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Angkor Discovery from Saigon

9 days / 8 nights

Highlights

- See the best of Saigon including: Notre Dame Cathedral, Central Post Office, Ben Thanh Market
- Explore the incredible underground network of Cu Chi built by Vietnamese guerillas
- Take a boat trip on the most crowded floating market in the Mekong Delta to observe the daily life of people
- Uncover Angkor Temple Complex, the most important archaeological sites in South-East Asia and the largest religious monument in the world
- Visit Tonle Sap Lake, the biggest freshwater in Southeast Asia by boat

Detailed itinerary

Day 1: Saigon Arrival

Welcome to sizzling Saigon. Our guide will pick you up at the airport and transfer to hotel. Spend the rest of the day to relax at hotel or explore the city on foot. Overnight in Saigon

Overnight: Saigon

Day 2: Saigon - Ben Tre - Can Tho (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 covered by coconut forests. During the tour we will have the opportunity to admire the vibrant local activities, fishing along the river to experiencing life on channels. We will visit a local coconut candy factory, the brickyard of Mr. Tu Lo and learn the procession to create a brick in the traditional way. Have lunch at a small local restaurant. After lunch, we will have a bit of time to relax and then take a bike ride through lush gardens, channels to drop by the ancient house of Mr. Sau Khanh to admire his splendid collection of antiques. Drive to Can Tho and spend overnight in Can Tho

Overnight: Can Tho

Day 3: Can Tho - Saigon (B)

Early morning visit to Cai Rang floating market, the biggest and most crowded market in the Mekong Delta. Back to Saigon. In the afternoon, we will take a walking tour to visit Notre Dame Cathedral, Central Post Office and top off your adventure at Ben Thanh market. Overnight at hotel

Overnight: Saigon

Day 4: Cu Chi Tunnel - Phnom Penh (B)

Breakfast at hotel. This morning we will visit the famous underground tunnel of Cu Chi hand-constructed by Vietnamese guerillas in the Vietnam - America War during 1960s. You can try crawling sections of the tunnels that have been widened safely for tourists. We will head out to Moc Bai border gate in Tay Ninh to export to Cambodia. Drive to the capital of Phnompenh. Check in your hotel and free at your leisure

Overnight: Phnom Penh

Day 5: Phnom Penh City Tour (B, L)

Today we'll enjoy a full day sightseeing tour of Phnom Penh with famous tourist destinations. Start your tour at National Museum where you can see the world's finest collection of Khmer sculpture of traditional housing. Next, we will visit Royal Place and Silver Pagoda - very famous for silver tiles and statues of Buddha. End you adventure with Toul Sleng (Security Prison - S21), a school that was gruesomely transformed into a torture chamber under the Khmer Rouge, and the Killing Fields where over 10,000 people were executed. Overnight at hotel

Overnight: Phnom Penh

Day 6: Siem Reap - Angkor Wat (B)

Hotel check out and transfer to the airport for your included flight to Siem Reap. After relaxing, you will visit the last capital of Angkorian Empire - Angkor Thom. This monumental city is encircled by a 100m wide moat and very famous for the giant state of Bayon with giant smile faces from any angle. We visit before heading to the magical temple of Angkor Wat. This breathtaking monument is believed to be the world's largest religious building and contain thousands of wall carvings. End the day, you can see beautiful sunset on Phnom Bakkeng Hill. You are free to explore the Old market in the evening. Overnight at hotel

Overnight: Siem Reap

Day 7: Ta Phrom - Banteay Srei (B)

If you would like to see the spectacular of Angkor in golden light of sunrise, you can get up early before having breakfast. And then we will depart to Banteay Srei Temple considered by many to be the art gallery of Angkor with some of the finest stone carvings in the world. The Hindu temple was built from pinkish color stone that is dedicated to Shiva. Continue to visit the cloistral complex of Preah Khan, Neak Pean, Ta Som, East Mebon, Pre Rup and the atmospheric Ta Prohm. Swallowed by the jungle, the big muscular roots envelop the crumbling towers and walls. This is the place of some scenes in the famous film " Tomb Raider"

Overnight: Siem Reap

Day 8: Roluos Temples and Tonle Sap Lake (B)

This morning we visit the Roluos group of temples (Bakong, Lolei and Preak Ko), the earliest large and permanent temples built by the Khmers. The monuments mark the dawn of Khmer classical art, dating from the late 9th century, with elaborate inscriptions in the ancient Hindu language of Sanskrit. Later visit the floating village of Kompong Pluk with stilts houses over the Tonle Sap Lake. You can see flooded

Mangrove forest nearby with a world of birds, frogs, rats, spiders hidden among tree trunk and branches if you look carefully enough. The rest of day is your free time. Overnight at hotel

Overnight: Siem Reap

Day 9: Siem Reap Departure (B)

Today marks the end of our memorable Vietnam and Cambodia holiday. Spend the morning at leisure before hotel check out and included departure transfer to the airport. End the program

End of the journey!

Included

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- All private transportation
- Accommodation based on double/twin sharing room
- Meals as mentioned in the program
- Entrance fee and sightseeing ticket
- Local English speaking guide
- 2 bottles of fresh water per pax per day

Not Included

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