Southern Vietnam & Ancient Cambodia Temples – 8 Days

8D / 7N	Moderate	Private	USD 1,019 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

Discover the cultural richness and natural beauty of Southern Vietnam and the historical grandeur of Cambodia's Angkor complex on this 8-day adventure. Explore bustling cities, serene waterways, and magnificent ancient temples.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Ho Chi Minh City → Can Tho → Chau Doc → Phnom Penh → Siem Reap

TOUR OVERVIEW

Tour Overview

This 8-day exploration connects the dynamic landscapes and historical sites of Southern Vietnam with the awe-inspiring ancient wonders of Cambodia. Begin in Ho Chi Minh City, delving into its vibrant urban life and significant historical narratives, including the Cu Chi Tunnels. Venture into the Mekong Delta to experience its unique riverine culture and bustling floating markets. The journey then shifts to Cambodia, starting in the capital, Phnom Penh, before culminating in Siem Reap, home to the majestic Angkor Wat complex and other Khmer architectural marvels.

Journey Highlights

Explore the intricate underground network of the Cu Chi Tunnels near Ho Chi Minh City.

Navigate the waterways of the Mekong Delta, observing local life and traditional markets.

Witness the lively trading activities at Cai Rang Floating Market by motorboat.

Travel by speedboat from Chau Doc, Vietnam, to Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Discover the historical landmarks and royal architecture of Cambodia's capital, Phnom Penh.

Experience the spiritual and artistic grandeur of the Angkor Wat temple complex in Siem Reap.

Wander through the ancient city of Angkor Thom, including Bayon Temple and the Terrace of the Elephants.

Admire the unique integration of nature and ruins at Ta Prohm Temple, embraced by giant tree roots.

Route Summary

The itinerary commences in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, with excursions to the Cu Chi Tunnels. It then proceeds to the Mekong Delta region, including Can Tho and Chau Doc. From Chau Doc, travelers cross into Cambodia by speedboat to Phnom Penh, before continuing overland to Siem Reap. The tour concludes after extensive exploration of the Angkor complex.

Who Will Love This Trip

This tour is ideal for travelers interested in history, diverse cultures, and local life, particularly those who appreciate exploring ancient ruins and vibrant urban environments. Its pace is suitable for seniors who enjoy a mix of guided excursions and opportunities for personal discovery. The combination of private and flexible group options caters to various travel preferences.

Essential Information

Accommodation throughout the journey consists of comfortable hotels for seven nights. Transportation between destinations and for excursions is provided via car, boat, and speedboat. English-speaking local guides are included for in-tour activities. Meals include daily breakfast and several lunches as specified. Please note that international airfare, visas, personal expenses, and optional activities are not covered.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

* Explore the historic Cu Chi Tunnels, a significant site from the Vietnam War.
* Cruise through the Mekong Delta, observing local life and traditional floating markets.
* Visit the vibrant Cai Rang Floating Market, the largest in the Mekong Delta.
* Journey by speedboat across the border from Vietnam to Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
* Discover the Royal Palace and National Museum, showcasing Cambodia's rich heritage.
* Marvel at the iconic Angkor Wat, a masterpiece of Khmer architecture and spirituality.
* Wander through the ancient city of Angkor Thom and its impressive temples.
* Experience the atmospheric Ta Prohm Temple, intertwined with jungle foliage.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Ho Chi Minh City Arrival & Evening Exploration

Meals: NA | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City

Upon your arrival at Ho Chi Minh City's airport, a driver will meet you for a comfortable transfer to your centrally located hotel. After completing check-in procedures, the remainder of your day is free for personal leisure. You might choose to relax in your room and recover from your journey, or for those eager to experience the city's dynamic atmosphere, the evening presents opportunities for independent exploration.

Ho Chi Minh City, often referred to as Saigon, truly comes alive after dark. Consider a leisurely stroll through the illuminated streets, perhaps discovering local eateries or vibrant night markets. Optional evening activities, such as a dinner cruise along the Saigon River or a motorbike tour exploring the city's nightlife, are available for those wishing to dive deeper into the local culture (at an additional cost).

