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Explore the rich history and diverse landscapes of Vietnam and Cambodia over 22 days. This comprehensive tour takes you from the vibrant streets of Hanoi to the ancient temples of Angkor Wat, revealing stunning natural beauty, profound cultural heritage, and authentic local interactions.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Hanoi → Sapa → Ninh Binh → Ha Long → Hoi An → Hue → Ho Chi Minh City → Can Tho → Phnom Penh → Battambang → Siem Reap

TOUR OVERVIEW

Overview of Your Southeast Asian Adventure

This extensive 22-day tour offers an immersive exploration of Vietnam and Cambodia, connecting bustling cities with tranquil rural landscapes and ancient wonders. Travelers will journey through diverse regions, encountering unique cultural traditions and breathtaking natural scenery. From the northern mountains of Vietnam to the historic plains of Cambodia, this itinerary provides a deep dive into the heart of Southeast Asia.

Tour Highlights

Trek through Sapa's terraced rice fields and engage with local ethnic communities.

Cruise the emerald waters of Halong Bay, exploring its iconic limestone karsts and hidden caves.

Discover the ancient capital of Hoa Lu and the stunning waterways of Tam Coc by sampan boat.

Wander through Hoi An's charming Ancient Town, participating in a traditional cooking class.

Explore the imperial grandeur of Hue, home to Vietnam's last royal dynasty.

Experience the vibrant floating markets and serene canals of the Mekong Delta.

Uncover the poignant history of Phnom Penh, visiting royal palaces and significant historical sites.

Ride the unique bamboo train and learn Cambodian cuisine in the peaceful province of Battambang.

Witness the architectural marvels of Angkor Wat and the mystical jungle temples of Ta Prohm.

Route Summary

The journey commences in Hanoi, Vietnam's capital, before heading north to the mountainous Sapa region. From there, the tour explores the scenic Ninh Binh province and the iconic Halong Bay. A flight then takes you to Central Vietnam to discover Hoi An and Hue. The southern leg of Vietnam includes Ho Chi Minh City and the Mekong Delta, before an international flight transports you to Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The Cambodian exploration continues to Battambang and culminates in Siem Reap, the gateway to Angkor.

Who This Tour Suits

This extensive tour is ideal for couples seeking a comprehensive exploration of Vietnam and Cambodia's cultural and natural treasures. It caters to those interested in history, local life, and diverse landscapes, offering a blend of guided activities and opportunities for personal discovery. Travelers should be prepared for varied transportation methods and active days of exploration.

Practical Information

The tour includes a mix of domestic and international flights, private car transfers, shuttle buses, and boat trips, ensuring

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comfortable travel between destinations. Accommodation is provided in a selection of 3-star and 4-star hotels, with one overnight cruise experience in Halong Bay. Meals are included as specified in the itinerary, offering a taste of local cuisine throughout the journey.

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Hanoi Arrival and Evening Options

Meals: NA | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

Upon your arrival at Hanoi airport, a tour representative will greet you at the designated meeting point and provide a brief orientation before transferring you directly to your hotel. Standard check-in time is 2:00 PM, though earlier access may be possible with an additional fee. The remainder of your day is free for personal relaxation or to explore the vibrant surroundings at your leisure.

In the afternoon or evening, you have the option to enhance your cultural experience by joining either a Vietnamese Cooking Class or a Hanoi Street Food Tour. The Street Food Tour allows you to sample local delicacies like Banh Mi, Bun Cha, Banh Cuon, and Egg Coffee, immersing you in the city's culinary scene. Alternatively, the Half Day Cooking Class offers a hands-on opportunity to prepare traditional Vietnamese dishes yourself.

Activities: Airport pick-up and hotel transfer
Optional Vietnamese Cooking Class
Optional Hanoi Street Food Tour

Day 2 — Hanoi Historical Sites and Sapa Journey

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Sapa

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Begin your day with breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a guided exploration of Hanoi's significant landmarks. Your itinerary includes a visit to the Temple of Literature, established in 1070 by Emperor Ly Thanh Tong, which served as Vietnam's first national university and a tribute to Confucius. Next, discover the unique architecture and spiritual importance of the One Pillar Pagoda, a renowned cultural symbol.

