VIETNAM - CAMBODIA & LAOS TOUR

Cost: Adult £2699 per person on twin / double / triple sharing

IF BOOKED AND PAID BEFORE THREE MONTHS £100 DISCOUNT

DAY 1 – 2 APR: ARRIVAL SIEM REAP – CITY TOUR (D)

Upon arrival in Siem Reap, pick up by our local tour guide from the airport and transfer to check in hotel. Standard check in time is 14h00, early check in upon availability. This afternoon, we visit Wat Thmei (Killing Field) contains a unique glass-walled stupa containing the bones of victims of the Khmer Rouge. Some of the bones were recovered from a nearby well while others are the remains of soldiers who died on a nearby battlefield. Continue to visit the "Les Artisans d'Angkor – Chantiers Ecole" the Finest Authentic Khmer Arts and Crafts. End our visits at one of the city’s lively open markets, Psar Chars, also called the “Old Market”, where anything and everything is for sale. Buffet dinner with Apsara, the traditional Khmer dance-drama performance, which are not merely dance but also telling a story. Overnight in Siem Reap.

DAY 2 – 3 APR: SIEM REAP – ANGKOR TOUR (B/D)

After breakfast, we explore South Gate of Angkor Thom known as Big Angkor, 3km2 walled and moated royal city and was the last capital of the Angkorian Empire, The famous Bayon Temple was an architectural muddle, in part because it was constructed in a somewhat piecemeal fashion for over a century. Terrace of the Elephants is an impressive, two and a half meter tall, 300 meter long terrace wall adorned with carved elephants and gradual that spans the heart of Angkor Thom in front of Baphuon - huge temple mountain in the heart of Angkor Thom, Royal Palace Area and Phimeanakas - impressive rite and sandstone pyramid. Terrace of the Leper King is at the north end of the Terrace of the Elephants, a double terrace wall with deeply carved nag as, demons and other mythological beings. Last you will visit Ta Prohm temple which is a wonderful combination of human genius and natural beauty! Giant trees have grown here for centuries. Afternoon visit Angkor Wat temple, the founder of the temple was Suryavarman II who reigned Cambodia from 1113 to 1152 and built the five towers in the 12th century to dedicate to the Hindu God Vishnu. The plan of the pyramidal conception of the temple combined with spaces, alleys, ditches is an ancient masterpiece of architectural design and
construction. Last visit Pre Rup was built in the 10th Century by Rajendravarman and enjoy sunset there. Dinner at an Indian restaurant. Overnight in Siem Reap.

**DAY 3 – 4 APR: SIEM REAP – FLOATING VILLAGE – FLY TO SAIGON (B/D)**

After breakfast and check out hotel, we visit to Kampong Pluk Floating Village. Kampong Pluk is about 20 Km from Siem Reap Town. Arrival at the dock, take a boat trip a long a small stream to the village. Over 3000 inhabitants are real Khmers, their households made of wood and bamboo built on stilts of about 6m to 7m high. During dry season when the lake is low and lack of water those buildings look like the skyscrapers. At this time of the year many of villagers move out onto the lake and build provisional stilted houses. In wet season while the water level rises up again, the dwellers move back to their permanent houses on the flood plain, the stilts now hidden under the water. People made a living by catching fishes produce as well as smelly fish paste, fermented fish, smoked fish, dried fish, dried prawn etc. We transfer to the airport for flight to Saigon. Upon arrival, trasfer to the hotel to check in. Dinner at Indian restaurant. Overnight in Saigon.

**DAY 4 – 5 APR: SAIGON CITY TOUR (B/D)**

After breakfast, begin our city tour by strolling around classic European-style landmarks such as the ornate City Hall (Hotel De Ville), the old Opera House (both may only be viewed from the outside), and pay a quick visit to the neo-Romanesque Notredame Cathedral and the Central Post Office. Continue to visit the Reunification Palace. Formerly the Independence Palace of the South Vietnamese president, this 60s style was famously stormed by tanks on April 30, 1975 signifying the fall of South Vietnam. It has been preserved in its original state, and the original tanks remain on display near the entrance gates. 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. In the afternoon, head out to Cholon (Chinatown), which makes Saigon differ from other cities of Vietnam. Explore the highlights of this fascinating area, beginning with a brief visit to Binh Tay Market, the vast wholesale market selling every kind of good from dried foods to T shirts to electronics. Continue to Thien Hau Pagoda, build by the Cantonese congregation and dedicated to the heavenly goddess. End your tour at the central Ben Thanh Market,
where vendors display a vast array of goods and handicrafts, appealing to every taste. Dinner on board Saigon river cruise (local cuisine). Overnight in Saigon.

