market and the Ock Pop Tok weaving centre. Continue to Kuang Si Falls and spend time swimming. Visit a nearby rehabilitated bear sanctuary before an afternoon at leisure. (B)

DAY 8 Luang Prabang to Siem Reap (Cambodia)

Be transferred to the airport for your flight to Siem Reap. Stay the next three nights at Somadevi Angkor Hotel & Spa (or similar). (B)

DAY 9 Siem Reap

Meet with your local English-speaking guide to tailor a unique full day of activities to suit your interests. Explore Siem Reap with options including Angkor Wat or Tonle Sap Lake. (B)

DAY 10 Siem Reap

Enjoy a day at leisure exploring Siem Reap. (B)

DAY 11 Siem Reap

After breakfast, be transferred to the airport. (B)

INCLUDES:

- 9 nights 3 star hotel accommodation
- 1 night on board White Dolphin Cruises
- All flights as specified in the itinerary
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles
- Private and join-in touring
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guide
- Return airport transfers to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, R = brunch, L = lunch, D = dinner)



River Cruises

Meandering its way through Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, the mighty Mekong River is the lifeblood of Southeast Asia. Discover stunning scenery, meet smiling locals and visit fascinating villages as you cruise along one of Asia's great rivers with the convenience of a boutique river boat at your fingertips.





A Floating Hotel

Check-in to your cabin and unpack just once as the sights and sounds of the river come to you. Relax in your spacious, air-conditioned cabin with a private balcony on most cruises. Enjoy excellent service and onboard facilities.



Authentic Experiences

Explore small villages and markets for an authentic experience as you sail to places that larger ships simply can't reach. In some cases, you can choose your shore excursion so you can do as much or as little as you like.



Onboard Service

Many of the staff on board are internationally trained, offering you the type of service you would expect in a four to five-star hotel. Your every need is personally attended to with high staff to passenger ratios.

When To Go

Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos are mainly influenced by two seasons – 'dry' and 'green'. Vietnam has a tropical climate and can be visited throughout the year. Cambodia experiences little rain from November to February, while May to early October it rains for a short time in the late afternoon creating a lush landscape. From November to March, Laos has pleasant temperatures yet from May to October the tropical lowlands can have very warm days with short, heavy showers of rain.



Heritage Line

Cruising the mighty Mekong River, Heritage Line operates two boutique vessels – The Jahan and Jayavarman. Its flagship cruise ship, The Jahan, incorporates the features, style and service level of a deluxe hotel. While sister ship, Jayavarman is a boutique cruise vessel offering a comfortable experience, on par with the standard of a superior hotel.



Deluxe Stateroom, The Jahan



The Jahan



Deluxe Balcony Cabin, Jayavarman



Jayavarman

The Jahan



Design

The Jahan's design is inspired by Shah Jahan, the Moghul Emperor known for constructing the Taj Mahal in his wife's honour. Like the Taj Mahal, no detail on The Jahan has been overlooked.

Onboard Facilities

Stay fit on board at the gym, then relax in the steam room/sauna or practise Tai Chi each morning on deck. Laze by the pool after sightseeing or indulge in the luxurious spa. Relax in the WiFi-enabled library or try your hand at a cooking class. Sip a cocktail at the Funnel Bar at sunset and feast on the exquisite range of local and international dishes in the restaurant.

Cabins

Each of The Jahan's 26 spacious cabins feature floor to ceiling sliding doors which open onto a private balcony. Cabins are air-conditioned with a luxurious bed, stylish en-suite bathroom, mini bar and Raj-era design.

Quality Service

Service on board The Jahan is impeccable, with the highest staff-to-passenger ratio on the Mekong, and staff training completed both locally and in Europe.

On Shore

With The Jahan taking a maximum of 52 passengers, your onshore experience is intimate and authentic. The Jahan offers a cruise concierge desk and shore butler, giving you a truly bespoke experience.

Specifications

Built: 2011

Ship length: 70 metres

Ship width: 12.5 metres

Number of decks: 4 decks

Gross tonnage: 1,000 tonnes

Cruising speed: 10 knots

Capacity: 52 passengers

Cabins: 26 cabins featuring private balconies

Crew: 37 crew members

Jayavarman



Design

Inspired by the golden-age cruise liner 'Normandie', the design of Jayavarman evokes the French-colonial era, combined with subtle Khmer touches and enchanting Indochine architecture.

