

Saigon to Siem Reap

9 days | Ho Chi Minh City to Siem Reap



From high-octane Ho Chi Minh City, take a cruise through the Mekong Delta and explore the ingenious Cu Chi tunnels of the Viet Cong before taking in the highlights of Phnom Penh and Siem Reap in Cambodia. Visit colourful floating markets and royal palaces, explore spectacular Angkor Wat and much more on this 9 day tour.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Angkor Temple Complex – marvel at legendary Angkor Wat and see the many faces of the Bayon Temple in ancient Angkor Thom
- Cu Chi Tunnels – discover the incredible network of tunnels built by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War
- Phnom Penh – visit highlights including the Silver Pagoda and Royal Palace then discover the horrors of the Khmer Rouge at Toul Sleng
- Ho Chi Minh City – enjoy a walking tour of the city and visit the sobering War Remnants Museum
- Siem Reap – explore the Angkor National Museum on a guided tour and opt to stroll down the famous 'Pub Street'

- Mekong Delta – cruise the maze of waterways on a traditional sampan and enjoy a delicious lunch on Dong Hoa Hiep Island
- NGO Phare Cambodian Circus – gaze in awe at the incredible performers as you enjoy this celebrated circus show
- Tonle Sap Lake – sail on Southeast Asia's largest freshwater lake and visit the floating villages of Kampong Phluk

What's Included

- 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 1 dinner
- 8 nights 4 star and special class hotels
- Economy class flight Phnom Penh - Siem Reap
- Sampan boat trips in the Mekong Delta
- Airport arrival transfer day 1 and departure transfer day 9
- Guided sightseeing - Mekong Delta, Ho Chi Minh City, Cu Chi, Phnom Penh, Siem Reap and the Temples of Angkor
- Escorted by an English speaking Vietnamese and Cambodian tour guides.
- All relevant transfers and transportation in private air-conditioned vehicles
- Boat trip on Tonle Sap Lake

What's Not Included

- Tipping Kitty: USD\$25-35pp, paid in USD or VND
- Entrance Fees: USD\$110-120pp, paid in USD or VND

- International flights and visas
- Tip for your tour guides. We recommend you allow USD\$3 - 6 per day, per traveller. Tipping your guides is an entirely personal gesture

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Ho Chi Minh City

Friday. Hello Ho Chi Minh City (aka Saigon). Upon arrival you'll be met and transferred to our hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to get acquainted with the city. Opt to explore on foot, shop at Ben Thanh Market or visit the grand Independence Palace, with its secret bunker and military command centre beneath!

Overnight - Ho Chi Minh City

Day 2 : Cruising the Mekong



Ho Chi Minh City – Cai Be – Can Tho. This morning we travel to Cai Be and board a sampan for a cruise around the lush waterways of the Mekong Delta. We stop to visit local cottage industries and enjoy lunch

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at a traditional wooden home on Dong Hoa Hiep Island. After a day exploring the Mekong we spend the night at a hotel in the city Can Tho. **Overnight - Can Tho** (B, L)

Day 3 : Mekong & Ho Chi Minh City



Can Tho - Ho Chi Minh City. Early this morning we visit the lively Cai Rang floating market to watch the traders selling their wares before driving back to Ho Chi Minh City. On a walking tour of the city we'll see the Notre Dame Cathedral and the Old Post Office before visiting the sobering War Remnants Museum. Evening at leisure. **Overnight - Ho Chi Minh City** (B)

Day 4 : Cu Chi Tunnels, Phnom Penh



Ho Chi Minh City - Phnom Penh. This morning we visit the famous Cu Chi Tunnels used by the Viet-Cong in their struggle to keep control of the region during the 1960's. As we walk the bush trails you'll see trapdoors, booby traps, living areas, weapon factories and kitchens. We can also safely crawl sections of the tunnels, that have been widened for the tourists and fire weapons of the era (including the M16's and AK47) on the firing range.

After crossing the Cambodian border we drive to the capital of Phnom Penh. Once deemed the 'Pearl of Asia', Phnom Penh offers a

bustling mix of Asia's past and present, a city quickly taking its place amongst the trendy capitals of the region. **Overnight - Phnom Penh** (B, D)

Day 5 : Royal Palace, Crimes of Pol Pot



Today we'll enjoy a full day sightseeing tour of Phnom Penh starting at the National Museum of Fine Arts, a graceful terracotta building of traditional design housing the world's finest collection of Khmer sculpture. We continue with the Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda, famed for its lavish decorations – the floors are paved with silver tiles and statues of Buddha are encrusted with thousands of diamonds.