DAY 5 – 6 APR: SAIGON – TAY NINH – CU CHI – SAIGON (B/L)
After breakfast, our day will begin with a visit to Tay Ninh, the centre of Caodaism, a local sect of Buddhism founded by a Vietnamese countryman in early 20th century. Arriving at noontime, we will have the chance to join the daily solemn ceremony at the temple of Cao Dai called Tayninh Holysee. Lunch at a local restaurant in Tay Ninh. This afternoon, visit Cu Chi tunnels - the network of over 200km of tunnels became legendary when they played a vital role in the War. In their heyday, the tunnels were functioning underground cities including numerous trap doors, specially constructed living areas, storage facilities, weapons factories, field hospitals, command centers & kitchens. After a short introduction video showing how the tunnels were constructed, you will have a chance to crawl into a short section of the tunnels to feel the oppressive narrowness and heat inside. Return to Saigon then the rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight in Saigon.

DAY 6 – 7 APR: SAIGON – MEKONG DELTA – SAIGON – FLY TO HUE (B/L)
After breakfast and check out hotel, we head to My Tho, the homeland of coconut and family factories with local products like coconut candy, rice paper,... Upon arrival, embark on the boat cruising on the mighty Mekong River viewing the life to the local people live along the banks. We stop at one of 4 islands in the area for sightseeing. Enjoy the fresh tropical fruits served in the heart of the garden accompanied by traditional southern Vietnamese folk music at the plantation. Embark on the small boats rowed the local people thru the small cannels with water coconut tree to visit the local factories. There you will taste the honey tea and see the local people produce the coconut candy milk and of course you also can try it or stroll in the garden where the locals feed honeybee. Lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, we return to Saigon, with stop to visit the beautiful Vinh Trang pagoda on the way. Continue transfer to the airport for flight to Hue. Upon arrival, pick up by our local guide and trasfer to the hotel to check in, then the rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight in Hue.

DAY 7 – 8 APR: HUE CITY TOUR (B/D)
Being recognized by UNESCO as the 1st Cultural World Heritage for Vietnam, Hue is highlighted by the old royal architectural works and the most traditional Vietnamese lifestyle. After breakfast, we will discover the charm of the city from the
Citadel Complex of Hue, set up by Nguyen Dynasty from 1805 to 1945, is now one amongst the relics of the Hue ancient Capital – the World Cultural Heritage. This is a huge complex covering an area of 520ha and comprising three circles of ramparts, Kinh Thanh Hue (Hue Capital Citadel), Hoang Thanh (Royal Citadel) and Tu Cam Thanh (Forbidden Citadel). This afternoon, take a boat trip on Perfume River to visit Thien Mu pagoda and then visit the Tombs of King Minh Mang and Khai Dinh – two best-reserved monuments of the Nguyen Emperors since early 19th and early 20th centuries. Dinner at Indian restaurant. Overnight in Hue.

**DAY 8 – 9 APR: HUE – HOIAN – ANCIENT TOWN (B/D)**

After breakfast and check-out hotel, we will depart from Hue, passing Lang Co Beach and enjoy the landscape of Hai Van (the “Ocean Cloudy Mountain Pass”) before arriving in Hoian. On arrival, check in hotel and relax. This afternoon is for Hoian ancient town – when walking over the tile-roofed Japanese Bridge, visit taciturn Chinese Assembly Halls and Trading Houses, Pagodas, and stroll around the market located by Thu Bon river, you may find out the same feelings of the artists, who see the charm of Hoi An a magical old world of Oriental feel and source of inspiration. The rest of the day is for shopping. Hoian’s shopping scene is legendary for its plethora of affordable yet quality tailoring services. The streets of Hoian Ancient Town are also lined with shop houses and makeshift stalls selling handicrafts, jewelry, traditional apparel, and shoes while its central marketplace is filled with locals bargaining for fresh produce and foodstuffs. Dinner at Indian restaurant. Overnight in Hoian.

