

Southeast Asia Grand Tour: Thailand, Vietnam & Cambodia – 28 Days

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Duration

Moderate

Difficulty

Private

Tour Type

USD 3,679 / pax

Starting From

A comprehensive 28-day adventure across Southeast Asia, revealing ancient kingdoms, vibrant cultures, and stunning natural wonders in Thailand, Vietnam, and Cambodia.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Bangkok → Ayutthaya → Chiang Mai → Hanoi → Sapa → Ninh Binh → Ha Long → Hue → Hoi An → Nha Trang → Ho Chi Minh City → Can Tho → Siem Reap

TOUR OVERVIEW

Overview

Begin your extensive journey in the dynamic capital of Bangkok, then delve into Thailand's ancient capitals and northern hill tribe regions. Transition to Vietnam, where you will explore Hanoi's historical heart, trek through Sapa's terraced landscapes, cruise the iconic Ha Long Bay, discover imperial Hue, and wander the charming streets of Hoi An. Continue south to relax on Nha Trang's beaches and experience the bustling energy of Ho Chi Minh City and the Mekong Delta. Conclude your adventure in Cambodia, marveling at the majestic temples of Angkor Wat and Angkor Thom. This grand tour offers a deep immersion into the diverse heritage, breathtaking landscapes, and rich local cultures of three captivating Southeast Asian nations.

Highlights

Discover Bangkok's dynamic capital and its historical landmarks.

Explore the ancient Thai capitals of Ayutthaya and Sukhothai, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Connect with Akha and Yao hill tribes in Northern Thailand near the Golden Triangle.

Experience an overnight cruise amidst the stunning limestone karsts of Ha Long Bay.

Trek through Sapa's terraced rice fields and engage with H'mong and Dzay communities.

Wander through Hoi An's charming Ancient Town, a UNESCO-listed trading port.

Navigate the Cai Rang floating market by boat in Vietnam's Mekong Delta.

Witness the majestic temples of Angkor Wat and Angkor Thom in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

Route Summary

The journey commences in Bangkok, Thailand, progressing through the historical sites of Ayutthaya and Sukhothai, then northward to Chiang Rai and Chiang Mai. From Thailand, the tour flies to Vietnam, beginning in Hanoi, followed by explorations of Sapa, Ninh Binh, and an overnight cruise in Ha Long Bay. The route continues to the imperial city of Hue, the ancient town of Hoi An, and the coastal city of Nha Trang. Southern Vietnam includes Ho Chi Minh City and the Mekong Delta city of Can Tho. The final leg involves a flight to Siem Reap, Cambodia, before departure.

Who It Suits

This extended private or flexible group tour is ideally suited for seniors and travelers who desire a profound and multifaceted exploration of Southeast Asia. It caters to those with a keen interest in nature, cultural heritage, and authentic local life experiences. The itinerary balances guided excursions with ample leisure time, ensuring a comfortable yet enriching journey across three distinct countries. Travelers should be prepared for various modes of transport and some walking/trekking activities.

Practical Information

The tour package includes a comprehensive meal plan with 27 breakfasts, 14 lunches, 1 brunch, 1 picnic lunch, and 2 dinners.

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Accommodation comprises 25 nights in hotels, 1 night aboard a cruise, and 1 night on an overnight train. All in-tour transportation is provided in air-conditioned vehicles, including airport transfers. The services of a local English-speaking guide are included for all tour activities. Entrance fees to sites listed in the itinerary are covered, as are three domestic flights: Chiang Mai to Hanoi, Hanoi to Hue, and Ho Chi Minh City to Siem Reap.

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1

Bangkok Arrival & Leisure

Meals: NA | Stay: Hotel in Bangkok | Transport: Car

Upon landing at Suvarnabhumi International Airport, a local guide and driver will provide a warm welcome. You will then be transferred to your centrally located hotel for check-in. Standard check-in is at 14:00, with options for earlier access at an additional charge. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at your own pace.

After settling into your accommodation, you might choose to relax and recover from your journey. Alternatively, you can immediately begin discovering the vibrant atmosphere of Thailand's capital city. Bangkok offers a multitude of sights, sounds, and flavors to explore independently.

Activities: Airport greeting and hotel transfer
Hotel check-in and relaxation
Independent exploration of Bangkok

Day 2

Ayutthaya Ancient Capital Exploration

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Ayutthaya | Transport: Car, Kermit tuk-tuk

After breakfast, depart Bangkok for a scenic drive of just over an hour to Ayutthaya, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This former capital of Thailand, once a thriving kingdom, continues to impress visitors with its extensive temple and palace ruins.

