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Rapid Response

All quotation and booking requests are answered promptly and accurately, with no exceptions.

Local Knowledge and Network

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Our goal is to provide a seamless travel experience for your clients.

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Full Range of Services and Products

Whether you request balloon rides in Myanmar or kayaking in Halong Bay, we can do it. Our portfolio includes the complete range of products for leisure and niche travellers alike.





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Stunning landscapes, rich and diverse ancient cultures, relaxing beaches, exciting trekking, friendly locals, and exotic travel experiences... this is what the region has to offer to the discriminating traveller.



Indochina Classic 1, 14 days |



Day 1 Phnom Penh |

Arrival in Phnom Penh, transfer to the hotel for check in and start to discover this exciting city. Visit WAT PHNOM, the birthplace of the capital, the ROYAL PALACE and the adjacent SILVER PAGODA, as well as the elegant NATIONAL MUSEUM. Finally, explore the modern-day city, visiting one of Phnom Penh's two great markets, the CENTRAL MARKET or the sprawling RUSSIAN MARKET. Retire back to the hotel and enjoy overnight in Phnom Penh.

Day 2 Phnom Penh - Siem Reap |

Take a flight to Siem Reap, transfer to the hotel for check in and start an exciting day of sightseeing in Angkor. The crowning jewel of Khmer architecture - ANGKOR WAT is the national symbol and the highlight of any visit to Cambodia. Angkor Wat is stunning at any time of the day but sunrise and sunset are especially beautiful times to watch the play of light on the stones. In the afternoon, visit ANGKOR THOM, covering an area of 10 km². Enter by the monumental SOUTH GATE and continue to the TERRACE OF THE ELEPHANTS and the TERRACE OF THE LEPER KINGS. Visit the ruined BAPHUON, ROYAL ENCLOSURE and PHIMEANAKAS before continuing to the mysterious BAYON TEMPLE, one of the most popular and compelling in Angkor. Overnight in Siem Reap.

Day 3 Siem Reap |

Visit the BANTEAY SREI TEMPLE, seemingly miniature in comparison to the other Angkor temples, this is considered to be the jewel of classical Khmer art. Continue to BANTEAY SAMRE, a mid-12th century temple dedicated to the god Vishnu. Discover TA PROHM, one of the most popular attractions of Angkor. Proceed to TA KEO, the first Angkorian monument built entirely of sandstone. Enjoy the sunset over the Cambodian countryside from the upper terraces of an ancient temple. Overnight in Siem Reap.

Day 4 Siem Reap - Saigon |

Today discover some of the earliest great temples built by the Khmer at the ROLUOS GROUP TEMPLES. Discover LOLEI, which was built on an islet with notable sandstone carvings and Sanskrit inscriptions.

Continue to PREAH KO and BAKONG, which is the largest and most interesting of the Roluos Group of temples and still has an active Buddhist monastery. Transfer to the airport to catch a flight to Saigon. Transfer to the hotel and overnight in Saigon.



Day 5 Saigon |

Begin the tour and stroll around the DONG KHOI STREET, formerly known as the Rue Catinat which is the heart of old colonial Saigon. Pass by classic European-style landmarks such as the CITY Hall (HOTEL DE VILLE), the OPERA HOUSE and pay a quick visit to the neo-Romanesque NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL and the CENTRAL POST OFFICE. Continue the tour with a visit to the REUNIFICATION PALACE, the WAR REMNANTS MUSEUM and visit the historic centre where The EMPEROR OF JADE PAGODA can be seen, one of Saigon's most interesting pagodas. In the afternoon, head out to CHOLON (Chinatown) and explore the highlights with a visit to BINH TAY MARKET, the THIEN HAU PAGODA and finally end the day at the BEN THANH MARKET. Overnight in Saigon.

Day 6 Saigon |

Today, visit the birthplace of the unique Cao Dai religion in TAY NINH. Every day at noon there is the opportunity to respectfully watch the worshippers dressed in colourful robes flock to the CAO DAI GREAT TEMPLE where they participate in the daily prayer session. Continue to the CU CHI TUNNELS, stretching over 200 km and which was an important Vietcong base during the American war. Overnight in Saigon.

Day 7 Saigon - Hue |

Transfer to the airport and catch a flight to Hue. Discover this exciting city and visit the IMPERIAL TOMB OF TU DUC. Afterwards proceed to the IMPERIAL TOMB OF KHAI DINH located on a hillside. Overnight in Hue.

Day 8 Hue |

Enjoy a boat ride down the PERFUME RIVER with a first stop at the iconic THIEN MU PAGODA Hue's most widely recognized monument. Afterwards visit the OLD IMPERIAL CITY, the IMPERIAL CITADEL in the heart of Hue, the striking FLAG TOWER, where a giant Vietnamese flag waves proudly overhead and continue to the imposing NGO MON GATE, the main entrance to the Imperial Enclosure. Visit the DIEN THO RESIDENCE (Dien Tho palace) and look at the THAI HOA PALACE and its magnificently decorated reception hall, the HALLS OF THE MANDARINS as well as the original NINE DYNASTIC URNS among other sites. Overnight in Hue.

Day 9 Hue - Danang - Hoi An |

Travel by vehicle on scenic mountainous roads, crossing the HAI VAN PASS from Hue to Hoi An and stop for a sightseeing tour in Danang. The coastal city of DANANG is home to the CHAM MUSEUM which holds the finest collection of Cham sculpture in the world. Briefly pass CHINA BEACH and stop on the way to visit the MARBLE MOUNTAINS.

After arrival in Hoi An, wander through the cobbled streets, pass low tile-roofed buildings and explore the bustling central MARKET and the small HARBOUR where colourful painted boats are moored. Continue the walking tour and visit a PRIVATE HOUSE, head off to a FAMILY CHAPEL and visit a CHINESE-STYLE PAGODA or ASSEMBLY HALL. Continue the walk to the SA HUYNH MUSEUM; visit a handicraft workshop and finally, walk to the famous JAPANESE COVERED BRIDGE PAGODA. Overnight in Hoi An.

Day 10 Hoi An - Danang - Hanoi |

Travel by vehicle to Danang and catch a flight to Hanoi. Transfer to the hotel and after check in start the sightseeing tour at the HOAN KIEM LAKE in the heart of Hanoi. The lake contains an islet with a tiny TORTOISE PAGODA. Afterwards, visit the OLD QUARTER which is a fascinating area of narrow alleys and shop houses and also known as The 36th Street. Finish the day with a visit to the MUSEUM OF ETHNOLOGY. Overnight in Hanoi.

Day 11 Hanoi - Vientiane |

Take a flight to Vientiane, the capital city of Laos. Discover the city by touring different highlights, such as PHA THAT LUANG, the most important national monument of Laos. Then proceed to HO PHA KEO, the former royal temple, WAT SI SAKET and PATUXAI, a monumental arch inspired by the Arc de Triomphe in Paris. Overnight in Vientiane.

Day 12 Vientiane - Luang Prabang |

Take a flight from Vientiane to Luang Prabang. After check in, start exploring this fascinating town beginning with WAT VISOUN (Wat Wisunalat), the oldest living temple in Luang Prabang. Visit the nearby WAT AHAM before continuing to WAT XIENG THONG, the crowning jewel of all the monasteries and temples in typical Lao art style. From there, stroll down the main street (Wat Street) of Luang Prabang. In the evening climb the hillside stairs to the small temples atop PHOU SI and enjoy a beautiful view over the temples and river. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

Day 13 Luang Prabang |

Visit the NATIONAL MUSEUM, formally known as the "Royal Palace". Afterwards, take a boat trip down the Mekong River to the steep limestone cliffs overlooking the Mekong and Nam Ou rivers, home to the THAM PAK OU CAVES. On the return journey, stop at small local villages in BAN XANG HAI VILLAGE and BAN XANG KHONG. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

Day 14 Luang Prabang |

Transfer to the airport. End of the tour.

Bay to Temples, 11 days |

Day 1 Hanoi - Halong |

Upon arrival in Hanoi transfer to Halong. Overnight in Halong.

Day 2 Halong - Hanoi |

The day starts with a cruise on a traditional wooden boat among the emerald waters and craggy limestone cliffs of Halong Bay. Return to the Halong pier and return by vehicle to Hanoi. Overnight in Hanoi.