**DAY 9 – 10 APR: HOIAN – BANA HILLS – HOIAN (B/D)**

After breakfast and check out hotel, transfer to Ba Na hills and take Cable Car which gains 5 world scores to Ba Na hills station. Stop at By Night station to visit Vong Nguyet hills, Linh Ung pagoda, The Old Villas of French. Continue moving up by cable car to the Nui Chua Mountain – the top of Ba Na range, visiting golden bridge, held up by two enormous stone-colored hands. The bridge opened in June 2018, is 150 meters long and 1,400 meters above sea level, with views across the green mountainscape. Continue visit Nginh Phong top, Le Nim Villas, Orchid Garden... Experience hill climbing train (first and unique funicular in Vietnam) and an old French cellar (Debay Ancient Wine Cellar, wine tasting fee is not included), flower garden Le Jardin D’amour and Linh Ung Pagoda. Enjoy games at Fantasy Park – the third biggest indoor games zone in Vietnam with series of interesting games (game tickets are at clients’ own account). Go down also by cable car and return to the hotel. Dinner at Indian restaurant. Overnight in Hoian.
DAY 10 – 11 APR: HOIAN – DANANG – FLY TO HANOI (B/D)
After breakfast and check out hotel, transfer to Danang airport for flight to Hanoi. Upon arrival, pick up by our local guide at the airport and transfer to the hotel to check in. Later this afternoon, enjoy Water Puppet show at water puppet theatre. Dinner at an Indian restaurant. Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 11 – 12 APR: HANOI CITY TOUR (B/D)
After breakfast, we begin a fascinating day with visits to the Ho Chi Minh Complex, inclusive of Ba Dinh Square, Ho Chi Minh’s Mausoleum, as well as his private residence from 1954 until 1969. The wooden ethnic minority style house, which was built on stilts, is surrounded by lovely peaceful gardens. In the same complex you will see the One Pillar Pagoda, founded by King Ly Thai To in 1049. This structure has become an important symbol for the people of Hanoi. Continue to visit Tran Quoc Pagoda, locates on a small peninsula on the East side of West Lake, this is the most ancient pagoda in Hanoi with its history line of more than 1,500 years. Our next stop will be the Temple of Literature, Vietnam’s first university. Constructed in 1070, the gardens and well-preserved architecture offer a relaxing glimpse into Vietnam’s past. In the afternoon, take a visit to Museum of Ethnology, widely considered to be the finest modern museum, exhibiting the ethnic groups of Vietnam. We then visit Hoan Kiem Lake, Ngoc Son Temple then take a cyclo tour around the Old Quarter of Hanoi. Dinner at a local Indian restaurant. Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 12 – 13 APR: HANOI – HALONG – OVERNIGHT ON BOARD (B/L/D)
After breakfast and check out hotel, we transfer to Halong Bay by EXPRESS WAY.
12:45, Check in aboard with Welcome Cocktail from crew member while manager introduce the safety briefing and the boat cruising forward to the Bai Tu Long bay.
13:15, Let your vacation start with a delicious lunch set menu in restaurant
15:30, Discover Thien Canh Son cave where located on top of mountain, contain the long history of geological value and the natural beauty. Recommend you bring camera and wear sport shoes for hiking.
17:30 - 19:00, Enjoy your time with the beautiful sunset on the bay and join “Happy Hour” – 30% Discount off all drinks onboard
18:30, Cooking class on sundeck with the Deep Fried Spring rolls, one of the unique flavor of Vietnamese food.
19:30, Dinner will be served on sundeck.
21:00, Feel free to relax on boat, join Squid fishing at the area of Reception deck.
Overnight on board.
DAY 13 – 14 APR: HALONG – HANOI – FLY TO LUANG PRABANG (B/BR/L)
06:15, Start your day with the Taichi on sundeck.
07:00, Light breakfast serve in dining room.
07:45, Visiting Vung Vieng floating fishing village, one of the biggest village in HaLong Bay, you will have chance to learn about the living of fishermen and feel free with some option activities: bamboo boat or kayaking.
09:00 – 09:30, Back to the main boat for relaxing and check out at the reception, please put all your luggage at the outside of your cabin door, crew member will help to bring luggage on land.
9:30, Brunch is served in the restaurant while the boat heads back to the harbor.
11:00, Disembark at the harbor and transfer back to Hanoi by EXPRESS WAY.
On arrival, have Lunch at an Indian restaurant then have free time for shopping (no room use in Hanoi).
16h00, transfer to the airport for flight to Luang Prabang.
On arrival, pick up by our local guide and transfer to check in the hotel. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

DAY 14 – 15 APR: LUANG PRABANG CITY TOUR – PAK OU CAVES (B/D)
After breakfast, we visit National Museum at the former Royal Palace. The museum displays a lovely collection of the artifacts reflecting the richness of Lao culture dating from the days of the early kings right through the last sovereign. Continue visit city’s oldest temple of Wat Sene, then take a walk from here crossing by many beautiful temples and traditional houses until we reach the magnificent Wat Xiengthong, with its roofs sweeping low to the ground, representing the classical Laotian architecture. This afternoon, we embark on a 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 return, we disembark the boat to visit traditional villages, and continue taking a short drive to Ban Phanom, a village famous for its hand weaving. On arrival back in Luang Prabang, climb up to the top of Mount Phousi for an enjoyable exploration of the sacred, gilded stupa as well as a panoramic sunset view of the city and the Mekong River. The tour ends after a visit to the famous Night Market, where you can find a lovely selection of handmade textiles made by local and hill tribe people surrounding Luang Prabang. Dinner at an Indian restaurant. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