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Upon arrival, board a unique Kermit tuk-tuk, a three-wheeled vehicle distinctive to this region, for a guided tour. Your tuk-tuk ride will take you to several of Ayutthaya's most significant historical sites. Visit Wat Yai Chaimongkol, renowned for its towering chedi and rows of serene Buddha statues, offering a glimpse into ancient spiritual practices. Continue to Wat Mahathat, famous for the iconic Buddha head intertwined within the roots of a banyan tree, a truly mystical sight. A stroll through a local market provides insight into daily life before proceeding to Wat Phra Srisanphet. This temple, once part of the Royal Palace, is distinguished by its three majestic chedis. The journey then continues to the Bang Pa-In Summer Palace, a favored royal retreat since the Ayutthaya era, celebrated for its diverse architectural styles, blending European, Khmer, Thai, and Chinese influences, making it one of Thailand's most beautiful palaces. The day concludes with a return to your hotel in Ayutthaya for leisure.

Activities: Travel from Bangkok to Ayutthaya
Kermit tuk-tuk tour of Ayutthaya
Visit Wat Yai Chaimongkol and Wat Mahathat
Explore a local market
Tour Wat Phra Srisanphet
Discover Bang Pa-In Summer Palace

Day 3**Journey to Sukhothai via Historic Lopburi**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Sukhothai | Transport: Car

Following breakfast, depart Ayutthaya and travel towards Lopburi, a city where historical narratives unfold at King Narai's Palace. Constructed in 1666 by King Narai the Great, this elegant complex served as his primary residence for much of the year during his reign from 1656 to 1688. Lopburi, once designated as the kingdom's secondary capital, became a hub for royal leisure, hunting expeditions, governance, and hosting esteemed visitors.

The journey continues to Phitsanulok, one of Thailand's most ancient cities, boasting a history that spans over 600 years. This city is recognized for its revered temples and intriguing museums, providing a window into the nation's profound cultural heritage. After approximately an hour of travel, the route leads to Sukhothai, the original capital of Siam and another UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Sukhothai is an expansive open-air museum, home to a remarkable collection of ancient temples, Buddha statues, and evocative ruins — an open-air museum of Thailand's golden beginnings. The day concludes with your arrival and overnight stay in Sukhothai, ready for further exploration.

Activities: Depart Ayutthaya for Lopburi
Visit King Narai's Palace in Lopburi
Continue to Phitsanulok
Transfer to Sukhothai
Check into Sukhothai hotel

Day 4**Sukhothai Historical Park & Transfer to Chiang Rai**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Chiang Rai | Transport: Car

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Start your morning early with an exploration of Sukhothai Historical Park, the 13th-century capital of the Kingdom of Siam and a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. Wander among the serene temple ruins, beautifully framed by tranquil lotus ponds and ancient trees, as you visit significant landmarks such as Wat Srisawai, Wat Mahathat, and Wat Sra Sri. Each site offers a unique perspective on the kingdom's spiritual and artistic zenith.

After a local lunch, the journey continues northward towards Chiang Rai. En route, a stop is made at the peaceful Phayao Lake. Here, you can enjoy a coffee while taking in the calm waters and the picturesque mountain backdrop. The scenic drive provides views of Thailand's northern landscapes.

Arrive in Chiang Rai in the late afternoon, where you will check into your hotel. The remainder of the day is free for you to relax and unwind after a day of historical discovery and travel.

Activities: Explore Sukhothai Historical Park
Visit Wat Srisawai, Wat Mahathat, and Wat Sra Sri
Lunch at a local restaurant
Travel to Chiang Rai
Pause at Phayao Lake
Hotel check-in in Chiang Rai

Day 5**Northern Hill Tribes & Golden Triangle Exploration**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Chiang Rai | Transport: Car, Boat

After breakfast, embark on a journey to discover the distinct cultures of Northern Thailand's indigenous hill tribes. Travel along scenic mountain roads, winding through lush landscapes, to visit Akha and Yao communities. Here, you will gain insights into their unique customs, traditional attire, and daily way of life, offering a profound cultural exchange.

