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Embark on a high-end, 10-day exploration of Vietnam and Cambodia, experiencing the vibrant energy of major cities, the tranquility of diverse waterways, and the profound history of ancient sites. This journey blends cultural discovery with refined accommodations, offering a balanced itinerary for discerning travelers.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Ho Chi Minh City → Hanoi → Ha Long → Siem Reap

TOUR OVERVIEW

Tour Overview

This exclusive 10-day itinerary guides you through the captivating landscapes and rich cultural heritage of Vietnam and Cambodia. From the bustling streets of Ho Chi Minh City to the serene waters of Halong Bay and the awe-inspiring temples of Angkor, every aspect of this trip is curated for comfort and depth. You'll encounter historical landmarks, engage with local traditions, and enjoy premium services throughout your adventure.

Why This Journey?

Designed for those who appreciate elegance and meaningful travel, this tour provides a unique perspective on Southeast Asia's most iconic destinations. Experience the contrast between dynamic urban centers and peaceful rural life, all while staying in top-tier accommodations. Highlights include a private city tour of Hanoi, an overnight luxury cruise on Halong Bay, and extensive exploration of the ancient Khmer temples at Angkor Wat.

Your Route at a Glance

The journey commences in the southern Vietnamese metropolis of Ho Chi Minh City, venturing into the Mekong Delta before heading north to Hanoi and the spectacular Halong Bay. The final leg of the trip transports you to Siem Reap, Cambodia, the gateway to the magnificent Angkor temple complex. This carefully planned route ensures a comprehensive and comfortable exploration of both nations.

Who Will Love This Trip?

This itinerary is ideal for luxury travelers seeking a sophisticated and culturally enriching experience. If you value comfort, impeccable service, and a well-paced schedule that allows for genuine engagement with destinations, this tour is tailored for you. It's perfect for individuals or couples desiring a premium holiday without compromising on authentic discovery.

Essential Travel Information

All internal transport, including domestic and international flights between tour segments, is arranged for your convenience. Accommodations are provided in 5-star hotels and a luxury cruise. Meals are included as specified in the daily itinerary, ensuring you savor local flavors. A local English-speaking guide accompanies you throughout the tour to enhance your understanding and experience.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

* Experience Ho Chi Minh City's iconic landmarks via a vintage Jeep tour.
* Navigate the Mekong Delta's waterways on a luxury speedboat, observing local life.

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* Discover Hanoi's historical and cultural sites on a private guided city tour.
* Enjoy an overnight stay on a luxury cruise ship amidst the limestone karsts of Halong Bay.
* Participate in a Vietnamese cooking demonstration while cruising Halong Bay.
* Witness the sunrise over Halong Bay with an optional Tai Chi session on deck.
* Explore the ancient royal city of Angkor Thom and its intricate temples, including Bayon.
* Wander through Ta Prohm, where jungle roots embrace ancient stone structures.
* Marvel at the architectural grandeur and historical significance of Angkor Wat.
* Conclude your Siem Reap visit with an elegant dinner show featuring Cambodian cuisine and performances.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Ho Chi Minh City Arrival & Leisure Time

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

Upon your arrival at Tan Son Nhat International Airport in Ho Chi Minh City, a dedicated guide will meet you and facilitate your transfer to the chosen hotel. After checking in, the remainder of the day is free for you to unwind and adjust to the local time. You might prefer to relax at your accommodation after your journey, or if you're eager to begin exploring, consider a gentle stroll around the city to absorb its lively atmosphere.
For those interested in immediate cultural engagement, optional tours such as the A O Show Saigon or a Saigon nightlife tour by motorbike are available. Please inform your travel consultant if you wish to arrange these experiences. Standard hotel check-in typically begins at 14:00; early check-in may be arranged for an additional fee.

Activities: Arrive at Tan Son Nhat International Airport.
Receive a personal transfer to your hotel.
Check into your accommodation.
Enjoy free time to relax or explore independently.

Day 2 — Mekong Delta Speedboat Adventure & Cao Dai Temple

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

Your morning begins around 08:00 with a transfer from your hotel to the pier, where a luxury speedboat awaits. Depart at 08:15, leaving the urban landscape behind as you cruise towards the verdant waterways of the Mekong Delta. A light breakfast is served on board, offering picturesque views as the scenery transitions from cityscapes to tranquil river life.
The first stop is Tuong Van Pagoda, providing insight into the role of Buddhism in southern Vietnamese daily life. Continue to a vibrant riverside market, an excellent opportunity to observe local commerce, sample tropical fruits, and browse regional goods. The journey proceeds past fruit orchards, rice paddies, and serene canals, offering a glimpse into the Delta's slower pace in the Thu Thua area.