Continue to the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (exterior view), where you can learn about the life and legacy of President Ho Chi Minh and his pivotal role in Vietnamese history. A stroll around the picturesque West Lake offers a blend of serene natural beauty, historical sites, and opportunities to savor local cuisine. Conclude your morning with a visit to the sixth-century Tran Quoc Buddhist Pagoda, the city's oldest pagoda, situated on an island in West Lake.

After enjoying an authentic Vietnamese lunch, the journey transitions with a comfortable bus ride from Hanoi towards Sapa, a scenic mountain town in northern Vietnam. Relax and enjoy the changing landscapes as you travel. Upon arrival in Sapa, you will proceed to your hotel for check-in and have time to settle into your room and unwind.

Activities:
- Visit the Temple of Literature
- Explore the One Pillar Pagoda
- See the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (exterior)
- Stroll around West Lake and Tran Quoc Pagoda
- Enjoy an authentic Vietnamese lunch
- Transfer by bus from Hanoi to Sapa
- Check into Sapa hotel

Day 3 — Exploring Sapa's Hill Tribe Communities

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Sapa

After breakfast, your local guide will meet you around 9:30 AM to begin a captivating trekking adventure. The trek leads you to the villages of Y Linh Ho and Lao Chai, both nestled near the scenic Muong Hoa River. Y Linh Ho is home to the Black Hmong ethnic group, offering a chance to observe their daily routines and cultural practices amidst stunning natural surroundings.

As you continue your trek, you'll reach Lao Chai, another Black Hmong village, where you can further immerse yourself in the local way of life. This part of the journey provides excellent photo opportunities and insights into the traditional customs of these communities. The trek also includes a path to Ta Van village, situated at an altitude of 1,200 meters. This village is inhabited by the Zay people, a minority group primarily residing in Vietnam's mountainous Northwest regions.

During your time in Ta Van, you'll have the opportunity to interact with the Zay people, learning about their unique culture and traditions. The surrounding scenery of mountains and terraced rice fields offers a truly picturesque backdrop. After a day of exploration and cultural exchange, a car will transport you back to Sapa town. The evening is then free for you to relax at your leisure in your Sapa hotel.

Activities:
- Trek to Y Linh Ho village
- Explore Lao Chai village (Black Hmong)
- Trek to Ta Van village (Zay people)
- Observe local culture and daily life
- Admire mountain and rice terrace scenery
- Return to Sapa by car

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Day 4 Cat Cat Village Exploration and Hanoi Transfer

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

Your day begins with breakfast at your hotel, followed by checking out of your accommodations. At 9:00 AM, your tour guide will pick you up to commence the day's activities. You will start with a walk southwest of Sapa to visit Cat Cat Village, a well-known settlement of the Black Hmong ethnic group. Along the route, you'll be treated to views of a beautiful waterfall and the remnants of a hydroelectric power station built by the French during Vietnam's colonial era.

After exploring Cat Cat Village and its surroundings, you'll enjoy a picnic lunch by the riverside, surrounded by the natural beauty of the Sapa region. This offers a peaceful break amidst your trekking adventure. In the afternoon, around 1:30 PM, the trek continues for another 3 kilometers to Sin Chai Village, located at the base of Fansipan Mountain, often referred to as “the Roof of Indochina.” Here, you can admire the stunning mountain landscapes.

Following your visit to Sin Chai, a jeep will transfer you 3 kilometers back to Sapa town. Between 3:00 PM and 3:30 PM, you will board a shuttle bus for your return journey to Hanoi. This transfer allows you to relax and reflect on your experiences in the northern mountains as you head back to the capital.