Day 3 Hanoi |

Start the sightseeing tour with a visit to the TEMPLE OF LITERATURE which is a peaceful series of walled courtyards and graceful gateways. Continue the tour with a visit to the ONE PILLAR PAGODA. The pagoda is close to the HO CHI MINH MEMORIAL COMPLEX where the tour begins at the HO CHI MINH MAUSOLEUM. Continue through the park to the HO CHI MINH STILT HOUSE, a simple two-room dwelling. Then, head off to the HOAN KIEM LAKE located in the heart of Hanoi. The lake contains an islet with a tiny TORTOISE PAGODA. On the way, other colonial landmarks, like the magnificent OPERA HOUSE and ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL can be visited. Continue the walk to the OLD QUARTER which is a fascinating area of narrow alleys and shop houses and also known as The 36th Street. In the afternoon, spend some time in one of Hanoi's famous museums. Either The HISTORY MUSEUM or THE MUSEUM OF ETHNOLOGY - both are fascinating museums offering insight into Vietnamese history & culture. Thereafter, transfer to the airport and take a flight to Danang. From here drive by vehicle to Hoi An. Overnight in Hoi An.

Day 4 Hoi An |

Wander through the cobbled streets, past low tiled buildings, the bustling central MARKET and the small HARBOUR where colourfully painted boats are moored. The walking tour will include visits to PRIVATE HOUSE, where members of the same family have lived continuously for centuries in a traditional setting, to one of the FAMILY CHAPELS built by prominent merchant or official families as centres for ancestor worship and to a typical CHINESE-STYLE PAGODA or ASSEMBLY HALL. Continue to SA HUYNH MUSEUM, that contains exhibitions from the earliest period of Hoi An's history. Visit handicraft workshops in Hoi An where local products are being fabricated. Finally, continue to the famous JAPANESE COVERED BRIDGE PAGODA. Overnight in Hoi An.



Day 5 Hoi An - Hue |

Today drive from Hoi An to Danang with brief visits along the way of the MARBLE MOUNTAINS and the CHINA BEACH and tour the CHAM MUSEUM with a fine collection of Cham sculptures. From Danang, journey north past LANG CO and along the dramatic HAI VAN PASS to reach Hue - the former capital of Vietnam. Visit the IMPERIAL TOMB OF TU DUC and take some time to soak in the tranquil atmosphere. Overnight in Hue.

Day 6 Hue - Saigon |

Enjoy a boat ride down the PERFUME RIVER with a first stop at the iconic THIEN MU PAGODA which is Hue's most widely recognized monument. Afterwards, visit the OLD IMPERIAL CITY in the heart of the city. Approach the city past the striking FLAG TOWER, where a giant Vietnamese flag waves proudly overhead, to the imposing NGO MON GATE, the main entrance to the Imperial Enclosure. Continue the trip by visiting the DIEN THO RESIDENCE (Dien Tho palace). Look at the THAI HOA PALACE and its magnificently decorated reception hall, the HALLS OF THE MANDARINS as well as the original NINE DYNASTIC URNS among other sites. Before taking a flight to Saigon, visit the DONG BA MARKET, close to the Imperial City. Overnight in Saigon.

Day 7 Saigon |

Begin today's sightseeing tour and stroll around the DONG KHOI STREET, formerly known as the Rue Catinat which is the heart of old colonial Saigon. Pass by classic European-style landmarks such as the CITY Hall (HOTEL DE VILLE), the OPERA HOUSE and pay a visit to the neo-Romanesque NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL and the CENTRAL POST OFFICE. Continue the tour with a visit to the REUNIFICATION PALACE and to the WAR REMNANTS MUSEUM which contains a comprehensive documentation of the long Vietnam-American War. The next stop is the historic centre where The EMPEROR OF JADE PAGODA will be visited. In the afternoon, head out to CHOLON (Chinatown) and explore the highlights of this fascinating area, like the BINH TAY MARKET, the THIEN HAU PAGODA and end the day at the central BEN THANH MARKET. Overnight in Saigon.

Day 8 Saigon - Phnom Penh |

Take a flight to Phnom Penh, the capital and the most important centre of economy in Cambodia. Transfer to the hotel for check in and start to discover this exciting city by visiting WAT PHNOM, the ROYAL PALACE and the adjacent SILVER PAGODA. Continue to the elegant NATIONAL MUSEUM, which contains a comprehensive collection of Khmer Art.

Finally, explore the modern-day city, visiting one of Phnom Penh's two great markets, the CENTRAL MARKET, located in a distinctive domed Art Deco building or the sprawling RUSSIAN MARKET. Retire back to the hotel. Overnight in Phnom Penh.

Day 9 Phnom Penh - Siem Reap |

Take a flight to Siem Reap, transfer to the hotel for check in and start an exciting day of sightseeing in Angkor. The crowning jewel of Khmer architecture, ANGKOR WAT is the national symbol and the highlight of any visit to Cambodia. Angkor Wat is stunning at any time of the day but sunrise and sunset are especially beautiful times to watch the play of light on the stones. In the afternoon, visit ANGKOR THOM covering an area of 10 km². Enter by the monumental SOUTH GATE over a causeway lined on either side by statues of demons and gods each carrying a giant naga. Continue to the TERRACE OF THE ELEPHANTS and the TERRACE OF THE LEPER KINGS, former spaces for public ceremonies both adorned with dramatic bas reliefs. Visit the ruined BAPHUON, ROYAL ENCLOSURE and PHIMEANAKAS before continuing to the mysterious BAYON TEMPLE, one of the most popular and compelling in Angkor. Overnight in Siem Reap.

Day 10 Siem Reap |

Continue sightseeing in Angkor. Visit the BANTEAY SREI TEMPLE considered to be the jewel of classical Khmer art. Continue to BANTEAY SAMRE, a mid-12th century temple dedicated to the god Vishnu. Discover TAPROHM, one of the most popular attractions of Angkor. Proceed to TA KEO, the first Angkorian monument built entirely of sandstone. Explore THOMMANON, a temple which is also dedicated to Shiva and Vishnu. Visit CHAU SAY TEVODA. Discover the ROLUOS GROUP TEMPLE. Enjoy the sunset over the Cambodian countryside from the upper terraces of an ancient temple. Overnight in Siem Reap.

Day 11 Siem Reap |

Transfer out. End of the tour.



Indochina Classic 2, 15 days |



Day 1 Vientiane |

Arrival in Vientiane, the capital of Laos. Discover the city by touring different highlights, such as PHA THAT LUANG, HO PHA KEO, the former royal temple, WAT SI SAKET and PATUXAI, a monumental arch inspired by the Arc de Triomphe in Paris. Overnight in Vientiane.

Day 2 Vientiane - Luang Prabang |

Take a flight from Vientiane to Luang Prabang. After check in, start exploring this fascinating town beginning with WAT VISOUN (Wat Wisunalat), the oldest living temple in Luang Prabang. Visit the nearby WAT AHAM before continuing to WAT XIENG THONG. From there, stroll down the main street (Wat Street) of the city. In the evening, climb the hillside stairs to the small temples atop PHOU SI and enjoy a beautiful view over the temples and river. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

Day 3 Luang Prabang |

Begin the day with a visit to a LOCAL MARKET and observe the bustle and activity of the early morning. Continue with a visit of the NATIONAL MUSEUM, formally known as the "Royal Palace". After having visited WAT MAI, a typical Lao style temple, take a boat trip down the Mekong River to the steep limestone cliffs overlooking the Mekong and Nam Ou rivers, home to the THAM PAK OU CAVES. On the return journey, stop at local villages BAN XANG HAI VILLAGE and BAN XANG KHONG. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

Day 4 Luang Prabang |

Today's excursion leads to the KUANG SI Waterfalls. This multi-tier waterfall is tumbling over limestone formations into a series of turquoise pools. On the way back, take the chance to visit BAN THA PENE, a nearby traditional weaving Khmu village. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

Day 5 Luang Prabang - Hanoi - Halong |

Take a flight to Hanoi. Continue by vehicle to Halong. Overnight in Halong.

Day 6 Halong - Hanoi |

The day starts with a cruise on a traditional wooden boat among the emerald waters and craggy limestone cliffs of Halong Bay. Return to the Halong pier around 16:30 in the afternoon and return by vehicle to Hanoi. Overnight in Hanoi.

Day 7 Hanoi |

Start the sightseeing tour with a visit to the TEMPLE OF LITERATURE.

Continue to the ONE PILLAR PAGODA, dating from the 11th century. The pagoda is close to the HO CHI MINH MEMORIAL COMPLEX where the tour begins at the HO CHI MINH MAUSOLEUM. Continue through the park to the HO CHI MINH STILT HOUSE, a simple two-room dwelling where Ho Chi Minh lived from 1948 until his final days. Continue the walk to the OLD QUARTER which is a fascinating area of narrow alleys and shop houses and also known as The 36th Street. Thereafter, catch a flight to Danang and journey southwards past Marble Mountains and small villages to Hoi An. Overnight in Hoi An.

