

## Vietnam & Cambodia

### Customised Tours

10 Nights/11 Days



- Explore Halong Bay - Bay of Descending Dragons - a UNESCO World Heritage Site, known for its emerald waters and thousands of towering limestone islands topped by rainforests.
- Visit the War Remnants Museum.
- Discover the secret world of the Cu Chi freedom fighters at the Chu Chi Tunnels - a sneak-peek at the underground life of Vietnamese soldiers back in 1948.
- Chance to fire AK-47 and M30 at nominal charges
- Ascend to the realm of the gods, Angkor Wat, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Descend into hell at Tuol Sleng Prison.
- Uncover the soul-stirring stories of one of the 20th century's most horrific tragedies at Genocide Museum & Killing fields
- Experience nature running wild at the mysterious ruins of Ta Prohm, the original 'Tomb Raider' temple.

### Itinerary

Day  
1

HANOI (L, D)

Upon arrival at Noi Bai International Airport, you are warmly welcomed by our guide and transferred to city center.

Have lunch at Indian restaurant. Check in hotel (Check in time: 14.00).

Explore Hanoi by a walking tour. Explore the capital of Vietnam, Hanoi; a city which blends long established traditions with modern imprints of Western colonisation. Tree-lined boulevards and colonial buildings give the city a touch of Western elegance, while crowded blocks of tiny old houses and narrow lanes full of daily life bear the charms of the past centuries..

Dinner at Indian restaurant

Overnight in Hanoi.

**Day  
2**

## HANOI - HALONG - CRUISE (B,L,D)

Breakfast at hotel.

Transfer from Hanoi to Halong bay. Arrive at Tuan Chau island, embark **Glory Legend cruise**.

Welcome drink - receive cruise briefing, safety instructions and check in. Enjoy buffet lunch with Vietnamese dishes served while cruising through the bay, passing the most beautiful and quiet areas, such as Incense Burner, Dog Stone Islet, Fighting Cock, Soi Sim beach, Coconut Three Island. Visiting Luon cave, the perfect combination of lime-stone mountains and jade-green sea by bamboo rowing boat with local people or kayaking.

If the weather permits, visit the beautiful Ti Top beach for swimming or taking steps to reach on the top to have a whole panorama view of Halong Bay. Back to Glory Legend, have cooking class on sundeck. Dinner on board. Overnight on board.

**Day  
3**

## CRUISE - HALONG - HANOI (B,L,D)

Cruise aboard Glory Legend Cruise through Halong Bay

Tai Chi session on the Sundeck. Serve tea, coffee and pastry for light breakfast. Transfer by tender to explore Sung Sot Cave. Back to the cruise and have set menu brunch while cruising toward Tuan Chau Wharf. Transfer to Hanoi. Check in at the hotel.

Overnight in Hanoi.

**Day  
4**

## SAIGON (B, L, D)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer to airport to board the flight to Saigon. On arrival transfer to restaurant for Lunch.

### **Sightseeing in Saigon [Half day] (4 hours)**

A vibrant metropolis, Saigon teems with energy, activity and motion. Everywhere you look, you see the convergence of traditional and modern life. Begin the trip into modern history with a tour of the Reunification Palace. Formerly the Independence Palace of the South Vietnamese president, this 60s style building was famously stormed by tanks on April 30, 1975 signifying the fall of South Vietnam. Continue to the harrowing War Remnants Museum, which comprehensively documents the travails of the long Vietnam- American War. Inside are detailed photographic exhibitions; outside is a collection of tanks, planes and weapons. A powerful experience, this museum is guaranteed to provoke strong emotions.

Afterwards, drive to the historic centre to visit the Emperor of Jade Pagoda, one of Saigon's most interesting pagodas. Proceed to pay a quick visit to the neo-Romanesque Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office. Finally, end up at the central Ben Thanh Market, where vendors display a vast array of goods and handicrafts, appealing to every taste.

Overnight in Saigon.

**Day  
5**

## SAIGON (B, L, D)

Breakfast at the hotel.

## Excursion to Cu Chi Tunnels (5.5 hours)

Never discovered by American forces, the Cu Chi Tunnels were an important Vietcong base during the American War. Stretching over 200 km, this incredible underground network, dug by hand out of hard laterite, connected command posts, hospitals, shelter and weapons factories. Today, walk through the area and learn about the day to day life of the Vietcong, bear witness to the cleverly disguised entrances and elaborate booby-traps, and even venture inside the tunnels, some of which have been modified to accommodate tourists.

Overnight in Saigon.

Day  
6

## SAIGON – BAVET - PHNOM PENH (B, L, D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Later checkout of the hotel and transfer to Phnom Penh by coach. Check in at the hotel.

Overnight in Phnom Penh.

