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## Complete Indochina Tour

14 days / 13 nights

### Highlights

- Visit Bat Trang, a 500 - year - old ceramic village on the left bank of Hanoi
- Experience the spectacular scenery of Tam Coc "Halong Bay on land"
- Enjoy a cruising trip on a wooden junk boat on Halong Bay
- Discover the luxurious fruit basket of Mekong Delta by a boat trip in Cai Be
- See the best of Phnom Penh including: National Museum, Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda, the Russian market and more
- Explore the amazing scenery and unrivaled architecture of Angkor Temples

### Detailed itinerary

#### Day 1: Arrive in Hanoi

Welcome to Hanoi! Upon arrival, you will be picked up at the airport and transfer to hotel for check in. The remaining of the first day is your free time to explore Hanoi or relax at hotel. Overnight in Hanoi

*Overnight: Hanoi*

#### Day 2: Hanoi - Bat Trang - Half day city tour (B, L)

Breakfast at your hotel. Today you will have a short transfer (about 15km) to the east of Hanoi in the outskirts to visit Bat Trang Ceramic village. On arrival, you will visit Bat Trang Communal House built under Le Du Tong King's period, from 1719 to 1720 and then, you can try making your own ceramic product in a workshop. Return to Hanoi centre for lunch. In the afternoon, we will visit the mausoleum of Ho Chi Minh (closed every Monday and Friday) and Temple of Literature dedicated to Confucianism, was the first national university of Vietnam. Next, you will have a cyclo tour around Hanoi Old Quarter before ending your adventure near Hoan Kiem Lake for a water puppet show. Overnight in Hanoi

*Overnight: Hanoi*

#### Day 3: Hanoi - Hoa Lu - Tam Coc (B)

After breakfast, we depart for Hoa Lu, the ancient capital of Vietnam built in King Dinh and Le, dating

back to the tenth century. Hoa Lu, Tam Coc, is also dubbed as Halong Bay on land. The landscape with limestone peaks is as beautiful as it is in Halong, but with paddy fields instead of the sea. After lunch, we'll take a sampan ride to discover Tam Coc (Three Caves) and Bich Dong Pagoda. Overnight in Tam Coc

*Overnight: Tam Coc*

#### Day 4: Hoa Lu - Halong Bay (B, L, D)

After breakfast, we'll head out to Halong (Ha Long Bay). On the way, you will have the opportunity to admire beautiful views of the Red River Delta. We will arrive at Ha Long Bay in the late morning and embarking on a wooden junk boat (an ancient Chinese sailing ship) for a cruise trip on 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. Overnight on board. (Note: The itinerary of boat is subject to change depend on the cruise you choose. There will have an English/ French speaking guide on board to support you anytime)

*Overnight: Halong Junk Boat*

#### Day 5: Ha Long - Hanoi - Saigon (B, L)

In the morning, you can get up early to do a Tai Chi morning exercise on sundeck before having breakfast. And then, the tender of cruise will take to visit Surprising Cave (Hang Sung Sot). You will have a brunch before returning to the harbor and transfer back to Hanoi. On the way, we will stop at But Thap Pagoda, the oldest pagoda in Vietnam. Transfer to the airport for flight to Saigon. Check in hotel and overnight in Saigon

*Overnight: Saigon*

#### Day 6: Saigon visit (B)

Today you will have a full day to discover sizzling Saigon with best highlights including: the Central Post Office, the Cathedral, and the War Museum, the Thien Hau pagoda, the Giac Lam pagoda. In the afternoon, we'll continue our trip with the famous sites during Vietnamese War: historic Reunification Palace and the War Memorial Museum and top off your adventure at Ben Thanh Market. Overnight in Saigon

*Overnight: Saigon*

#### Day 7: Saigon - Ben Tre - Cai Be (B, L)

After breakfast, we will depart for Ben Tre - the "coconut capital" in Vietnam. Arriving at the pier of Hung Vuong. A short transfer by boat takes us into the small canals. During the tour we will have the opportunity to admire the vibrant local activities from, fishing along the river to experiencing life on channels. We will then visit a local coconut candy factory of coconut candy, followed by a top at the furnace of Mr. Tu Lo to observe the procession of the bricks in the traditional style. We'll have time for a bit of relaxation and then a nice bike ride through lush gardens, rice fields, and channels. We'll get to visit to the ancient house of Mr. Sau Khanh to admire its splendid collection of antique porcelain. A short trip in a rowing boat takes us to a small local restaurant for lunch. Leave Ben Tre, we spend the evening in Mekong Lodge

