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Vietnam and Cambodia

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 Australia - Hanoi

Depart Sydney for the flight to Hanoi, Vietnam. Fly with either China Southern Airlines, Malaysian Airlines, Vietnam Airlines or Cathay Pacific Airways to name a few (subject to availability). On arrival be picked up at Hanoi Airport and be transferred to the Hotel for the night. *Please note, some flights may depart the day before* Overnight: Hanoi

Day 2 Hanoi – Halong Bay Cruise

Start today with a drive through green rice paddy fields to Halong Bay (approx. 4 hours). On arrival, board a traditional Junk boat for a cruise among the hundreds of islets of Halong Bay. Enjoy a seafood lunch before taking part in some afternoon activities such as swimming, relaxing on a remote beach, climbing to the top of a lookout for an amazing panoramic view or take a ride on a rowing boat into a secluded bay. Cruise further into the bay to visit a Pearl Farm.. Drop anchor in the late evening for an overnight stay among the dramatic limestone peaks rising out of the sea. Overnight: 'Halong Majestic Cruise' Traditional Boat (B, L, D)

Day 3 Halong Bay Boat Cruise – Hanoi

Wake early for an optional Tai Chi class on deck. After breakfast visit the 'Amazing Cave', a grotto of gigantic stalactites and stalagmites. Then enjoy a short cooking class and learn how to make local food such as spring rolls. Cruise through the limestone cliffs and emerald waters of Halong Bay, enjoy lunch on board before disembarking then return to Hanoi by bus. Overnight: Hanoi (B, L)

Day 4 Hanoi - Da Nang Airport - Hoi An

Free time in the morning for your own activities until pick up for airport transfer and take a flight to Da Nang. Pick up on arrival in Da Nang and transfer to Hoi An. Spend the afternoon with free time in Hoi An. Overnight: Hoi An (B)

Day 5 Hoi An Free Day

Enjoy free time in Hoi An to explore the town, visit a vibrant local market, or take advantage of a Vietnamese cooking school (not included). Please note: Cooking class is a suggestion. Pricing ranges from \$30-\$100 AUD. Your local hotel can help arrange a booking for this. Overnight: Hoi An (B)

Day 6 My Son Holy Land Tour

After meeting the guide at 8:00am, drive to My Son, a world heritage area 40km southwest of Hoi An. Located in a lush valley, My Son was a capital and religious centre of the Cha people, now remaining with red brick towers and sanctuaries. My Son is considered to be in the same league as some of Southeast Asia's greatest archaeological sites, including Angkor in Cambodia, Bagan in Myanmar, Ayutthaya in Thailand and Borobudur in Indonesia. These towers and sanctuaries were

built from the 7th to 13th centuries. Have lunch in the local restaurant before returning back to the hotel this evening. Overnight: Hoi An (B, L)

Day 7 Hoi An - Da Nang Airport - Ho Chi Minh City

Enjoy today free at leisure until it is time to transfer to Da Nang airport for a flight to Ho Chi Minh city. Once at Ho Chi Minh City check into the hotel and relax for the rest of the day. Overnight: Ho Chi Minh City (B)

Day 8 Ho Chi Minh City - My Tho - Mekong Delta Cruise

Meet the tour guide this morning for an 8:00am departure to the City of My Tho. During the 2 hour drive to My Tho see local people going about their lives and enjoy the beautiful scenery of green rice paddy fields. Once at My Tho take a boat trip along Mekong River. The boat travels to Xep canal to a small islet where the tour disembarks for a walk around the village. Stop to visit a local family and enjoy tropical fruit, taste honey tea, honey wine and listen to traditional Vietnamese music performed by the villagers. Afterward, board a rowing boat in the small canal to return to the main motor boat for a short ride to another islet. Here you will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant set with special Vietnamese food prepared by a local family. Back to Ho Chi Minh City in the afternoon. Overnight: Ho Chi Minh City (B, L)

Day 9 Ho Chi Minh City - Củ Chi Tunnels Day Tour

Begin the day with an 8:30am pick up at the hotel for an excursion to Củ Chi Tunnels, an underground tunnels network constructed by Vietnamese fighters during the struggle for independence. Home to around 10,000 people for several years, it took about 25 years to build the underground city. The tunnel system was an excellent way for the Vietcong to move around the countryside undetected by the Americans. Before going underground, watch a short introductory video showing how the tunnels were constructed. Spend the next hour exploring the maze of tunnels. Drive back to Ho Chi Minh City, arriving at approximately 1.00pm. Free time in the afternoon to explore the exciting city. Overnight: Ho Chi Minh City (B)

Day 10 Ho Chi Minh City - Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Today at 6:00am pick up at the hotel and transfer to Phnom Penh by public tourist bus (6 hours). Stop at the border for visa processing (visa cost not included) and then continue going to Phnom Penh. On arrival, be welcomed by the tour guide and transfer to hotel. Lunch will be served at the local restaurant. The afternoon is free to spend relaxing or exploring. Overnight: Phnom Penh (B, L)

Day 11 Phnom Penh - 'Choeung Ek' Killing Fields & City Tour

After breakfast explore the capital city with the bustling Central Market, the Independence Monument, Wat Ounalom. After a set lunch at a local restaurant continue on to the Tuol Sleng Prison Museum and the notorious "Killing Fields" of Choeung Ek, gaining a deep insight into the painful rule of the Khmer Rouge. Visit Royal Palace, the sacred Silver Pagoda, which is well known for its 5000 silver tiled floor. Overnight: Phnom Penh (B, L)

Day 12 Phnom Penh - Siem Reap

After an early breakfast at the hotel travel to Siem Reap by bus (6 hours) passing through three provinces, Kandal, Kampong Cham and Kompong Thom. On arrival be greeted by a tour guide in Siem Reap and transferred to the hotel. Set-Lunch at Local Restaurant. This afternoon is at leisure. Overnight: Siem Reap (B, L)

Day 13 Temples of Angkor Wat Full Day Tour

Breakfast at hotel. Visit Angkor Wat, the most balanced, the most harmonious, and the most perfect Khmer temple. It shows Khmer art, which reached the height of its glory in the 12th century. See the south gate of Angkor Thom then visit the terrace of elephant, which used to be a base for the king's grand audience hall; Terrace of Leper king supposed that it was a terrace housed the royal crematory. Continue on to visit an amazing view of Ta Prohm Temple which has been deliberately left as it was discovered. Enjoy a set lunch at local restaurant before visiting Pre Rup temple, a classic example of temple-mountain; Eastern Mebon, Ta som, NeakPean, a unique ancient hospital built in the reign of king Jayavarman VI (1181-1220); and Preah Khan, a large temple built on the site of battle that ended in Angkor's downfall at the land of the Cham. Overnight: Siem Reap (B, L)

Day 14 Siem Reap – Australia

This morning enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Today is the last day in Cambodia! enjoy some leisure time until the transfer to Siem Reap airport. Departure times may vary due to travel date and destination airport. (B)

Day 15 Arrive in Australia

B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

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