

# Vietnam and Cambodia Uncovered



● Start Location

✈ Plane

🚢 Cruise

📅 Over night

● Visited Location

● End Location

🚆 Train

🚢 Ferry

## Day 1 | Welcome to Hanoi



On arrival, we have airport transfers arranged for you. Relish the warm embrace of Vietnam and her welcoming people, who will touch you with their humility and entrepreneurial spirit throughout your journey across this intoxicating land. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a dinner at a local restaurant.

**Meals:** Dinner

**Hotel:** Silk Path Hotel

## Day 2 | A Day to Discover Hanoi



Ready to step into Vietnam's past? You'll visit the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first national university from the 11th century. It's a beautiful example of traditional Vietnamese architecture—and if you've got a 100,000 dong note, you'll spot it right there. Next, hop on a cyclo, a three-wheeled bicycle taxi, and cruise through Hanoi's Old Quarter, known for its 36 streets once home to artisan guilds. You'll also view the striking Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and then go inside the One Pillar Pagoda and Ho Chi Minh's peaceful wooden house. Then, meet Mr. Liem Phan, a skilled artisan who brings the ancient art of water puppetry to life. Hear the story behind this unique tradition, enjoy a show, and even try your hand at puppet-making. End the day at your leisure, soaking in Hanoi's charm and culture.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Silk Path Hotel

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***Hanoi Street Eats after Dark*** - Start your Hanoi culinary adventure with a leisurely evening walk through the bustling Old Quarter. Guided by a Local Specialist, you'll discover the best of Hanoi's street food culture. Try tasty dishes like Pho Ga, the nation's beloved chicken noodle soup, and Banh Mi, Vietnam's famous sandwich. Stroll through the lively Dong Xuan Night Market and test your bargaining skills before ending the evening like a local—with a refreshing glass of Bia Hoi at Beer Corner.

Adult: 37.00 USD

### Day 3 | Discover Halong Bay and Viet Hai Village



Leave the bustling streets of Hanoi behind as you head to the tranquil waters of Halong Bay. Board your cruise and enjoy lunch while gliding past limestone karsts and tropical islets through one of the New Seven Natural Wonders. Explore Viet Hai Village in Cat Ba National Park by bike and soak in the surrounding landscapes and conservation projects. Cool off with a swim in Lan Ha Bay or relax by the jade-colored waters. End your day with a Vietnamese cooking demonstration and uncover the secrets behind this world-famous cuisine.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Hotel:** Au Co Cruise

### Day 4 | Sunrise at Halong Bay and Trinh Nu Adventures



Start your morning in Halong Bay with a Tai Chi session as the sun rises over this UNESCO World Heritage Site. After breakfast, explore Trinh Nu Cave, known for its impressive rock formations. You can choose to go on a kayak tour or relax on the serene Trinh Nu Beach. Enjoy the final views of the bay as you cruise back to the Wharf, then head to Hanoi Airport for your flight to Danang. Transfer to Hoi An, where your evening is free—an ideal time to explore the tailoring capital of the world and its old town.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Allegro Hoi An

## Day 5 | Uncover Historic Hoi An



Step into Hoi An, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with roots as a 15th-century trading port. Once a bustling hub for merchants from China, Japan, and Europe, this town now welcomes you to explore its rich history and blend of cultures. Stroll through narrow lanes lined with ancient merchant houses, cross the iconic 400-year-old Japanese Covered Bridge, and admire the intricate carvings of the Chaozhou Assembly Hall. Afterward, visit the market, where you'll be greeted by the enticing aroma of fresh spices and the shimmer of colorful silk. Browse the market stalls and you'll certainly find a Hoi An treasure to bring home. Your afternoon is free but why not try one of our Optional Experiences.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Allegro Hoi An

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***Discover Thanh Dong Organic Farming - a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience*** - Visit Thanh Dong Village, home to Hoi An's first organic farm. Don a traditional ba ba uniform and join local farmers to experience daily activities like harvesting fresh vegetables. Learn about chemical-free farming and the environmental benefits while immersing yourself in the serene countryside. After your experience, enjoy cassava and green tea, followed by a soothing traditional foot massage.

Adult: 52.00 USD

***Magical Evening in Hoi An*** - Begin your evening at the 400-year-old Japanese Covered Bridge. Stroll through Hoi An's ancient streets, alive with colorful lights, bustling markets, and unique art galleries. As the sun sets, take a peaceful boat ride along the Thu Bồn River and enjoy local delicacies at a riverside restaurant with views of the lantern-lit town. End your magical evening with a leisurely riverfront walk, taking in the vibrant lights, street vendors, and the tranquil beauty of Hoi An by night.