Continue to Mae Sai, Thailand's northernmost town, situated directly on the border with Myanmar. This bustling town is known for its vibrant markets, where you can find a wide array of goods, from local handicrafts to diverse culinary delights. A flavorful lunch will be served at a local restaurant, providing an authentic taste of the region.

The afternoon takes you to the legendary Golden Triangle, the famed confluence of Thailand, Myanmar, and Laos. Visit the Old Opium House to delve into the area's intriguing history. Proceed to Chiang Saen, a provincial town nestled along the Mekong River, where you will board a boat for a trip to the exact point where the three countries meet. Afterward, return to your hotel in Chiang Rai for relaxation.

Activities: Visit Akha and Yao hill tribe villages
Explore Mae Sai border town and its markets
Lunch at a local restaurant
Journey to the Golden Triangle
Visit the Old Opium House
Boat trip on the Mekong River to the Golden Triangle

Day 6**Chiang Rai to Chiang Mai & Khantoke Dinner**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: Hotel in Chiang Mai | Transport: Car

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Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before departing Chiang Rai for Mae Ka Chan, a renowned stop famous for its natural hot springs. This offers a chance to relax and rejuvenate amidst nature. The scenic journey continues through rolling hills and verdant jungles towards Chiang Mai, affectionately known as the "Rose of the North." A local restaurant will provide lunch along the way.

Upon arrival in Chiang Mai, visit Wat Phrathat Doi Suthep, a magnificent temple perched high on a mountainside. This revered site offers breathtaking panoramic views of the city below and is an important spiritual landmark. Following the temple visit, you will be transferred to your hotel for check-in and some free time.

The evening culminates with a memorable Khantoke dinner, an authentic Northern Thai culinary experience. Savor a variety of traditional dishes while enjoying live performances of classical music and graceful dance. The evening concludes with an invitation to join the joyful Ramwong dance, allowing for a fun interaction with local performers.

Activities: Travel from Chiang Rai to Mae Ka Chan hot springs
Scenic drive to Chiang Mai
Lunch at a local restaurant
Visit Wat Phrathat Doi Suthep temple
Hotel check-in in Chiang Mai
Enjoy a traditional Khantoke dinner with cultural performances

Day 7**Elephant Encounter, Rafting & Handicraft Villages**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Chiang Mai | Transport: Car, Ox cart, Bamboo raft

After breakfast, meet your guide and drive to Mae Taeng Elephant Camp for a unique interaction with these majestic animals. Witness an engaging elephant show, then enjoy an exciting elephant ride across a river and up into the hills, offering a close-up experience with the elephants in their natural environment. The return journey to the camp is made by traditional ox cart, where a buffet lunch awaits.

The afternoon begins with a tranquil 45-minute bamboo rafting adventure along a serene river, allowing you to appreciate the peaceful natural surroundings. Following this, visit the Orchid & Butterfly Farm, a beautiful sanctuary housing over 500 species of vibrant orchids and delicate butterflies, showcasing the region's rich biodiversity.

Next, explore the famous handicraft villages of San Kamphaeng and Bo Sang. These villages are renowned for their traditional crafts, including exquisite silk weaving, intricate wood carving, and the art of umbrella-making. Witness skilled artisans at work and perhaps find unique souvenirs. Return to Chiang Mai for the rest of the day at your leisure.

Activities: Visit Mae Taeng Elephant Camp
Watch an elephant show
Enjoy an elephant ride
Return by ox cart
Buffet lunch at the camp
Bamboo rafting adventure
Visit Orchid & Butterfly Farm
Explore San Kamphaeng and Bo Sang handicraft villages

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Day 8**Chiang Mai to Hanoi Flight & Free Time***Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi | Transport: Car, Airplane*

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel, followed by some free time to relax or conduct any last-minute explorations in Chiang Mai. Later, you will be transferred to Chiang Mai Airport for your flight to Hanoi, the captivating capital of Vietnam. This transition marks the beginning of your Vietnamese adventure.

Upon arrival at Noi Bai International Airport, a local tour guide will meet you and provide transportation to your hotel located in the city center. After completing the check-in process, the remainder of the day is free for you to settle in and unwind. The standard hotel check-in time is 14:00, with an early check-in option available for an additional fee.

You may choose to relax at your hotel or begin a personal exploration of Hanoi's charming streets and vibrant atmosphere. Suggestions for independent activities include discovering local eateries or simply soaking in the city's unique energy at your own pace.

