

Signature Vietnam & Cambodia November 16 - 25, 2024 (9 nights/10 days)



Immerse yourself in the rich historical and cultural heritage of Vietnam and Cambodia on this 10-day premium adventure. Uncover the oriental influences of the Asian traders, settlers and indigenous people that have made this part of the world a cornerstone for empires and colonies. From navigating the various fusions of east and west in Hanoi and Hoi An, to cruising the natural UNESCO wonderland of Halong Bay. Explore war time monuments, and experience one of the world's great archaeological treasures at Angkor, this journey will share the best of these countries' history, nature and tradition.

**COST:** \$2,600/PP based on double occupancy
Single supplement - \$600 Upgraded rooms at hotels & cruise: +\$110/PP

# **INCLUDED IN TOUR COST:**

- 9-Night Deluxe Accommodations based on twin share
- Vietnam & Cambodia Visa-on-Arrival and Fast Track service in both countries
- Domestic Economy flights: Hanoi-Hoi An-Siem Reap
- 1-Night Halong Bay cruise onboard Peony Cruises
- 19 Meals (9 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 4 dinners)
- Private sightseeing tours per itinerary
- Private local English-speaking guide in each city
- Entrance fees to attractions and monuments included in the itinerary
- A/C bus throughout the trip
- Bottled water during excursions
- All group arrival/departure transfers with airport assistance
- All local taxes and service charges

#### NOT INCLUDED:

- International Airfare
- Meals/drinks not specifically mentioned in the itinerary
- Gratuities for portage, driver, or tour guide
- Pre or Post tour extensions
- Travel Insurance

**PAYMENTS** - via credit card or check:

\$800 - NOW to secure your space

\$1,000 - 8/1/24

\$800 - 9/16/24

Name changes are allowed up to 45 days prior to departure - no fee

#### **CANCELLATIONS:**

Before 8/01/24: 10 % of the Total Tour Cost 8/02 - 9/16/24: 40 % of the Total Tour Cost 9/17- 11/16/24: 100% of the Total Tour Cost

# International Airfare, Land Extensions and Room Upgrades are available upon request

Travel Insurance is highly recommended



9 nights: 2N Hanoi, 1N Halong Bay Cruise, 3N Hoi An, 3N Siem Reap

# **Upgraded rooms:**

Hanoi- Premium city view (Larger room)

Halong cruise – Premium cabin with balcony (2<sup>nd</sup> deck)

Hoi An – Deluxe Rice field view with balcony

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# DAY 1 - Saturday, Nov 16: ARRIVE HANOI, VIETNAM

Welcome to Vietnam!! Upon arrival, meet your English-speaking escort who will assist in obtaining your Visa-on-Arrival, whisk you thru the priority lines and transfer you to the hotel.



In the afternoon, enjoy a rickshaw ride through the labyrinthine alleyways of the Old Quarter (the oldest area in Hanoi) before visiting Ngoc Son Temple, built in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, beautifully situated on a little island in the northern part of Hoan Kiem Lake.

This evening, join your fellow travelers for a Welcome dinner at Home Hanoi restaurant

**Overnight:** The Ann Hanoi (Deluxe City View Room)

Meals Included: Welcome Dinner

# DAY 2 - Sunday, Nov 17: HANOI

Begin the day exploring the capital, including **the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum**, where the remains of the national hero, the father of the nation rest, and his former residence. Visit the **Ho Chi Minh's Stilt House** 



and the **one-Pillar Pagoda**, a historic Buddhist temple, built of wood on a single stone pillar. Then, visit the **Tran Quoc Pagoda**, regarded as the most ancient pagoda of the city built in the 6th century and a cultural symbol of Vietnamese.

Lunch at local restaurant. Transfer to **the Museum of Ethnology** which focuses on the 54 officially recognized ethnic groups in Vietnam. In the afternoon, visit the **Temple of Literature**, Vietnam's first university. Afterwards, enjoy a **private water puppet show** with a local artist and discover the beauty of this unique Vietnamese traditional art.

**Overnight:** The Ann Hanoi (Deluxe City View Room)

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

### DAY 3 - Monday, Nov 18: HANOI - HALONG BAY

Meet our guide and travel 2.5 hrs by highway to the majestic Halong Bay, listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Arrive by midday and board the junk for a memorable cruise through this mystical bay.







Enjoy a delicious lunch of fresh seafood and an assortment of appetizing delicacies while cruising along Lan Ha Bay with the breathtaking scenery.

In the afternoon, navigate between the karts, some of which display extraordinary shapes (The long evolution and erosion of the bay has produced pyramid-shaped karst towers that gave the bay its unique beauty). This is the best time for kayaking to discover the truest beauty of the limestone islands.

