

Indochina Discovery: Vietnam, Laos & Cambodia – 10 Days

10D / 9N

Duration

Moderate

Difficulty

Private

Tour Type

USD 1,449 / pax

Starting From

Explore the rich cultural heritage and stunning natural landscapes of Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia on this comprehensive 10-day private tour, visiting iconic sites from Hanoi to Angkor Wat.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Hanoi → Ha Long → Luang Prabang → Siem Reap

TOUR OVERVIEW

Overview of Your Indochina Adventure

This 10-day private tour invites you to uncover the historical depths and scenic beauty of three captivating Southeast Asian nations: Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. From the vibrant streets of Hanoi to the tranquil Mekong River, and the awe-inspiring temples of Angkor, this journey offers a curated experience of the region's most celebrated destinations. Discover ancient traditions, marvel at natural wonders, and engage with diverse cultures as you traverse through bustling cities, serene waterways, and sacred archaeological sites.

Tour Highlights

Experience a night aboard a traditional vessel navigating the dramatic limestone formations of Halong Bay

Explore Hanoi's historic Old Quarter, characterized by colonial architecture and lively street scenes

Discover the sacred Pak Ou Caves in Laos, housing countless Buddha statues at a river confluence

Swim in the pristine, multi-tiered pools of Kuang Si Waterfalls, nestled within the Laotian jungle

Witness the spectacular sunrise over Angkor Wat, Cambodia's most iconic temple complex

Wander through the ancient city of Angkor Thom, including the enigmatic Bayon Temple and Elephant Terrace

Participate in a Vietnamese cooking demonstration while cruising through Halong Bay

Visit the solemn Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum Complex and the historic Temple of Literature in Hanoi

Route Summary

Your adventure begins in Vietnam's capital, Hanoi, with cultural explorations before heading to the breathtaking Halong Bay for an overnight cruise. Following your return to Hanoi, you'll fly to Luang Prabang in Laos, a UNESCO World Heritage town, to discover its spiritual sites and natural beauty. The journey then takes you to Siem Reap, Cambodia, where the majestic temples of Angkor await, concluding your trip after a day of independent exploration.

Who This Tour Suits

This private tour is ideal for travelers seeking a deep dive into the history, culture, and natural splendor of Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. It appeals to those who appreciate guided explorations of significant landmarks, enjoy scenic cruises, and desire opportunities for both structured activities and personal leisure time. The itinerary balances historical insights with natural excursions, making it suitable for culturally curious individuals and small groups.

Practical Information

The tour includes a mix of hotel stays and an overnight cruise, with various accommodation options available to suit different preferences. Internal flights between countries are arranged for your convenience. Meals are provided as specified in the itinerary, offering a taste of local cuisine. English-speaking guides will accompany you throughout the tour, ensuring a smooth and informative experience. Remember to check visa requirements for Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia prior to your departure.

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1

Hanoi Arrival & Leisure Time

Meals: NA | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi | Transport: Airport transfer

Upon your arrival at Noi Bai International Airport in Hanoi, you will proceed through immigration and customs formalities. A local guide will then greet you in the arrival hall and facilitate your transfer to your hotel, situated in the heart of the city. The remainder of your first day is reserved for relaxation, allowing you to unwind after your travels. Alternatively, you may choose to begin your personal exploration of Hanoi. Consider a leisurely walk through the bustling Old Quarter to soak in the atmosphere, or sample some authentic Vietnamese dishes at your own pace, preparing for the adventures ahead.

Day 2

Hanoi City Exploration & Historical Sites

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

Your day begins with a meeting with your tour guide in the hotel lobby, followed by a brief introduction to your cultural journey. The morning's itinerary includes a visit to the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum Complex, where you will gain insights into the life and legacy of Vietnam's revered leader. Explore the Presidential Palace grounds, his modest stilt house, and the Ho Chi Minh Museum. Next, admire the distinctive architecture of the One Pillar Pagoda, a significant Buddhist temple. Conclude your morning at the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first national university, founded during the Ly Dynasty, honoring Confucius and scholarly traditions.

Activities: Visit Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum Complex
Explore Presidential Palace and Ho Chi Minh's Stilt House
Discover the Ho Chi Minh Museum
Admire the One Pillar Pagoda
Tour the Temple of Literature

Day 3

Halong Bay Cruise & Sung Sot Cave

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: Overnight on cruise

The morning commences with a hotel pickup from Hanoi's Old Quarter around 08:00, embarking on a comfortable journey along the modern Hanoi - Hai Phong Expressway towards Halong Bay. Upon reaching the port, you will be welcomed aboard your cruise with refreshing drinks and a safety briefing. As the vessel sets sail, a gourmet lunch will be served in the elegant restaurant, offering panoramic views of the dramatic limestone karsts rising from the emerald waters, a testament to Halong Bay's UNESCO World Heritage status.