Activities: Free time in Chiang Mai
Transfer to Chiang Mai Airport
Flight to Hanoi
Airport greeting and hotel transfer in Hanoi
Hotel check-in and leisure time

Day 9**Hanoi City Tour & Overnight Bus to Sapa***Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Sapa | Transport: Car, Bus*

Begin your exploration of Hanoi with a half-day city tour, scheduled for either morning or afternoon based on availability. Your first stop is the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first national university, where scholars, mandarins, and nobles once pursued their studies. This historical site offers a deep insight into the country's educational heritage.

Continue to the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (exterior view only from June to August, and formal dress is required), a significant landmark honoring the founding father of modern Vietnam. Nearby, admire the distinctive One Pillar Pagoda, celebrated for its unique architecture resembling a lotus blossom emerging from water. The tour also includes a visit to West Lake and the Tran Quoc Buddhist Pagoda, Hanoi's oldest pagoda with a history spanning over 1,500 years, offering a peaceful environment and ancient Ly dynasty architecture.

Enjoy an authentic Vietnamese lunch or dinner as part of your city tour. In the evening, prepare for an approximately six-hour bus journey to Sapa. As the bus leaves Hanoi's bustling streets, the scenery gradually transitions to lush countryside, revealing mountains and winding roads in the distance. Upon arrival in Sapa, travelers will proceed to their hotel for check-in, allowing time to relax and appreciate the serene mountain atmosphere.

Activities: Half-day Hanoi city tour
Visit Temple of Literature
View Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (exterior if applicable)
Explore One Pillar Pagoda
Visit West Lake and Tran Quoc Buddhist Pagoda
Authentic Vietnamese lunch/dinner
Evening bus transfer to Sapa

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Day 10**Sapa Valley Trekking: Lao Chai & Ta Van Villages***Meals: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Sapa | Transport: Car, Trekking*

At approximately 9:00 AM, embark on a full-day excursion into the stunning Sapa valley. The journey takes you to Lao Chai and Ta Van, two distinct villages inhabited by the H'mong and Dzay ethnic minority communities. Begin a guided trek of about 3 kilometers from Lao Chai to Ta Van, offering picturesque views of terraced rice fields and local life.

A traditional lunch will be served at a local family's home, providing an authentic cultural experience and a taste of regional cuisine. This interaction allows for a deeper understanding of the daily routines and unique customs of the local inhabitants. Conclude your trekking adventure at the end of Ta Van village in the afternoon. During this time, you will gain further insight into the exclusive customs of the local people and observe their traditional house architecture. A bus will then pick you up to transport you back to Sapa town, concluding a day rich in cultural discovery and scenic beauty.

Activities: Depart for Sapa day trip
Trek from Lao Chai to Ta Van villages
Lunch with a local family
Learn about H'mong and Dzay cultures
Observe local house architecture
Return transfer to Sapa town

Day 11**Cat Cat & Sin Chai Villages Trek & Return to Hanoi***Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Ha Noi | Transport: Car, Trekking*

Start your morning with breakfast at the hotel before setting out around 9:00 AM towards Cat Cat Village, located southwest of Sapa. This well-known ethnic village offers a chance to relax and enjoy its beautiful waterfall and natural surroundings. Take your time to soak in the serene ambiance of the area.

After a morning of exploration, enjoy a picnic lunch beside the river, surrounded by nature's tranquility. This provides a refreshing break before continuing your adventure further into the mountains.

In the afternoon, continue trekking to Sin Chai Village, where you can admire more magnificent mountain landscapes. The trek offers further opportunities to appreciate the natural beauty of the region. Afterward, return to the main road for a transfer back to Sapa town. Between 15:00 and 15:30, you will be picked up for your transfer back to Hanoi, concluding your mountain retreat.

Activities: Breakfast at hotel
Trek to Cat Cat Village
Enjoy the waterfall at Cat Cat
Picnic lunch by the river
Continue trekking to Sin Chai Village
Admire mountain landscapes
Transfer back to Sapa town
Road transfer back to Hanoi

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Day 12**Ninh Binh's Hoa Lu & Tam Coc Exploration***Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi | Transport: Car, Sampan boat*

At 8:00 AM, begin your journey into Vietnam's picturesque rural Ninh Binh countryside. Your first destination is Hoa Lu, the ancient capital of Vietnam, where you will learn about the history of King Dinh and King Le, gaining insight into the nation's early dynastic periods. This historical site is rich with stories of ancient Vietnamese royalty.