Activities:
Breakfast and hotel check-out
Walk to Cat Cat Village (Black Hmong)
Admire a waterfall and French hydroelectric station vestiges
Enjoy a riverside picnic lunch
Trek to Sin Chai Village at the foot of Fansipan Mountain
Jeep transfer back to Sapa town
Shuttle bus transfer to Hanoi

Day 5 Hoa Lu Citadel and Tam Coc Boat Ride

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

Between 7:30 AM and 8:00 AM, your guide will meet you at your accommodation to begin a 120-kilometer journey to Ninh Binh by comfortable limousine bus. The scenic drive through lush landscapes includes a brief rest stop. By 10:30 AM, you will arrive at Hoa Lu Ancient Citadel, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site recognized for its historical importance as Vietnam's former capital and its connections to three successive Vietnamese dynasties. Your visit includes the Dinh King Temple, an impressive 17th-century structure featuring intricate wood and stone carvings. A delicious lunch of local cuisine awaits you at a nearby restaurant.

At 2:00 PM, embark on a traditional sampan boat trip, rowed by locals, along the Ngo Dong River. This serene journey offers breathtaking views of picturesque rice paddy fields and leads you through the enormous Hang Ca, Hang Hai, and Hang Ba caves, where striking stalactites in various formations can be admired. The tranquil waters and natural rock formations create a captivating experience.

Around 4:00 PM, you will arrive at Mua Cave, where you can begin a trek to the peak of Ngoa Long Mountain. The climb offers a spectacular panoramic vista of Tam Coc below. Along the path, you'll encounter unique stone animal sculptures that reflect traditional Vietnamese spiritual architecture. By 5:30 PM, you will return to the limousine bus for the journey back to Hanoi, arriving at your hotel around 8:30 PM, concluding a day rich in history and natural beauty.

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Activities: Limousine bus transfer to Ninh Binh
Visit Hoa Lu Ancient Citadel and Dinh King Temple
Enjoy a local cuisine lunch
Sampan boat trip on Ngo Dong River
Explore Hang Ca, Hang Hai, and Hang Ba caves
Trek to Ngoa Long Mountain at Mua Cave for panoramic views
Return transfer to Hanoi

Day 6 Halong Bay Limestone Karsts and Cave Exploration

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

Your day commences with a satisfying breakfast at your hotel. After checking out, your driver will pick you up for a scenic transfer to Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its emerald waters and majestic limestone islands. Upon arrival, you will board a cruise ship to begin your exploration of the bay's magnificent sights. Key attractions include Tuan Chau and Titop Islands, along with the fascinating Dau Go and Luon Caves, each offering spectacular views and unique experiences.

During your cruise, a delectable lunch featuring local seafood will be served on board. This provides an excellent opportunity to savor the fresh, flavorful cuisine of the region while surrounded by the breathtaking scenery of Halong Bay's iconic seascape. The combination of culinary delight and stunning natural beauty creates a memorable mid-day experience.

To fully appreciate the bay's splendor, a variety of activities are available during the afternoon cruise. You can delve into the magnificent caves that dot the bay, kayak through the calm waters to get closer to the towering limestone cliffs, or simply immerse yourself in the awe-inspiring scenery. Additionally, there will be an opportunity to take a refreshing swim in the bay's inviting waters. As evening approaches, you will enjoy dinner on board, followed by a comfortable overnight stay in your cabin, lulled by the gentle motion of the boat.

Activities: Breakfast and hotel check-out
Transfer to Halong Bay
Embark on a cruise
Explore Tuan Chau, Titop Islands, Dau Go, and Luon Caves
Enjoy a seafood lunch on board
Participate in cave exploration, kayaking, and swimming
Dinner and overnight stay on the cruise

Day 7 Halong Bay Morning Rituals and Hoi An Arrival

Meals: Breakfast, Brunch | Stay: Hotel in Hoi An

Your final morning in Halong Bay begins with a revitalizing Tai Chi lesson on the cruise deck, a wonderful way to awaken your senses and find inner calm. Following this, you will enjoy breakfast on board before embarking on your last opportunity to explore the stunning caves that characterize the bay. These final moments allow for more appreciation of the unique geological formations.

Once cave exploration concludes, an early lunch will be served as the cruise makes its way back to the main dock. From there,

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you will transfer by shuttle bus to the airport for your domestic flight to Danang. Upon arrival in Danang, a driver will be waiting to transfer you directly to your hotel in Hoi An for check-in.
The remainder of the day is yours to relax and unwind after your Halong Bay adventure and travel. You can choose to settle into your hotel, take a leisurely stroll around the immediate area, or simply enjoy some quiet time before further exploring the charms of Hoi An.