We later come face to face with the horrors of the Pol Pot regime as we visit Toul Sleng (Security Prison - S21), a school that was gruesomely transformed into a torture chamber under the Khmer Rouge, and visit the Killing Fields where over 10,000 people were executed. **Overnight - Phnom Penh** (B)

Day 6 : Siem Reap & Angkor Wat



Phnom Penh – Siem Reap. Hotel check out and transfer to the airport for your included flight to Siem Reap. After we've had time to freshen up we visit The Angkor National Museum which has a fascinating collection

of Angkorian artefacts with collections from Khmer Empire's Angkor period circa 9th to 14th-century.

This afternoon we see the mother of all temples – Angkor Wat. This breathtaking monument of man's devotion to his gods is believed to be the largest religious building in the world and contains thousands of wall carvings and extensive bas-reliefs. There are plenty of wonderful photo opportunities at this iconic site. This evening is free for you to wander into town and perhaps sample Siem Reap's lively nightlife. There are plenty of great bars and restaurants in the compact city centre which is easily navigated on foot. **Overnight - Siem Reap** (B)

Day 7 : Angkor Thom & NGO circus project



Early this morning opt to see Angkor Wat bathed in the spectacular golden light of sunrise. Later we head out to Banteay Srei temple, considered by many to be the art gallery of Angkor with some of the finest stone carvings in the world. Cut from stone of a pinkish hue, the Hindu temple is dedicated to Shiva and contains lavishly decorated libraries and stunning reliefs of divinities. Enroute to Banteay Srei stops will be made at an exotic butterfly sanctuary and the a village of Preaek Dak where we support a community tree planting initiative.

Our temple tour continues with a visit to the ancient city of Angkor Thom. This monumental fortified city is encircled by a 100m wide moat and is famed for the huge statue heads that glare down from every angle. In Angkor Thom we will see the fabulous Bayon Temple, Baphuon, the royal enclosure, and the Terraces of the Elephants

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and the Leper King. Last but not least is atmospheric Tra Prohm Temple where vast muscular tree roots envelop the crumbling towers and walls whilst the trees' foliage dapples the temple in shade.

This evening we attend the wonderful Phare Cambodian Circus. The Phare NGO circus project trains street kids to become talented circus artists and the popular show blends circus skills with interpretations of modern life and issues in Cambodian society. **Overnight - Siem Reap (B)**

Day 8 : Tonle Sap lake



This morning we drive to Kampong Phluk, a cluster of three villages of stilt houses built within the floodplain of Tonle Sap Lake. We'll see houses built on soaring stilts which hover over the Tonle Sap Lake whilst nearby, the petrified trees of a flooded forest are revealed whenever the water level drops. After a boat trip on the lake we return to Siem Reap where the afternoon is free for you to spend at leisure. Perhaps pick up some last minute souvenirs at the central market or head down to lively Pub Street. **Overnight - Siem Reap (B, L)**

Day 9 : Free time Siem Reap

Saturday. Today marks the end of our memorable journey. Spend the morning at leisure before hotel check out and included departure transfer to the airport.(B)

HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.

Victoria Hotel Can Tho

This attractive, colonial-style resort is tastefully decorated with well-appointed rooms and a wide range of facilities including a spa, tennis courts, open-air bar, restaurant and a gym. The hotel also offers sunrise and sunset cruises to the floating markets aboard the Lady Hau Junk.



Iris Hotel

This elegant hotel is housed within a modern building in the city of Can Tho. Each guest room comes equipped with plush furnishings to ensure a good night's sleep and is decorated with a neutral palate and calming tones. Rooms look over the city and boast a range of modern amenities such as air conditioning and stylish ensuite facilities. Magnificent views of the city can be had from the hotel's skybar while a range of gourmet local and international dishes can be sampled at the onsite restaurant.



Muong Thanh Centre

Centrally located, yet on a peaceful, tree-lined street, you will find the Muong Thanh Centre. Only a ten-minute walk from top attractions such as the Notre Dame Cathedral, Opera House and Ben Thanh Market, this hotel is a great base for exploring the famous sights of the city. Its guest rooms boast sophisticated designs and panoramic views. Warm and friendly, the Muong Thanh Centre also features a spa and

swimming pool for you to relax and unwind after a long day of sightseeing.



Northern Hotel

Located in Saigon's central business district, the Northern Hotel offers comfortable and stylish accommodation. Guest rooms are contemporary in style and are decorated with warming tones and excellent en suite facilities. The onsite restaurant offers a variety of European and Asian dishes set on the mezzanine floor. The hotel also offers complimentary use of computers in the lobby and a fully equipped gym for those who wish keep fit whilst staying in the city.