Activities: Transfer from Hanoi to Halong Bay
Board cruise and receive welcome drinks
Enjoy gourmet lunch onboard

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Explore Sung Sot Cave (Surprise Cave)
Participate in a Vietnamese cooking demonstration
Dine onboard
Try night squid fishing

Day 4**Halong Bay Sunrise & Return to Hanoi***Meals: Breakfast, Brunch | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi*

Early risers will be treated to a captivating sunrise over Halong Bay, as the morning light casts a golden hue across the limestone formations. A light breakfast with hot beverages will be served before you join a Tai Chi session on the sundeck, a perfect way to start the day. The cruise will then anchor near Titop Island, a picturesque crescent-shaped isle with clear waters ideal for swimming. You may choose to climb to the observation platform for stunning 360-degree views of the bay, an expansive panorama of countless islands stretching to the horizon.

Activities: Witness sunrise over Halong Bay
Enjoy light breakfast
Participate in Tai Chi class on sundeck
Visit Titop Island for swimming or panoramic views
Have brunch onboard
Sail back to Tuan Chau Port
Transfer back to Hanoi

Day 5**Hanoi Leisure & Flight to Luang Prabang***Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Luang Prabang | Transport: Flight to Luang Prabang, Airport transfer*

After breakfast, you have some free time to enjoy Hanoi at your leisure. This could be an opportunity for some last-minute souvenir shopping in the Old Quarter or a final stroll through its charming streets. At the appointed time, you will be transferred to the airport for your international flight to Luang Prabang, the cultural heart of Laos. Upon arrival, a local guide will meet you at the airport and assist with your transfer to the hotel for check-in. The remainder of the day is free for you to relax or begin exploring this tranquil UNESCO-listed town independently.

Day 6**Luang Prabang: Pak Ou Caves & Kuang Si Waterfalls***Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Luang Prabang*

Embark on a scenic boat journey along the Mekong River to the mystical Pak Ou Caves, situated at the confluence of the Nam Ou and Mekong Rivers. These sacred limestone caves house thousands of Buddha images, left by pilgrims over centuries. Explore the lower cave with its serene collection of statues, then ascend to the upper cave (a torch is recommended for better visibility). Afterward, travel through the picturesque countryside to reach the breathtaking Kuang Si Waterfalls. These multi-tiered turquoise cascades flow through lush jungle, forming inviting natural pools perfect for a refreshing swim. Changing facilities are available near the entrance for your convenience.

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Explore the sacred Pak Ou Caves
Journey to Kuang Si Waterfalls
Swim in the turquoise pools of Kuang Si Waterfalls

Day 7**Flight to Siem Reap & City Exploration**

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Siem Reap | Transport: Flight to Siem Reap, Airport transfer

Today, you will transfer from Luang Prabang to Siem Reap, Cambodia, serving as the gateway to the ancient temples. Your flight will offer scenic views of the landscape below. Upon arrival, a friendly guide will meet you at the airport and facilitate your transfer to your hotel. After settling in, you have the option to explore the town's lively atmosphere on your own. Siem Reap is known for its bustling markets and charming streets filled with shops and cafes. Pub Street is a popular area to sample local Khmer cuisine or enjoy a refreshing drink. As evening approaches, the vibrant night market provides an array of handicrafts and souvenirs.

Day 8**Angkor Thom & Angkor Wat Discovery**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Siem Reap

Your exploration of Cambodia's ancient wonders begins with a morning pickup from your hotel in Siem Reap. You will first visit Angkor Thom, entering through the impressive South Gate adorned with massive stone faces. Discover Bayon Temple, featuring 216 enigmatic smiling faces carved into its towers, reflecting the grandeur of the Khmer Empire. Continue to the Elephant Terrace, a grand platform where Khmer kings once observed parades, and the Terrace of the Leper King with its intricate carvings. Next, experience Ta Prohm temple, famously known as the 'Tomb Raider' temple, where massive tree roots intertwine with ancient stones, creating a hauntingly beautiful scene of nature reclaiming human structures.

Activities: Visit Angkor Thom and its South Gate
Explore Bayon Temple
See the Elephant Terrace
Discover the Terrace of the Leper King
Explore Ta Prohm temple
Witness Angkor Wat, the crown jewel of Khmer architecture

Day 9**Siem Reap Free Day**

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Siem Reap

Today offers a full day to explore Siem Reap at your own pace. This flexible day allows you to revisit any favorite temples, wander through the colorful local markets, or uncover hidden gems scattered throughout the city. You might choose to relax at a cafe, indulge in a traditional Khmer massage, or explore the surrounding countryside by bicycle. Whether you seek cultural immersion, culinary delights, or tranquil moments, this free day provides the opportunity to experience Siem Reap in a way that suits your personal interests.

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Browse local markets
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Indulge in a Khmer massage
Explore the countryside by bicycle

Day 10**Siem Reap Departure**

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: NA | Transport: Airport transfer

After breakfast, enjoy your final moments of relaxation or take a short stroll through the charming streets of Siem Reap. At the scheduled time, our driver will provide a transfer to the airport for your departure flight. We hope your journey through Southeast Asia has been filled with unforgettable memories.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

INCLUDED**NOT INCLUDED**

PRICE INCLUDES

CANCELLATION POLICY

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