Activities: Participate in a Tai Chi lesson
Enjoy breakfast on the cruise
Explore Halong Bay caves
Have an early lunch on board
Transfer by shuttle bus to the airport
Fly from Halong Bay area to Danang
Transfer from Danang to Hoi An hotel
Check into Hoi An hotel

Day 8 Hoi An Culinary Journey and Countryside Cycling

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Hoi An

Your day begins with a guided visit to Hoi An's bustling Local Market. Here, you'll navigate colorful stalls brimming with exotic fruits, fragrant herbs, and aromatic spices. Your local guide will explain how these ingredients are utilized in traditional Vietnamese cooking and share insights into their culinary and therapeutic properties. This immersive experience offers a true taste of local life.
Next, embark on a serene boat ride along the Thu Bon River Delta, drifting past riverside homes and lush green countryside. The journey leads you to a charming riverside village nestled within the delta, where you'll be warmly welcomed into an ancestral family home and introduced to the guide's grandmother. In the peaceful, cool garden, you will learn the art of making traditional rice cakes. Your guide will also share fascinating insights into the unique cuisine of Central Vietnam as you prepare a four-dish meal yourself. Afterward, you'll savor the dishes you've created beneath the shade of coconut trees. (A vegetarian menu is available upon request, and dishes may vary seasonally).
After enjoying your self-made meal, continue your exploration with a leisurely bicycle ride through the picturesque countryside. Pedal from one tranquil island to another, winding through emerald rice fields and quiet villages on your way back to Hoi An. Along narrow village paths, you'll visit traditional shipyards where wooden boats have been crafted using age-old methods for centuries. You'll also learn about the production of woven cane mats, observe the daily routines of rice farming, discover the process of rice wine production, and gain further insights into rural life.

Activities: Guided visit to Hoi An Local Market
Scenic boat ride along Thu Bon River Delta
Participate in a traditional cooking class (4 dishes)
Enjoy a self-prepared meal
Leisurely bicycle ride through the countryside
Visit traditional shipyards
Observe cane mat making
Learn about rice field work and rice wine production

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Day 9 Leisure Time in Hoi An Ancient Town

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Hoi An

Today is dedicated to your independent exploration of Hoi An. You have the freedom to discover the ancient town's charming streets, historic architecture, and vibrant atmosphere at your own pace. Wander through lantern-lit alleys, browse local artisan shops, or simply relax by the Thu Bon River, soaking in the tranquil ambiance.

For those seeking more structured activities, several optional excursions are available. You might choose to visit My Son Sanctuary, a UNESCO World Heritage Site featuring ancient Cham ruins, on a half-day tour. Alternatively, experience

Activities: Free time to explore Hoi An Ancient Town
Optional My Son Holly Land Half Day tour
Optional

Day 10 Coastal Journey to Imperial Hue

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Hue

After enjoying breakfast at your hotel, you will be picked up by your driver for a comfortable transfer to Hue. The journey will be conducted either by shuttle bus or private car, offering scenic views as you travel. This transfer takes you along the beautiful Vietnamese coastline, including a potential traverse of the Hai Van Pass, known for its breathtaking vistas of the ocean and mountains (if traveling by private car).

Upon your arrival in Hue, you will proceed directly to your hotel for check-in. The remainder of the day is then yours to explore at your own pace. You might choose to relax at the hotel, take a leisurely walk around the local area, or begin to familiarize yourself with the imperial city's charm before a more in-depth tour on the following day.

Activities: Breakfast at the hotel
Transfer from Hoi An to Hue by shuttle bus or private car
Check into your hotel in Hue
Free time to explore or relax

Day 11 Discovering Hue's Royal Heritage

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Hue

Start your day with breakfast at the hotel. Your guided exploration of Hue begins either in the morning (around 8:00 AM) or afternoon (around 1:30 PM), depending on your preference. The first stop is the Thien Mu Pagoda, a renowned Buddhist attraction gracefully situated on the banks of the enchanting Perfume River. This iconic seven-story pagoda is a significant spiritual site and offers picturesque views.

