

Essential

Cambodia & Vietnam



Highlights of the tour

- A complete all-inclusive, exotic 09 days tour with maximum quality sightseeing
- Daily buffet breakfast at the hotels
- Daily Indian/Vegetarian / Non-Vegetarian lunches as specified in the itinerary
- Daily Local / Indian / Jain / Vegetarian / Non-Vegetarian dinners at finest Indian restaurants as specified in the itinerary
- Stay 02 nights in Siem Reap – the gateway to the ruins of Angkor
- A full day exploring the Angkor area - home to a cluster of splendid temple ruins with a local guide
- Visit the South Gate of Angkor Thom, famous for its series of colossal human faces carved in stone
- See the impressive Bayon Temple, which represents the intersection of heaven and earth.
- Visit the Angkor Wat- a temple complex in Cambodia and the largest religious monument in the world.
- See the Phnom Bakheng Temple atop the Phnom Bakheng Hill and also catch a spectacular sunset view
- Enjoy a boat ride on the Tonle Sap Lake aboard a traditional wooden boat.
- Visit the famous Cuchi Tunnels - an immense network of connecting underground tunnels located in the Cu Chi - District of Ho Chi Minh City
- Enjoy a guided city tour of Saigon – see the most famous landmarks of Saigon
- Cruise on the Mekong River and see the four islands: Dragon, Unicorn, Tortoise and Phoenix.
- Visit the Coconut Monk Temple and Crocodile Pond at the Phoenix Island
- Visit the beautiful Halong Bay - known for its emerald waters and thousands of towering limestone islands topped by rainforests.
- Enjoy an overnight cruise on the Halong Bay passing by amazing shaped mountains
- Visit the Sung Sot Cave and sail to Titop Beach and mountain
- Full day guided tour of Hanoi
- A relaxed tour with ample time for shopping
- Services of a professional and experienced Tour Manager traveling with you throughout your tour

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08 NIGHTS

09 DAYS

- > Siem Reap
- > Saigon
- > Hanoi
- > Cruise on Halong bay



Elephant Terrace Siem Reap



Bayon Temple

We stroll around this massive edifice, seeing the many galleries with columns, libraries, pavilions, courtyards and ponds full of water reflecting the towering temple and the jungle covered temple of Ta Prohm, which 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. Enjoy lunch. Later, you can walk up to Phnom Bakheng Hill for a view of



Angkor Thom

the spectacular sunset over these sandstone monuments. Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner

Overnight at hotel Angkor Miracle Resort or similar in Siem Reap (B, L, D)

D A Y 03 Visit the floating village of Chong Khneas. Fly to Saigon – Vietnam.

After breakfast this morning, visit the floating village of Chong Khneas, located 10 kilometres south of Siem Reap.

We take a boat trip in a traditional wooden boat on the Tonle Sap Lake, the “Great Lake” of Cambodia, one of the largest in Asia. Enjoy lunch. Later transfer to the airport for your flight to Saigon. (flight cost not included) Upon arrival at Tan Son Nhat International airport, transfer to your hotel. Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner at an Indian restaurant.

Overnight at Hotel New World or similar in Saigon (B, L, D)

D A Y 04 Visit the Cu Chi Tunnels the best-preserved example of a much wider tunnel network that covers significant stretches of Vietnam. City tour of Saigon.

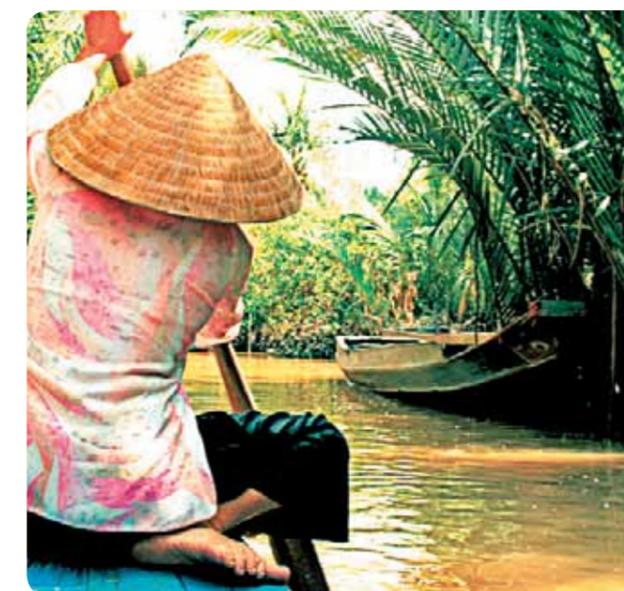
After breakfast this morning transfer to Cu Chi passing paddy fields. See the Cu Chi Tunnels, which is an immense network of connecting underground tunnels located in the Cu Chi District of Ho Chi Minh City. Never discovered by America forces, these tunnels were an important Vietcong base during America War. Stretching over 200km, this incredible underground network, dug by hand out of hard laterite, connected commands posts, hospitals, shelter and weapon factories. Enjoy lunch. Later explore the city of Saigon on a city tour. See the famous Saigon landmarks, the post office and the Cathedral of Notre Dame as well as the Centre Post Office and pass by the ornate City Hall (Hotel De Ville) and old Opera House. Visit The Unification Palace which formerly was Independence palace of the South Vietnamese President. Finally, end up at the centre Ben Thanh Market, where vendor display a vast of variety of traditional goods and handicrafts.

Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner.

Overnight at hotel New World or similar in Saigon (B, L, D)

D A Y 05 Cruise along the Mekong River, which passes through breath-taking scenery of mountains, rice paddies and ancient architecture, as it covers nearly three thousand miles on its journey through China, Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam. Visit the Thoi Son Island and the Phoenix Island to visit Coconut Monk Temple and Crocodile pond. Fly to Hanoi.

After breakfast, transfer to outskirts of Saigon and begins the tour on the beautiful countryside road. Start at Tourist Boat Station (My Tho), cruising on Tien (Mekong) river and seeing four islands: Dragon, Unicorn, Tortoise, Phoenix. Enjoy fresh coconut juice. Visit the fish floating market and fish-craft village along the Tien River. Stop at Thoi Son Island, go walking around countryside road, seeing orchards, enjoy tropical fruits and listen to traditional music.



Mekong River



Floating Village – Chong Khneas



Halong Bay

Take a rowing boat on small canal with beautiful scenery of country side, to visit honey-bee farm and enjoy honey-tea. Stop at Phoenix Island to visit Coconut Monk Temple and Crocodile-pond. Enjoy lunch. Drive back to Saigon and transfer to the airport to board your flight to Hanoi. (Flight cost not included)

Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner.

Overnight at hotel Sheraton Hanoi or similar in Hanoi (B, PL, D)

DAY 06 **Onto the beautiful Halong Bay known for its emerald waters and thousands of towering limestone islands topped by rainforests. Sail along this beautiful region on board an overnight cruise.**

After breakfast, travel through the Red River Delta to beautiful Halong Bay. The scenic drive will pass through rural landscapes before arriving at this World Heritage site. Upon arrival board the Boat where you will enjoy a welcome drink and a delicious lunch whilst sailing out of the bay passing amazing shaped mountains.

Later you will visit Sung Sot Cave then sail on to Titop Beach and Mountain. Weather permitting, you may wish to partake in a 400 steps climb up the mountain to enjoy a picturesque view of Halong Bay whilst viewing the sunset.

Enjoy local dinner on board the cruise.

Overnight on board the cruise. (B, LL, LD)

DAY 07 **Enjoy the early morning view of the bay's landscape from on board your cruise. Visit the Hang Luon. Drive back to Hanoi.**

Enjoy early morning view of the bay's landscape. Enjoy the breath-taking beauty of the rocky islands rising from the water of the bay before taking a small boat to visit Hang Luon. We have some free time before

sailing back to the Harbour. After check out have early lunch on board and then drive back to Hanoi. Tonight enjoy Dinner at an Indian restaurant.

Overnight at hotel Sheraton Hanoi or similar in Hanoi (B, LL, D)

DAY 08 **Full day tour of Hanoi. Visit the Ho Chi Minh Complex, Temple of Literature, The Vietnam Museum of Ethnology, HoanKiem Lake and much more.**

After breakfast, start your full day city tour. Our first stop will be the Ho Chi Minh Complex, where the father of modern-day Vietnam declared the nation's independence in 1945. Discover the reverence with which the Vietnamese treat their "Uncle Ho" at this pilgrimage site. Continue your tour at sites such as the Stilt House, Presidential Palace, and One Pillar Pagoda. Then drive to the Temple of Literature, built in honor of Confucius by Emperor Ly Thanh Tong in 1070, which is also used to be the first university of Vietnam in the 11th century. Enjoy lunch. Later, we shall visit The Vietnam Museum of Ethnology, which is a museum in Hanoi, Vietnam, which focuses on the 54 officially recognized ethnic groups in Vietnam. Then visit HoanKiem Lake (Sword Lake) and passing by Ngoc Son Temple (outside) with Sunrise Bridge. You also have some free time for shopping at the Old Quarter. Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner.