Next, embark on a sampan boat trip down the Tam Coc River, renowned for its charming grottoes and dramatic limestone karst mountains. This serene ride offers stunning natural beauty, often referred to as "Ha Long Bay on land." If time permits, a half-hour walk up one of the surrounding limestone karst hills rewards you with a spectacular panoramic view of the landscape. Continue towards Tam Coc Town, with opportunities to stop for photographs of the villages and scenic landscapes along the way. Enjoy a Vietnamese-style lunch, savoring local flavors. In the afternoon, those seeking more adventure can climb and explore the 15th-century Bich Dong Pagoda, nestled near Ngu Nhac Mountain, before boarding the bus for the return journey to Hanoi.

Activities: Travel to Ninh Binh countryside
Visit Hoa Lu ancient capital
Sampan boat trip on Tam Coc River
Optional walk up a limestone karst hill for views
Lunch in Tam Coc Town
Explore Bich Dong Pagoda
Return to Hanoi

Day 13**Ha Long Bay Cruise & Overnight Experience***Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: Overnight on cruise | Transport: Car, Cruise*

After breakfast at your hotel, transfer to Ha Long Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site celebrated for its extraordinary natural beauty and majestic limestone karsts. Upon arrival at the cruise check-in area (between 11:30 and 12:00), you will be warmly welcomed by the English-speaking crew with a refreshing drink.

A delicious seafood lunch, prepared by skilled chefs, will be served as you begin cruising through the bay. Enjoy your meal while admiring the hundreds of diverse limestone islands and the beautiful emerald waters that define this iconic landscape. The panoramic views from the deck are a highlight of the experience.

The afternoon offers various activities to discover the bay's splendor, depending on your chosen cruise itinerary. You might visit fascinating caves, enjoy kayaking in the calm waters, or take a refreshing swim in the sea. Later, return to the junk boat for relaxation, followed by dinner and an overnight stay on board, surrounded by the tranquil beauty of Ha Long Bay.

Activities: Transfer to Ha Long Bay
Cruise check-in and welcome drink
Seafood lunch on board
Cruising through limestone karsts
Explore caves
Kayaking or swimming

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Dinner on board
Overnight on cruise

Day 14**Ha Long Bay Sunrise & Flight to Hue**

Meals: Breakfast, Brunch | Stay: Hotel in Hue | Transport: Cruise, Car, Airplane

Early risers have the opportunity to witness a breathtaking sunrise over Ha Long Bay's karst formations, or participate in a Tai Chi class, depending on the cruise's daily schedule. A hearty breakfast will be served shortly thereafter. Spend the remaining morning hours on the cruise, continuing to admire the magnificent rock formations as the vessel gently sails back towards the port.

Upon disembarkation, you will be transferred back to Hanoi and then to Noi Bai Airport to catch a flight to Hue. This domestic flight typically lasts about 1 hour and 20 minutes, offering a swift transition to Vietnam's former imperial capital.

In the afternoon, a driver will meet you at Hue Airport and provide transportation to your pre-booked hotel. After checking in, you are free to relax and unwind for the remainder of the day, preparing for your explorations of Hue's historical sites.

Activities: Sunrise viewing or Tai Chi (optional)
Breakfast on cruise
Leisurely cruise back to port
Disembarkation from cruise
Transfer to Hanoi airport
Flight from Hanoi to Hue
Airport pick-up and hotel transfer in Hue
Hotel check-in and relaxation

Day 15**Hue Imperial City & Perfume River Tour**

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Hue | Transport: Car

This morning is dedicated to a half-day city tour of Hue, beginning with a visit to Thien Mu Pagoda. This renowned Buddhist site is gracefully situated on the banks of the enchanting Perfume River. Admire the pagoda's striking architecture and ancient design while experiencing the peaceful atmosphere that surrounds this spiritual landmark.

Continue your exploration at the Imperial Citadel, a significant attraction offering a glimpse into Vietnam's pre-modern history and the opulent lives of its royalty. Wander through the citadel grounds, visiting the grand front gate, the towering Flag Tower, and the King's Palace, each revealing stories of past emperors and their court.

The tour concludes with a stop at Dong Ba Market, Hue City's largest traditional trading hub. Here, you can observe the daily activities of local vendors and find opportunities to purchase interesting souvenirs, experiencing the vibrant local commerce firsthand. Afterward, you will be driven back to your hotel, with the rest of the day free for personal relaxation.