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Depending on the route, you'll experience authentic village life through one of two options: either visit a traditional riverside house to see pet Burmese pythons, then sample fresh coconuts and Mekong whisky at a farmhouse; or visit a local merchant for various products, followed by a walk along riverbanks to a rural home and village exploration. A traditional Mekong-flavored lunch is served around 12:30.
In the afternoon, visit a Buddhist-run orphanage to understand local community efforts. Conclude with a visit to the Cao Dai Temple, an architecturally unique religious site blending diverse symbols and saints, viewable from outside. Around 14:30, board the speedboat for the return journey, arriving back at the Ho Chi Minh City pier around 16:00, followed by a transfer to your hotel.

Activities: Transfer to the pier for a luxury speedboat.
Cruise towards the Mekong Delta, enjoying breakfast on board.
Visit Tuong Van Pagoda to learn about Buddhism.
Explore a lively riverside market.
Observe fruit orchards, rice paddies, and quiet canals.
Choose between two options for an authentic village experience: visiting a traditional house with pythons and a farmhouse for local treats, or visiting a merchant and exploring a rural home.
Enjoy a traditional Mekong lunch.
Visit a Buddhist-run orphanage.
View the exterior of the Cao Dai Temple.
Return to Ho Chi Minh City by speedboat and transfer to your hotel.

Day 3 — Ho Chi Minh City Exploration by Vintage Jeep & Flight to Hanoi

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

Following breakfast, embark on a city tour of Ho Chi Minh City aboard a vintage Jeep, offering a stylish and comfortable way to discover its key attractions. Your first destination is the Reunification Palace, a pivotal site in Vietnam's modern history. Continue to the Central Post Office, a remarkable example of colonial architecture, and the nearby Notre-Dame Cathedral, an iconic city landmark.
Next, visit the War Remnants Museum, where powerful exhibits provide insight into Vietnam's wartime past. The tour then proceeds to the Emperor Jade Pagoda, a serene and atmospheric temple renowned for its intricate design and spiritual ambiance. As you continue, you'll pass significant city landmarks including the former U.S. Embassy site, the Saigon Opera House, Dong Khoi Street, and Nguyen Hue Walking Street.
The final major stop is Ben Thanh Market, a bustling local hub where you can find a wide array of goods, from fresh produce and snacks to souvenirs and handicrafts. After the tour, return to your hotel to prepare for your transfer to the airport for a flight to Hanoi. Upon arrival in Hanoi, you will be met and transferred to your hotel, allowing you to settle in for the next phase of your journey.

Activities: Explore Ho Chi Minh City by vintage Jeep.
Visit the Reunification Palace.
See the Central Post Office and Notre-Dame Cathedral.
Tour the War Remnants Museum.
Visit the Emperor Jade Pagoda.

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Pass by significant city landmarks including the Saigon Opera House.
Browse Ben Thanh Market.
Transfer to the airport for your flight to Hanoi.
Arrive in Hanoi and transfer to your hotel.

Day 4 Hanoi Private City Tour

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

Your private city tour of Hanoi commences around 08:00 with a pick-up from your Old Quarter hotel. The first stop is the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's inaugural university and a site of immense historical importance. Originally established for royal scholars, it evolved into a renowned center for learning, attracting exceptional students from across the nation.
Next, you'll visit the One Pillar Pagoda, an iconic symbol of Hanoi. Its distinctive architectural design and tranquil surroundings contribute to its status as one of the city's most recognizable cultural landmarks. Following this, pay respects at the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, the final resting place of Vietnam's revered leader, celebrated for his pivotal role in the country's fight for independence.
Please note that the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and its associated museums are closed on Mondays, Fridays, and from June to August. During these closure periods, only external viewing and photography may be possible. After the morning's visits, enjoy a traditional Vietnamese lunch at a local restaurant.
In the afternoon, the tour continues to the Museum of Ethnology, one of Vietnam's most engaging museums. This institution provides an in-depth look at the country's 54 recognized ethnic groups, showcasing their traditional lifestyles, attire, customs, tools, and diverse architectural styles from various regions. Following the museum visit, you will return to your hotel in the Old Quarter.

