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## **Itinerary Details**

### **Highlights of Vietnam & Cambodia Sum 25**

8Nights 9Days





# Day 1 : Day 01: Welcome to Hanoi – Capital of Vietnam. Enjoy a water puppet performance.

Welcome to Hanoi – Capital of Vietnam known for its centuries-old architecture and a rich culture. On arrival, proceed to your conveniently located hotel (Check-in after 15:00). In the evening, enjoy a water puppet performance. These performances are accompanied by a Vietnamese orchestra playing traditional music using drums, wooden bells, horns, bamboo flutes and cymbals. Overnight in Hanoi.

#### Day 2: Day 02: Guided tour of Hanoi.

Today take a full day tour of Hanoi's most interesting sights, including the Ho Chi Minh Complex: Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum and his Stilts House, the Presidential Palace and the One Pillar Pagoda and, nearby, the Old Quarter also known as the 36 streets and guilds. In the afternoon, visit the Temple of Literature, the first university of Vietnam. Discover the vibrant heart of Hanoi in the most authentic and leisurely way - aboard a traditional cyclo. These charming three-wheeled bicycle taxis have been a part of Hanoi's cultural fabric for decades, offering a nostalgic and intimate journey through the city's bustling streets. Lastly, wander around the scenic Hoan Kiem Lake "Lake of the Returned Sword", named after a magical sword, once used by the most revered heroes to defeat the Chinese Ming Dynasty and then returned to the Golden Turtle God of the lake. Overnight in Hanoi.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 3 : Day 03: Hanoi – Halong Bay

This morning, depart for jetty to check-in to the boat where you will get ready to take in a relaxing cruise to the magnificent Lan Ha Bay, every bit as beautiful as its famous neighbor of Halong, but still relatively undeveloped. Take some time to have a look around the vessel or watch the magical landscape go by and then enjoy a special lunch of fresh seafood. When lunch is finished, the cruise completes its entry to Lan Ha Bay. The area is surrounded by an extraordinary limestone karst landscape. Overnight on Cruise.

Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner

#### Day 4 : Day 04: Halong Bay – Hanoi- Ho Chi Minh.

Rising to the sound of lapping bay waters, sitting on the upper deck, you can relax while taking in the breath-taking beauty of the rocky islands rising from the marauded water of the bay. The boat cruises back to the jetty while an early brunch is served. Your boat arrives at the harbor by noon. Rejoin your coach and transfer directly to the airport for the flight to Saigon / Ho Chi Minh City. Upon arrival at the airport, you will be greeted by your guide and transferred to your hotel. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 5 : Day 05: Ho Chi Minh City - Cu Chi Tunnel

In the morning, drive to visit the famous Cu Chi tunnels – passing through urbanized areas and a typically lush southern Vietnamese countryside. Originally dug as a base to organize guerrilla-style actions against the French, the Cu Chi tunnels were expanded during the Indochina War to become an ingenious and incredible underground network to protect the Viet Cong guerrillas from the French air and ground sweeps. Today the remaining tunnels have become a major tourist attraction giving the visitor a unique experience and a feel of what underground life during the U.S.-Vietnam American must have been like. Later visit the War Remnants Museum which presents the fascinating remnants and photographs of the past including US armored vehicles, artillery pieces, bombs, and infantry weapons. Wind your way to one of the most significant historical sites of the city, the Reunification Palace which is former Residence of the Indochina Governor-General and later of the President of the Republic of Southern Vietnam. A short walk away is one of Saigon's most historic landmarks, the Notre Dame Cathedral (outside view), a red brick edifice with twin spires, based on the original construction from Paris. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



#### Day 6: Day 06: Mekong Delta

Depart Ho Chi Minh City to lush My Tho - known as the gateway to the Mekong Delta. arrive at the waterfront pier and hop on an enjoyable motorboat excursion, take in the Delta scenery, houses built on stilts, and local fish farms along the way. Travel through narrow village lanes lined with fruit orchards and customary cottages observing the rural life that remains in many ways similar to how it was lived far back in history. Have a chance to see a family-run business where they make coconut candy directly in front of the pier. Taste local tea with honey, sample fruits while having a chat with local people to get a glimpse of the lifestyle and traditional customs in Mekong Delta. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 7: Day 07: Ho Chi Minh - Siem Reap - Tonle Sap

Early in the morning transfer to the airport for your flight to Siem Reap. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to the hotel and check in. In the afternoon, visit the floating village of Chong Khneas, we take a boat trip in a traditional wooden boat for a relaxing and insightful cruise on the Tonle Sap Lake, the "Great Lake" of Cambodia, one of the largest in Asia. Immerse yourself into nature and gain an insight into the diverse village lifestyle on the lake as your boat glides through the mangroves, the houses on stilts, the floating school and police station. Observe the floating life going on as it would anywhere else in Cambodia. Overnight in Siem Reap Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 8 : Day 08: Siem Reap – Angkor Wat

Start your sightseeing tour of Angkor area we spend a full day exploring the wondrous ancient ruins with the South Gate of Angkor Thom, which is famous for its series of colossal human faces carved in stone, the impressive Bayon Temple, the Royal Enclosure, Phimeanakas, the Elephant Terrace, the Terrace of the Leper King. We visit the jungle covered temple of Ta Prohm is an incredible sight. There are enormous fig trees and gigantic creepers which embrace themselves in the stone foundations of the structure giving the impression of man's creation being reclaimed by the powerful forces of nature. Visit Angkor Wat, a vast temple complex originally constructed in the early 12th Century by King Suryavarman II. Originally constructed as a Hindu temple dedicated to the god Vishnu for the Khmer Empire, it was gradually transformed into a Buddhist temple. Overnight in Siem Reap

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 9 : Day 09: Siem Reap – Departure

Your Holiday ends, today it's time to fly back home. Check out and depart for the Airport for the flight home. Breakfast

## **Highlights**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- A complete tour at an honest price
  - Enjoy a water puppet performance in Hanoi.
- Explore the city of Hanoi on a guided city tour.
- Be enthralled by Cruising on Red river.



- Explore Cu Chi Tunnel, dug during the Vietnam War.
- Be part of an Informative day trip to Mekong Delta.
- Visit the floating village of Chong Khneas Siamp Reap.
- Enjoy a wooden boat ride on the Tonle Sap Lake, the "Great Lake" of Cambodia.
- Get awed with the architectural masterpiece at Angkor Wat Temple.
- Service of multilingual & knowledgeable Tour Manager accompanying you throughout the tour.