

Flavours of Vietnam & Cambodia

Hanoi, Halong Bay, Hoi An, Saigon, Siem Reap



Enjoy a visit to Indochina where you will experience a unique mix of colonial towns with evocative war memorials and lost temple cities. We travel along the east coast from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City and cross the border to the temples of Angkor Wat. Along the way you will enjoy a cruise across the UNESCO world heritage site of Halong Bay, discover vibrant river life along the Mekong Delta and explore the historic sea port of Hoi An.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ **Experience the heart and soul of Indochina**
- ❖ **Visit French colonial cities & historical Ho Chi Minh**
- ❖ **Be one the first to see the beautiful new Golden Bridge**
- ❖ **See stunning landscapes in the limestone cliffs of Halong Bay**
- ❖ **Visit the Mekong River Delta on a cruise straight from Saigon ; no long bus journeys**
- ❖ **Explore the world-heritage listed, Angkor Wat Temples**

DAY 1- 12 November 2019: HANOI ARRIVAL

Pickup from the Noibai International Airport by car with guide and transfer to the hotel for check in.

A complimentary transfer from Hanoi airport will be arranged at 0930 hours. For any other timings, an additional cost will be applicable.

You will be booked at the **Hotel Lan Vien** or similar for a stay of 1 night.

This afternoon, we will have an overall view of the capital by a “cyclo” visit, which will start around the Old Quarter of Hanoi, stop at Ngoc Son Temple located on the Hoan Kiem Lake (the “Sword” Lake).

Dinner and overnight in Hanoi.

Note: Check-in time is normally at 14:00

DAY 2- 13 November 2019: HANOI - HALONG OVERNIGHT CRUISE

Have breakfast at hotel and check out.

From Hanoi, at 8AM, pick up at your hotel and head East for more than 3 hours by shuttle bus to Halong Bay, the pride of the Gulf of Tonkin, a Natural World Heritage as designated by UNESCO in 1994 and 2006. The road will pass by the Red River delta with green paddyfields and rural villages, where hard-work farmers are busy with their farming jobs, ploughing buffaloes or planting seedling.

Upon arrival in Halong, we'll take a big boat to cruise the Bay to discover the magnificent beauty of this “Descending-dragon” bay, created by thousands odd-shaped limestone rocks and karst grottoes.

You will be booked on **La Regina Royal Cruises** or similar for a stay of 1 night.

After a lunch of fresh seafood on board, we can visit the Surprising Grotto, stop for swimming or kayaking (at your own cost), passing floating villages and approach islets to enjoy their beauty in close distance. Evening attend activities on the boat or relax at your own leisure. (Itinerary details may vary somewhat)

Dinner and Overnight on the boat.

DAY 3- 14 November 2019: HALONG - HANOI - DANANG - HOIAN

After breakfast, visit by boat to Luon Cave, a ring-shaped pool inside an island in Halong with absolutely tranquil landscape and emerald water. Back to the Wharf of Halong passing the most densely area with many islands that have been named like the Cock-Fighting Rock, Sail Island, Incense burner rock or Sea Dog Rock. Arrive at Halong Wharf around 11.00.

Return to Hanoi and transfer to airport for night flight to Danang. Upon arrival, transfer to hotel in Hoian for checking in.

You will be booked at **Hotel Hoi An Silk Marina** or similar for a stay of 2 nights.

Dinner and overnight in Hoi an.

DAY 4- 15 November 2019: HOIAN - BANA HILL - GOLDEN BRIDGE - CITY TOUR

After breakfast, transfer to Ba Na hills and take Cable Car which gains 5 world scores to Ba Na hills station. Stop at By Night station to visit Vong Nguyet hills, Linh Ung pagoda, The Old Villas of French. Continue moving up by cable car to the Nui Chua Mountain – the top of Ba Na range, visiting golden bridge, held up by two enormous stone-colored hands. The bridge opened in June 2018, is 150 metres long and 1,400 metres above sea level, with views across the green mountainscape.

Continue visit Ngingh Phong top, Le Nim Villas, Orchid Garden... Experience hill climbing train (first and unique funicular in Vietnam) and an old French cellar (Debay Ancient Wine Cellar, wine tasting fee is not included), flower garden Le Jardin D'amour and Linh Ung Pagoda.