Day 8 Hoi An |

Wander through the cobbled streets, pass low tiled-roofed buildings and explore the bustling central MARKET and the small HARBOUR. Continue the walking tour and visit a PRIVATE HOUSE where members of the same family have lived continuously for centuries in the traditional way. Then head off to a FAMILY CHAPEL, a CHINESE-STYLE PAGODA and the ASSEMBLY HALL. Continue the walk to the SA HUYNH MUSEUM which contains exhibitions from the earliest period of Hoi An's history. Finally, walk to the famous JAPANESE COVERED BRIDGE PAGODA which was constructed in 1593. Overnight in Hoi An.

Day 9 Hoi An - Hue |

From Hoi An begin driving north, stopping just outside Danang to visit the MARBLE MOUNTAINS, briefly passing CHINA BEACH, and touring the CHAM MUSEUM, which now houses the finest collection of Cham sculpture in the world. From Danang, journey north past LANG CO, a lovely stretch of beach and continue along mountainous roads, crossing the dramatic HAI VAN PASS and reach the ancient city of Hue. Enjoy a boat ride down the PERFUME RIVER with a first stop at the iconic THIEN MU PAGODA. Overnight in Hue.

Day 10 Hue - Saigon |

Continue sightseeing with the OLD IMPERIAL CITY, the IMPERIAL CITADEL in the heart of Hue, the striking FLAG TOWER, where a giant Vietnamese flag waves proudly overhead and continue to the imposing NGO MON GATE, the main entrance to the Imperial Enclosure. Visit the DIEN THO RESIDENCE (Dien Tho palace) and look at the THAI HOA PALACE and its magnificently decorated reception hall, the HALLS OF THE MANDARINS as well as the original NINE DYNASTIC URNS among other sites. Before taking a flight to Saigon, visit the DONG BA MARKET, close to the Imperial City. Take a flight to Saigon. Overnight in Saigon.

Day 11 Saigon |

Begin the tour and stroll around the DONG KHOI STREET, formerly known as the Rue Catinat which is the heart of old colonial Saigon.

Pass by classic European-style landmarks such as the CITY HALL (HOTEL DE VILLE), the OPERA HOUSE and pay a visit to the neo-Romanesque NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL and the CENTRAL POST OFFICE. Continue to the REUNIFICATION PALACE and stop at the WAR REMNANTS MUSEUM which contains a comprehensive documentation of the long Vietnam-American War. Round up the morning with a visit to the historic centre where The EMPEROR OF JADE PAGODA will be visited. In the afternoon, head out to CHOLON (Chinatown) and explore the highlights with a visit to BINH TAY MARKET, the THIEN HAU PAGODA and finally end the day at the BEN THANH MARKET. Overnight in Saigon.

Day 12 Saigon - Phnom Penh |

Take a flight to Phnom Penh, transfer to the hotel for check in and start to discover this exciting city. Visit WAT PHNOM, the birthplace of the capital, the ROYAL PALACE and the adjacent SILVER PAGODA, as well as the elegant NATIONAL MUSEUM. Continue to TUOL SLENG (S-21) and learn about a chapter from Cambodia's more recent, tragic past at the TUOL SLENG MUSEUM. Formerly the Tuol Svay Prey High School, in 1975, this became the interrogation and torture facility for the Khmer Rouge regime - at that time known as Security Prison 21, or simply S-21. Finally, explore the modern-day city, visiting one of Phnom Penh's two great markets, the CENTRAL MARKET or the sprawling RUSSIAN MARKET. Retire back to the hotel and overnight in Phnom Penh.

Day 13 Phnom Penh - Siem Reap |

Catch a flight to Siem Reap, transfer to the hotel for check in and begin to discover this fascinating city by visiting ANGKOR THOM. Enter by the monumental SOUTH GATE and continue to the TERRACE OF THE ELEPHANTS and the TERRACE OF THE LEPER KINGS. Visit the ruined BAPHUON, ROYAL ENCLOSURE and PHIMEANAKAS before continuing to the mysterious BAYON TEMPLE, one of the most popular and compelling in Angkor. Watch the sun set over the Cambodian countryside from the upper terraces of an ancient Angkor temple. Overnight in Siem Reap.

Day 14 Siem Reap |

Today, sightseeing continues with the crowning jewel of Khmer architecture - ANGKOR WAT - the national symbol and the highlight of any visit to Cambodia. Angkor Wat is stunning at any time of the day but sunrise and sunset are especially beautiful times to watch the play of light on the stones. Proceed to the BANTEAY SREI TEMPLE. Seemingly miniature in comparison to the other Angkor temples, this is considered to be the jewel of classical Khmer art. Continue to BANTEAY SAMRE and after that discover TA PROHM, one of the most popular attractions of Angkor. Overnight in Siem Reap.

Day 15 Siem Reap |

Transfer to airport. End of the tour.

Indochina City Tour, 9 days |



Indochina City Tour

Day 1 Phnom Penh |

Arrival in Phnom Penh, the capital and the most important centre of economy in Cambodia. Transfer to the hotel for check in. Overnight in Phnom Penh.

Day 2 Phnom Penh |

Start the sightseeing tour by visiting WAT PHNOM, the birthplace of the capital. Proceed to visit to the ROYAL PALACE and the adjacent SILVER PAGODA also known as the Pagoda of the Emerald Buddha. Continue to the elegant NATIONAL MUSEUM, which contains a comprehensive collection of Khmer Art. Finally, explore the modern-day city, visiting one of Phnom Penh's two great markets, the CENTRAL MARKET, located in a distinctive domed Art Deco building or the sprawling RUSSIAN MARKET, a labyrinth of stalls selling everything from CDs and DVDs to silks, crafts, jewellery and more. Retire back to the hotel and enjoy overnight in Phnom Penh.

Day 3 Phnom Penh |

Take an excursion to Choeung Ek. Just outside Phnom Penh, in a peaceful rural setting, the KILLING FIELDS provide a stark reminder of the atrocities under the Pol Pot regime. Overnight in Phnom Penh.

Day 4 Phnom Penh - Saigon |

Transfer to the airport to catch a flight to Saigon. Upon arrival in Saigon, a transfer will be provided to the hotel. Begin the tour into modern history with a visit to the REUNIFICATION PALACE which formerly was the Independence Palace of the South Vietnamese president. Continue to the WAR REMNANTS MUSEUM which contains a comprehensive documentation of the long Vietnam-American War. The tour continues with a visit to the historic centre. The EMPEROR OF JADE PAGODA is one of Saigon's most interesting pagodas. Proceed the tour with a visit to the neo-Romanesque NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL as well as the CENTRAL POST OFFICE and pass by the ornate CITY HALL (HOTEL DE VILLE) and the old OPERA HOUSE. The tour ends at the central BEN THANH MARKET, where vendors display a vast variety of traditional goods and handicrafts. Overnight in Saigon.

Day 5 Saigon |

During today's sightseeing tour a visit to TAY NINH will take place. This is the birthplace of the unique Cao Dai religion. Every day at noon there is the opportunity to respectfully watch the worshippers dressed in colourful robes flock to the CAO DAI GREAT TEMPLE where they participate in the daily prayer session. Continue to the CU CHI TUNNELS which were never discovered by American forces. This underground network, dug by hand, connected command posts, hospitals, shelter and weapon factories. Overnight in Saigon.

Day 6 Saigon |

Journey through Ben Luc and Tan An. Take a boat trip on the Mekong River through the Vam Xep canal to Ben Tre where local handicrafts and sweets from coconut are produced. Observe the local life and take a short ride on a horse carriage to a typical local house to taste some homemade honey-tea. Continue the tour on a small sampan boat through the canals and stop for a stroll. Drive back and overnight in Saigon.

Day 7 Saigon - Hanoi |

Transfer to the airport and catch a flight to Hanoi. Start the visit and head off to the HOAN KIEM LAKE located in the heart of Hanoi.

The lake contains an islet with a tiny TORTOISE PAGODA. Afterwards, visit the OLD QUARTER which is a fascinating area of narrow alleys and shop houses and also known as The 36th Street. Each street is named after the merchandise traditionally sold here. Finish the day with a visit to the MUSEUM OF ETHNOLOGY. The exhibition gives an insight into the astonishing ethnic diversity in Vietnam. The art and artefacts from 54 different ethnic groups can be admired inside and outside the museum. Overnight in Hanoi.