Activities: Airport transfer to hotel
Check-in and relaxation
Optional evening city exploration or tours

Day 2 — Saigon History & Cu Chi Tunnels Discovery

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City

Following breakfast at your hotel, embark on a morning excursion approximately 70 kilometers outside the city to the historic Cu Chi Tunnels. Upon arrival, you will delve into the incredible underground network that played a pivotal role during the Vietnam War. Learn about the ingenuity and resilience of the Vietnamese people as you navigate sections of the tunnels and gain insight into the historical context of the conflict.

After exploring the tunnels, a light lunch will be served at a local restaurant on the return journey to Ho Chi Minh City. The afternoon is dedicated to discovering the city's significant landmarks. Your visits include the thought-provoking War Remnants

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Museum, which houses an extensive collection of artifacts and documents from Vietnam's tumultuous past. You'll also observe the impressive French colonial architecture of the Saigon Notre Dame Cathedral (currently under renovation) and the Old Post Office.

Conclude your historical tour at the Reunification Palace, once the presidential workplace of the Republic of Vietnam. Explore its grand interior, featuring numerous rooms preserved with their original furnishings and purposes. The day wraps up with a visit to a local market, offering a chance to shop for souvenirs and experience daily Vietnamese life.

Activities: Travel to Cu Chi Tunnels
Explore the Cu Chi Tunnels system
Enjoy a light lunch at a local restaurant
Visit the War Remnants Museum
View Saigon Notre Dame Cathedral and Old Post Office
Tour the Reunification Palace
Shop for souvenirs at a local market

Day 3 Mekong Delta River Life & Cultural Immersion

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Can Tho

Begin your day with an early breakfast before departing for the Mekong Delta. Your journey takes you onto a boat along the Tien River, where the once-bustling Cai Be floating market traditionally operated. As you cruise, soak in the tranquil ambiance of the Mekong region, observing the serene natural beauty and local activities along the riverbanks.

During your boat trip, you'll have the opportunity to visit local orchid gardens, gaining insights into the daily routines of the villagers. Immerse yourself in the traditional arts of Southern Vietnam by listening to a performance of

Activities: Travel to Cai Be
Boat trip along the Tien River
Visit orchid gardens
Listen to traditional Tai Tu music
Rowing boat experience through canals
Enjoy local fruits and lunch on Tan Phong Island
Experience a local ferry crossing the Tien River
Return transfer to Can Tho

Day 4 Cai Rang Floating Market & Chau Doc Transfer

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Chau Doc

Your morning begins early to experience the vibrant pulse of the Mekong Delta. You'll head to the Cai Rang Floating Market in Can Tho, renowned as the largest floating market in the region. The market is most active from early morning until around 9:00 AM, offering a fascinating glimpse into local trading activities as vendors exchange goods directly from their boats. Explore the market by motorboat, observing the colorful array of produce and interacting with friendly locals.

Afterward, your motorboat tour continues to local orchards, where you can meet the residents and sample delicious seasonal fruits unique to this tropical area. You'll also have the chance to taste special local foods. The afternoon offers an optional

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excursion for nature enthusiasts: a 4-hour tour to the Tra Su Cajuput Forest (available for private tours at an additional cost). If you choose the Tra Su tour, you'll board a local sampan, rowed by villagers, for an adventure through small canals surrounded by lush scenery. This provides a serene opportunity to admire the natural beauty of the Melaleuca forest. Disembark for a 15-minute trek to a watching tower, offering panoramic views of the dense mangrove forest and a bird sanctuary. Following your activities, you will travel to Chau Doc for your overnight stay.

Activities: Visit Cai Rang Floating Market by motorboat
Explore local orchards and taste seasonal fruits
Optional 4-hour tour to Tra Su Cajuput Forest (private tour, additional cost)
Sampan ride through Tra Su Melaleuca Forest (if optional tour taken)
Trek to a watching tower for panoramic views (if optional tour taken)
Transfer to Chau Doc for overnight stay

Day 5 Speedboat to Phnom Penh & City Leisure

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Phnom Penh

After enjoying breakfast at your hotel in Chau Doc, you will be transferred to the local boat station. From here, you will board a speedboat for a scenic journey upriver to Phnom Penh, the capital city of Cambodia. This cross-border transfer offers a unique perspective of the Mekong River and the changing landscapes as you move between Vietnam and Cambodia.
Upon your arrival in Phnom Penh, a vehicle will be waiting to transfer you directly to your hotel. After checking in, the rest of the day is yours to spend at your leisure. You might choose to unwind at the hotel, or for those eager to begin exploring, you can venture out independently to discover some of Phnom Penh's significant landmarks. The city boasts a rich history and impressive architecture, providing ample opportunities for self-guided excursions.