Adult: 42.00 USD

## Day 6 | Local Life in Hoi An



Spend the morning at leisure—explore Hoi An at your own pace or relax at your hotel. Alternatively, join one of our Optional Experiences: visit the ancient My Son Sanctuary or uncover history at the Ky Anh tunnels in Tam Thanh village. In the afternoon, Dive into Culture at the Red Bridge Cooking School. Start with a welcome drink at Hai Cafe, shop for fresh ingredients at the market, then take a boat to your private cooking class, enjoying your creations with a river view.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Allegro Hoi An

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***My Son Temple*** - One of Southeast Asia's premier Hindu temple complexes. Once a key religious site for the Cham civilization, it now features 20 stunning monuments. Encircled by hills and watched over by Cat Tooth Mountain, this UNESCO-listed site offers a captivating journey into Cham culture and history, find out why this site was such an important place of worship.

Adult: 36.00 USD

***Biking Through Tra Nhieu Village*** - Begin your day with a scenic bike ride from your Hoi An hotel to the pier. Cruise to Cam Kim Island, where you'll cycle along peaceful village roads and lush countryside on a 10 km (6 mi) route. You'll discover Tra Nhieu Village, with its traditional livelihoods like farming, fishing and mat weaving and visit local homes to learn the craft of making rice wine, noodles and rice paper.

Adult: 85.00 USD

***Tam Thanh Vibrant Art & History*** - Explore Tam Thanh Village, a fishing spot turned open-air gallery with over 100 houses decorated with vibrant murals showing local life and culture. Next, visit the Ky Anh Tunnels, a historic underground network beneath Thach Tan Village, where you'll gain a deeper understanding of Vietnam's wartime resilience. Finish at the Heroic Mother Thu statue, a striking 18.6-meter-tall tribute to Nguyen Thi Thu, a mother who lost 12 children and grandchildren in wars against Vietnam, honoring her sacrifice and enduring spirit.

Adult: 48.00 USD

## Day 7 | Head to Hue via Red Beach



Hoi An's waterways, a lifeline for villagers and a window into its past. Visit a fishing village to learn the art of casting Vietnamese fishing nets and try paddling traditional round basket boats through coconut-palm groves. Hear stories of the area's wartime history as you cruise back with a refreshing drink in hand. This afternoon, cross the spectacular Hai Van Pass, famed for its breathtaking views, and stop at Red Beach, where American marines first landed in Danang. Wrap up the day in Hue, Vietnam's imperial capital, for an overnight stay steeped in history.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** White Lotus Hue

## Day 8 | See the Sights of Hue



You'll navigate the busy streets of Hue on the back of a cyclo en route to the UNESCO-listed Imperial Citadel, once home to Nguyen emperors. From here, you'll drive to Thien Mu Pagoda, Hue's best-preserved religious monument. Boarding a local dragon boat next, cruise along the Perfume River to the house of the former Princess Ngoc Son, the daughter of Emperor Dong Khanh. Although the house is no longer owned by royalty, you will meet the current Phan family for a Be My Guest lunch to gain a glimpse of their life in this historic house. The afternoon is yours to enjoy at leisure or consider joining one of our Optional Experiences.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Hotel:** White Lotus Hue

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***Enamel Art Tour*** - Enamel (phap lam) plays a huge part in Vietnamese history, particularly in Hue where enamelware was used for imperial structures and royal families during the Nguyen Dynasty. The art form, taking the name Hue phap lam showcased local artisan inventiveness, the independent spirit of the Vietnamese culture, economy and politics. After becoming lost in existence after nearly 200 years, Hue people are starting to relive this traditional fine art. Meet with the artisan Mr. Triet Do, a famous expert at Enamel Hue and learn about his endeavour to restore this way of art by combining industries of many sectors of handicrafts. Take the opportunity to see the complete process of making a stunning Phap Lam product, manually create your own or pick up one as a decorative souvenir gift.  
Adult: 51.00 USD

***Lavin Home Crafts - a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience*** - Discover the inspiring work of a local non-governmental organization in Hue, dedicated to supporting and empowering the vibrant deaf community through training, employment, and opportunities to connect. Enjoy a hands-on experience at Lavin House Craft, where talented artisans teach you the traditional art of paper flower making. Here, you'll see how expression goes beyond words. As your day unfolds, you'll gain a deep appreciation for the resilience and creativity of this remarkable community.

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Adult: 23.00 USD

## Day 9 | Journey to Ho Chi Minh City



A short flight this morning brings you to the bustling heart of Ho Chi Minh City. Get ready to uncover its sights on a walking tour along vibrant Dong Khoi Street. Marvel at the Opera House and the former Hotel de Ville, then stroll up to the majestic Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office, crafted by none other than Gustave Eiffel. Take a poignant journey through the War Remnants Museum, offering a glimpse into the war through the eyes of locals, before walking through Ben Thanh market, a treasure trove of history and culture.