Day 8 Hanoi |

Continue the sightseeing tour with a visit to the TEMPLE OF LITERATURE which is a peaceful series of walled courtyards and graceful gateways. Founded in 1070 and dedicated to Confucius, this was also Vietnam's first university. Continue the tour with a visit to the ONE PILLAR PAGODA. This pagoda is from the 11th century and was rebuilt by the French in 1954. The pagoda is close to the HO CHI MINH MEMORIAL COMPLEX where the tour begins at the HO CHI MINH MAUSOLEUM. Here, visitors can pay respect to the embalmed body of Ho Chi Minh. Continue through the park to the HO CHI MINH STILT HOUSE, a simple two-room dwelling where Ho Chi Minh lived from 1948 until his final days. Proceed by vehicle to visit the THAY PAGODA just outside of Hanoi which is also known as Heavenly Blessing and dedicated to Thich Ca Buddha. The water puppet shows are performed on a small stage build on stilts above a pond. Continue and visit the TAY PHUONG PAGODA which consists of three parallel single-level structures built on a hillock which is said to resemble a buffalo. Overnight in Hanoi.

Day 9 Hanoi |

Transfer to airport. End of the tour.





Mysterious Indochina, 10 days



Day 1 Siem Reap |

Arrival in Siem Reap, transfer to the hotel for check in and start an exciting day of sightseeing in Angkor. The crowning jewel of Khmer architecture, ANGOR WAT is the national symbol and the highlight of any visit to Cambodia. Angkor Wat is stunning at any time of the day but sunrise and sunset are especially beautiful times to watch the play of light on the stones. Therefore enjoy the sun set over the Cambodian countryside from the upper terraces of an ancient Angkor temple. Overnight in Siem Reap.

Day 2 Siem Reap |

Start with sightseeing of ANGOR THOM. This fortified city covers an area of 10 km². Enclosed by a wall and wide moats the city includes many of Angkor's most popular sights. Enter by the monumental SOUTH GATE over a causeway lined on either side by statues of demons and gods each carrying a giant naga. Continue to the TERRACE OF THE ELEPHANTS and the TERRACE OF THE LEPER KINGS, former spaces for public ceremonies both adorned with dramatic bas reliefs. Visit the ruined BAPHUON, ROYAL ENCLOSURE and PHIMEANAKAS before continuing to the mysterious BAYON TEMPLE. Continue to TA PROHM, one of the most popular attractions of Angkor. Finally, discover the BANTEAY SREI TEMPLE which is considered to be the jewel of classical Khmer art. Because of its small size, fairy-like atmosphere and extraordinary examples of Khmer sculpture, this temple is often a favourite with visitors. Retire back to the hotel, overnight in Siem Reap.

Day 3 Siem Reap |

Continue sightseeing Angkor, starting with the BAN-TEAY KDEI TEMPLE, a massive Buddhist temple dating from the second half of the 12th century. Continue to SRAS SRANG, a basin opposite of Banteay Kdei measuring 800 by 400 metres with a tiny island in the middle. Visit PREAH KHAN, covering a very large area but the temple itself is enclosed within a rectangular wall of around 700 by 800 meters. Continue to the NEAK PEAN TEMPLE, a Buddhist temple consisting of a square pool with four smaller square pools arranged on each axis. Afterwards visit the PRE RUP TEMPLE. It consists of a pyramid shaped temple with the uppermost of the three tiers carrying five square shrines arranged as a quincunx. Overnight in Siem Reap.

Day 4 Siem Reap - Phnom Penh |

Take a flight to Phnom Penh, the capital and the most important centre of economy in Cambodia. Transfer to the hotel for check in and start to discover this exciting city by visiting WAT PHNOM, the birthplace of the capital. Proceed to visit to the ROYAL PALACE and the adjacent SILVER PAGODA. Continue to the elegant NATIONAL MUSEUM, which contains a comprehensive collection of Khmer Art. Visit TUOL SLENG (S-21) and learn about a chapter from Cambodia's more recent, tragic past at the TUOL SLENG MUSEUM. Formerly the Tuol Svay Prey High School, in 1975, this became the interrogation and torture facility for the Khmer Rouge regime - at that time known as Security Prison 21, or simply S-21. Finally, explore the modern-day city, visiting one of Phnom Penh's two great markets, the CENTRAL MARKET, located in a distinctive domed Art Deco building or the sprawling RUSSIAN MARKET, a labyrinth of stalls selling everything from CDs and DVDs to silks, crafts, jewellery and more. Retire back to the hotel and enjoy overnight in Phnom Penh.

Day 5 Phnom Penh - Vientiane |

Take an excursion to Choeung Ek KILLING FIELDS. Just outside Phnom Penh, in a peaceful rural setting, the KILLING FIELDS provide a stark reminder of the atrocities under the Pol Pot regime. Thereafter, catch a flight to Vientiane, the capital city of Laos with its laid-back charm, tree-lined boulevards, interesting wats and colourful markets. Overnight in Vientiane.

Day 6 Vientiane - Luang Prabang |

Take a flight from Vientiane to Luang Prabang, a city known for its beautiful setting surrounded by mountains and relaxed atmosphere. After check in, start exploring this fascinating town beginning with WAT VISOUN (Wat Wisunalat), the oldest living temple in Luang Prabang.

Visit the nearby WAT AHAM before continuing to WAT XIENG THONG, the crowning jewel of all the monasteries and temples in typical Lao art style. From there, stroll down the main street (Wat Street) of Luang Prabang. In the evening, climb the hillside stairs to the small temples atop PHOU SI and enjoy a beautiful view over the temples and river. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

Day 7 Luang Prabang |

Continue with sightseeing in Luang Prabang by visiting LOCAL MARKET to observe the bustle and activity of the morning. Proceed to the NATIONAL MUSEUM, formally known as the "Royal Palace", a modest but graceful building which combines traditional Lao and French beaux-arts motifs. After having visited WAT MAI take a boat trip down the Mekong River to the steep limestone cliffs overlooking the Mekong and Nam Ou rivers, home to the THAM PAK OU CAVES. On the return journey, stop at BAN XANG HAI VILLAGE, a local village famous for the production of lao-lao, the local rice wine whisky. Furthermore, visit BAN XANG KHONG, a village near Luang Prabang well known for its traditional hand woven cotton and silk, as well as production of the local sa (mulberry) paper. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

Day 8 Luang Prabang - Phonsavanh |

Today's journey from Luang Prabang to Phonsavanh offers an eventful sightseeing program at Muang Sui. In MUANG SUI take the chance to visit WAT BAN PHONG, the second oldest temple in the province and the scenic NONG TANG LAKE, rimmed with limestone cliffs. Continue to discover the extensive cave network of the PHA CAVE. Overnight in Phonsavanh.

Day 9 Phonsavanh - Luang Prabang |

After having visited a lively open air market, return by vehicle to Luang Prabang and overnight in Luang Prabang.

Day 10 Luang Prabang |

Transfer to airport. End of the tour.

Lost Kingdoms, 11 days |

Day 1 Siem Reap |

Arrival in Siem Reap, transfer to the hotel for check in and start an exciting day of sightseeing in Angkor. The crowning jewel of Khmer architecture, ANGKOR WAT is the national symbol and the highlight of any visit to Cambodia. Angkor Wat is stunning at any time of the day but sunrise and sunset are especially beautiful times to watch the play of light on the stones. Enjoy the sun set over the Cambodian countryside from the upper terraces of an ancient Angkor temple. Overnight in Siem Reap.

Day 2 Siem Reap |

Start with sightseeing of ANGKOR THOM. This fortified city covers an area of 10 km². Enclosed by a wall and wide moats the city includes many of Angkor's most popular sights. Enter by the monumental SOUTH GATE over a causeway lined on either side by statues of demons and gods each carrying a giant naga. Continue to the TERRACE OF THE ELEPHANTS and the TERRACE OF THE LEPER KINGS, former spaces for public ceremonies both adorned with dramatic bas reliefs. Visit the ruined BAPHUON, ROYAL ENCLOSURE and PHIMEANAKAS before continuing to the mysterious BAYON TEMPLE. Continue to TA PROHM, one of the most popular attractions of Angkor. Finally discover the BANTEAY SREI TEMPLE, considered to be the jewel of classical Khmer art. Retire back to the hotel. Overnight in Siem Reap.