Later, join the cooking demonstration to learn how to make one of the most famous Vietnamese cuisines, the spring rolls. Or reach the top deck where you can admire the magnificent sunset over the Gulf of Tonkin. After dinner, relax on the top deck just under the cover of a brightly illuminated sky or try your luck at the squid fishing on the main deck

**Overnight:** Peony Cruises (Deluxe Balcony Cabin on the 1st deck)

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

# DAY 4 - Tuesday, Nov 19 - HALONG BAY - HOI AN

Begin the day full of energy with the Tai Chi session and enjoy the sun just rising up beyond the horizon. After breakfast, the junk will cross the bay and we will visit one of the most impressive caves in Cat Ba Island. The limestone cave has thousands of stalactites in various shapes, offering geological values with a typical cave ecosystem. Lunch will be served on board before returning to port.





Disembark and transfer to Hanoi airport for the flight to Da Nang. Upon arrival, transfer to Hoi An's hotel followed by a delicious group dinner.

**Overnight:** Ancient House Village (Superior Garden View with Balcony Room)

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

#### DAY 5 - Wednesday, Nov 20: HOI AN

Full day excursion visiting the famous **Old Quarter of Hoi An**. This is an exceptionally well-preserved example of a South-East Asian trading port dating from the  $15^{th}$  to the  $19^{th}$  century.

Walk around Hoi An ancient town and explore its treasures. The buildings and street plan reflect the influences, both indigenous and foreign, that have combined to produce this unique heritage site.



Visit a **lantern-making cottage** and learn how to make one. Lunch at a local restaurant.

In the afternoon, enjoy **an excursion by boat on the Thu Bon River** to see the ancient trading port from a different perspective with a stop, along the way, at a traditional ceramic and carpentry village.

**Overnight:** Ancient House Village (Superior Garden View with Balcony Room)

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch



# DAY 6 - Thursday, Nov 21: HOI AN - MY SON - HOI AN



This morning we will drive to **My Son**, a cluster of abandoned and partially ruined Hindu temples constructed between the 4th and the 14th century AD by the kings of Champa, a once powerful Hindu empire. Spend the morning touring the most significant archaeological ruins of Vietnam, listed as a World Heritage site by UNESCO.

After lunch return to the hotel for some free time at leisure to enjoy the old city or the beach (*if weather permits*).

**Overnight:** Ancient House Village (Superior Garden View with Balcony Room)

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

# DAY 7 - Friday, Nov 22: HOI AN - SIEM REAP

After breakfast, free time at leisure.

Depending on the flight schedule, transfer to Da Nang airport for the flight to Siem Reap. *Welcome to Cambodia!!* Upon arrival, you will be greeted by an English-speaking escort who will assist in obtaining your Visa-on-Arrival, whisk you thru the priority lines and transfer you to the hotel.



**Overnight:** Anjali by Syphon (Deluxe Pool View with Balcony room)

Meals Included: Breakfast

## DAY 8 - Saturday, Nov 23: SIEM REAP

Full day excursion to visit the ancient capital of **Angkor Thom**, a huge architectural complex with the famous **Bayon Temple** at its centre. This mountain-temple was once surrounded by 54 towers. On each of the 37 remaining, four enigmatic faces can still be recognized. Later on, discover the fascinating **Ta Phrom Temple** (featured in the movie Tomb Raider). Swallowed by the jungle, its ruins are now invaded by roots of the kapok tree, which mirror giant snakes.





After lunch, **depart by bicycle** to visit the Cambodian countryside taking the sights of rice paddy fields and local villages. Stop by the **Golden Silk Production centre** to learn about this ancient craft. From the region of Lake Tonle, these silkworms naturally produce a yellow-gold colour used since the 13<sup>th</sup> century in Khmer traditional crafts. **Note**: Tuk-tuks will be provided for those who don't wish to cycle.

In the late afternoon, enjoy a spectacular **Circus Show** - combined with creativity, energy, and originality, which were all acquired from the Khmer culture.

**Overnight:** Anjali by Syphon (Deluxe Pool View with Balcony room)

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

# DAY 9 - Sunday, Nov 24: SIEMP REAP

This morning visit **Angkor Wat** (early-mid 12th century), dedicated to the Hindu god Vishnu. This magnificent temple-mountain is arguably the largest religious building in the world. Built by King Suryavarman II (took approximately 30 years to build) is considered as a masterpiece of Khmer architecture and art. Its temple walls are decorated with thousands of bas reliefs symbolizing prominent deities and figures in Hindu and Buddhist religions.



Rest of the day at leisure for shopping at the Old Market area, or enjoy a spa treatment or simply relax at the beautiful hotel. At the end of the day enjoy a unique tour by Khmer Traditional Gondola boats within the Temple area. You will depart by **Gondola boat from South Gate of Angkor Thom** to the west side and enjoy cocktails on board around the wall of Angkor Thom. This is a quiet ride, far from the crowds, allowing you to enjoy a landscape where history and nature are merging and melting. Then you will be transferred to Malis Restaurant for you Farewell dinner.

**Overnight:** Anjali by Syphon (Deluxe Pool View with Balcony room)

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

### DAY 10 - Monday, Nov 25: DEPART SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA

After breakfast, the day is at leisure.

Depending on the flight schedule, transfer to Siem Reap airport for your return flight home.

Meals Included: Breakfast

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