



## Itinerary

### 14 Day Vietnam & Cambodia Small Group Tour With Flights

**\*IMPORTANT NOTE: Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this itinerary.**

#### DAY 1: Australia ~ Hanoi, Vietnam

Depart from either SYD/MEL/PER or \*BNE for your holiday to Vietnam! Upon arrival at Hanoi international airport you will be met by a tour representative and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free at leisure.

MEALS: In-Flight

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 Star Hotel Option, Hanoi

#### DAY 2: Hanoi ~ Halong Bay

Early morning pickup at 8:00am to journey through lush Vietnamese countryside to Halong Bay. On arrival we board the traditional junk boat for a memorable cruise among the hundreds of limestone islets of Halong Bay. During the cruise we stop at the 'Magnificent Cave' full of stalagmites and stalactites. Tuck in to a yummy seafood lunch and some water based activities such as swimming or kayaking. Spend the night onboard in your comfortable cabin and enjoy the peacefulness of the Bay.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 Star Traditional Junk Boat, Halong Bay

#### DAY 3: Halong Bay ~ Hanoi

This morning we continue to sail through the majestic landscape of Halong Bay before heading back to shore and continuing back to Hanoi after a buffet lunch. Have the evening free at your leisure in Hanoi, suggest you visit the Old Town and markets to soak up the exciting culture of the Vietnamese capital city.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 Star Hotel Option, Hanoi

#### DAY 4: Hanoi ~ Hoi An

Spend the morning free at leisure before transferring to the airport for a short flight to Danang. Once in Danang you will be transferred to Hoi An (30 minute drive) and check in to your hotel. The evening in Hoi An is at your own leisure. Check out the amazing shopping and get some tailored clothing, have a delicious meal in one of the many restaurants and wonder along the river lit up with hundreds of lanterns at night.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 Star Hotel Option, Hoi An

### DAY 5: Hoi An Free Day

Indulge in a full day of relaxation in the picturesque surroundings of Hoi An, or opt for one of our optional tours to explore either the enchanting My Son Holy Land or the iconic Ba Na Hill Golden Bridge.

Dive into the vibrant shopping scene of Hoi An, where you can acquire exquisite tailor-made clothing, or unwind with a locally crafted fresh beer by the river, taking in the tranquil rhythm of life as it flows by.

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**OVERNIGHT:** 3 or 4 Star Hotel, Hoi An

#### **OPTIONAL: *My Son Holy Land***

*Embark on an enriching journey to the ancient marvels of My Son Holy Land, a full-day excursion beginning with a prompt departure at 8:00 AM. Traverse 40 kilometers to reach this UNESCO World Heritage Site, a testament to the cultural significance of Southeast Asia akin to Bagan in Myanmar and Angkor in Cambodia. Delve into the historical tapestry of My Son, once the spiritual nexus of the Cham people spanning from the 7th to 13th centuries, as you explore its revered archaeological remnants accompanied by an insightful guide. Following the tour, indulge in a satisfying buffet lunch before returning to Hoi An, where the evening awaits you for leisurely pursuits. Revel in included conveniences such as transportation, an English-speaking guide, lunch at a local eatery, entrance fees, and refreshing amenities throughout the excursion.*

#### **OPTIONAL: *Ba Na Hills Golden Hand Bridge***

*Embark on a full-day adventure to Bana Hill and the iconic Golden Bridge, commencing with a prompt hotel pick-up at 8:00 AM. Begin your ascent to Bana Hill by cable car, marveling at the vast expanse of the forest below, immersing yourself in the pristine ecological wonders of Ba Na Mountain. Explore the historical Le Jardin and remnants of old wineries, echoes of French colonial villas, before ascending further to Gare Debay via the second cable car station. Delight in the exhilarating thrills of the Fantasy Park, the third largest indoor amusement park globally, with select complimentary games as per Ba Na policy, followed by a delectable buffet lunch at a local restaurant. Conquer the summit of Chua Mountain at a breathtaking altitude of 1,487m, relishing panoramic vistas of Da Nang from atop Ba Na Hills before beholding the architectural marvel of the Golden Bridge. Conclude your adventure with a return cable car journey and transfer to Hoi An, cherishing included amenities such as transportation, an English-speaking guide, lunch, cable car tickets, entrance fees, and refreshing refreshments throughout the day.*

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**MEALS:** Breakfast

**OVERNIGHT:** 3 or 4 Star Hotel, Hoi An

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**DAY 7: Hoi An ~ Ho Chi Minh City**

Free time until your flight to Ho Chi Minh City. You will be transferred to Da Nang airport for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Upon arrival in Ho Chi Minh City, you will be picked up and transferred to your hotel for the night. The remainder of your day is free at leisure.