Day 3 Siem Reap - Phnom Penh |

Take a flight to Phnom Penh, transfer to the hotel for check in and start to discover this exciting city by visiting WAT PHNOM, the birthplace of the capital. Proceed to visit the ROYAL PALACE and the adjacent SILVER PAGODA also known as the Pagoda of the Emerald Buddha. Continue to the elegant NATIONAL MUSEUM, which contains a comprehensive collection of Khmer Art. Continue to TUOL SLENG (S-21). Learn about a chapter from Cambodia's more recent, tragic past at the TUOL SLENG MUSEUM. Formerly the Tuol Svay Prey High School, in 1975, this became the interrogation and torture facility for the Khmer Rouge regime - at that time known as Security Prison 21, or simply S-21. Finally, explore the modern-day city, visiting one of Phnom Penh's two great markets, the CENTRAL MARKET, located in a distinctive domed Art Deco building or the sprawling RUSSIAN MARKET, a labyrinth of stalls selling everything from CDs and DVDs to silks, crafts, jewellery and more. Retire back to the hotel and enjoy overnight in Phnom Penh.

Day 4 Phnom Penh - Saigon - Danang - Hoi An |

Take a flight to Saigon and a connection flight to Danang. From there proceed by vehicle to Hoi An, a picturesque riverside town south of Danang. This beautifully preserved historic city can be best visited on foot. Overnight in Hoi An.

Day 5 Hoi An - Hue |

Take a journey towards Hue with a stop in MY SON, the former religious centre of the Champa Kingdom. After a brief visit to the VISITOR'S CENTER for an overview of Cham history and culture, visit each ruin and walking along forested paths. Continue to the IMPERIAL TOMB OF MINH MANG which is a majestic complex of courtyards, pavilions and temples. Overnight in Hue.

Day 6 Hue - Hanoi |

Enjoy a boat ride down the PERFUME RIVER with a first stop at the iconic THIEN MU PAGODA, Hue's most widely recognized monument. Afterwards, visit the Old Imperial City. The IMPERIAL CITADEL is located in the heart of Hue. This vast complex was built in the early 19th century and modelled after the Forbidden City of Peking. Approach the city past the striking FLAG TOWER, where a giant Vietnamese flag waves proudly overhead, to the imposing NGO MON GATE, the main entrance to the Imperial Enclosure. Continue the trip by visiting the DIEN THO RESIDENCE (Dien Tho palace), the THAI HOA PALACE and its magnificently decorated reception hall, the HALLS OF THE MANDARINS as well as the original NINE DYNASTIC URNS among other sites. After that, visit the IMPERIAL TOMB OF TU DUC and the IMPERIAL TOMB OF KHAI DINH located on a hillside. Take a flight to Hanoi. Transfer to the hotel, check in and overnight in Hanoi.

Day 7 Hanoi |

Although it is the modern-day capital of Vietnam, HANOI still retains the mystery and charm of the past centuries. Start the sightseeing tour with a visit to the TEMPLE OF LITERATURE which is a peaceful series of walled courtyards and graceful gateways. Continue the tour with a visit to the ONE PILLAR PAGODA. The pagoda is close to the HO CHI MINH MEMORIAL COMPLEX where the tour begins at the HO CHI MINH MAUSOLEUM. Continue through the park to the HO CHI MINH STILT HOUSE, a simple two-room dwelling where Ho Chi Minh lived from 1948 until his final days. Then, head off to the HOAN KIEM LAKE located in the heart of Hanoi. The lake contains an islet with a tiny TORTOISE PAGODA. On the way, other colonial landmarks like the magnificent OPERA HOUSE and ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL can be visited.

Continue the walk to the OLD QUARTER which is a fascinating area of narrow alleys and shop houses and also known as The 36th Street. In the afternoon spend some time in one of Hanoi's famous museums. Overnight in Hanoi.

Day 8 Hanoi - Vientiane |

Take a flight to Vientiane. Discover the city by touring different highlights, such as PHA THAT LUANG, the most important national monument of Laos and a symbol of both the Buddhist religion and Lao sovereignty. Then proceed to HO PHA KEO, the former royal temple, WAT SI SAKET and PATUXAI, a monumental arch inspired by the Arc de Triomphe in Paris. Overnight in Vientiane.

Day 9 Vientiane - Luang Prabang |

Take a flight from Vientiane to Luang Prabang, a city known for its beautiful setting surrounded by mountains and relaxed atmosphere. After check in, start exploring this fascinating town beginning with WAT VISOUN (Wat Wisunalat), the oldest living temple in Luang Prabang. Visit the nearby WAT AHAM before continuing to WAT XIENG THONG, the crowning jewel of all the monasteries and temples in typical Lao art style. From there, stroll down the main street (Wat Street) of Luang Prabang. In the evening climb the hillside stairs to the small temples atop PHOU SI and enjoy a beautiful view over the temples and river, a nice way to round up an exciting day and overnight in Luang Prabang.

Day 10 Luang Prabang |

Continue with sightseeing in Luang Prabang by visiting a LOCAL MARKET to observe the bustle and activities in the early morning and the NATIONAL MUSEUM, formally known as the 'Royal Palace'. Afterwards, take a boat trip down the Mekong River to the steep limestone cliffs overlooking the Mekong and Nam Ou rivers, home to the THAM PAK OU CAVES. On the return journey, stop at local villages BAN XANG HAI VILLAGE and BAN XANG KHONG, Overnight in Luang Prabang.

Day 11 Luang Prabang |

Transfer to airport. End of the tour.



Ethnic Minorities of North Vietnam & Laos, 12 days |



Ethnic Minorities of North Vietnam & Laos

Day 1 Hanoi |

Arrival in Hanoi, transfer and check in at the hotel. Overnight in Hanoi.



Day 2 Hanoi |

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THE HISTORY MUSEUM is located in an elegant building from the 1930s and used to be the museum of the Ecole Francaise d'Extreme Orient. Alternatively, THE MUSEUM OF ETHNOLOGY can be visited. Transfer to the hotel before heading to the train station and journey by train from Hanoi to Lai Cai. Overnight in the train.

Day 3 Lao Cai - Sa Pa |

After arrival in Lao Cai, transfer to Sa Pa. Take a short walk through the town along sandy trail through beautiful gardens and lush pine forests. Continue the walk and pass by rice paddies and beautiful mountain scenery as well as the villages of Black Hmong and Red Dao minorities. Return to Sa Pa by vehicle.

Day 4 Sa Pa - Lai Chau |

Start the day with an excursion to the southern Muong Hoa valley. Start the soft trek by descending into the lush valley and start from Lao Chai village to Ta Van village. In the afternoon, return to Sapa by vehicle and continue driving to Lai Chau. Overnight in Lai Chau.

Day 5 Lai Chau - Dien Bien Phu |

Continue the tour by vehicle from Lai Chau to Dien Bien Phu, a historical area of North Vietnam.

Explore many ethnic groups and Chinese which are participating on the Dao San market including Black Man (Dzao), Painted head Man (Dzao), White Hmong, Flower Hmong and Chinese people. In the afternoon, retire back to the hotel. Enjoy the sunset over the mountains and the overnight in Dien Bien Phu.

Day 6 Dien Bien Phu |

After breakfast start the day with an excursion to Moi and Che Phai villages, where the traditional lifestyles are kept alive. In the afternoon, continue to Pa Khoang Lake with a boat trip. Enjoy the scenery of local life along the lake before returning back and overnight in Dien Bien Phu.

Day 7 Dien Bien Phu - Muang Khua |

In the morning, continue the trip by vehicle from Dien Bien Phu to Tay Trang on the border to Laos. Proceeding by vehicle among the fascinating countryside from Pang Hok to Muang Khua in Laos.

Day 8 Muang Khua - Phongsali |

Drive by vehicle from Muang Khua to Phongsali. Enjoy a sightseeing tour of this provincial capital sitting on the slopes of Phou Fam with a cool climate all year round. Most of the population in the area belongs to the Phu Noi minority, who maintain a distinct local culture. Overnight in Phongsali.

Day 9 Phongsali - Oudomxai |

After breakfast, the tour proceeds by vehicle from Phongsali to Oudomxai. This provincial capital has a richly mixed population of Lao Theung and Lao Seung, Chinese and Lao Loum people. Overnight in Oudomxai.

Day 10 Oudomxai - Luang Prabang |

Travel by vehicle through the scenic Laos countryside from Oudomxai towards Luang Prabang, stopping en route at the steep limestone cliffs overlooking the Mekong and the river Nam Ou, home of the THAM PAK OU CAVES. Continue further to BAN XANG HAI VILLAGE, a local village famous for the production of lao-lao, the local rice wine whisky. Arrival and overnight in Luang Prabang.