Continue your tour with a visit to the Imperial Citadel, which served as the residence for the Nguyen Royal Family, Vietnam's last dynasty. Here, you will discover some of the city's most iconic landmarks, including the impressive front gate, the towering Flag Tower, and the majestic King's Palace. These sites provide a fascinating glimpse into the rich history and cultural heritage of the imperial city, showcasing intricate architecture and historical significance.

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Your journey also includes a stop at Dong Ba Market, the largest traditional trading hub in Hue City. This bustling market is an excellent place to observe the daily commerce of local vendors and experience the lively atmosphere of the city. You'll have the opportunity to browse for interesting souvenirs and gain insights into local business practices. After exploring these landmarks, your driver will take you back to your hotel, leaving the rest of the day free for your leisure.

Activities: Visit Thien Mu Pagoda
Explore the Imperial Citadel, including the front gate, Flag Tower, and King's Palace
Stop at Dong Ba Market
Return to hotel

Day 12 Hue Departure and Ho Chi Minh City Arrival

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

Your day will commence with a delightful breakfast at your hotel, providing a final taste of Hue's hospitality before you bid farewell to the Imperial City. After breakfast, you will have some time to relax and prepare for your departure.
At the scheduled time, your driver will pick you up from your hotel and ensure a comfortable and timely transfer to Phu Bai Airport. Here, you will board a domestic flight bound for Ho Chi Minh City. As you travel southward, prepare to transition from Hue's tranquil charm to the dynamic energy of Vietnam's largest and most vibrant metropolis. Upon arrival in Ho Chi Minh City, you will be transferred to your hotel for check-in and have the rest of the day free to settle in or begin your independent exploration.

Activities: Breakfast at hotel
Transfer to Phu Bai Airport
Domestic flight to Ho Chi Minh City
Transfer to Ho Chi Minh City hotel
Check-in and free time

Day 13 Mekong Delta River Life and Can Tho Stay

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

Prepare for an exciting day exploring the Mekong Delta, a region where rivers and canals are central to daily life in the local villages. This tour promises an adventure through the diverse and tranquil countryside of the Mekong, much of which remains untouched by mass tourism. You'll have the unique opportunity to witness the daily routines and natural beauty that define this area.
During your exploration, you will visit various local sites, including fish farms and exotic fruit farms, offering insights into the region's agricultural practices. The journey also takes you through lush orchards, expansive paddy fields, and unique swamplands, showcasing the rich biodiversity of the Mekong Delta. Immerse yourself in the vibrant culture and natural splendor of this region, enjoying a day filled with discovery and adventure.
After a day of exploring the Mekong Delta's waterways and rural life, you will be transferred to Can Tho, a charming city situated on the banks of the Hau River. Can Tho is renowned for its bustling floating markets and distinctive traditional Vietnamese architecture. You will check into your hotel for an overnight stay, allowing you to experience the city's evening

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ambiance.

Activities: Explore Mekong Delta villages
Visit fish farms and exotic fruit farms
Discover orchards, paddy fields, and swamplands
Transfer to Can Tho
Overnight stay in Can Tho

Day 14 Cai Rang Market and Ho Chi Minh City Return

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

Your day begins with a short transfer from your hotel to the pier, where you will board a wooden boat to visit the Cai Rang floating market. This is one of the busiest and most authentic markets in the Mekong Delta, offering a unique glimpse into local commerce. As you navigate the waterways, you'll have the chance to observe how local people live and work along the river, trading goods directly from their boats.

During the boat trip, you will also visit a small noodle workshop, where you can see traditional noodles being made by hand. This provides a fascinating insight into local craftsmanship. You'll also have the opportunity to taste some fresh tropical fruits, enjoying the flavors of the region. This cruise offers a close-up perspective of daily life in the delta, conveying the unique culture and lively atmosphere of the area.

After the market visit and local explorations, you will begin your return journey to Ho Chi Minh City. A stop for lunch will be made at the Mekong Rest Stop, allowing you to enjoy a meal before concluding the tour back in the bustling city. The day combines vibrant market experiences with a relaxing return.