Overnight at hotel Sheraton Hanoi or similar in Hanoi (B, L, D)

DAY 09 **Hanoi departure**

After breakfast transfer to airport ON YOUR OWN for your flight back home with wonderful memories. (B)

WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE INCLUDES (Contd.)

SIGHTSEEING AND EXCURSIONS

CAMBODIA

Siem Reap : Full day guided tour of the Angkor area
Visit the Angkor Wat Temple
South Gate of Angkor Thom
Bayon Temple
Ta Prohm Temple
Floating village of Chong Khneas
Sail on the traditional wooden boat on the Tonle Sap Lake

VIETNAM

Saigon : Visit the Cu Chi Tunnels
Guided city tour of Saigon
Cruise along the Mekong River
Visit the Coconut Monk Temple and Crocodile pond temple at Phoenix Island

Halong Bay : Overnight cruise along the beautiful Halong Bay

Hanoi : Full day guided city tour
Ho Chi Minh Complex
Visit the Vietnam Museum of Ethnology

ACCOMMODATION

- > 2 night's accommodation at Angkor Miracle Resort or similar in Siem Reap
- > 2 night's accommodation at Hotel New World or similar in Saigon
- > 3 night's accommodation at Hotel Sheraton Hanoi or similar in Hanoi
- > 1 night accommodation at Star Light Cruise or similar in Halong Bay

MEALS

- > Daily buffet breakfast at the hotels
- > 4 Indian Vegetarian / Non-vegetarian Lunches, 3 Local / Western Vegetarian /Non-vegetarian Lunches, 7 Indian vegetarian / Non-vegetarian dinners
- > 1 Local Dinner on board the cruise in Halong Bay.

WATER

2 bottles (500 ml) of water per person / per day

TIPS & PORTERAGE

- > Tips to the guides and drivers
- > Porterage of 01 bag (20 kgs) per person at Hotels only

TRANSFERS

All transfers and excursions will be conducted by a deluxe air-conditioned coach.

TOUR MANAGER

Services of a professional Tour Manager throughout the tour

DEPARTURE DATES

September : 24 **October** : 22 **November** : 14

Note:

- > Tour starts in Siem Reap on the above mentioned dates. There could be a possibility of flight departure on the previous evening
- > On certain departure dates the itinerary may be operated in reverse order. However, all services and inclusions will remain the same.

OVERSEAS TRAVEL INSURANCE

- > It is extremely important to possess an overseas travel insurance policy before you travel on your tour.
- > It's very important to find out whether or not your medical insurance will cover you overseas, your regular U.S. health insurance may not cover doctors and hospital visits in other countries. Always look into the aspects of covering your trip for unforeseen events. Please be informed that insurance taken within 15 days from the day of deposit may offer certain additional benefit (e.g. Pre existing coverage).

TOUR COST

Per Person on Twin Share : USD 1,500
Per Child with bed : USD 1,000
Single Room Supplement : USD 550

ADD-ON LAOS (Min. 15 passengers)

Per Person on Twin Share : USD 950
Per Child with bed : USD 675
Single Room Supplement : USD 425

Note:

- > In case of a triple room, the 3rd person in the room will get a rollaway bed.
- > The room size may be the same as the double room
- > A person below 12 years is considered a child

WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDES

- > Cost of international and internal airfare and taxes
- > **Cost of deviation:** In case you wish to deviate from the group departure dates mentioned in the brochure i.e. either travel before the departure date of your tour or would like to come back on a later date after the tour ends, there will be an additional charge that will be applicable which will be advised to you by our sales team. The same is subject to availability of seats & class for the given dates & ticket validity. Kindly also note, the deviation request is to be made at the time of booking.
- > **Cost of Transfer:** The individual arrival & departure transfer in case you have opted for deviation or purchase on separate ticket & not traveling under group ticketing.
- > Cost of visas to travel on the tour
- > Any expenses of personal nature such as porter age, laundry, wines, mineral water, food and drink not in the regular menu provided by us, mini bar, telephone calls, pay channels etc. Anything not specified under Inclusions
- > Meals other than what is mentioned in your itinerary
- > Cost of excursions, city sightseeing, entrance fees and local guides availed of by the passengers, other than that mentioned in 'What your tour price includes'
- > Departure taxes except where indicated

VISAS REQUIRED TO TRAVEL ON YOUR TOUR

USA Citizens : Single entry Vietnam, Cambodia & Laos visa
Green Card Holders : Single entry Vietnam, Cambodia & Laos visa
Indian National : Single entry Vietnam, Cambodia & Laos visa

