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## Treasures of Indochina

23 days / 22 nights

### Highlights

- Participate in the traditional Laos rite of Alms giving in the morning in Luang Prabang
- Visit the famous & sacred Pak Ou Buddha Caves, home to many thousands of Buddha image
- Explore the mystical Plain of Jars in Xieng Khouang
- Discover the beautiful scenery of the capital of White Thai people on two wheels
- Take a boat trip on Halong Bay on land and an overnight cruise on the real Halong Bay
- Get immersed into the rustic and tranquility space of Chuon Lagoon, Hue
- Enjoy a boat trip on the colorful floating markets on the Mekong Delta: Cai Be & Cai Rang
- Discover the majestic beauty of Angkor Temples

### Detailed itinerary

#### Day 1: Luang Prabang Arrival

Welcome to Luang Phrabang, the first stop in your Indochina Tours. Upon your arrival, our guide and driver will pick up and transfer you to hotel. Today, depends on your flight, we will arrange a suitable itinerary for you to visit Luang Prabang. Overnight in Luang Prabang

*Overnight: Luang Prabang*

#### Day 2: Luang Prabang - Pak Ou Cave (B, L)

If you wish to watch or participate in the traditional Lao rite of Almsgiving to the monks, you should get up early at 6a.m. In the city, over 300 monks file through silently collecting alms. This is an amazing sight and your guide will be on hand to demonstrate and explain this important ritual. Return to your hotel for breakfast. After breakfast, start a Mekong Riverboat trip with your guide on the mighty Mekong River to visit the famous & sacred Pak Ou Buddha Caves, home to many thousands of Buddha images that were placed here by local people since 16th century, when King Setthathirat found the caves and declared them a holy spot. Today many still pay respect with this old tradition. Walk through the caves before returning to your boat and to Luang Prabang town. Enjoy lunch en route. Returnn to hotel and free at your leisure. Overnight in Luang Prabang

*Overnight: Luang Prabang*

### Day 3: Luang Prabang – Xieng Khouang (B)

We continue our beautiful Indochina tour package with drive through wonderful natural scenery to Xieng Khouang. The journey will give you plenty of opportunities for photos and visiting hill tribe villages. Upon arrival, we transfer out to visit Site 1 of the Plain of Jars, an impressive archaeological site where hundreds of large stone jars are scattered all over the plateau. Overnight in Xieng Khouang

*Overnight: Xieng Khouang*

### Day 4: Xieng Khouang – Vieng Xay (B)

After breakfast, continue the trip to Vieng Xay- The former Pathet Lao (PL) revolutionary headquarters of Vieng Xay sit in a striking valley of fertile hills and limestone cliffs riddled with caves, several of which were used to shelter PL officers during the Second Indochina War. The town is famous for the caves in which the stoic officers and some 23,000 people found shelter, but Vieng Xay itself is unbearably pretty. Manmade lakes spot the landscape and wildflowers explode in crimson and yellow to join the emerald and karst backdrop. The beauty of the terrain somehow underscores the decimation it suffered during the American bombing campaign. Overnight in Vieng Xay

*Overnight: Vieng Xay*

### Day 5: Vieng Xay – Mai Chau Valley (B, D)

Breakfast at hotel. Today we will transfer through one of the most beautiful countryside of Lao to Na Meo border gate. Continue to Mai Chau Valley (Vietnam) located 150km from Hanoi. The charming stilts houses of White Thai mingle with the beautiful scenery that turns this destination into a real paradise. You will stay in a homestay of Thai family. Tonight we will drink wine rice and enjoy the traditional Thai dance show. Overnight in a homestay

*Overnight: Mai Chau*

### Day 6: Mai Chau – Hanoi (B, L)

Have breakfast at homestay and then you will explore the landscape of Mai Chau on two wheels. Two hour bike ride through the verdant rice paddies and beautiful villages of the ethnic minority people get you immersed into the spectacular scenery. Lunch at homestay, relax and drive to Hanoi. Free at leisure. Overnight in Hanoi

*Overnight: Hanoi*

### Day 7: Hanoi City Tour (B, L)

Breakfast at your hotel. Today, we enjoy a full day city tour of this charming capital city including the mausoleum of the nation's founder Ho Chi Minh (close on Monday & Friday), the Presidential Palace, the Ho Chi Minh's house on stilts, the One Pillar Pagoda, the Temple of Literature. Lunch at a local restaurant. Late afternoon we will visit Temple of Literature, Women Museum and take a cyclo tour for a short excursion through the bustling old quarter streets named after the specific goods once offered for sale. Enjoy a glass of "Bia Hoi – draught beer – included" at Ta Hien Street before we enjoy a fantastic traditional water puppet show. Overnight in a Hanoi hotel