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

Day 15 Ho Chi Minh Departure and Phnom Penh Arrival

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Phnom Penh

After enjoying your final breakfast in Ho Chi Minh City, you will have some leisure time to relax until your scheduled check-out. At the designated hour, your driver will pick you up from your hotel and provide a comfortable transfer to Tan Son Nhat International Airport for your flight to Phnom Penh, Cambodia. This marks the transition from Vietnam to the next exciting phase of your Southeast Asian adventure.

Upon your arrival in Phnom Penh, a local guide will extend a warm welcome and escort you to your hotel for check-in. The rest of your day is then free for you to unwind after your journey or to begin exploring the city at your own pace. You might choose to settle into your accommodation, take a stroll to nearby attractions, or simply enjoy the evening ambiance of Cambodia's

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Activities: Breakfast at hotel
Leisure time until check-out
Transfer to Tan Son Nhat International Airport
Flight to Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Airport pick-up and transfer to hotel in Phnom Penh
Check-in and free time

Day 16 Phnom Penh Royal History and Tragic Past

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Phnom Penh

Your guide will pick you up from your hotel to commence a full-day exploration of Phnom Penh. The first destination is the Royal Palace, a magnificent complex built by King Norodom in 1866. Within its grounds, you will also visit the splendid Silver Pagoda, named for its floor composed of 5,000 gleaming silver tiles. Inside, discover national treasures, including a 90-kilogram solid gold Buddha adorned with diamonds and a rare 17th-century emerald and baccarat crystal Buddha. This site offers a profound glimpse into Cambodia's royal and religious heritage.

Continue to the National Museum, designed in 1917 by French archaeologist and painter Georges Groslier in a classic Khmer architectural style. The museum houses an exceptional collection of Khmer art, particularly ancient sculptures spanning various historical periods, providing a rich overview of the country's artistic legacy. The afternoon takes a more somber turn with a visit to the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum (S-21), a former high school that became a notorious prison under the Khmer Rouge regime, followed by the Killing Fields of Choeung Ek, located approximately 15 kilometers from the city. These sites offer powerful insights into Cambodia’s tragic modern history and serve as a memorial to those who suffered.

Afterward, head to the bustling Russian Market (Psah Tuol Tom Pong), where you can browse an array of goods including antiques, silver and gold jewelry, gemstones, silk, kramas, wood and stone carvings, clothing, CDs, and unique souvenirs. This vibrant market provides an opportunity to experience local commerce and find memorable keepsakes. At the end of the tour, you will be driven back to your hotel to rest and reflect on the day's profound experiences.

Activities: Visit the Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda
Explore the National Museum
Tour the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum (S-21)
Visit the Killing Fields of Choeung Ek
Browse the Russian Market (Psah Tuol Tom Pong)
Return to hotel

Day 17 Battambang Transfer and Sunset Bat Spectacle

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Battambang

At 8:00 AM, your guide and driver will pick you up for a private overland transfer to Battambang Province, a journey of approximately 291 kilometers that takes around 5 hours. Along the way, you will make a stop to explore the abandoned royal city of Udong, which served as Cambodia’s former capital in the early 17th century. From the hilltop, enjoy sweeping views of

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the surrounding countryside and the ancient stupas scattered across the ridge, offering a sense of historical grandeur.
The journey continues towards Kampong Chhnang, where you will visit a traditional pottery village. Here, you can observe the various stages of pottery-making, a craft deeply embedded in local culture. You will also have the opportunity to learn about the traditional rice wine–making process, a unique experience that reveals another aspect of rural Cambodian life and craftsmanship. Afterward, proceed to Battambang, a charming provincial town known for its peaceful atmosphere and well-preserved French colonial architecture. Upon arrival, you will check into your hotel.
In the late afternoon, your tour takes you to Phnom Sampov, a hilltop site featuring temples, shrines, and the poignant Killing Caves, a significant reminder of Cambodia's past. As dusk approaches, typically between 5:30 PM and 5:50 PM, you will witness the incredible spectacle of millions of bats streaming out of a cave, forming an endless ribbon across the sky. This natural phenomenon is a truly memorable sight. Afterward, you will return to your hotel for the night in Battambang.