Activities:
Begin a private city tour of Hanoi.
Visit the Temple of Literature.
Explore the One Pillar Pagoda.
Pay respects at the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (exterior viewing during closure).
Enjoy lunch at a local Vietnamese restaurant.
Visit the Museum of Ethnology.
Return to your hotel in the Old Quarter.

Day 5 Hanoi to Halong Bay Overnight Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: Halong Bay Cruise

Your day begins with a hotel pick-up from Hanoi's Old Quarter between 08:00 and 08:30. You will travel by expressway through the picturesque countryside to the port of Halong Bay. Upon arrival, board your luxurious cruise ship and receive a warm welcome drink. The cruise manager will provide a comprehensive itinerary and safety briefing before the vessel departs.
Once the cruise is underway, enjoy a delicious lunch on board as the boat gracefully navigates past Halong Bay's iconic limestone karsts and stunning island scenery. The afternoon offers leisure time; you might choose to book a spa treatment, relax on the deck, or join the scheduled excursion to one of Halong Bay's magnificent caves. Inside, you can marvel at the

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mysterious natural formations, adorned with incredible stalagmites and stalactites.
To ensure availability for spa treatments or specific activities, it is advisable to make reservations with the cruise manager in advance. As evening approaches, many cruises feature a Vietnamese cooking demonstration, where you can learn to prepare local dishes or practice simple carving techniques. Dinner is served on board, followed by free time to enjoy the peaceful setting of the bay at night. Options include squid fishing, drinks at the bar, or board games.

Activities: Transfer from Hanoi to Halong Bay by road.
Board a luxury cruise ship and receive a welcome drink.
Attend an itinerary and safety briefing.
Enjoy lunch while cruising through Halong Bay.
Opt for a spa treatment or relax on deck.
Join an excursion to a Halong Bay cave.
Participate in a Vietnamese cooking demonstration.
Dine on board the cruise.
Enjoy evening activities like squid fishing or relaxing at the bar.

Day 6 Halong Bay Full Day Cruising & Local Life Exploration

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: Halong Bay Cruise

Start your day early with captivating sunrise views over Halong Bay from the top deck, complemented by an optional Tai Chi session to invigorate your senses. If you prefer a more relaxed pace, you can simply enjoy a leisurely morning with a light breakfast served on board. The cruise continues its journey through the bay, with lunch served in the restaurant, depending on your specific cruise schedule.
This afternoon offers further exploration of Halong Bay, including a visit to a floating fishing village or a seafood farming area. This provides a valuable opportunity to learn about the unique aquatic lifestyle and enduring traditions of families who have resided on these waters for generations. It's a chance to witness daily life in a truly distinctive environment.
Later in the day, return to the comfort of your cruise ship for some well-deserved downtime. You might choose to enjoy a refreshing drink at the sky bar or pool bar, take a swim in the onboard facilities, or indulge in a relaxing massage for an extra touch of pampering. As night falls, another tranquil evening awaits on the bay, with potential onboard activities such as games, karaoke, or lounge entertainment, or simply unwinding on deck to soak in the serene atmosphere.

Activities: Witness sunrise over Halong Bay.
Participate in an optional Tai Chi session.
Enjoy a relaxed breakfast on board.
Continue cruising through Halong Bay.
Have lunch in the cruise restaurant.
Visit a floating fishing village or seafood farming area.
Enjoy downtime on the boat, perhaps at the sky bar or pool bar.
Optionally take a swim or book a massage.
Experience another peaceful evening on the bay with potential onboard entertainment.

Day 7 Halong Bay Disembarkation & Flight to Siem Reap

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

Begin your final morning on Halong Bay with another opportunity to witness the stunning sunrise. You may choose to participate in an optional Tai Chi session on the deck or simply relax with a cup of tea or coffee while admiring the views. A light breakfast will be served on board before the morning excursion to the last scheduled stop on your cruise itinerary.
After returning to the boat, you will have time to freshen up and complete the check-out process as the cruise makes its way back towards the port. A delightful brunch is served on board during the return journey, offering one last chance to appreciate the scenic beauty of the bay from the water. Around midday, you will disembark at the port.
From the port, you will be transferred back to Hanoi to catch your onward flight to Siem Reap, Cambodia. Upon arrival at Siem Reap, a representative will meet you and provide a transfer to your hotel. The remainder of the day is yours to settle in, relax, and recharge, preparing for the exciting archaeological explorations ahead.