Activities: Visit Thien Mu Pagoda on the Perfume River
Explore the Imperial Citadel, including the Flag Tower and King's Palace
Browse Dong Ba Market
Return transfer to hotel

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Day 16**Scenic Transfer from Hue to Hoi An***Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Hoi An | Transport: Shuttle bus or private car*

After breakfast at your hotel in Hue, you will be picked up for a transfer to Hoi An. This journey takes you through scenic landscapes, including the notable Cloudy Pass, offering picturesque views along the way.

The transfer will be conducted either by shuttle bus or private car, ensuring a comfortable ride to your next destination. Upon arrival in Hoi An, you will be taken directly to your hotel for check-in. The rest of the day is at your leisure, allowing you to settle in and begin to absorb the charming atmosphere of this ancient town.

Activities: Hotel pick-up in Hue
Transfer to Hoi An via Cloudy Pass
Hotel check-in in Hoi An

Day 17**Hoi An Ancient Town Walking Tour***Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Hoi An | Transport: Walking*

Your half-day city tour of Hoi An begins at the bustling Hoi An Market, a lively hub where locals gather fresh produce and daily necessities. This offers an authentic glimpse into the town's everyday rhythm and vibrant community life. From there, proceed to the Fujian Assembly Hall, a significant site where families regularly make offerings and uphold long-standing traditions. Next, visit Phung Hung Ancient House and Tan Ky Ancient House. These well-preserved merchant homes provide a simple yet profound look into the lives and work of trading families during Hoi An's prosperous commercial era, showcasing traditional architecture and furnishings. Afterward, the Museum of Folk Culture offers clear and straightforward exhibits displaying tools, clothing, and items used by past generations, enriching your understanding of local heritage.

A brief visit to the Hoi An Traditional Performing Arts House provides a glimpse into local music and stage traditions. Later, walk across the iconic Japanese Covered Bridge, a well-known landmark that remains an active part of daily foot traffic in the old town. Conclude your tour by exploring various handicraft shops and art galleries, followed by a short stroll through nearby lanes to observe residents engaging in their daily routines, truly experiencing the town's charm.

Activities: Visit Hoi An Market
Explore Fujian Assembly Hall
Tour Phung Hung Ancient House and Tan Ky Ancient House
Visit the Museum of Folk Culture
Attend a brief performance at Hoi An Traditional Performing Arts House
Walk across the Japanese Covered Bridge
Browse handicraft shops and art galleries

Day 18**Da Nang to Nha Trang Train Journey***Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Nha Trang | Transport: Car, Train*

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel in Hoi An. Afterward, a driver will transport you to Da Nang train station, where you will board a train for your journey to Nha Trang. This scenic train ride is estimated to take approximately 8.5 hours, offering views of

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Vietnam's diverse landscapes as you travel south.

Upon arrival in Nha Trang, you will be met and transferred to your pre-booked hotel. The check-in process will be completed, allowing you to settle into your room. The remainder of the day is dedicated to relaxation after the extended train travel, providing an opportunity to unwind and prepare for your time in this coastal city.

Activities: Breakfast at Hoi An hotel
Transfer to Da Nang train station
Train journey to Nha Trang
Arrival transfer to Nha Trang hotel
Hotel check-in and relaxation

Day 19**Nha Trang Free Day for Coastal Exploration**

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Nha Trang | Transport: NA

After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy a full day at leisure in Nha Trang, a coastal city known for its pleasant weather and beautiful beaches. This day offers complete flexibility to pursue activities that interest you most, whether it's relaxation or adventure. You might consider exploring the local area independently, perhaps visiting the beach for sunbathing or swimming. For those seeking more active pursuits, various optional tours are available. These could include a fishing tour around Hon Mun Island, a speedboat excursion to discover Nha Trang's islands, or a snorkeling adventure to explore the vibrant underwater world. The day is yours to create your own coastal experience, enjoying the city's offerings at your own pace. Return to your hotel in Nha Trang for the evening.

Activities: Free day in Nha Trang
Optional activities: beach relaxation, snorkeling, island tours, fishing

Day 20**Nha Trang Leisure & Shopping**

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Nha Trang | Transport: NA

Enjoy another full day of leisure in Nha Trang after breakfast at your hotel. This provides ample opportunity to relax on the beautiful beaches, soak up the sun, or simply unwind by the hotel pool. Alternatively, you might choose to explore the city's shopping opportunities. Nha Trang offers various markets and boutiques where you can find local handicrafts, souvenirs, and other goods. This day is designed for personal enjoyment, allowing you to set your own pace and discover what Nha Trang has to offer beyond its aquatic activities.