Activities: Private overland transfer to Battambang
Explore the abandoned royal city of Udong
Visit a traditional pottery village in Kampong Chhnang
Learn about traditional rice wine–making
Check into hotel in Battambang
Visit Phnom Sampov and witness the bat exodus at dusk

Day 18 Battambang Culinary Arts and Rural Adventures

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Battambang

After breakfast at your hotel, your morning begins with a hands-on cultural experience at Nary's Cambodian Cooking Class from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The class starts with a guided visit to a local market, where you'll discover fresh ingredients essential to Khmer cuisine. Under the expert guidance of Mrs. Nary, you will learn to prepare a delicious 4-course Cambodian meal, with step-by-step instructions and recipes to take home. Following the class, you'll enjoy savoring the dishes you've proudly cooked. Afterward, return to your hotel for a short period of rest.
In the afternoon, continue your exploration with a visit to Phnom Banan, an 11th-century Angkorian mountaintop temple. As you approach, the five distinctive towers, reminiscent of a smaller Angkor Wat, come into view. At the base of the hill, a steep laterite staircase, flanked by Naga balustrades, leads you upward. After climbing more than 350 steps, you will be rewarded with a serene setting and sweeping panoramic views of the surrounding countryside. This temple, built under King Udayadityavarman II, remains one of Battambang's best-preserved ancient sites.
Conclude your day with a ride on the unique Bamboo Train, a fun and distinctly Battambang experience. This light wooden platform glides along old railway tracks, offering a playful journey and an excellent opportunity to admire the rural landscape, which is particularly beautiful at sunset. This rustic adventure provides a charming glimpse into Cambodian village life. You will then return to your hotel for the evening.

Activities: Participate in Nary's Cambodian Cooking Class
Visit a local market for ingredients
Prepare and enjoy a 4-course Cambodian meal
Visit Phnom Banan, an 11th-century Angkorian temple
Ride the unique Bamboo Train
Return to hotel

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Day 19 Battambang Heritage and Siem Reap Journey

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Siem Reap

After breakfast, begin your morning with a visit to the Battambang Provincial Museum, which houses a collection of archaeological artifacts reflecting the rich cultural and historical heritage of the region. This provides an excellent overview of the area's past. Continue your journey with a scenic drive along the picturesque river towards Wat Sangker Slaket Pagoda, which once served as the residence of the provincial Buddhist patriarch. Enjoy the serene atmosphere and admire the traditional Khmer architecture.

Next, visit a local village along the Sangke River, where you will stop at a small countryside workshop that produces rice paper, a fundamental ingredient in many Cambodian dishes. This stop offers a fascinating glimpse into daily rural life and traditional craftsmanship, allowing you to see the process firsthand. Your final visit in Battambang is the Temple of Ek Phnom, an 11th-century Angkorian ruin built under King Suryavarman I. The temple features a series of prasats on a raised platform, with carvings that are still in relatively good condition. Right beside these ancient ruins stands Wat Ek Phnom, a modern pagoda that creates a striking contrast between old and new.

In the afternoon, depart Battambang for your journey to Siem Reap. The drive covers approximately 170 kilometers and takes about 3 to 4 hours. Upon arrival, you will be transferred directly to your hotel for check-in. The evening is then free for you to relax and prepare for your exploration of the magnificent Angkor temples.

Activities:
Visit Battambang Provincial Museum
Drive along Sangke River to Wat Sangker Slaket Pagoda
Visit a local village and rice paper workshop
Explore the Temple of Ek Phnom (Angkorian ruin)
See Wat Ek Phnom (modern pagoda)
Transfer by road from Battambang to Siem Reap
Check into hotel in Siem Reap

Day 20 Discovering Angkor's Ancient Wonders

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

After breakfast at your hotel, begin your exploration of the ancient Khmer Empire with a visit to the grand city of Angkor Thom, dating back to the 12th century. You will enter through the impressive South Gate, where colossal stone statues line the causeway, depicting the mythical “Churning of the Ocean of Milk.” Continue to the Bayon Temple, famous for its 54 towers adorned with over 200 enigmatic and smiling faces of Avalokitesvara. Your visit within Angkor Thom also includes key sites such as Phimeanakas, the Royal Enclosure, the Elephant Terrace, and the Terrace of the Leper King, each revealing centuries of Khmer history and architectural mastery.