Onboard Facilities

Dine in the richly decorated restaurant, with classical Khmer dance performances in the evening, or relax in the Club 1930 Funnel Lounge and Bar. Visit the Apsara Beauty and Wellness spa, or try a massage under the stars. Soak up the warmth of Asia and your stunning surrounds from the sundeck or practise Tai Chi on the deck each morning.

Cabins

With 27 spacious cabins, Jayavarman boasts cabins with modern amenities, and a combination of French-colonial and traditional Khmer design. Each cabin features a private balcony, king or twin beds, mini bar, air-conditioning and en-suite bathroom.

Quality Service

While on Jayavarman, 35 attentive staff will take care of your every need ensuring a relaxed and luxurious cruising experience.

On Shore

An innovative touring program ensures that you will make the most of every port of call. Experienced local English-speaking guides will show you the best of the compelling communities that call the Mekong home.

Specifications

Built: 2009

Ship length: 57.8 metres

Ship width: 11.1 metres

Number of decks: 5 decks

Gross tonnage: 700 tonnes

Cruising speed: 10 knots

Capacity: 54 passengers

Cabins: 27 cabins featuring private balconies

Crew: 35 crew members

Saigon to Angkor

12 DAYS FROM \$3,849* PER PERSON



HIGHLIGHTS:

- 📍 Spend eight luxurious days cruising along the mighty Mekong River.
- 📍 Enjoy a sampan tour of the colourful Cai Be floating markets for an insight into local life.
- 📍 Cruise through Tonle Sap Lake and discover the villages.
- 📍 See sunrise over Angkor Wat and explore the mysterious temples of Angkor.



DAY 1 Saigon (Vietnam)

On arrival in Saigon, be transferred to your hotel. Stay the next two nights at Saigon Prince Hotel (or similar).

DAY 2 Saigon – Cu Chi Tunnels

Experience Saigon on a full day city tour and discover the Cu Chi tunnels. (B)

DAY 3 Saigon to Mekong River Cruise

Travel from Saigon to My Tho and board your river cruiser. Settle into your cabin as you cruise to Cai Be, deep in the Mekong Delta. Stay the next seven nights on board Jayavarman (or similar). (BD)

DAY 4 Mekong River Cruise

Embark on a sampan tour of the colourful Cai Be floating markets. Visit some local orchards and traditional country homes before cruising to Sa Dec to witness rattan making. (BLD)

DAY 5 Mekong River Cruise

Stop in Tan Chau with its cultural mix of communities. Cruise through beautiful scenery towards the Cambodian border. (BLD)

DAY 6 Mekong River Cruise (Cambodia)

Discover the fascinating sites of Phnom Penh. Tonight, enjoy a traditional Khmer dance performance and dinner on board. (BLD)

DAY 7 Mekong River Cruise

Depart before dawn for Kampong Cham, stopping en route at a seldom-visited silk weaving village, before experiencing village life. (BLD)

DAY 8 Mekong River Cruise

Set off for the pre-Angkorian temple of Wat Hanchey to see some of the best views in Cambodia, and discover Wat Nokor. (BLD)

DAY 9 Mekong River Cruise

Sail towards Kampong Chhnang, before enjoying a shore excursion to see Khmer-styled pottery at Aundaung Russey village. (BLD)

DAY 10 Mekong River Cruise to Siem Reap

Cruise through Tonle Sap Lake and travel to Siem Reap. Stay the next two nights at Victoria Angkor Resort & Spa (or similar). (B)

DAY 11 Siem Reap

Enjoy a tuk-tuk ride to the temples of Angkor and see the sun's first rays falling on Angkor Wat. Also visit the Bayon, atmospheric Ta Prohm and Preah Kahn on this full day tour. (B)

DAY 12 Siem Reap

Enjoy breakfast before being transferred to the airport for your onward journey. (B)

INCLUDES:

- 4 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
- 7 nights on board Jayavarman (Superior Cabin)
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles (except tuk-tuk and cyclo touring)
- Saigon City & Cu Chi Tunnels full day tour
- Tuk-tuk Angkor with Sunrise full day tour
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guides
- Return transfers from airport to accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner)

UPGRADE TO THE JAHAN
Upgrade to The Jahan and stay at the Renaissance Riverside Hotel in Saigon and the Shinta Mani Angkor in Siem Reap.