Post lunch, drive back hotel in Hoian. Enjoy a walking visit over the tile-roofed Japanese Bridge, visit taciturn Chinese Assembly Halls, enjoy the attractiveness of ancient houses or listen to folk music of Central Vietnam at old club-houses. Later we can stop at shrines or stroll into the market located by Thu Bon river, where you may find the same feelings of the artists, who see the rooftops of Hoian a magical old world of Oriental feel and source of inspiration.

Dinner and overnight in Hoian.

DAY 5- 16 November 2019: HOIAN - SAIGON - CITY TOUR

After breakfast, transfer to Airport to take the midday flight to Saigon.

You will be welcomed at the Tan Son Nhat airport and transfer to the hotel to check-in.

Later, we start the city tour at the Reunification Palace, the witness of the fierce Vietnam War ended in 1975. The grand building today is a Museum and Hall of official receptions. Nearby the Palace are the colonial-styled Central Post Office and the Notre Dame Cathedral, built between 1877 and 1883 and one of the city's major landmarks. Have a walking tour on Nguyen Hue street to take the photos of the Opera House and the Ho Chi Minh Committee (outside). From here, walking to Ben Thanh Market one of the most typical symbol of Saigon to experience the daily life of the locals and do shopping the hand-made goods there.

You will be booked at **Hotel Eden Star** or similar in Saigon.

Overnight in Saigon.

DAY 6- 17 November 2019: SAIGON - CU CHI TUNNEL

Morning visit Cu Chi Tunnels, one of the few remaining monuments to the Vietnam War. Beneath the ground lie 200 km of tunnels, dug by hand and inhabited by the forces of the Vietnamese guerillas during the conflict. At its peak, prior to the Tet Offensive in 1968, the tunnel complex was base to almost 10,000 troops. To this day, it remains one of the most impressive examples of how fierce the war used to be. You even can try to crawl some dozens of m on the tunnel underground to have the real experience.

Return to Saigon. **At leisure for the rest of the day.**

Dinner and overnight in Saigon.

DAY 7- 18 November 2019: SAIGON – MEKONG RIVER CRUISE BY SPEED BOAT (B/D)

Have breakfast at hotel, transfer to Saigon pier, take speed boat to My Tho, the homeland of coconut and family factories with local products like coconut candy, rice paper.

Upon arrival, embark on the boat cruising on the mighty Mekong River viewing the life to the local people live along the banks. We stop at one of 4 island in the area for sightseeing. Enjoy the fresh tropical fruits served in the heart of the garden accompanied by traditional southern Vietnamese folk music at the plantation. After that you will embark on the small boats rowed the the local people thru the small cannels with water coconut tree to visit the local factories. There you will taste the honey tea and see the local people produce the coconut candy milk and of course you also can try it or stroll in the garden where the locals feed honeybee. After that enjoy the horse-cart trip through the tranquil road of the village.

We continue getting on the big boat to visit the vast area.

Afternoon, transfer back to Saigon. Bus pick you up at pier, transfer to hotel.

Have dinner at an Indian restaurant and overnight in Saigon.

DAY 8- 19 November 2019: SAIGON – SIEMREAP

Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to airport for your flight to Siem Reap.

You will be booked at the **Hotel Hari Residence & Spa** or similar for a stay of 2 nights.

This evening, enjoy the city's lively open markets, Psar Chars, also called the "Old Market" on your own, where anything and everything is for sale.

Dinner and overnight in Siem Reap.

DAY 9 – 20 November 2019: SIEMREAP – FULL DAY ANGKOR TOUR

Breakfast at hotel: Start your sightseeing tour of Angkor area we spend a full day exploring the wondrous ancient ruins with the South Gate of Angkor Thom, which is famous for its series of colossal human faces carved in stone, the impressive Bayon Temple, the Royal Enclosure, Phimeanakas, the Elephant Terrace, the Terrace of the Leper King and the largest as well as the most complete temple of Angkor Wat. This architectural masterpiece was constructed in the 12th century and covers an area of about 210 hectares. We stroll around this massive edifice, seeing the many galleries with columns, libraries, pavilions, courtyards and ponds full of water reflecting the towering temple and the jungle covered temple of Ta Prohm is an incredible sight. There are enormous fig trees and gigantic creepers which embrace themselves in the stone foundations of the structure giving the impression of man's creation being reclaimed by the powerful forces of nature.