Activities:
Enjoy the final sunrise over Halong Bay.
Participate in an optional Tai Chi session.
Have a light breakfast on board.
Go on a morning excursion to the cruise's final stop.
Return to the boat, freshen up, and check out.
Enjoy brunch during the return journey to port.
Disembark at the port.
Transfer to Hanoi for your flight to Siem Reap.
Arrive in Siem Reap and transfer to your hotel.
Settle in and relax for the rest of the day.

Day 8 Siem Reap – Angkor Thom and Angkor Wat Exploration

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

After breakfast, your day of exploration begins with a pick-up from your hotel, followed by a drive to Angkor Thom, the ancient royal city of the Khmer Empire. You will enter this magnificent complex through the impressive South Gate, renowned for its colossal stone faces and grand causeway. Inside, continue to Bayon Temple, celebrated for its numerous carved smiling faces and intricate stone reliefs that vividly depict the rich history of the Khmer civilization.
Your visit will also include the Terrace of the Elephants, once a grand platform for royal ceremonies, and the adjacent Terrace of the Leper King, notable for its detailed carvings. Next, proceed to Ta Prohm, one of the most atmospheric temples within the Angkor complex. Here, colossal tree roots intertwine with the ancient stone ruins, creating a dramatic fusion of nature and historical architecture, offering incredible photo opportunities.
In the afternoon, the journey continues to the world-famous Angkor Wat, Cambodia's most iconic temple and a masterpiece of classical Khmer design. Constructed in the 12th century, Angkor Wat is admired for its immense scale, perfect symmetry, and remarkable stone carvings. As you explore its galleries and courtyards, you will gain a profound appreciation for the artistry and historical depth embedded within this legendary site. After a comprehensive visit, return to your hotel for a well-deserved rest.

Activities:
Transfer to Angkor Thom.
Enter through the South Gate.
Visit Bayon Temple.
Explore the Terrace of the Elephants.

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See the Terrace of the Leper King.
Discover Ta Prohm temple.
Explore the magnificent Angkor Wat.
Return to your hotel in Siem Reap.

Day 9 Siem Reap Leisure Day & Cultural Dinner Show

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Siem Reap

Today is dedicated to enjoying Siem Reap at your own pace, offering complete flexibility. You might choose to relax at your luxurious hotel, take a leisurely stroll into the town center to explore, browse the local markets for unique souvenirs, or simply unwind at a charming café. For those wishing to delve deeper into the region's offerings, several optional experiences are available, such as visiting Chong Kneas Floating Village, exploring Kbal Spean – The River Of The Thousand Lingas, or enjoying a Siem Reap Zipline adventure. Please inform your guide if you would like assistance in arranging any of these activities.

As evening arrives, prepare for a memorable culinary and cultural experience. You will be treated to a luxury dinner show featuring exquisite Cambodian cuisine, accompanied by traditional performances. This elegant event provides a relaxed and sophisticated conclusion to your time in Siem Reap, allowing you to savor local flavors and cultural artistry in a beautiful setting.

Activities: Enjoy a free day to explore Siem Reap at your leisure.
Relax at your hotel, visit local markets, or enjoy a café.
Consider optional tours like Chong Kneas Floating Village or Kbal Spean.
Attend a luxury dinner show with Cambodian cuisine and traditional performances.

Day 10 Siem Reap Departure

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: NA

After enjoying your final breakfast, you will have some free time to complete your packing and check out from the hotel. At the pre-arranged time, a comfortable transfer will take you to Siem Reap International Airport for your onward flight. This marks the conclusion of your luxury journey through Vietnam and Cambodia. We trust you have created lasting memories and look forward to welcoming you on another adventure in the future.

Activities: Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
Utilize free time for packing and check-out.
Transfer to Siem Reap International Airport for your departure.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

INCLUDED	NOT INCLUDED

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- v Accommodation in twin/double sharing rooms at hotels.
- v All transportation within Vietnam and Cambodia, including airport transfers as per itinerary.
- v One domestic flight from Ho Chi Minh City to Hanoi.
- v One international flight from Hanoi to Siem Reap.
- v Meals as specified in the program.
- v All in-tour stationed local English-speaking guides.
- v Entrance fees for sites mentioned in the itinerary.

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

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CANCELLATION POLICY

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