*Overnight: Mekong Lodge*

#### Day 8: Cai Be - Can Tho (B)

After breakfast, you'll get to take a boat tour through the canals and then bike tour to visit the orchards where tourists can taste various kinds of tropical fruits. It's an opportunity to communicate with the locals in the Mekong River Delta and learn more about their daily lives. We'll get to visit to the ancient

house of Mr. Ba Kiet and Phu Chau Pagoda. Following lunch, we get back to Mekong Lodge to have a good meal and then we go to Can Tho by car. Dinner will be served at a local restaurant with typical Vietnamese cuisine. After dinner we will drive to Can Tho to spend the night in our hotel

*Overnight: Can Tho*

### Day 9: Can Tho – Chau Doc (B)

Early in the morning, you'll get to take a boat tour to the most bustling floating market of Cai Rang. Here you can observe the daily life of the inhabitants and the method of changing goods in the Mekong region. You also have the opportunity to taste fresh fruit on spot. 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. Once arrive in Chau Doc, we check into the hotel and begin a boat trip to discover the floating fish farms. We'll spend the ninth night in Chau Doc

*Overnight: Chau Doc*

### Day 10: Chau Doc - Phnom Penh (B)

After breakfast, we'll transfer to the pier to check into the junk boat and head for Phnom Penh (about 5 hour transfer). We will go through the Immigration Office to get visa at the border. Arrive in Phnompenh around 1p.m. You will be transferred to hotel for relaxing. After a short break, we will take a guided tour with highlights of Phompenh including: the Royal Palace (including the Silver Pagoda which was built in 1866 during the French protectorate of King Norodom), the National Museum, (built by King Sisowath in 1920), the pagoda of Wat Phnom, which is, located on a hill offering a panoramic view of the city. Continue waling to the Russian Market for shopping. Overnight in Phnom Penh

*Overnight: Phnom Penh*

### Day 11: Phnom Penh - Siem Reap (B)

In the morning, we depart for airport to catch the flight to Siem Reap. Once arrive, we'll visit the Rolous group: 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 in the world. Overnight in Siem Reap

*Overnight: Siem Reap*

### Day 12: Siem Reap - Angkor Discovery Tour - Siem Reap (B, D)

We begin the trip with a visit to the city of Angkor Thom by a tuk tuk, 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. We also visit several parts of "Small Circuit": Takeo, Ta Prohm. In the afternoon, we'll begin to the visit of Angkor Wat, the most famous and largest religious complex in the world. Climb on the Bakheng Hill to see the beautiful sunset. Have dinner at a local restaurant and enjoy an show of Apsara dance. Overnight in Siem Reap

*Overnight: Siem Reap*

### Day 13: Siem Reap - Kbal Spean - Banteay Srei - Banteay Samre - Siem Reap (B)

We'll depart for Kbal Spean (also known as The river of a Thousand Lingas), a journey of only in 49 kilometers (30.4 miles) to the north of Angkor. You'll reach the site after 45 minutes in the car, through the forest. The site consists of a series of stone rock relief carvings in sandstone formations on the river bed and banks. The motifs for stone carvings are mainly amyriad of lingas (a phallic symbol of the Hindu

god Shiva). In the afternoon, we visit Banteay Srei (Citadel of Women), dedicated to Shiva, whose architecture and pink sculptures are a masterpiece of Khmer art. Then, we finish the trip at Banteay Samre temple. Overnight in Siem Reap

*Overnight: Siem Reap*

## Day 14: Siem Reap - Tonle Sap Lake - Departure (B)

After breakfast at the hotel, we'll take cruise on Tonle Sap Lake, the largest fresh lake in South East Asia to visit the fishing villages. We'll take some time to visit the Artisan d'Angkor art school. Then, we'll go shopping at Phsar Chas market where you can find the high quality souvenir such as silk, jewelry, and so much more. After all, we transfer to the airport for our outbound flight.

End of the journey!

## Included

### Included

- All private transportation
- Accommodation based on double/twin sharing room
- Meals as mentioned in the program
- Entrance fee and sight seeing ticket
- Local English speaking guide
- Overnight cruise in Halong Bay
- Boat trip in Mekong Delta
- Two bottles of fresh water per pax per day

### Not Included

- International and domestic flights
- Personal expenses: tip for guide, telephone, laundry service
- Beverage and drinks in meals
- Cambodia visa fee
- Single supplement in hotel and on Halong cruise
- Travel insurance
- Others not mentioned in the program