

Price Included (land only):

- Accommodation with daily breakfast
- 2D1N Halong Jasmine Junk (Join-in)
- Transfers and transportation on tour
- Sightseeing with Local English speaking guides (one guide in each city)
- Meals indicated in the itinerary (drinks on your own)
- Water Puppet show (1st class ticket)
- Economy class air PNH—REP, REP—SGN, SGN—HAN
- Cold towels & water on sightseeing days.



Price NOT Include:

- Cambodia visa
- Vietnam Visa
- Meals not mentioned in the program
- Drinks/water at included lunches and dinners
- International & other flights
- Overweight luggage
- Travel insurance
- Tips & gratuities

\$2,190 per person
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Itinerary:

Day 01 Phnom Penh Arrival

Meet and greet by local guide at Phnom Penh airport, transfer to hotel for rest.

Accommodation: Raffles Le Royal Hotel /Stateroom

Day 02 Phnom Penh (B)

After breakfast, set out on a city tour to visit the **National Museum** which houses Khmer art and sculptures from different periods of Cambodian history. The **Royal Palace**, built in 1866 by King Norodom and home to the Silver Pagoda, so-named because its floor is made up of 5,000 silver tiles. Visit the infamous **Tuol Sleng Museum**.

Continue to visit **Killing Field** and **Central market** with call-named Russian market to witness the daily life. Transfer back to hotel. The rest of the day at leisure on your own.

Accommodation: Raffles Le Royal Hotel/Stateroom

Day 03 Phnom—Siem Reap (B)

Free at leisure until your transfer to the airport for the flight to Siem Reap. Meet your guide and transfer to hotel to check-in. Start exploring the stunning temples by a fun tuk-tuk ride to the intricately carved Khmer ruins at Angkor Wat, one of world's most impressive temple ruins constructed between 9th and 13th centuries. A Khmer scholar who will help you get a better understanding of Khmer history, culture, archeology and civilization leads the trip. See the ancient complex at sunset—it remains enigmatic in twilight.

Accommodation: Raffles Grand Angkor/Stateroom

Day 04 Siem Reap (B)

After breakfast, stroll around **Angkor National Museum**, which reveals the glory of the Angkor civilization—explore the arresting displays using state-of-the-art technology. Afterwards, drive to the stunning royal city Angkor Thom. Enjoy an **elephant ride** from the South gate to the main complex. At first glance, it seems a shapeless mass of stone, but further scrutiny reveals enigmatic faces looking at every direction, with half-closed eyes, all looking content and serene. Continue your exploration by visiting Elephant Terrace served as a platform from which to view his victorious returning army and the Leper King Terrace with perfect carvings winding along a narrow passage way.

In the afternoon, continue your journey with a visit to the picturesque Ta Prom, a jungle-clad temple with overgrown trees, giving a haunting and exotic atmosphere. The magnificent roots of a tree push itself between the temple's huge stone blocks in an embrace, emphasizing the "lost city" feel.

Accommodation: Raffles Grand Angkor/Stateroom



Day 05: Siem Reap—Saigon (B)

Free at leisure until your transfer to the airport for the flight to Saigon. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel for check in. The remainder of the day is free at leisure.

Accommodation: Caravelle/deluxe room

Day 06: Saigon (B)

Saigon, with more than 8 million inhabitants, is the country's commercial centre. Despite the well-documented hustle and bustle, the city retains its connections to the past. Whilst here, a walking tour to admire Saigon's historic landmarks is a must. Your tour will include a stroll down Rue Catinat made famous in Graham Greene's "The Quiet American". Revealed to you will be colonial classics; the **Opera House**, a three-story classical theatre built to entertain the French colonists (outside visit); the former **Hotel de Ville** constructed for the French bureaucrats of Indochina in 1901, now The People's Committee building (no public access); the **Notre Dame Cathedral**, a stunningly massive red-brick edifice with twin spires, a clear reminder that the French once ruled this city (open only 3-4pm everyday); the **Central Post Office** is delightfully influenced by Renaissance architecture; and the former **Presidential palace**, headquarters of the Saigon Government during the American war.