Activities: Transfer to Chau Doc boat station
Speedboat journey to Phnom Penh
Transfer to hotel in Phnom Penh
Check-in and free time for personal exploration

Day 6 Phnom Penh Exploration & Transfer to Siem Reap

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Siem Reap

Your day begins after breakfast with an engaging exploration of Phnom Penh's key cultural and historical sites. The morning tour starts at the Independence Monument, a significant landmark commemorating Cambodia's liberation from France. Take time to appreciate its distinctive Khmer architecture and capture some memorable photographs.
Next, proceed to the magnificent Royal Palace complex, where you can admire the beautiful royal buildings that serve as the official residence of the Cambodian royal family. Continue your cultural journey with a visit to the National Museum of Cambodia, home to an exceptional collection of Khmer art, including ancient statues, ceramics, bronzes, and artifacts dating back to the 4th century. Conclude your morning at Wat Phnom, one of Cambodia's most revered Buddhist temples, climbing its stairs for city views and learning about its legendary origins.
In the afternoon, you will undertake a transfer to Siem Reap, a journey lasting approximately six hours. Upon arrival in Siem

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Reap, you will be taken to your hotel to check in and prepare for the extensive temple explorations scheduled for the following day.

Activities: Visit the Independence Monument
Explore the Royal Palace complex
Tour the National Museum of Cambodia
Visit Wat Phnom
Transfer by bus to Siem Reap
Check-in to hotel in Siem Reap

Day 7 Angkor Wat Complex & Ancient City Wonders

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

After breakfast at your hotel, your day is dedicated to experiencing the grandeur of the Angkor Wat complex. Begin your exploration at Ta Prohm Temple, famously embraced by the massive roots of fig trees and gigantic creepers. This site offers a unique blend of ancient architecture and the raw beauty of nature, providing a truly ethereal experience as you witness the enduring legacy of the Khmer empire.
Following Ta Prohm, you will delve into the antique capital of Angkor Thom, meaning

Activities: Visit Ta Prohm Temple
Explore the ancient capital of Angkor Thom
Discover Bayon Temple, Terrace of the Elephants, Terrace of the Leper King, and Baphoun Temple
Explore Angkor Wat, the most famous temple in the complex
Optional dinner with traditional Khmer cultural show in the evening (additional cost)

Day 8 Siem Reap Departure

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: NA

Enjoy your final breakfast at the hotel in Siem Reap. Depending on your flight schedule, you will have some free time before your arranged transfer to Siem Reap International Airport for your departure.
This concludes your 8-day journey through the captivating landscapes and ancient wonders of Southern Vietnam and Cambodia. We trust you have gathered many enjoyable memories and experiences from your travels.

Activities: Breakfast at hotel
Transfer to Siem Reap International Airport
Depart from Siem Reap

WHAT'S INCLUDED

INCLUDED	NOT INCLUDED

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- v 7 Breakfasts
- v 4 Lunches
- v Car transport
- v Cruise transport
- v 7 nights hotel accommodation
- v Accommodation in Twin/Double sharing
- v All transport within Vietnam and Cambodia (including airport pick up & see off), as per itinerary
- v All in-tour stationed local English speaking guide
- v Speed boat Chau Doc - Phnompenh
- v Entrance fees as per itinerary
- v Meals as indicated in the program

- x International airfare
- x Early check-in and late check-out
- x Peak season surcharges and compulsory gala dinners (if applicable)
- x Visa (passport valid for at least 6 months with a minimum of 3 blank visa pages)
- x Personal expenses (tips, laundry, gratuities, etc.)
- x Meals and drinks not mentioned in the itinerary

PRICE INCLUDES

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AVAILABLE DEPARTURES

Departure Date	Return Date	Price / Person	Availability	Languages
01 Jan 2026	20 Dec 2026	**USD 1,019**	Available	–
01 Jan 2026	20 Dec 2026	**USD 1,111**	Available	–
01 Jan 2026	20 Dec 2026	**USD 1,029**	Available	–
01 Jan 2026	20 Dec 2026	**USD 1,129**	Available	–

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21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 1,050**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 1,145**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 1,060**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 1,163**	Available	–

CANCELLATION POLICY

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