*Overnight: Hanoi*

### Day 8: Hanoi - Hoa Lu - Tam Coc (B)

After breakfast, we depart for Hoa Lu to visit the King Dinh and Le Temple, dating back to the tenth

century. After lunch, we will take a trip on a sampan to discover the caves of Tam Coc (the Three Lagoons) and Bich Dong Pagoda. Tam Coc is dubbed as Halong Bay in land. The landscape is as beautiful as Halong, but with paddy fields and river instead of the sea. Overnight in Tam Coc

*Overnight: Tam Coc*

### Day 9: Hoa Lu - Halong Bay (B, L, D)

In the early morning, we'll head out to Halong (Ha Long Bay). On the way, you will have the opportunity to admire beautiful views of the countryside. We will arrive at Ha Long Bay in the late morning and embarking on a "junk boat" (an ancient Chinese sailing ship) for a cruise in the Halong Bay. We'll visit the caves and the isle with a sampan or kayak. Enjoy a lunch and dinner of delicious seafood on the junk boat. Our fifth night will be spent on board in your own private cabin. (The itinerary of our trip depends on the route that the junks use. There will be a guide who speaks English/ French on board for your convenience). Overnight on board

*Overnight: Halong Junk Boat*

### Day 10: Halong Bay - Hue (B,L)

After breakfast, we'll take a little sampan to visit a secret lagoon of Ha Long Bay while the surrounding mountains are just waking up. After that our cruise takes us further into the Bay of Bai Tu Long traveling past the Human Head Island, the Turtle Island, and the Duck Islet... to the studio site where the famous Indochine film was shot. Around noon, our junk travels back to the harbor, pick up and drive back to Hanoi. Stop in Bac Ninh to visit the famous But Thap pagoda that located among picturesque villages, rice paddy fields... transfer back to Hanoi airport for the flight to Hue. Overnight in Hue

*Overnight: Hue*

### Day 11: Hue City Tour (B)

Hue is one of ancient and charming city remaining a lot of originally historical vestiges. It has become a highlight of any Vietnam and Cambodia Tours. After breakfast, our tour starts with the visit to Imperial Citadel before taking the beautiful boat trip on the romantic Perfume River, drop by Hue's best-known religious site-Thien Mu Pagoda and the Mausoleum of former emperor Tu Duc in a tranquil setting of gardens and lakes. Return to the hotel. Free at leisure. Overnight in Hue

*Overnight: Hue*

### Day 12: Hue- village Thuy Bieu - Dam Chuon (B, L)

In the morning, we'll depart for the village of Thuy Bieu where you can participate in a cooking class, then embark on a leisurely biking tour into the village where you can discover the daily activities of the locals. Later in the day you'll have a little 'rest with a nice foot massage using hot water and medicinal plants, a traditional therapeutic practice made by the blind. After lunch, our guide will take you to the Chuon Lagoon. Being a part of Tam Giang Lagoon, the Dam Chuon covers an area of around 3,000 hectares (7,400 acres). You will then have the opportunity to live the experience the lives of local fishermen on a small wooden sampan, fishing for, crab, fish, and shrimp in brackish water. Top off your adventure day by a good meal in a local outdoor restaurant and enjoy seafood caught from the lagoon. Back to hotel and overnight in hotel

*Overnight: Hue*

### Day 13: Hue - Hoi An (B)

After breakfast, we drive to Hoi An, a major Asian trading port in the 17th and 18th centuries in which

architecture and relaxed lifestyle has unchanged over the years and Hoi An is a wonderful destination and choice for any tri. This scenic drive pp to Vietnam and Cambodia. Passes through the fishing village of Lang Co before climbing over the Pass of Ocean Clouds. Along the way, stop in Danang to visit the Cham Museum which contains the finest collection of Cham sculptures in the world. Upon arrival in Hoi An, free to visit or relax. Overnight in Hoi An

*Overnight: Hoi An*

### Day 14: Hoi An half day city (B)

Breakfast at hotel. Today we will have a half day tour to discover Hoi An City. Start with the Chinese Temple, Phuc Kien Pagoda, Phung Hung Old House, the 400 year old Japanese Covered Bridge. Later, we will move to a latern workshop where you are explained how to make a latern and you can create one for yourself to bring home. Free at your leisure and overnight in Hoi An

*Overnight: Hoi An*

### Day 15: Hoi An - Danang - Saigon (B)

After breakfast, our guide and driver in Hoi An will transfer you to the airport for your flight to Saigon. Arrive at Tan Son Nhat airport, welcome by our private Vietnam tour guide and driver and transfer to you hotel for check in. Saigon, the most exciting city of Vietnam, the second largest centre of economy, culture and politics makes it one of the must-see destination in any Vietnam and Cambodia package tour. In the afternoon, we will do the city tour of Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, visiting to Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathederal, Central Post Office, Vietnam War Museum and the environment of Ben Thanh market. Overnight in Saigon

*Overnight: Saigon*

### Day 16: Saigon - Tay Ninh - Cu Chi (B,L)

Breakfast at the hotel. Our guide will pick you up at hotel for Cu Chi Tunnels tour. Stop over at the bustling market of Thu Dau Mot. Arrive in Cu Chi, you will see the document and short film about the history of Cu Chi and its importance during Vietnam War. You also visit the incredible underground tunnel network of nearly 200 kilometres hand-constructed by Vietnamese guerillas. This is a really highlight of any Vietnam and Cambodia tour package. Back to Saigon.