In the afternoon, enjoy a 2-hour-drive north west of Saigon to Cu Chi tunnels, through urbanized areas and a typically lush southern Vietnamese countryside. The Cu Chi tunnel complex was dug in 1948 for guerrillas to hide from French air and ground sweeps. It also served as communication routes and food and weapon caches as well as hospitals and living quarters for guerrilla fighters throughout the American war. Visit the underground villages with a **VC veteran** who used to live there, to better understand the tunnels' history, life in the tunnels and the Vietnamese's resilience during the combats. Interact with the veteran and find out about his experience living in the subterranean hamlets where lack of air, food and water can made life unbearable. Your guide will be there to translate the veteran's experiences. Return to Saigon

Accommodation: Caravelle/Deluxe room

Day 07: Saigon—Hanoi (B,L,D)

Early morning, transfer to the airport for the flight to Hanoi. Upon arrival, embark on a 3, 5 –hour drive to Halong with a quick rest stop en route at a **local house**. Upon arrival, enjoy a warm welcome aboard the Halong Jasmine, sit back and drink in the spectacular vista during your passage into this magical bay. After fresh seafood lunch, take a short trek to a nearby summit to enjoy the panoramic view of the bay then splash down for a swim, or just rest on your boat sundeck. Later that afternoon, visit a local fishing village to see the fishermen's daily life on floating houses. At sunset, get on a bamboo rowing sampan to explore water tunnels and discover pristine coral reef in a scenic lagoon setting. Back on board for sunset and later unwind at the restaurant for dinner.

Accommodation: Jasmine/Premium cabin

Day 08: Halong (Kayaking) (B,L,D)

After breakfast, transfer with a small private crew to another day-trip boat to cruise to the bay's most untouched areas. Enjoy swimming in deliciously cool, emerald-green water; basking on quiet beaches; and exploring tunnels and caves cut into the rock. Soak up the vibrant atmosphere as we cruise around fishing villages, or take in things at your own pace in a **Kayak**. Lunch will be served on board returning to your overnight boat. Remainder of the day is at leisure.

Accommodation: Jasmine/Premium cabin



Day 09: Halong—Hanoi (B)

Greet the new day with some Tai Chi exercises as the sun rises once more over the bay. Enjoy an elegant continental breakfast before we visit a beautiful limestone grotto to admire its many unique rock formations. Then it's back to the boat to form your final lasting impression of Halong Bay's awe-inspiring beauty as we cruise back to the dock. Return to Hanoi with snack provided en route. Arrive Hanoi, optional visit the serene **Museum of Ethnology**, a 20 minute drive out of town but worth every minute as it offers a fascinating insight into Vietnam's 54 ethnic minority groups. There is an extensive collection from simple daily objects such as fishing instruments to prized items such as jewelry, as well as an outdoor area with ethnic long houses. The Museum's rich displays showcase the cultural heritages of these diverse communities. Check in the hotel and the remainder of the day is free at leisure.

Accommodation: Sofitel Metropole/Premium room (Opera Wing)

Day 10: Hanoi (B)

With ochre-colored colonial buildings, tree-lined boulevards and scenic lakes, Hanoi is full of charm. Start the tour at the historic **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum** (closed every Mon & Fri, all afternoons and from late Sep until Dec for annual maintenance); an imposing monument lavishly built using marble and granite, and where the preserved body of "Uncle Ho" resides. A short walk from the mausoleum is the lotus shaped **One Pillar Pagoda**—resting on a single stone pillar emerging from the water. Inside is a statue of the Goddess of Mercy with its legendary 'thousand arms and thousand eyes'. Wind your way afterwards to the **Temple of Literature**, the first University for the sons of mandarins, for an overview about Hanoi culture and ancient Vietnamese architecture.

In the afternoon, continue to visit **Hanoi Hilton** and learn about the decades preceding its use as a place for holding American POWs. It was used by the French to imprison Vietnamese patriots. Then proceed to visit **Hanoi Fine Art Museum** before taking a walking tour through the old quarter to enjoy the bustling local life. Then cap a fun day with show at the water puppet theatre—a uniquely northern Vietnamese art from depicting scenes of rural life and episodes of national history.

Accommodation: Sofitel Metropole/ Premium room (Opera Wing)

Day 11: Hanoi departure (B)

Free time until you transfer to the airport for your departure flight
The regular check out time for all hotels is 12:00pm
Late check out is subject to availability



Noted:

Above price is land only based on double occupancy. Single supplement US\$999. Tour guide tips approximately at US\$55 each. **For international air fare, please call for information.**

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