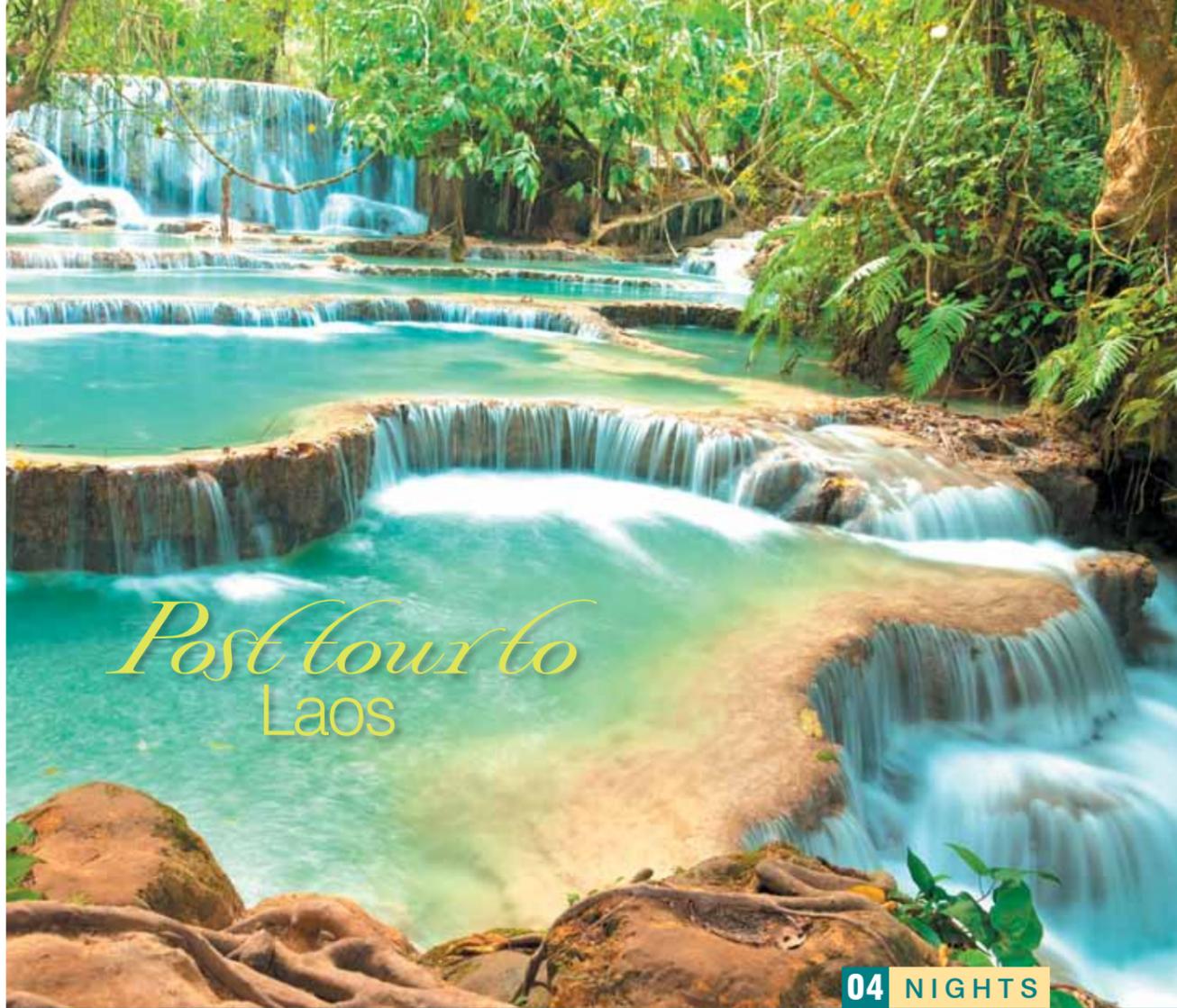
- > Cost of above mentioned Visas is not included in your Tour Price

IMPORTANT

All tours will be operated subject to a minimum of 30 full paying passengers traveling together. In case there are less than 30 full paying passengers the clients will be given an option of travelling on any another departure date.

POINTS TO BE NOTED

Please refer to pages 123 to 126 for details



Post tour to
Laos

04 NIGHTS
05 DAYS

DAY 01 Arrive at LuangPrabang

Today enter the world of "Air Tours Holidays" as you begin your journey to Laos. Arrival in LuangPrabang and transfer to your hotel and check in. Rest of the day is free at your leisure. Enjoy dinner at restaurant.