Day 11 Luang Prabang |

Enjoy sightseeing in Luang Prabang - a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1995. Start the day at WAT VISOUN (Wat Wisunalat), the oldest living temple in town. Visit the nearby WAT AHAM before continuing to WAT XIENG THONG, the crowning jewel of all the monasteries and temples in the city. From there, stroll down the main street of Luang Prabang, stopping at some of the many temples that line its sides, including WAT SIBOUNHEUANG and WAT SIMOUNGHOUN, Continue to the NATIONAL MUSEUM (ROYAL PALACE), a modest but graceful building which combines traditional Lao and French beaux-arts motifs. Afterwards, visit WAT MAI. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

Day 12 Luang Prabang |

After breakfast take a transfer to the airport. End of the tour.

Ethnic Minorities of South Vietnam & Cambodia, 14 days |



Ethnic Minorities of South Vietnam & Cambodia

Day 1 Saigon |

Arrival in Saigon. Take a transfer to the hotel and check in at the hotel. Enjoy overnight in Saigon.



Day 2 Saigon |

A vibrant metropolis, SAIGON teems with energy, activity and motion. Explore the meeting of traditional and modern life. Begin the tour of this exciting city with a visit of the historic centre, strolling along DONG KHOI STREET, formerly known as the Rue Catinat, the main shopping thoroughfare and heart of old colonial Saigon. Pass by classic European-style landmarks such as the ornate CITY HALL (HOTEL DE VILLE), the old OPERA HOUSE and pay a visit to the neo-Romanesque NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL and the CENTRAL POST OFFICE. Afterwards, dive into modern history with a tour of the REUNIFICATION PALACE, formerly the Independence Palace of the South Vietnamese president. Continue to the harrowing WAR REMNANTS MUSEUM, which comprehensively documents the travails of the long Vietnam-American War. Afterwards, driving to the historical centre to visit EMPEROR OF JADE PAGODA, one of Saigon's most interesting pagoda. In the afternoon, head out to CHOLON (CHINATOWN). Explore the highlights of this fascinating area, beginning with a brief visit to BINH TAY MARKET and continue to THIEN HAU PAGODA.

End the tour at the central BEN THANH MARKET. Retire back to the hotel and enjoy overnight in Saigon.

Day 3 Saigon - Dalat |

Continue the journey by vehicle from Saigon to Dalat and take the opportunity to visit coffee and tea plantations on the way. Explore the TRUC LAM ZEN MONASTRY by cable car. Enjoy overnight in Dalat.

Day 4 Dalat |

After breakfast take a chance on this enjoyable excursion from Dalat to LAT VILLAGE and to LANG BIAN MOUNTAIN. Continue trek up the mountain and through forested terrain. In the afternoon visit Dalat, a charming former colonial hill station. Begin at XUAN HUONG LAKE, stroll around the FRENCH DISTRICT, whose atmosphere is reminiscent of a provincial town in France and visit the DALAT CATHEDRAL. Continue to whimsical HANG NGA ART GALLERY, nicknamed the CRAZY HOUSE by locals. Afterwards, tour BAO DAI'S SUMMER PALACE before heading to the FLOWER GARDEN. Enjoy overnight in Dalat.

Day 5 Dalat - Lak Lake |

Start the day with a tour by vehicle from Dalat to Lak Lake. Enjoy a BOAT TRIP by dugout canoe to various MNONG VILLAGES on the lake. Overnight in Lak Lake.

Day 6 Lak Lake - Buon Ma Thuot |

Travel by vehicle from Lak Lake towards Buon Ma Thuot. In the morning, visit the town highlights, beginning with the ETHNOGRAPHIC MUSEUM, the KHAI DOAN PAGODA, the LAC GIAO TEMPLE and the local CATHOLIC CHURCH. Then head to the DRAY NUR WATERFALL and afterwards, enjoy the visit of the DRAY SAP WATERFALL, located south of Buon Ma Thuot. Overnight in Buon Ma Thuot.

Day 7 Buon Ma Thuot - Pleiku |

After breakfast, continue travelling by vehicle from Buon Ma Thuot to Pleiku with a visit of PHU CUONG WATERFALL. En route, visit the cultural villages, such as the JARAI and BAHNAR villages and the PLEI THUNG VILLAGE. Afterwards visit the Pleiku Prison and enjoy overnight in Pleiku.

Day 8 Pleiku - Banlung |

After breakfast, start with an excursion to YEAK LOAM LAKE before continuing the journey by vehicle from Pleiku to Le Thanh in Vietnam on the Cambodian border.

Enjoy the fantastic drive through this fantastic countryside further from O Yadao towards Banlung, visit waterfalls that dot the region and explore the local WEAVING VILLAGE. Overnight in Banlung.

Day 9 Banlung |

Today's excursion explores the scenic countryside around Banlung, including Ta Vaeng, Veun Sai and a Lao and Chinese village across the river. Return to Banlung and overnight.

Day 10 Banlung - Stung Treng |

Continue the journey by vehicle from Banlung towards Stung Treng with a visit of Stung Treng Women Development Centre. Afterwards take a boat to PRASAT PREAH KO and continue the trip by boat to visit and explore other Fishing villages. Overnight in Stung Treng.

Day 11 Stung Treng - Kratie - Kampong Cham |

After breakfast start the tour by vehicle from Stung Treng to Kratie, a small riverside town. Visit a Dolphin Observation Park just north of the town. In the afternoon, travel from Kratie further to Kampong Cham and overnight.

Day 12 Kampong Cham - Phnom Penh |

Take a chance to explore Kampong Cham and its colonial-era architecture. Continue and travel into the countryside to PHNOM PROS (Man Hill) and

PHNOM SREI (Woman Hill), as well as the modern-day monastery WAT NOKOR BAYON. In the afternoon, drive by vehicle to Phnom Penh. Overnight in Phnom Penh.

Day 13 Phnom Penh |

Explore PHNOM PENH, a chaotic energetic and always fascinating city. Start into Cambodia's cultural heritage with a visit to the ROYAL PALACE, the adjacent SILVER PAGODA also known as the Pagoda of the Emerald Buddha. Continue to the elegant NATIONAL MUSEUM, which contains a comprehensive collection of Khmer Art. In the afternoon, continue to TUOL SLENG (S-21). Learn about a chapter from Cambodia's more recent, tragic past at the TUOL SLENG MUSEUM. Afterwards discover the KILLING FIELDS, just outside Phnom Penh. Finally, explore the modern-day city, visiting one of Phnom Penh's two great markets. The CENTRAL MARKET, located in a distinctive domed Art Deco building or the sprawling RUSSIAN MARKET, a labyrinth of stalls selling everything from CDs and DVDs to silks, crafts, jewellery and more. Overnight in Phnom Penh.

Day 14 Phnom Penh |

After breakfast take a transfer to the airport for onward flight. End of the tour.



The Golden Triangle, 16 days |



Day 1 Vientiane |

Arrival in Vientiane. Discover the city by touring different highlights, such as PHA THAT LUANG - the most important national monument of Laos, HO PHA KEO - the former royal temple, WAT SI SAKET and PATUXAI. Overnight in Vientiane.

Day 2 Vientiane - Vang Vieng |

Drive by vehicle from Vientiane to Vang Vieng, a small scenic village situated on the banks of Nam Song River. Along the way stop to visit VANG XANG, an 11th century Buddhist archaeological site where primitive Buddha images are carved on the cliff. Continue to visit TALAT FISH MARKET in Huay Mor. Before reaching Vang Vieng, stop by at TAM CHANG CAVE, a place to admire the stunning stalactites and stalagmites. Overnight in Vang Vieng.

Day 3 Vang Vieng - Luang Prabang |

Today drive north from Vang Vieng to Luang Prabang, passing through the local villages Ban Phatang and Muang Kasi. Stop by at the THAM XANG CAVE, also called Elephant Cave. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

Day 4 Luang Prabang |

Luang Prabang, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is famous for its historic temples, its beautiful setting surrounded by mountains and its colonial style buildings. Begin your journey with WAT VISOUN (Wat Wisunalat), the oldest living temple in Luang Prabang. Continue with WAT AHAM and WAT XIENG THONG. From there, stroll down the main street (Wat Street).