Activities: Relax on the beach
Go shopping in Nha Trang

Day 21**Nha Trang to Ho Chi Minh City Overnight Train**

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Overnight on train | Transport: Car, Train

After a leisurely morning in Nha Trang, you will be picked up from your hotel and transferred to the train station. Here, you will

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board an overnight train bound for Ho Chi Minh City. This journey offers a unique travel experience, allowing you to rest as you traverse the Vietnamese landscape.

The train ride is estimated to take approximately nine hours. Settle into your overnight accommodation on board, preparing for your arrival in Vietnam's southern metropolis. This evening provides a different perspective on travel, moving from the coastal tranquility of Nha Trang to the bustling energy of Ho Chi Minh City.

Activities: Free morning in Nha Trang
Transfer to Nha Trang train station
Overnight train journey to Ho Chi Minh City

Day 22**Ho Chi Minh City Arrival & Half-Day Tour**

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City | Transport: Car

Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City in the morning. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel for check-in and an opportunity to relax in your room. An early check-in can be arranged with an additional charge. After settling in, prepare for a half-day city tour of this dynamic southern city, with a flexible departure time in either the morning (08:00-08:30) or afternoon (13:00-13:30). Your sightseeing begins at the Reunification Palace, a beautifully preserved historical site that once served as the residence for the President of the Republic of Vietnam. Next, visit the Saigon Notre Dame Cathedral and the Old Post Office, both exemplary structures of classical French colonial architecture, showcasing a significant period in the city's history. Note that the Notre Dame Cathedral is currently under renovation until 2027.

Conclude your tour with a visit to a local market. Here, you can observe daily life, experience the local culture, and perhaps find interesting souvenirs to take home. Afterward, return to your hotel, with the rest of the day free for you to unwind and explore independently.

Activities: Arrival in Ho Chi Minh City
Transfer to hotel and check-in
Half-day city tour of Ho Chi Minh City
Visit Reunification Palace
View Saigon Notre Dame Cathedral and Old Post Office
Explore a local market

Day 23**Mekong Delta Exploration & Can Tho Overnight**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Can Tho | Transport: Car, Boat

This morning, venture beyond the urban center of Ho Chi Minh City to explore the Mekong Delta, an exceptionally fertile region. You will have the chance to breathe fresh air and immerse yourself in the tranquility and unspoiled beauty of the countryside. This area is characterized by its lush landscapes and intricate waterways.

Board a boat to experience the rich diversity of the Mekong waterways. The boat trip includes visits to local fish farms and exotic fruit farms, where you can observe agricultural practices unique to the delta. Engage in exciting activities such as touring orchards, exploring paddy fields, and navigating through swamplands, gaining a firsthand appreciation for the region's natural bounty.

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In the afternoon or evening, a driver will transport you to your hotel in Can Tho. The remainder of the day is provided for relaxation, allowing you to settle into your accommodation and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of this Mekong Delta city.

Activities: Travel to Mekong Delta
Boat trip on Mekong waterways
Visit fish farms and exotic fruit farms
Tour orchards, paddy fields, and swamplands
Transfer to Can Tho
Hotel check-in in Can Tho

Day 24**Cai Rang Floating Market & Return to Ho Chi Minh City**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh | Transport: Car, Boat

Begin your day with a transfer to the pier, where you will board a wooden boat for a trip to the Cai Rang floating market. This is one of the most vibrant and active spots in the Mekong Delta. As you cruise along the river, observe local vendors trading fresh produce directly from their boats, offering a unique insight into daily life on the water.

The excursion also includes a stop at a small noodle workshop, where you can witness the traditional process of making local noodles. Along the way, you will have the opportunity to sample fresh tropical fruits, experiencing the flavors of the delta. The boat ride provides a relaxing way to absorb the sights, sounds, and tastes of this bustling riverine community.

After your visit to the floating market and workshops, you will return to Ho Chi Minh City. A lunch stop at the Mekong Rest Stop will be provided en route, offering a final taste of the region before the tour concludes back in the city.