Overnight at Hotel Vila Maly or similar in LuangPrabang. (LL, LD)

DAY 02 Guided City Tour of LuangPrabang. Visit Pak Ou Caves

Today after buffet breakfast, you will first visit Royal Palace Museum, which hosts a range of interesting artifacts. We then embark on the a leisure cruise upstream on the Mekong River, which also gives us a breathtaking view of the tranquil countryside, before reaching the mysterious Pak Ou Caves, two linked caves crammed with thousands of gold lacquered Buddha statues of various shapes and sizes left by pilgrims. Along the way, we stop at the village of Ban Xanghai, where they make the local rice wine. On arrival back in the city, we will visit magnificent WatXiangthong with its roofs sweeping low to the ground, which represents classical Laotian architecture. Afterwards, we will visit the Traditional Art and Ethnology Center to learn about Laos' many ethnic cultures. From there, we will transfer to visit WatSiphouthabaht to admire the sunset; this is the really peaceful place to catch the last beauty of the day. The tour ends after a visit to the famous Night Market, where you

can find a lovely collection of handmade textiles made by local and hill tribe people surrounding LuangPrabang.

Enjoy dinner at restaurant.

Overnight at Hotel Vila Maly or similar in LuangPrabang (B, LL, LD)

DAY 03 Visit Kuang Si Water Falls

After breakfast at the hotel, we ascend the 329 steps to the top of Phousi Hill for a panoramic view of the city and the Mekong River. We then visit WatVisoun, dating back to 1513 during the reign of King Wisunarat (Visoun), this is LuangPrabang's oldest temple and was once home to the PrabangBuddhas. This then takes us to the beautiful Kuang Si Waterfall where you can cool off with a refreshing swim in the pools or walk along the forest trails. Before returning to LuangPrabang, we stop to visit the Kuang Si Falls Butterfly Park (closed on Tuesday), one of the must-visit spots, where you can have an optional 15 minute tour to learn about butterflies and local flora. Laos is also known for its traditional crafts, we will take a short visit to the Ock Pop Tock Living Craft Center, where you will have a short tour so you get information about Silk, about weaver, about the Women that work in the Centre. Enjoy dinner at restaurant.

Overnight at Hotel Vila Maly or similar in LuangPrabang (B, LL, LD)

DAY 04 Visit Elephant Village and enjoy Elephant Ride

After breakfast at the hotel, your car and guide will take you to Elephant Village. On arrival, you will be met and greeted by the Camp Manager and participate in short briefing. After enjoying the impressive experience of approx. 30 minute elephant ride on the Howdah (Elephant seat); you will then take a return boat trip to the Tad Sae Waterfall and spend some time in the clear water. Your lunch will be provided at the Elephant Village Restaurant (Buffet lunch will be served with drinking water and with Coffee or Tea). We are free to stroll around before transferring back to the center. Along the way, we take a short visit to the tomb of the 19th century French explorer Henri Mouhot; the first European to rediscover Angkor Wat and the Royal Kingdom of LuangPrabang. You are free for the rest of the day.

Enjoy Indian dinner at restaurant.

Overnight at Hotel Vila Maly or similar in LuangPrabang (B, LL, D)

DAY 05 LuangPrabang Departure

After buffet/boxed breakfast, the day is at your leisure for last minute sight-seeing or shopping until you transfer ON YOUR OWN to Noi Bai International airport for your flight back home. (B)

WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

SIGHTSEEING AND EXCURSIONS

LAOS

- LuangPrabang : Guided City Tour
- : Enjoy Private boat trip to Pak Ou cave
- : Half day Elephant riding – Tad Sae waterfall

ACCOMMODATION

04 night's accommodation at Santi Resort & Spa or Villa Maly or similar in LuangPrabang

MEALS

- > Daily buffet breakfast at the hotels
- > Daily local / Indian /Vegetarian/ Non-vegetarian lunches
- > Daily local / Indian – Jain/Vegetarian/ Non-vegetarian dinners

WATER

2 bottle (500 ml) water per person per day

TIPS & PORTERAGE

- > Tips to be paid to the guides while on tour
- > Porterage of 01 bag (20 kgs) per person at Hotels only

TRANSFERS

- All transfers and excursions will be conducted by a deluxe air-conditioned coach.

TOUR MANAGER

Services of a professional Tour Manager throughout the tour (Subject to 15 full paying passengers)



Elephant Village – Luang Prabang