Harmony Phnom Penh Hotel

Just 5 minutes from the Royal Palace, the Harmony Hotel in Phnom Penh is an elegant hotel with a great location. The spacious rooms feature plush furnishings with a smart decor of dark wood flooring and white walls with accents of colour. The hotel features a rooftop infinity pool and Jacuzzi with views across the river and the city, a perfect spot to relax after a busy day sightseeing. Guests can dine on a choice of Asian and Western dishes at the hotel's restaurant and enjoy a wide selection of beverages.



Kravan Hotel

The Kravan Hotel offers comfortable and spacious guest rooms in a quiet location

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close to the heart of Phnom Penh. This stylish hotel has an outdoor rooftop pool, in addition to a rooftop bar and a restaurant which offer fantastic panoramic views across the capital. Free wifi is offered throughout the property and there is fitness centre located on the top floor where guests can indulge in various spa treatments and massages.



Angkor Paradise Hotel

Not far from Angkor Wat, the Angkor Paradise Hotel offers elegant accommodation in a world famous setting. Guest rooms are beautifully furnished with traditional wooden floors and all mod cons. All rooms have either fabulous views of the city or the hotel's outdoor pool. The hotel also boasts a great onsite restaurant, fitness centre and pool terrace. The Angkor Paradise Hotel is situated a short distance from Siem Reap international airport and the majestic Angkor Archaeological Park.



PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 2 persons. Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons (or 3 persons if you wish to book a triple) sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the per person price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single

traveller of the same gender, this can be arranged, thus avoiding the single person supplement.

PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
27 Mar	AUD 1,795	AUD 2,415
10 Apr	AUD 1,795	AUD 2,415
17 Apr	AUD 1,795	AUD 2,415
24 Apr	AUD 1,795	AUD 2,415
01 May	AUD 1,695	AUD 2,315
08 May	AUD 1,695	AUD 2,315
22 May	AUD 1,695	AUD 2,315
29 May	AUD 1,695	AUD 2,315
12 Jun	AUD 1,695	AUD 2,315
26 Jun	AUD 1,695	AUD 2,315
10 Jul	AUD 1,695	AUD 2,315
24 Jul	AUD 1,695	AUD 2,315
31 Jul	AUD 1,695	AUD 2,315
07 Aug	AUD 1,695	AUD 2,315
14 Aug	AUD 1,695	AUD 2,315
21 Aug	AUD 1,695	AUD 2,315
28 Aug	AUD 1,695	AUD 2,315
11 Sep	AUD 1,695	AUD 2,315
18 Sep	AUD 1,695	AUD 2,315
25 Sep	AUD 1,695	AUD 2,315
01 Oct	AUD 1,845	AUD 2,465
09 Oct	AUD 1,845	AUD 2,465
16 Oct	AUD 1,845	AUD 2,465
23 Oct	AUD 1,845	AUD 2,465
30 Oct	AUD 1,845	AUD 2,465
13 Nov	AUD 1,845	AUD 2,465
27 Nov	AUD 1,845	AUD 2,465
11 Dec	AUD 1,845	AUD 2,465
25 Dec	AUD 1,895	AUD 2,515

PRICES / DATES 2021

Date	Twin Share	Single
01 Jan	AUD 1,795	AUD 2,415
15 Jan	AUD 1,795	AUD 2,415
29 Jan	AUD 1,795	AUD 2,415
12 Feb	AUD 1,795	AUD 2,415
26 Feb	AUD 1,795	AUD 2,415
05 Mar	AUD 1,795	AUD 2,415
19 Mar	AUD 1,795	AUD 2,415
02 Apr	AUD 1,795	AUD 2,415
09 Apr	AUD 1,795	AUD 2,415
16 Apr	AUD 1,795	AUD 2,415
30 Apr	AUD 1,795	AUD 2,415
14 May	AUD 1,695	AUD 2,315
28 May	AUD 1,695	AUD 2,315

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11 Jun	AUD 1,695	AUD 2,315
25 Jun	AUD 1,695	AUD 2,315
02 Jul	AUD 1,695	AUD 2,315
09 Jul	AUD 1,695	AUD 2,315
16 Jul	AUD 1,695	AUD 2,315
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30 Jul	AUD 1,695	AUD 2,315
06 Aug	AUD 1,695	AUD 2,315
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26 Nov	AUD 1,845	AUD 2,465
10 Dec	AUD 1,845	AUD 2,465
24 Dec	AUD 1,895	AUD 2,515
31 Dec	AUD 1,895	AUD 2,515

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14 Jan	AUD 1,695	AUD 2,315

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