Activities: Transfer to pier
Wooden boat trip to Cai Rang floating market
Observe local vendors and river life
Visit a noodle workshop
Sample tropical fruits
Lunch at Mekong Rest Stop
Return transfer to Ho Chi Minh City

Day 25**Ho Chi Minh City to Siem Reap Flight**

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Siem Reap | Transport: Car, Airplane

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel in Ho Chi Minh City, followed by some leisure time for personal activities or last-minute preparations before your departure. The standard check-out time is 12:00 PM, with the possibility of arranging a late check-out for an additional fee, subject to room availability.

Later, you will be transferred to Ho Chi Minh City airport to catch your flight to Siem Reap, Cambodia. This flight marks the transition to the final country on your Southeast Asian adventure, bringing you to the gateway of ancient Khmer wonders. Upon arrival at Siem Reap International Airport, a local representative will greet you and provide transportation to your hotel. After checking in, the evening is free for you to relax and settle into your new surroundings, anticipating the historical explorations ahead.

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Activities: Breakfast at hotel
Leisure time in Ho Chi Minh City
Transfer to Ho Chi Minh City airport
Flight to Siem Reap
Arrival transfer to Siem Reap hotel
Hotel check-in and relaxation

Day 26**Angkor Thom, Ta Prohm & Angkor Wat Grand Tour**

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

After breakfast, begin your exploration of Siem Reap's most iconic attractions, starting with the magnificent South Gate of Angkor Thom, a marvel of 12th-century ancient Khmer architecture. Within Angkor Thom, your itinerary includes visits to the enigmatic Bayon Temple, with its multitude of smiling faces, the Royal Enclosure, Phimeanakas, the impressive Elephant Terrace, and the Terrace of the Leper King, each revealing layers of Khmer history and artistry.

Continue your journey to Ta Prohm Temple, a captivating wonder famously featured in the Hollywood film "Tomb Raider." This temple is known for its atmospheric ruins where massive tree roots intertwine with ancient stone structures, creating a dramatic and picturesque scene. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, savoring regional cuisine amidst your historical discoveries.

The afternoon is dedicated to exploring the architectural masterpiece of Angkor Wat. Stroll around this massive monument, delving into its many galleries adorned with intricate carvings, exploring its columns, libraries, pavilions, courtyards, and reflecting ponds. The towering temple, mirrored in the water, creates a truly awe-inspiring sight. The day concludes with an overnight stay at your hotel in Siem Reap.

Activities: Visit South Gate of Angkor Thom
Explore Bayon Temple, Royal Enclosure, Phimeanakas
See Elephant Terrace and Terrace of the Leper King
Visit Ta Prohm Temple
Lunch at a local restaurant
Explore Angkor Wat monument

Day 27**Banteay Srei, Banteay Samre & Tonle Sap Lake**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Siem Reap | Transport: Car, Boat

Enjoy a full breakfast at your hotel before heading to Banteay Srei temple, often referred to as the "women's castle." This exquisite 10th-century temple is celebrated for its highly intricate and delicate carvings in pink sandstone, considered a classic gem of Khmer art. Continue your exploration to Banteay Samre, another beautifully preserved ancient temple site that offers a serene and less crowded experience.

Lunch will be served at a local restaurant, offering a chance to refuel and reflect on the morning's historical discoveries. The afternoon brings a different kind of adventure with a boat trip on Tonle Sap Lake, located approximately 16 kilometers southeast of Siem Reap. This journey provides a unique perspective on the region's natural environment and local life.

During the boat trip, you will pass by a small floating village, gaining insight into the distinct lifestyle of the Tonle Sap

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community, centered around fishing and related activities. Conclude your day with a stop at the Old Market, where you can browse and purchase unique artifacts, gold and silver jewelry, precious stones, silk, and various stone and wood carvings as souvenirs. Afterward, return to your hotel for relaxation.

Activities: Visit Banteay Srei temple
Explore Banteay Samre temple
Lunch at a local restaurant
Boat trip on Tonle Sap Lake
Observe floating village lifestyle
Shop for souvenirs at the Old Market

Day 28**Siem Reap Departure**

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: NA | Transport: Car

Enjoy a leisurely morning in Siem Reap, allowing for some final relaxation or independent exploration. Depending on your flight schedule, you may have time for last-minute souvenir shopping or simply enjoying the amenities of your hotel.

At the appropriate time, you will be transferred to Siem Reap International Airport for your onward flight, concluding your extensive tour of Southeast Asia.

Activities: Leisure time in Siem Reap
Transfer to Siem Reap airport

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