Continue to the NATIONAL MUSEUM, formally known as ROYAL PALACE, a modest but graceful building. Afterwards, visit WAT MAI and in the evening climb the hillside stairs to the small temples atop PHOU SI to enjoy a beautiful view over the temples and river. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

Day 5 Luang Prabang |

Take an excursion by vehicle to the KUANG SI waterfalls. Along the way, stop in the local village of Bang Muang Kai. The Kuang Si waterfall is a multi-tier waterfall tumbling over limestone formations into a series of turquoise pools. After that, proceed to BAN THA PENE, a nearby Khmu village. On the way back to Luang Prabang visit the local village BAN XANG KHONG. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

Day 6 Luang Prabang - Pakbeng |

Aboard the Luangsay cruise from Luang Prabang to Pakbeng. The traditional wooden boat will cruise up the Mekong and on the way hold for a visit to the Tam Ting Caves of a thousand Buddha. Continue the journey with a brief stop at Ban Baw to observe the processing of the traditional rice alcohol. Overnight in Pakbeng.

Day 7 Pakbeng - Huay Xai |

The second day onboard of the Luangsay Cruise from Pakbeng to Huay Xai offers a unique opportunity to observe the authentic rural life of the nearby villages and hill tribes of Ban Gon Durn (Tai Leu). Overnight in Huay Xai.

Day 8 Huay Xai - Chiang Khong - Tachileik |

Travel by vehicle from Chiang Khong, on the border to Thailand, to Mae Sai and continue to Tachileik, a typical Golden Triangle town located on the border between Thailand and Myanmar. Enjoy a day of sightseeing with a visit of the TWO DRAGON MONASTERY, the Baying Naung Statue and enjoy the atmosphere of this typical town. Overnight in Tachileik.

Day 9 Tachileik - Kengtung |

Take a flight from Tachileik to Kengtung and overnight in Kengtung.

Day 10 Kengtung |

Enjoy a full day of sightseeing in Kengtung, a sleepy but historic centre for the state's Khun culture. Begin your tour with WAT JONG KHAM and WAT PHA JAO LUNG, a 19th century temple. Visit the fascinating WATER BUFFALO MARKET on the outskirts of the town and end your journey at the YAN GONE POTTERY VILLAGE where you can observe the traditional Shan method of pottery manufacturing. Overnight in Kengtung.

Day 11 Kengtung |

On the second day in Kengtung enjoy an excursion to visit local hill tribes. Take the opportunity to get fascinating insights into the culture of the AKHA, WA and LAHU villages located in Ho Kyn. Overnight in Kengtung.

Day 12 Kengtung - Heho - Inle Lake |

Take a flight from Kengtung to Heho. Continue by vehicle from Heho to Inle Lake. Overnight in Inle Lake.

Day 13 Inle Lake |

Take a boat trip on Inle Lake, located in the Shan State, a beautiful and very calm lake dotted with patches of floating vegetation and busy fishing canoes. High hills rim the lake on all sides. The day also includes a visit to the PHAUNG DAW OO PAGODA, INN PAW KHON VILLAGE - known for Lotus and silk weaving, as well as the NGA PHE KYAUNG MONASTERY. Overnight in Inle Lake.

Day 14 Inle Lake |

Take a journey into the mountains through beautiful landscapes, passing to Pa O villages with the opportunity to visit a market on the way. Explore the magnificent KAKKU TEMPLE COMPLEX, a collection of many Buddhist stupas concentrated in the space of one square kilometre. Return through the beautiful landscapes to Nyaung Shwe and overnight in Inle Lake.

Day 15 Inle Lake - Heho - Yangon |

Flight from Heho to Yangon. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure and overnight in Yangon.

Day 16 Yangon |

Transfer to airport.

Indochina Overland 1, 18 days |

Day 1 Saigon |

Arrival in Saigon and transfer from the airport. Overnight in Saigon.

Day 2 Saigon |

Begin the tour and stroll around the DONG KHOI STREET, formerly known as the Rue Catinat which is the heart of old colonial Saigon. Pass by classic European-style landmarks such as the CITY Hall (HOTEL DE VILLE), the OPERA HOUSE, the neo-Romanesque NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL and the CENTRAL POST OFFICE. Continue the tour with a visit to the REUNIFICATION PALACE, the WAR REMNANTS MUSEUM and on to the historic centre, where The EMPEROR OF JADE PAGODA can be found. In the afternoon, head out to CHOLON (Chinatown) and explore the highlights with a visit to BINH TAY MARKET, the THIEN HAU PAGODA and finally end the day at the BEN THANH MARKET. Overnight in Saigon.

Day 3 Saigon |

Start the day with a visit to the CU CHI TUNNELS, stretching over 200 km. Afterwards continue the trip and visit TAY NINH, the birthplace of the unique Cao Dai religion. Every day at noon there is the opportunity to respectfully watch the worshippers dressed in colourful robes flock to the CAO DAI GREAT TEMPLE where they participate in the daily prayer session. Overnight in Saigon.

Day 4 Saigon - Buon Ma Thout |

Travel by vehicle from Saigon to Buon Ma Thuot. Overnight in Buon Ma Thuot.

Day 5 Buon Ma Thout - Pleiku |

As the capital of Dac Lac province, BUON MA THUOT is a prosperous town and known for its coffee plantations and diverse Montagnard population. Visit the ETHNOGRAPHIC MUSEUM and then head off to the KHAI DOAN PAGODA, the LAC GIAO TEMPLE and the local CATHOLIC CHURCH. Travel by vehicle from Buon Ma Thuot to Pleiku. Overnight in Pleiku.

Day 6 Pleiku |

PLEIKU is a major market town in the western highlands where many members of the JARAI minority live. Visit the colourful LOCAL MARKET and the GAI LAI ETHNOGRAPHY MUSEUM. Visit the SEA LAKE outside the town and take the opportunity to visit the JARAI and the BAHNAR minorities on the way. Continue to the PLEI THUNG VILLAGE, a place to learn about the culture and customs of the ZRAI ethnic minority.

Enjoy a visit to BIEN HO and see the farmers grow green tea. Then head off to the PHU CUONG WATERFALL which used to be a stone quarry of the US troops for the road construction. Overnight in Pleiku.

Day 7 Pleiku - Danang - Hoi An |

Transfer from the hotel to the airport of Pleiku and fly to Danang. From there transfer southwards by vehicle to Hoi An. Start a walking tour which includes the JAPANESE COVERED BRIDGE PAGODA, the SA HUYNH MUSEUM and the TRAN FAMILY CHAPEL. Then visit the PHUOC KIEN ASSEMBLY HALL built around 1690 which was restored and enlarged in 1900. Finish the tour with a visit to the lantern workshop in Hoi An. Overnight in Hoi An.

Day 8 Hoi An - Hue |

Travel by vehicle from Hoi An to Hue. Enjoy a boat ride down the PERFUME RIVER with a first stop at the iconic THIEN MU PAGODA. Continue the boat ride and stop to visit the IMPERIAL TOMB OF MINH MANG. Continue the sightseeing tour with a visit to the Old Imperial City located in the heart of Hue. This vast complex was built in the early 19th century and modelled after the Forbidden City of Peking. Continue the trip with a visit of the DIEN THO RESIDENCE (Dien Tho palace), take a look at the THAI HOA PALACE and the HALLS OF THE MANDARINS as well as the original NINE DYNASTIC URNS among other sites. Overnight in Hue.

Day 9 Hue - Dansavanh - Savannakhet |

Today's journey by vehicle leads to Savannakhet at the border between Vietnam and Laos. On the way visit QUANG TRI, once an important Citadel city and KHE SANH, a site of the most famous siege of the American War in Vietnam. Proceed from Dansavanh to Savannakhet and overnight in Savannakhet.

Day 10 Savannakhet - Pakse |

Enjoy sightseeing in the provincial capital Savannakhet. Visit TALAAT SAVANXAY and several of the temples, including WAT SAINYAPHUM, WAT LATTANALANGSI, the CHINESE TEMPLE and SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH. Proceed by vehicle from Savannakhet to Pakse. Overnight in Pakse.

Day 11 Pakse |

Discover the BOLAVEN PLATEAU, a fertile coffee and tea growing area. The journey through the pleasantly cool climate will include several visits of different waterfalls in the region, such as TAD E-TU WATERFALL, TAD FANE WATERFALL and TAD YUANG WATERFALL, and gives the opportunity to admire and enjoy the beautiful natural surroundings. Overnight Pakse.

Day 12 Pakse - Don Khong |

From Pakse, journey south along the east bank of the Mekong. Near Champasak city, cross the river by ferry and visit VAT PHOU CHAMPASAK, one of the best preserved examples of major Khmer architecture. Return back across the Mekong southwards to Don Khong and overnight.

Day 13 Don Khong |

Take a boat from Don Khong to DON DET ISLAND and DON KHONE. Take the chance to visit BAN KHON VILLAGE, the main village on Don Khone with several old French villas and continue to TAAT SOMPHAMIT (LI PHI FALLS), a raging set of rapids at the western end of Don Khone. Overnight in Don Khone.