Note: Price based on Jayavarman. The Mekong River cruise portion of this itinerary (Days 3 to 10) is based on high water season (approximately Aug/Sep to Dec) travelling from Saigon to Siem Reap. Itineraries may vary depending on water levels and direction of travel.

Vietnam, Cambodia & The Mekong

19 DAYS FROM \$5,759* PER PERSON



Mekong Delta



Halong Bay, Vietnam

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Explore the turquoise waters of Halong Bay on a luxury converted junk.
- Enjoy a traditional Khmer dance performance on board your river cruise.
- Visit local villages and markets in Vietnam and Cambodia.
- Discover the remote pre-Angkorian temples of Wat Hanchey and Wat Nokor.



DAY 1 Hanoi (Vietnam)

On arrival in Hanoi, be transferred to your hotel. Overnight at The Ann Hanoi (or similar).

DAY 2 Hanoi to Halong Bay

Travel to Halong Bay and board your luxury converted junk. Overnight on board Halong Jasmine (or similar). (BLD)

DAY 3 Halong Bay to Hanoi

Travel to Hanoi and enjoy a walking tour of Hanoi's Old Quarter. Overnight at The Ann Hanoi (or similar). (R)

DAYS 4-5 Hanoi to Hue

Enjoy a half day tour of Hanoi before flying to Hue. The next day, cruise along the Perfume River to Thien Mu Pagoda and visit the Citadel and ornate tombs on a full day tour. Stay two nights at Hotel Saigon Morin (or similar). (2B)

DAYS 6-7 Hue to Hoi An

Travel to Hoi An via Hai Van Pass and explore Hoi An on a walking tour. The following day is free to relax or continue exploring. Stay two nights at Hoi An Historic Hotel (or similar). (2B)

DAYS 8-9 Hoi An to Saigon

Fly to Saigon. The next day, experience the very best of Saigon on a city tour. Later, discover the Cu

Chi tunnels on the city's outskirts. Stay two nights at Saigon Prince Hotel (or similar). (2B)

DAY 10 Saigon to Mekong River Cruise

Travel overland from Saigon to My Tho and begin cruising to Cai Be aboard your river cruiser. Stay the next seven nights on board Jayavarman (or similar). (BD)

DAYS 11-16 Mekong River Cruise

For the next six days, cruise along the Mekong River. Explore the colourful Cai Be floating markets on a sampan tour, visit some local orchards and traditional country homes and witness rattan making. Enjoy a shore excursion in Tan Chau. Stop at a seldom-visited silk weaving village and visit Wat Hanchey and Wat Nokor. (7B, 6L, 7D)

DAY 17 Mekong River Cruise to Siem Reap

Cruise through Tonle Sap Lake before travelling to Siem Reap. Stay the next two nights at Victoria Angkor Resort & Spa (or similar). (B)

DAY 18 Siem Reap

Witness sunrise over Angkor Wat, and explore the Bayon, Ta Prohm and Preah Kahn. (B)

DAY 19 Siem Reap

After breakfast be transferred to the airport. (B)

INCLUDES:

- 10 nights 4 star hotel accommodation
- 1 night on board Halong Jasmine
- 7 nights on board Jayavarman (Superior Cabin)
- All flights as specified in the itinerary
- Transport in air-conditioned vehicles (except tuk-tuk and cyclo touring)
- Private and join-in touring
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guides
- Transfer from Hanoi Airport to Hanoi accommodation
- Transfer from Siem Reap accommodation to Siem Reap Airport
- Meals as indicated (B = breakfast, R = brunch, L = lunch, D = dinner)

UPGRADE TO THE JAHAN

Upgrade to The Jahan and stay in a higher standard of accommodation throughout your journey. Contact us for details.

Note: Price based on Jayavarman. The Mekong River cruise portion of this itinerary (Days 10 to 17) is based on high water season (approximately Aug/Sep to Dec) travelling from Saigon to Siem Reap. Itineraries may vary depending on water levels and direction of travel.