DAY 15 – 16 APR: LUANG PRABANG – ALMS GIVING – KHOANGSI WATERFALLS (B/D)
An early start gives you the fantastic opportunity to participate in the daily morning rituals of saffron-clad monks collecting offerings of Alms (ubiquitous sticky rice) from the faithful residents. This tradition is very unique in Laos, being the only Buddhist nation still preserving the procession. From there, we will take a short visit to the morning local market near the Royal Palace. At the market, you can find anything from rice, to fresh vegetables, to steamed fish, frogs, and anything else that might be the day’s catch, just set up on the ground, this is what the locals do every day. This is really the chance for you to get a real flavor of the local culture. Return to the hotel for breakfast then relax for the rest of the morning. This afternoon, we’ll visit local villages of Lao ethnic minority groups at Ban Ouay, a Hmong village, Ban Ou a Laoloum village and Ban Thapene, Khmu villages. The drive then takes us to the beautiful Khuang Si Waterfalls. On arrival at the waterfalls, take a leisure trek through the national park, passing by the Asian bear rescue center and many smaller waterfalls. Swimming in the cool and turquoise water is possible. Dinner at an Indian restaurant. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

**DAY 16 – 17 APR: LUANG PRABANG CITY TOUR – FLY TO HANOI – DEPARTURE (B)**

After breakfast, the morning time is at leisure. Standard hotel check-out time is 12h00 (late check-out upon availability). This afternoon, we visit Wat Visoun, the holiest temple of the city, which was entirely rebuilt in 1887 after being destroyed by the invading Black Flags from Southern China. In the courtyard of Wat Visoun stands the Watermelon Stupa shaped like the fruit from which it takes its name. Continue visit the neighboring Wat Aham, a temple combines the worship of guardian spirits and Buddhism. After the visits, transfer to the airport for flight to Hanoi. On arrival Hanoi, connect to our flight back home.
**HOTEL LIST**

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**PRICE INCLUDES:**
- English speaking tour guide at each region (from airport to airport)
- Private air-con vehicle for all transfer (from airport to airport)
- Twin/Double shared room at hotel with daily breakfast
- Private cabin on shared cruise for 2 days/1 night Halong trip
- Toll fees for express way Hanoi – Hai Phong – Halong x 2 ways
- Meals as mentioned in the program (set menu, no drink)
- Entrance fee and admission as per program
- Boat trips as per program: Tonle Sap Lake, Mekong Delta, Perfume River (Hue), Pak Ou
- Cyclo tour in Hanoi
- Water puppet show ticket in Hanoi
- Offerings for Alms Giving in Luang Prabang
- Mineral water on coach

**PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:**
- Travel Insurance.
- Return transfers from Leicester to UK Airports. £40 per person
- Vietnam and Cambodia Visa stamp fee Estimate cost 100 USD per person.
- Kayaking on Halong Bay
- Single supplement surcharge £675
- Other meals not mentioned in the tour Drinks and personal expenses (phone call, laundry, etc...)program
- Any services not mentioned in the program

*Flight timings may change. Normal hotel check in 2 PM and check out 10 am.*
**Booking Conditions**

1) It is our most important aim that you enjoy your holiday and that we earn your trust. However, we are not responsible for any cancellation due to any industrial disputes, Technical failure of any type of transport we use, loss of earnings, late arrivals or force majeure, or any items beyond our control.

2) Our normal cancellation charges apply as a percentage of the total holiday cost. If you cancel the holiday we will require notice in writing for any cancellation:

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4) We are not responsible for your luggage, personal money or belongings. We advise that if lockers are available in the hotel please use them. Do not have luxury or expensive items with you whilst you are on holiday.

5) During the tour, the tour manager’s decision will be final. We are not responsible for unavailability of any events or festival or attractions. Tours may be conducted without Baba Holidays tour manager subject to number of passengers per tour.

6) It is the passenger’s responsibility to have the appropriate documents. (i.e.: Passports & Visas)

7) We advise that you obtain travel insurance. Also obtain EHIC form from Post Office.

8) If due to any circumstances you no longer wish to continue the tour, there will be no refund.

9) Luggage allowance only 20KG per person and 1 suit case per person.

10) If any surcharges, e.g. Fuel increase, airport taxes and/or any other costs not envisaged by us at the time of the booking are added by any government or transport provider will be passed on to you in the final invoice.

11) We have right to operate for seating rotating system during coach journey.

12) Non refundable deposit £800 per person is required at the time of booking.

**Your Financial Protection:**

"When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive holiday from us you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong."

"We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the Services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with the services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable)."

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