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**OVERNIGHT:** 3 or 4 Star Hotel Option, Ho Chi Minh City

**DAY 8: Ho Chi Minh City Free Day**

Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of the modern city at your own rhythm, or enhance your experience with one of our optional tours, such as a mesmerizing Mekong Delta cruise.

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**OVERNIGHT:** 3 or 4 Star Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City

**OPTIONAL: *Mekong Delta Full Day Cruise***

*Embark on a full-day adventure from 08:00 AM to 16:00, commencing with a hotel pick-up in Ho Chi Minh City between 7:30 AM and 8:00 AM. Travel by minivan to My Tho, located in the Mekong Delta, where a series of immersive activities await. Enjoy a horse-drawn cart ride amidst towering coconut trees, navigate*

*tranquil canals by boat, and cycle through picturesque landscapes of rice fields and orchards. Experience the majesty of the Mekong River on a motorboat, passing iconic landmarks like Dragon Island and Turtle Island. Stop at Unicorn Island to visit a local bee farm and indulge in natural honey and wine tastings. Explore a coconut candy workshop and savour a Vietnamese lunch at a local restaurant surrounded by greenery. Conclude your journey with tropical fruit sampling and traditional music, followed by a visit to Vinh Trang Pagoda before returning to Ho Chi Minh City. Meals include breakfast at the hotel and lunch at a local restaurant, with dinner at your own expense. Transportation, English-speaking guide services, entrance fees, and amenities like water and towels are all included.*

#### **OPTIONAL: Ho Chi Minh City Half Day Tour**

*Begin your exploration of Ho Chi Minh City with our guide and car awaiting you at your hotel in the city center. The tour kicks off with a visit to the Reunification Palace, once the official residence of the President of South Vietnam until the culmination of the war in April 1975. Next, stroll to marvel at French colonial architecture, including the iconic Notre Dame Cathedral and the historic Old Central Post Office. Venture onward to Chinatown, where the Thien Hau Pagoda stands in reverence to the Goddess of the Sea. Immerse yourself in the vibrant ambiance of this district, capturing intricate details and lively street scenes, before delving into the bustling Binh Tay Market, offering a plethora of goods from clothing to dried squid. Enjoy a satisfying lunch at a local restaurant before continuing your journey to the War Remnants Museum, featuring a comprehensive display of the Indochina wars. Explore the outdoor exhibits of military vehicles and poignant tiger cages, gaining insight into wartime experiences. Inside the museum, each floor unveils a distinct aspect of the conflict and its impact on the Vietnamese people. Conclude your city tour with a visit to Ben Thanh Market, where a diverse array of goods awaits. Bid farewell to your guide, wrapping up your Ho Chi Minh City adventure enriched with memorable moments. Inclusions encompass private air-conditioned transportation, an English-speaking tour guide, all entrance fees, and mineral water provided throughout the day, along with a delectable lunch at a local eatery.*