Dinner and overnight in Siem Reap.

Note: During the visit of the Bakan Tower of Angkor Wat Temple, visitors are required to wear proper attire, covering shoulders and knees (no short, miniskirt or short trousers). Visitors have to be in the queue and waiting to climb up the Bakan Tower of Angkor Wat. It will be closed on the Buddhist Sabbath Days, the Buddhist religious days (four days a month).

DAY 10- 21 November 2019 : SIEMREAP DEPARTURE

Breakfast at hotel

Transfer to airport for onward flight back home.

A complimentary transfer from the hotel to the airport will be arranged for flights departing at 1530 hours. For any other timings, an additional cost will be applicable.

***** Return home with wonderful memories *****

Price per person on a twin-sharing basis: Rs. 126,900

Single supplement: Rs. 36,000

Inclusions

- Accommodation 4 star hotels
- Private cabin on shared overnight junk in Halong
- Daily Breakfast
- Daily Dinner
- All meals on board the boat
- Internal flights including taxes Hanoi – Danang – Saigon – Siem Reap (*subject to change*)
- All entrance fees and sightseeing as mentioned in the program.
- Transportation by a private vehicle
- Local English speaking station guides.
- Services of an Odyssey Tour Escort

Exclusions

- Airfare and airport taxes (International)
- Visa for Vietnam and Cambodia
- Overseas Medical Insurance
- Early check-in and late check-out
- Gratuities (recommended at US\$ 7 pp per day)
- Items of a personal nature
- **5% GST**
- Any service not clearly mentioned in the program

Flight options

Carrier	Flight	Dep.Date	Day	From	To	Dep	Arr	Arr.Date
Bangkok Airways	734	12NOV	Tue	Mumbai - India	Bangkok - Thailand	0005	0605	12NOV
Bangkok Airways	4281	12NOV	Tue	Bangkok - Thailand	Hanoi - Viet Nam	1220	1415	12NOV
Bangkok Airways	914	21NOV	Thu	Siem Reap - Cambodia	Bangkok - Thailand	1535	1655	21NOV
Bangkok Airways	733	21NOV	Thu	Bangkok - Thailand	Mumbai - India	1950	2315	21NOV

Approx fare: Rs 38000 pp in economy class (subject to change)

Please get in touch with us for fares from other cities

Map of Vietnam & Cambodia



Notes:

- Standard check in at hotels is at 14h00 onwards. Where necessary we will request an early check-in however, this is not guaranteed. The same applies to check out, which is at 12h00.
- **Rates subject to change without prior notice due to circumstances beyond our control e.g. fuel increases, rate of exchange fluctuations.**
- Please note that your passport should be valid for more than 6 months beyond the date of travel and that you must have at least 2 blank pages on your passport.
- Please contact us if you would like to book pre-tour accommodation in Hanoi or post tour accommodation in Siem Reap.
- ROE calculated at 1 USD = Rs. 72. Any fluctuations at the time of payment will alter the cost
- **Price based on a minimum of 14 people travelling together**

Terms & Conditions

BOOKINGS AND PAYMENTS

1. A deposit of Rs 20,000 per person will be payable before 30th June 2019. If paying by cheque, please make the cheque payable to Odyssey Tours & Travels.
2. At the time of making the booking, please send a copy of the first page of your passport
3. Balance payment is to be made by 31st August 2019.
4. All rates are subject to a revision if there is a fluctuation in the currency rates.

CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

1. Should you be forced to amend / cancel the booking you must advise us in writing.
2. Payment of the booking deposit constitutes acceptance of our terms and conditions.
3. Cancellation of a reservation due to any visa being rejected will amount to cancellation charges being levied as per the scale mentioned below and Odyssey Tours & Travels will not be responsible for any visa rejection by the respective consulates.
4. Cancellation of any reservations are subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Cancellation effected between 30th June and 31st August 2019 will attract a service fee of Rs 10,000 pp
 - b. Cancellation effected between 1st September and 30th September 2019 will attract a cancellation charge of 50% of the tour cost.
 - c. Cancellation effected between 30th September 2019 and 12th October 2019 will attract a cancellation charge of 75% of the tour cost.
 - d. Cancellation effected after 12th October will attract a cancellation charge of 100% of the tour cost.
 - e. No refund will be due after commencement of travel.
5. Refunds due can take upto 5 weeks to process.