*Overnight: Saigon*

### Day 17: Saigon - Cai Be Floating market - Can Tho (B,L)

Early morning we will depart to explore the Mekong Delta, the biggest rice producing area of Vietnam. The first stop is Cai Be. On arrival, we will make a boat trip to the Cai Be floating Market to understand more about the daily life and economy activity of people in the Mekong Delta. Continue your boat trip to An Binh Island for lunch in a local family and bike trip in the afternoon. Continue to Can Tho. Free at leisure and overnight in Can Tho

*Overnight: Can Tho*

### Day 18: Can Tho - Cai Rang floating market - Chau Doc (B,L)

In the morning, we make the boat cruise to see the Cai Rang, the most crowded floating market in the Mekong Delta. It is a must-see destination of any tour package to Vietnam. You will enjoy the beautiful scenery and experience activities of locals. Later, we'll get to visit the Binh Thuy ancient house where the Academy Award-winning 1992 movie "The Lover" was filmed, and then a stop at the Khmer pagoda. Once finished, we will depart for Can Tho and head back to Chau Doc. Check in hotel and take a boat trip

to explore the floating fish farms. Overnight in Chau Doc

*Overnight: Chau Doc*

### Day 19: Chau Doc – Boat to Phnom Penh (B)

After breakfast, we take the boat trip to Phnom Penh. We will arrive in PhnomPenh around 12:30pm. Our guide will welcome you at the airport and transfer you to hotel for check in. After a short rest, transfer to visit the important tourist destinations of Phnompenh such as Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda, National Museum and Russian Market. Overnight in Phnom Penh

*Overnight: Phnom Penh*

### Day 20: Phnompenh - Siem Reap (B)

After breakfast, our tour guide and driver in Phnom Penh will transfer you to the airport for flight departure to Siem Reap. Pick up at airport and transfer to hotel for check in. Free at your leisure. We will visit Roulous Temple Complex, the archaeological site of Hariharalaya that was built in the 9th century including Preah Ko temple and Lolei towers, the mammoth Bakong – a mountain temple which is similar to a pyramid with five level stands and a wide canal that surrounds the center. In the afternoon, we'll begin to the visit of Angkor Wat, the most famous and largest religious complex of Champa in the world. Overnight in a hotel

*Overnight: Siem Reap*

### Day 21: Siem Reap – Angkor Discovery (B, D)

Breakfast at your hotel. We will take a tuk tuk ride to visit the city of Angkor Thom, the South Gate, the spectacular temple of Bayon, with more than two hundred enigmatic faces, the temple of the Leper King and the snake, and; Pimeanakas, the area where it was located within the Royal Palace. Continueing to visit Small Circuit: Ta Prohm temple, which is very popular with scenes in the movie “Tomb Raider”. And finally, we explore the famous and largest religious site of Angkor Wat. Afternoon visit to the famous temple of Cambodia, Angkor Wat then continue to visit the Bakheng Hill temple with Sun Set included from the top of this hill. Dinner in a local restaurant and enjoy Apsara dance show. Overnight in Siem Reap

*Overnight: Siem Reap*

### Day 22: Siem Reap – Tonle Sap Cruise – PhaukVillage (B)

This morning, we take a wonderful cruise on Tonle Sap Lake for one hour, visit floating village and fisherman life, then back to visit Chantie Ecole-Artisan D'Angkor and Old Market. Overnight in Siem Reap

*Overnight: Siem Reap*

### Day 23: Siem Reap Departure (B)

Free time at leisure for you to wrap up your memorial Vietnam and Cambodia tours until our guide and driver take you to the airport for departure flight.End the program

End of the journey!

*Included*

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- All private transportations
- Accommodation based on double/twin sharing room
- Meals as mentioned in the program
- Local English speaking guide
- Entrance fee and sightseeing tickets
- Overnight cruise in Halong Bay
- Speed boat from Chau Doc to Phnom Penh
- Boat trip in Tam Coc and Mekong Delta
- 2 bottles of fresh water per pax per day
- Vietnam visa approval letter

## Not Included

- International and domestic flights
- Personal expenses: tip, laundry, telephone
- Drinks in each meals
- Vietnam & Cambodia visa fee
- Others not mentioned in the program
- Travel Insurance
- Single supplement in hotel