#### **OPTIONAL: Cu Chi Tunnels Half Day Tour**

*Embark on an immersive journey to Southern Vietnam, where the tranquility of rural landscapes meets the historic significance of the Cu Chi Tunnels. Depart from your hotel with a seamless pickup arranged by your guide, transitioning from the bustling cityscape to serene countryside vistas along the way. Traverse past rice paddies, charming roadside stalls, and verdant greenery, soaking in the peaceful ambiance. Upon arrival at Cu Chi, delve into a guided tour of the renowned tunnel network, an intricate labyrinth that once sheltered Viet Cong fighters during the war. Explore the narrow passageways, bunkers, meeting rooms, and hospitals, gaining insight into the ingenuity and resilience of those who lived here. Witness the remarkable engineering that allowed these tunnels to withstand the weight of tanks and bomb blasts. Engage in a thought-provoking film presentation before venturing into trapdoors and subterranean chambers. Visit sites including bomb craters, souvenir shops, and a museum showcasing improvised weaponry. Experience the adrenaline rush of firing historic rifles at the National Defense Sports Shooting Range, culminating in a taste of authentic Vietnamese cuisine with Pho and local tapioca delicacies. Conclude your day with a comfortable return journey to your Ho Chi Minh hotel by approximately 2:30 PM. Meals are not provided, and the package includes transportation via a mini-van, the expertise of an English-speaking tour guide, all entrance fees, as well as complimentary cool water and towels.*

### **DAY 9: Ho Chi Minh City ~ Phnom Penh**

A scenic drive today as you head into the Kingdom of Cambodia. You will be picked up at 7:45am by modern tourist coach and travel through the countryside, stopping for a border crossing and continuing on to Phnom Penh. The trip takes around 6 hours so prepare yourself with a good book, snacks and a

charged up phone! On arrival into Phnom Penh you will be picked up and transferred to your hotel. *[Upgrade to a flight from Ho Chi Minh City to Phnom Penh from approx \$250 per person - contact us for details].*

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 Star Hotel Option, Phnom Penh

### DAY 10: Phnom Penh Free Day

Enjoy a full free day in Cambodia's capital city. Explore this wonderful city at your own leisure, or you can take advantage of our optional city tour.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 Star Hotel Option, Phnom Penh

#### **OPTIONAL: *Phnom Penh City Tour***

*Experience the captivating Phnom Penh City Tour starting with a prompt 8:00 am pick-up, where you'll embark on an exploration of the city's most intriguing landmarks. Discover the vibrant pulse of local life at the Central Market, marvel at the stately Independence Monument, and immerse yourself in the spiritual ambiance of Wat Ounalom. A highlight awaits at the revered Silver Pagoda, famed for its breathtaking floor adorned with 5000 shimmering silver tiles. In the afternoon, the tour takes a poignant turn as you confront Cambodia's tumultuous history with visits to the haunting 'Killing Fields' and the poignant Tuol Sleng Prison Museum, offering profound insights into the dark era of the Khmer Rouge regime. Delve deep into Cambodia's past and present, gaining a profound understanding of its resilience and enduring spirit.*

### DAY 11: Phnom Penh ~ Siem Reap

Another day to catch up on your reading as we travel onwards to Siem Reap by modern tourist coach. Pick up at 7:30am and journey 5 hours through three provinces; Kandal, Kampong Cham and KomPung Thom. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. A late lunch will be served at a local restaurant.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 Star Hotel Option, Siem Reap

### DAY 12: Siem Reap ~ Angkor Wat Temple Tour

Breakfast at hotel and then pick up at 8:00am for a full day tour of Angkor Wat; meaning "City of Temples". Visit south gate of Angkor Thom with two rows of its huge statues of demons and gods depicting the churning of the ocean of milk, Bayon Temple, a forest of giant heads built in the late 12th century by King Jayarvarman VI as a Buddhist temple. You also visit the Terrace of Elephant and Terrace of Leper King as well as Ta Prohm; the famous temple with trees growing out of the ruins in its jungle surroundings, and the setting for the film Tomb Raider. After lunch we visit the breathtaking Angkor Wat, famous for its beauty and splendor and the largest of all the temples, a World Heritage Site since 1992. If time and energy permits we will also visit some nearby temples. Return back to Siem Reap for the evening free at leisure. Take a stroll down "Pub Street" to eat at the many restaurants and enjoy a

relaxing beer.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 Star Hotel Option, Siem Reap

### **DAY 13: Siem Reap ~ Departure**

Free at leisure until you are transferred to the airport for your return flight home, brimming with wonderful memories of your holiday to Vietnam and Cambodia.

MEALS: Breakfast, In-Flight

OVERNIGHT: In-Flight

### **DAY 14: Arrive Australia**

Today you will arrive home to Australia. Thank you for travelling with MyHoliday2!

MEALS: In-Flight