Day 14 Don Khong - Pakse |

Start the journey from Don Khong to Pakse, crossing the Mekong by ferry with a visit to the miraculous KHONE PHAPHENG, the largest waterfall in Southeast Asia. Arrival and overnight in Pakse.

Day 15 Pakse - Vientiane |

Take a flight from Pakse to Vientiane, the Capital city of Laos. Enjoy the day with a tour of the city's highlights, including THAT LUANG, a gleaming golden stupa; HO PHA KEO, the formal royal temple, now a museum with beautiful examples of Buddhist sculpture; WAT SI SAKET, WAT SI MUANG, and PATUXAI. Overnight in Vientiane.

Day 16 Vientiane - Luang Prabang |

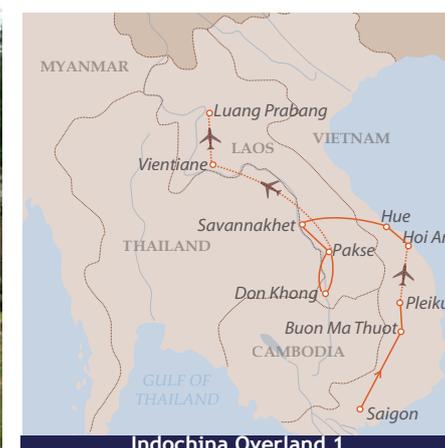
Transfer to the airport to take a flight to Luang Prabang. After check in, start exploring this fascinating town beginning with WAT VISOUN (Wat Wisunalat), the oldest living temple in Luang Prabang. Visit the nearby WAT AHAM before continuing to WAT XIENG THONG. From there, stroll down the main street (Wat Street) of Luang Prabang. In the evening, climb the hillside stairs to the small temples atop PHOU SI and enjoy a beautiful view over the temples and river. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

Day 17 Luang Prabang |

Visit the NATIONAL MUSEUM, formally known as the "Royal Palace", a modest but graceful building which combines traditional Lao and French beaux-arts motifs. Afterwards, take a boat trip down the Mekong River to the steep limestone cliffs overlooking the Mekong and Nam Ou rivers, home to the THAM PAK OU CAVES. On the return journey, stop at local villages BAN XANG HAI VILLAGE and BAN XANG KHONG. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

Day 18 Luang Prabang |

Transfer to the airport. End of the tour.



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Mekong Legends, 10 days |



Day 1 Siem Reap |

Arrival in Siem Reap, transfer to the hotel for check in and overnight in Siem Reap.

Day 2 Siem Reap |

Start sightseeing in Angkor. The crowning jewel of Khmer architecture, ANGKOR WAT is the national symbol and the highlight of any visit to Cambodia. Angkor Wat is stunning at any time of the day but sunrise and sunset are especially beautiful times to watch the play of light on the stones. In the afternoon, visit ANGKOR THOM. The fortified city of ANGKOR THOM covers an area of 10 km². Enter by the monumental SOUTH GATE over a causeway lined on either side by statues of demons and gods each carrying a giant naga. Continue to the TERRACE OF THE ELEPHANTS and the TERRACE OF THE LEPER KINGS, former spaces for public ceremonies both adorned with dramatic bas reliefs. Visit the ruined BAPHUON, ROYAL ENCLOSURE and PHIMEANAKAS before continuing to the mysterious BAYON TEMPLE, one of the most popular and compelling in Angkor. Watch the sun set over the Cambodian countryside from the upper terraces of an ancient Angkor temple. Overnight in Siem Reap.

Day 3 Siem Reap - Phnom Penh |

Take a flight to Phnom Penh, the capital and the most important centre of economy in Cambodia. Transfer to the hotel for check in and start to discover this exciting city by visiting WAT PHNOM, the birthplace of the capital. Visit the ROYAL PALACE and the adjacent SILVER PAGODA, also known as the Pagoda of the Emerald Buddha.

Continue to the elegant NATIONAL MUSEUM, which contains a comprehensive collection of Khmer Art. Continue to TUOL SLENG (S-21) and learn about a chapter from Cambodia's more recent, tragic past at the TUOL SLENG MUSEUM. Formerly the Tuol Svay Prey High School, in 1975, this became the interrogation and torture facility for the Khmer Rouge regime - at that time known as Security Prison 21, or simply S-21. Finally, explore the modern-day city, visiting one of Phnom Penh's two great markets, the CENTRAL MARKET, located in a distinctive domed Art Deco building or the sprawling RUSSIAN MARKET, a labyrinth of stalls selling everything from CDs and DVDs to silks, crafts, jewellery and more. Retire back to the hotel. Overnight in Phnom Penh.

Day 4 Phnom Penh - Saigon |

Catch a flight to the metropolis Saigon and begin the tour into modern history with a visit to the REUNIFICATION PALACE which formerly was the Independence Palace of the South Vietnamese president.

Continue to the WAR REMNANTS MUSEUM which contains a comprehensive documentation of the long Vietnam-American War. The tour continues with a visit to the historic centre, including the EMPEROR OF JADE PAGODA, a visit to the neo-Romanesque NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL as well as the CENTRAL POST OFFICE and pass by the ornate CITY HALL (HOTEL DE VILLE) and the old OPERA HOUSE. The tour ends at the central BEN THANH MARKET, where vendors display a vast variety of traditional goods and handicrafts. Overnight in Saigon.

Day 5 Saigon - Hanoi |

Take a flight to Hanoi and transfer to the hotel for check in. Start the sightseeing tour with a visit to the TEMPLE OF LITERATURE which is a peaceful series of walled courtyards and graceful gateways. Continue the tour with a visit to the ONE PILLAR PAGODA. The pagoda is close to the HO CHI MINH MEMORIAL COMPLEX where the tour begins at the HO CHI MINH MAUSOLEUM. Continue through the park to the HO CHI MINH STILT HOUSE, a simple two-room dwelling where Ho Chi Minh lived from 1948 until his final days. Then, head off to the HOAN KIEM LAKE located in the heart of Hanoi. The lake contains an islet with a tiny TORTOISE PAGODA. On the way, other colonial landmarks like the magnificent OPERA HOUSE and ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL can be visited. Continue the walk to the OLD QUARTER which is a fascinating area of narrow alleys and shop houses and also known as The 36th Street. In the afternoon, spend some time in one of Hanoi's famous museums. Overnight in Hanoi.

Day 6 Hanoi |

Transfer by vehicle from Hanoi to the Halong Bay. The day starts with a cruise on a traditional wooden boat among the emerald waters and craggy limestone cliffs of Halong Bay. Return to the Halong pier around 16.30 in the afternoon and return by vehicle to Hanoi. Transfer to a restaurant and afterwards to the hotel. Overnight in Hanoi.

Day 7 Hanoi - Vientiane |

Take a flight to Vientiane. Discover the city by touring different highlights, such as PHA THAT LUANG, the most important national monument of Laos and a symbol of both the Buddhist religion and Lao sovereignty. Then proceed to HO PHA KEO, the former royal temple, WAT SI SAKET and PATUXAI, a monumental arch inspired by the Arc de Triomphe in Paris. Overnight in Vientiane.

Day 8 Vientiane - Luang Prabang |

Take a flight from Vientiane to Luang Prabang, a city known for its beautiful setting surrounded by mountains and relaxed atmosphere. After check in, start exploring this fascinating town beginning with WAT VISOUN (Wat Wisunalat), the oldest living temple in Luang Prabang. Visit the nearby WAT AHAM before continuing to WAT XIENG THONG, the crowning jewel of all the monasteries and temples in typical Lao art style. From there, stroll down the main street (Wat Street) of Luang Prabang. In the evening, climb the hillside stairs to the small temples atop PHOU SI and enjoy a beautiful view over the temples and river. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

Day 9 Luang Prabang |

Continue with sightseeing in Luang Prabang by visiting a LOCAL MARKET to observe the bustle and activities in the early morning and the NATIONAL MUSEUM, formally known as the 'Royal Palace'. Afterwards, take a boat trip down the Mekong River to the steep limestone cliffs overlooking the Mekong and Nam Ou rivers, home to the THAM PAK OU CAVES. On the return journey, stop at BAN XANG HAI VILLAGE, a local village famous for the production of lao-lao, the local rice wine whisky. Furthermore, visit BAN XANG KHONG, a village near Luang Prabang well known for its traditional hand woven cotton and silk, as well as production of the local sa (mulberry) paper. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

Day 10 Luang Prabang |

Transfer to airport. End of the tour.







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