Later, your Stays with Stories experience at Grand Hotel Saigon is a French colonial gem right in the city's historic heart. End the day with dinner at KOTO restaurant, where your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience supports life-changing opportunities for disadvantaged youth.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Grand Saigon

## Day 10 | Meander Along the Mekong Delta



The mighty Mekong beckons today, as you take a day trip to Cai Be town, in the heart of the Mekong Delta. You'll transfer to a charming traditional boat where you will cruise and explore the bustling riverbanks. Visit a beautifully preserved ancient house dating back to the 19th century, passed down through many generations of the family. Enjoy a leisurely sampan ride through the narrow canals, stopping for a home-hosted lunch of delicious Mekong Delta specialties, before returning to Ho Chi Minh City for an evening at leisure.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Hotel:** Grand Saigon

## Day 11 | Visit the Cu Chi Tunnels



Uncover Vietnam's fascinating past with a visit to the Cu Chi Tunnels, an intricate underground network used by the Viet Cong. A veteran shares how these tunnels served as homes, hospitals and hideouts. You'll return to Ho Chi Minh City by private speedboat, with free time to unwind. Later, you'll step into history at the former home of US Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, followed by dinner to end the day.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Grand Saigon

## Day 12 | Continue to Cambodia



Transfer to the airport for the short international flight to Siem Reap in Cambodia. On arrival you'll meet your local Cambodian Travel Director. The rest of the day is at leisure.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Tara Angkor

## Day 13 | Amazing Angkor Wat



Today, walk through a pyramid-shaped gateway into an ancient world. Serene stone faces watch as you cross the causeway suspended over a moat into the spiritual heart of the ancient lost city of Angkor. Be amazed by the sheer size, you'll be memorised by the intricate carvings and murals of celestial nymphs and mythical serpents along the abandoned hallways of Angkor Wat. Your next stop is the terracotta-hued walls of Banteay Srei Temple – the “Citadel of Women” dedicated to the Hindu God Shiva. You will have time to admire the 10th-century carvings of women, said to have been too delicate to have been carved by a man, hence the name. Finishing with a visit to Krabei Riel local village you will have a chance to walk and talk with the villagers who are always keen to share their smiles with you. Learn some of their traditional skills such as palm leaf weaving, your time will be spent truly engaging in a real-life Cambodian Village MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Later, enjoy the best of Cambodian cuisine and be entertained by a traditional Apsara dance performance.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Tara Angkor

## Day 14 | Temples of Angkor



Start at Angkor Thom, exploring the Terrace of Elephants, the Royal Enclosure, and Bayon Temple's smiling faces of Buddha. Next, wander Ta Prohm, its mossy ruins you may recognize from the film 'Tomb Raider'. Under the canopy, you'll discover towers, courtyards and stone carvings hidden among the foliage. Visit Artisans d'Angkor this afternoon, supporting Khmer craftsmanship in silk making and wood carving. You'll join a private blessing at Wat Damnak where a sacred thread is tied around your wrist as protection from evil spirits. End your day with an Optional Experience to join a sunset boat cruise on Tonlé Sap Lake.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Tara Angkor

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Sunset Boat Cruise** - Depart from your hotel and transfer to Chong Kneas, a trading port of agricultural products on the edge of Tonle Sap Lake. Board a traditional and comfortable wooden boat, and embark on a relaxing and insightful sunset cruise on the lake. A selection of soft drinks and beer is served while you observe the local lifestyle of the people living on the lake in their floating and stilted homes. Towards the end of the day, the activity on the lake picks up as people return from their fish farms to present and sell their catch at the local market. Continue to the open waters and take in the sunset before returning to the port for a transfer back to Siem Reap town. Note: This trip will not operate during periods of low water which normally occur from April to September. Adult: 86.00 USD

**MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Lunch at SPOONS** - A visit to SPOONS Cafe and Restaurant offers you the chance to take part in the life-changing opportunities the organization provides to students through its training programmes, while experiencing the best of what Siem Reap has to offer. Sustainability is at the heart of everything they do—their mission, food, construction, and design. Your experience supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities. Adult: 33.00 USD

## Day 15 | Travel to Phnom Penh



Depart for Siem Reap, a drive offering a glimpse into Cambodia's rural life. From the city outskirts, you'll see vast fields of rice alongside cassava shrubs and rubber trees. Watch the daily lives of farmers as you travel between two of Cambodia's key cities.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Tribe Hotel

## Day 16 | Delve into Cambodia's History



Indulge in the exotic flavors of Phnom Penh this morning, joining a Local Specialist for an in-depth city tour. Our first stop is Wat Phnom temple where we'll delve into the legend of Lady Penh who discovered the four statues of Buddha deposited on this tree-covered hill. We'll continue to the Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda before visiting the National Museum showcasing centuries-old Khmer art and sculptures. Delving deep into the turbulent, terrifying history of the Khmer Rouge years, we'll travel along a dusty road to the outskirts of the city to visit the former school turned interrogation and execution center of Tuol Sleng. The history of that time is depicted in the thousands of S-21 portraits of victims that are on display at the Museum of Genocide. Finally, take time to reflect on the past with a visit to the Choeung Ek Killing Fields, where a large memorial was built to commemorate the 17,000 victims who died under the reign of the Khmer Rouge. The evening is free to explore the boutiques in Street 240 area or the many restaurants, cafes, shops along the bustling riverside area.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Tribe Hotel

## Day 17 | Farewell Phnom Penh



Airport shuttles have been arranged on the last day of the tour only.

Please speak to your Trafalgar representative for further information.

**Meals:** Breakfast

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