Day  
7

## PHNOM PENH (B, L, D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Proceed for a **sightseeing of Phnom Penh**. Explore Phnom Penh, a chaotic, energetic and always fascinating city. Graceful tree-lined boulevards and riverfront promenades are reminders of bygone eras; today they teem with life and activity, as motorcycles weave in and out of traffic, vendors hawk their wares, and pedestrians go about their business. Start the tour with an insight into Cambodia's cultural heritage with a visit to the Royal Palace, still the official residence of King Norodom Sihamoi and the adjacent Silver Pagoda, also known as the Pagoda of the Emerald Buddha. Continue to the elegant National Museum, which contains a comprehensive collection of Khmer Art. Finally, explore the modern-day city, visiting one of Phnom Penh's two great markets, the Central Market, located in a distinctive domed Art Deco building or the sprawling Russian Market, a labyrinth of stalls selling everything from Cds and Dvds to silks, crafts, jewellery and more.

## Excursion to the Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng Museum (4 Hours)

Just outside Phnom Penh, in a peaceful rural setting, the Killing Fields of Choeung Ek provide a stark reminder of the atrocities under the Pol Pot regime. Thousands of people were killed here between the years of 1975 and 1978 and buried in mass graves. Visit Tuol Sleng (S-21). Learn about a chapter from Cambodia's more recent, tragic, past at the Tuol Sleng Museum (Museum of Genocide). Formerly the Tuol Svay Prey High School, in 1975, this became the interrogation and torture facility for the Khmer Rouge regime - at that time known as Security Prison 21, or simply S-21. Kept largely unchanged, this prison now showcases photographs and exhibits about the thousands of victims that passed through these doors - only seven of whom came out alive.

Overnight stay in Phnom Penh.

Day  
8

## PHNOM PENH – SIEM REAP (B, L, D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Checkout of the hotel and transfer to Siem Reap. Arrive Siem Reap and check in at the hotel.

Overnight stay in Siem Reap.

Day  
9

## SIEM REAP (B, L, D)

Breakfast at the hotel.

## Sightseeing in Angkor (9 Hours)

The crowning jewel of Khmer architecture, Angkor Wat is the national symbol and the highlight of any visit to Cambodia. The largest, best preserved, and most religiously significant of the Angkor temples, Angkor impresses visitors both by its sheer scale and beautifully proportioned layout, as well as the delicate artistry of its carvings. To approach the temple, first cross the vast moat, continuing along a broad causeway lined with naga balustrades. After entering the main building, ascend through a series of galleries and courtyards before reaching the central sanctuary, which offers beautiful views back over the causeway and across the surrounding countryside. Angkor Wat is stunning at any time of the day, but sunrise and sunset are especially beautiful times to watch the play of light on the stones.

The fortified city of Angkor Thom covers an area of 10 square km. Enclosed by a wall and wide moats; the city includes many of Angkor's most popular sights. Enter by the monumental South Gate over a causeway lined on either side by statues of demons and gods, each carrying a giant naga. Continue to the Terrace of the Elephants and the Terrace of the Leper Kings, former spaces for public ceremonies, both adorned with dramatic bas reliefs. Visit the ruined Baphuon, Royal Enclosure and Phimeanakas before continuing to the mysterious Bayon Temple. In this temple, one of the most popular and compelling in Angkor, explore the galleries of beautifully preserved bas reliefs and ascend narrow stairs to reach the central sanctuary, where giant stone faces smiling enigmatically down from every angle. Visit Ta Prohm, one of the most popular attractions of Angkor as much of the jungle has not been cleared and it looks very much as most of the Angkor monuments would have appeared when European explorers first stumbled across them.

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Watch the sun set over the Cambodian countryside from the upper terraces of an ancient Angkorian temple.

Overnight stay in Siem Reap.

Day  
10

## SIEM REAP (B, L, D)

Breakfast at the hotel.

### Excursion to Beng Mealea

Journey east of Siem Reap to Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple in the middle of the Cambodian jungle. Surrounded by a vast moat, this 12th century temple follows a complex floor plan similar to Angkor Wat, but with a haunting jungle atmosphere similar to Ta Phrom. Visitors that make their way through the ruined stone blocks and wandering trees are rewarded by the sight of exquisite classical bas reliefs.

Lunch at a restaurant.

### Excursion to Kbal Spean

At Kbal Spean, also known as the River of 1000 Lingas, there are carvings in the riverbed (in the same way as at Kulen). It should be more spectacular but many of the carvings have been looted. Near Kbal Spean is a waterfall that can be reached by hiking 2 kilometres uphill.

Overnight stay in Siem Reap .

Day  
11

## DEPARTURE (B)

Breakfast at the hotel. Day free for leisure till 1200 Hrs. Check out and transfer to airport for departure.