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8. Groups – a non-refundable deposit of A\$500 is due within 5 days of confirmation. Final payment is due by 65 days prior to departure.

Cancellation by the traveller

9. All cancellations must be received in writing. No refunds will be made for unused services. Cancellations will be subject to the following cancellation fees applied per person, per confirmed booking:
 - for cancellations made more than 65 days before the scheduled date for departure from Australia – no refund of deposit;
 - for cancellations made between 10-65 days before the scheduled date for departure from Australia – a cancellation fee of 25%;
 - for cancellations made within 10 days of the scheduled date of travel arrangements – a cancellation fee of 100% applies.

Additional cancellation charges may apply according to the terms and conditions of the Third Party Travel Provider.

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 - the Third Party Travel Provider cancels your booking for no fault on your part.
11. Notwithstanding clause 9, cancellation of air, cruising, rail and other Third Party Travel Provider arrangements may be subject to fees in accordance with the terms you agree with the Third Party Travel Provider, which are separate to our cancellation fees. Refunds will not be given for unused or cancelled services after your arrangements have commenced.

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ANNEXURE TRAVEL TIPS FOR TRAVEL PRODUCTS

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Travel Insurance

We strongly recommend you take out appropriate travel insurance to cover your travel arrangements.

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Ticketing

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Special needs

Travellers with a physical or mental disability that may require special assistance during their trip must advise us of their needs upon booking and declare all pre-existing medical conditions. This enables us to ensure the suitability of each booking to the individual traveller.

Bedding configuration

Requests for specific bedding types must be made at the time of booking, however, cannot be guaranteed. Note that double rooms can be fitted with either double or twin beds, and note also that single rooms are often smaller than other rooms. Triple rooms usually comprise a twin bed room with an additional sofa bed, roll-away bed or a fold-away bed for a third person.

Travelling with children

Where a child stays for free in a room sharing with two paying adults, generally the hotel will expect the child to share the parent's bed and will not provide an extra bed. Additional charges may be levied for child meals. Where a child rate is provided in this brochure, an extra roll or fold-away bed is usually provided. Children are charged an adult rate if staying in a room without adults.

River Cruises – shore excursions & water levels

The nature of some shore excursions in Asia means that for some excursions there are no formal jetties.

While staff are always on hand to assist, those with limited mobility may find these areas difficult to access. Due to the unpredictable nature of weather and its effect on river conditions and water levels, it may on occasions be necessary to complete some elements of the itinerary by land, rather than by boat, or to alter the route of the vessel including substituting some planned stops for others. Such changes can occur at any time without prior notice or warning and no refunds will be given in this instance. On the lower Mekong River between Siem Reap and Phnom Penh, large seasonal variations in water levels necessitate low water and high water itineraries. The only significant difference is a vehicle transfer to/from Siem Reap in place of cruising across Tonle Sap Lake. As a guide, low water itineraries are applied typically from January to early July, but this may vary depending on rainfall across the river catchments.

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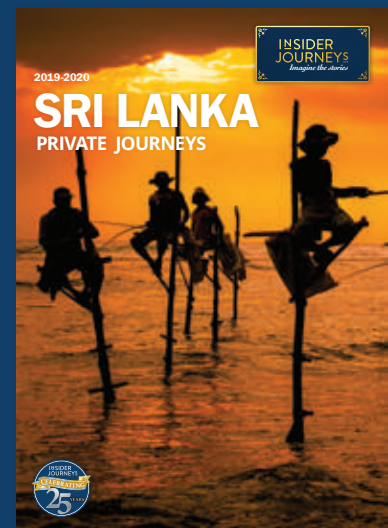
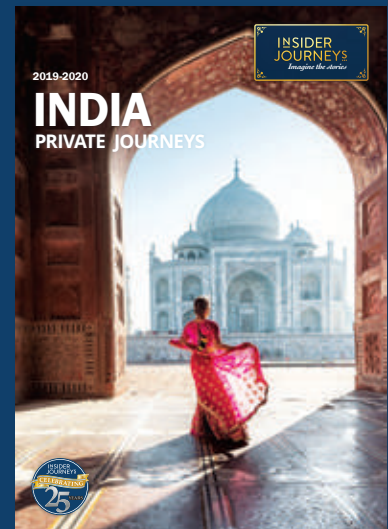
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