Next, explore Ta Prohm, one of Angkor’s most atmospheric temples. Left largely unrestored since its discovery, Ta Prohm is dramatically embraced by giant tree roots, giving it a mysterious, jungle-temple character that has made it one of the most iconic sites in the complex. The intertwining of nature and ancient stone creates a truly unique and photogenic setting.

Continue to Angkor Wat, the most famous and best-preserved temple in the Angkor region. Covering an immense 81 hectares,

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this architectural masterpiece rivals the scale of Beijing's Imperial Palace. Its five distinctive lotus towers, proudly displayed on the Cambodian flag, symbolize the pinnacle of classical Khmer art and architecture. Take your time to explore the long bas-reliefs, intricate carvings, and grand galleries that solidify Angkor Wat's status as a true wonder of the world, especially captivating during sunset.

Activities: Explore Angkor Thom (South Gate, Bayon Temple, Phimeanakas, Royal Enclosure, Elephant Terrace, Terrace of the Leper King)
Visit Ta Prohm temple
Discover Angkor Wat

Day 21 Tonle Sap Lake Life and Siem Reap Artisanry

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Siem Reap

After breakfast, enjoy a relaxing boat ride on Tonle Sap Lake, the largest permanent freshwater lake in Southeast Asia. This remarkable lake expands and contracts significantly with the seasons, sustaining countless communities that have built their lives entirely on its waters. You will visit Chong Khneas Floating Village, where you'll observe schools, houses, shops, and even a police station gently floating on the lake. This unique experience offers a firsthand look at the daily lives of local fishermen and how communities adapt to the lake's ever-changing water levels.
Continue your day with a visit to Artisans d'Angkor, a celebrated center dedicated to preserving and cultivating Cambodia's traditional arts. Here, you can gain insight into local craftsmanship as you observe skilled artisans working on intricate stone carving, elegant wood sculpture, vibrant lacquerware, delicate silk painting, and detailed furniture production. This stop provides a closer look at how young Cambodians are trained and empowered to carry on these beautiful heritage arts, ensuring their continuation for future generations.
Before returning to your hotel, explore the lively Old Market (Psar Chas). This bustling market offers a wide variety of souvenirs, including handicrafts, jewelry, silk products, carvings, clothing, CDs, and much more. It's the perfect place to browse for memorable gifts and keepsakes, experiencing the local market culture. After a day filled with cultural insights and unique experiences, you will return to your hotel in Siem Reap.

Activities: Boat ride on Tonle Sap Lake
Visit Chong Khneas Floating Village
Explore Artisans d'Angkor
Browse the Old Market (Psar Chas)

Day 22 Siem Reap Departure

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: NA

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel. You will have free time to relax or engage in any last-minute activities until your scheduled check-out time, which is typically 12:00 noon. This allows for a leisurely morning before your departure.
After checking out from your accommodation, you will be transferred to Siem Reap International Airport for your onward departure flight. This concludes your grand discovery tour of Vietnam and Cambodia, leaving you with lasting memories of its

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rich cultures, stunning landscapes, and ancient wonders.

Activities: Breakfast at the hotel
Free time until check-out
Transfer to Siem Reap International Airport for departure

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- v All transport within Vietnam, including airport pick-up and drop-off as per itinerary
- v All in-tour stationed local English speaking guides
- v 2 domestic flights: Hanoi to Da Nang, Hue to Ho Chi Minh (20kg checked baggage)
- v 1 international flight: Ho Chi Minh to Phnom Penh (20kg checked baggage)
- v Shared luxury limousine transfer from Hanoi to Sapa and return
- v Shuttle bus ticket from Phnom Penh to Battambang (5 hours)
- v Shuttle bus ticket from Battambang to Siem Reap (3 hours)
- v Entrance fees to attractions as per itinerary

NOT INCLUDED

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

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