

Vietnam & Cambodia

Hanoi, Halong Bay, Hue, Ho Chi Minh City, Siem Reap

With their subliminal landscapes, ancient temples and diverse architecture, Vietnam and Cambodia are beguiling gems. Ancient culture, the vestiges of French colonialism, and modernism all live side-by-side...with magical pagodas, French cathedrals, and lively markets as intoxicating as Vietnam's natural beauty. We explore all aspects of Vietnam's magnificence, from bustling Hanoi to spectacular Halong Bay. Our tour concludes with Cambodia's astounding Angkor Wat temple in Siem Reap.

AIMS Highlights

22 Meals, including Breakfast daily, 8 Lunches, 4 Dinners • Professional Visit in Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City and Siem Reap • Visit the Temple of Literature in Hanoi • Excursion to the charming pottery village of Bat Trang • Boat Cruise in magnificent Halong Bay • Sail on the Perfume River in enchanting Hue • Dinner with Musical Performance in Ho Chi Minh City • Visit the legendary Cu Chi Tunnels • Stay in Siem Reap • See Angkor Wat—one of the grandest temples in the world

1 SUNDAY: EN ROUTE. Depart the U.S. on your flight to Vietnam.

2 MONDAY: EN ROUTE. Cross the Int'l Date Line, lose one day; you'll get it back on the return!

3 TUESDAY: HANOI. Arrive in Hanoi; transfer to your hotel. This afternoon's orientation tour explores Hanoi: enchanting Hoan Kiem Lake, the Ngoc Son Pagoda with its gardens, and a special visit to the Bao Tang Lich History Museum. See the bustling Old Quarter with its colorful marketplace, and the Opera House. Welcome Dinner. (D)

4 WEDNESDAY: HANOI. Morning, *Professional Visit*. Then visit the Temple of Literature, dedicated to Confucius. Next see the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (closed Oct/Nov), a site of pilgrimage, and the unique One Pillar Pagoda. After lunch, tour to Bat Trang, the pottery village near Hanoi. Visit the Museum of Fine Arts and the Museum of Ethnology; stop at the infamous Hanoi Hilton Prison. Tonight, enjoy the famous Water Puppet Show. (B,L)

5 THURSDAY: HANOI / HALONG BAY / HANOI. Morning journey to Halong Bay, one of Asia's greatest natural wonders. The beauty of the bay and its 3,000 islands is spectacular. The bay covers 4,000 square kilometers with dozens of peaceful fjords and inlets to explore. Cruise on a wooden boat among the bay's emerald waters. Enjoy a Seafood Lunch on board. Return to Hanoi. (B,L)

6 FRIDAY: HANOI / HUE. Fly to Hue, one of the most beautiful cities in Vietnam. Visit Thien Mu Pagoda, just outside Hue, on the bank of the Perfume River. On to see the beautiful tomb of the famed Emperor Minh Mang. Lunch is included. (B,L)

7 SATURDAY: HUE. An exciting full day tour in Hue includes the Imperial Palace, the Citadel and the Forbidden Purple City. Visit the majestic

mausoleum of Emperor Tu Duc, and the gaudy tomb of Emperor Khai Dinh, which combines European and Vietnamese elements. Following lunch, tour the colorful local market. (B,L)

8 SUNDAY: HUE/HO CHI MINH CITY. Morning flight to Ho Chi Minh City; transfer to your hotel. Then, a *Professional Visit*. Visit the French colonial-era Notre Dam Cathedral in the heart of old Saigon. Continue to the Pagoda of the Jade Emperor, the gem of all the Chinese temples in the city. On to lively Ben Thanh Market, and the city's "Chinatown." Tonight, dinner in a local restaurant. (B,D)

9 MONDAY: HO CHI MINH CITY. Drive to the city's outskirts to visit the legendary Cu Chi Tunnels, which stretched from the South Vietnamese capital to the Cambodian border. Lunch at a local restaurant; then continue to Tay Ninh for a visit to the amazing Great Temple of the Cao Dai faith. Return to Ho Chi Minh City. (B,L)





Port of junks Halong Bay, Vietnam

10 TUESDAY: HO CHI MINH CITY. Drive into the heart of the Mekong Delta to Cai Be. Embark on a boat; explore the lively Floating Market, with its fruit and vegetable barges, and a picturesque cathedral on the riverside. Stop at the Mekong River Islands to see how residents make traditional treats, with the opportunity to sample local delicacies. Disembark at Vinh Long; return to the city. (B,L)

11 WEDNESDAY: HO CHI MINH CITY / SIEM REAP. Depart by air to Siem Reap; transfer to the hotel. Here you will discover Angkor Wat, one of the extraordinary "Seven Wonders of the Ancient World." Built in 802 A.D., the temple was once home to more than one million people at the height of the Khmer Empire. Sightseeing includes Angkor Thom and the Bayon, as well as a *Professional Visit*. (B,L,D)

12 THURSDAY: SIEM REAP. Continue your specially guided tour of Angkor Wat and the South Gate of Bayon. Then on to the Angkor conservation area, Temple of Ta Prohm, Bantreay Samre, Eastern Mebon and many other unforgettable sights. (B,L,D)

13 FRIDAY: SIEM REAP / BANGKOK. Boat journey up the Tonle Sap River, which links the Lake to the Mekong Delta. Visit the Chong Kneas Floating Village on the lake where both Khmer and Vietnamese live. Afternoon flight to Bangkok; overnight at the airport hotel. (B)

14 SATURDAY: BANGKOK / U.S. Morning departure from Bangkok to the U.S. or extend your visit to Thailand. Please inquire. (B)

Where You'll Stay

City	Nights	Hotel
Hanoi	3	Hilton Hanoi Opera
Hue	2	Saigon Morin Hotel
Ho Chi Minh City	3	New World Hotel Saigon
Siem Reap	2	Angkor Village Hotel Novotel Suvarnabhumi
Bangkok	1	Airport Hotel

2010 Departure & Return Dates

Land Prices Per Person, In Twin

Depart Sunday	Return Saturday	Land Price Per Person
Jan 10	Jan 23	\$3395.
Feb 21	Mar 6	\$3395.
Mar 14	Mar 28	\$3395.
Apr 11	Apr 24	\$3395.
Sep 5	Sep 18	\$3395.
Oct 10	Oct 23	\$3395.
Nov 7	Nov 20	\$3395.
Dec 19	Jan 1, '11	\$3495.

Single Room, Add: \$850.

Land Price includes Internal Air.

2011 Projected Tour Dates: (Prices to be advised)

Jan 9-22, Feb 20-Mar 5, Mar 13-26, Apr 10-23,
Sep 4-17, Oct 9-22, Nov 6-19, Dec 18-31

We will be happy to assist you with your International Air Arrangements; please inquire.

Visa is required for U.S. citizens.

Extensions to Laos & Myanmar are available; please inquire