

CULTURAL HERITAGES OF INDOCHINA 15 DAYS

Siem Reap - Luang Prabang - Hanoi - Halong - Hue - Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh

Tour Code: CHI

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Day 1: Los Angeles – Siem Reap

Depart on your transpacific flight to Siem Reap.

Day 2: Cross International Dateline

Day 3: Siem Reap (D)

Arrive into the ancient capital of Cambodia, Siem Reap. After clearing customs and claiming your luggage, transfer to the hotel to check in. The rest of the day is left free for you to acclimate to the time adjustment. Meet your fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 4: Siem Reap (Meals: B, L, D)

The majority of the day will be allocated to visiting the famed Angkor Wat temple, exploring the many galleries with columns, libraries, pavilions, and courtyards. Intricately carved bas-reliefs extend the length of the outer walls and corridors, depicting mythological scenes and day-to-day life at the time of Angkor's construction. Climb up to Bakheng Temple perched on top of a natural hill allows spectacular views over Angkor Wat. Tonight's dinner features the Apsara show.

Day 5: Siem Reap – Luang Prabang (Meals: B, L, D)

The morning is spent at the "great city of Angkor," which was probably more opulent than most European cities in the late 12th century. Get lost among the glorious temple at the Royal City of Preah Khan, with its fabulous stone carved lanterns and impressive sculptures. Neak Pean highlights a shrine built on a small circular island called Ta Som. Transfer to the airport after lunch for a short flight to Luang Prabang. Enjoy a short rest break at your hotel before a city tour, visiting the stupa of Wat Visoun and the shrine of Wat Aham. Explore the sacred, gilded stupa located at the top of Mount Phousi. Stroll along the stalls of the night market that offer a selection of handmade textiles made by the local hill tribes. Tonight's dinner features the savory and spicy local dishes of Lao cuisine.

Day 6: Luang Prabang (Meals: B, L, D)

Awaken your spiritual senses this morning as you participate in the daily morning rituals of the saffron-clad monks collecting offerings of alms (freshly steamed sticky rice). This can only be

experienced in Laos as it is the only Buddhist nation still preserving this procession. Return to the hotel to enjoy breakfast before embarking on a guided tour of the city, visiting some of its oldest temples. Board a cruise upstream along the Mekong River, visiting the mysterious Pak Ou Cave. Visit the local village of Ban Xanghai along the way, renowned for its production of rice wine. Once on land, continue to Ban Phanom village, famous for its hand weaving skills.

Day 7: Luang Prabang – Hanoi (Meals: B, D)

The morning is left free for you to explore this quaint and charming city. Board an afternoon flight for Hanoi. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant before checking into your hotel.

Day 8: Hanoi – Halong Bay (Meals: B, L, D)

Transfer in the early morning for Halong Bay. Board the Indochina Sails junk upon your arrival. Enjoy lunch on board as the junk sets sail, cruising the emerald waters of the bay. Arrive at Bat Cave in the early afternoon where you can visit a local fishing village by tender boat or take an optional kayak around the cave area. Arrive at the Luon Bo Area where the junk will anchor for the night.

Day 9: Halong Bay—Hanoi (Meals: B, L, D)

Rise and shine early this morning to enjoy a Tai Chi lesson. Depart for the Surprise Cave, climbing to the top of the cave, affording a fantastic panoramic view of the bay. Return to the boat for your breakfast before arriving back at the Halong dock to disembark. Return transfer to Hanoi. An afternoon city tour highlights One Pillar Pagoda, the Temple of Literature, and Hoan Kiem Lake. Tonight's dinner features grilled fish, a local specialty.

Day 10: Hanoi - Hue (Meals: B, L, D)

Board a morning flight for Hue, the ancient capital of Vietnam. Hue to this day remains one of Vietnam's cultural, religious, and education centers. Upon your arrival, visit Tu Hieu Pagoda in Thuy Xuan Village. Spend the afternoon at the Royal Tomb of Tud Duc. The tomb includes 50 monuments surrounded by a 1500m high wall. A stroll at the local Dongba Market delights your senses.



Day 11: Hue (Meals: B, L, D)

The majority of the morning is spent on a cruise along the Perfume River. Your first stop along the river is at Thien Mu Pagoda, founded in 1601 by Lord Nguyen Hoang. Continue on to visit the Royal Tomb of Minh Mang, set amidst frangipani and pine groves, creating a peaceful and ethereal setting. Return to the city center in the afternoon to visit the Citadel, the city's Imperial Palace. After dinner, enjoy a traditional music show on the Perfume River.

Day 12: Hue—Danang—Hoi An (Meals: B, L, D)

Depart for Danang in the morning. Danang is considered the fourth largest city, located at the northern limits of Vietnam's tropical zone. Tour the famed China Beach and Marble Mountains before arriving in Hoi An. Once a trading post of the seafaring Chinese, Japanese and Portuguese merchants, remnants of their influence can still be seen in the architectural styles of the old houses that line this small town. A walking tour of this ancient town reveals its charm.

Day 13: Hoi An – Danang – HCM (Meals: B, L, D)

Return to Danang to board a short flight for Ho Chi Minh. Upon your arrival, a city tour highlights the History Museum, Binh Tai Market in Chinatown, Thien Hau Temple, Notre Dame Cathedral, and the Municipal Post Office.

Day 14: HCM – Mekong Delta – HCM (Meals: B, L)

Enjoy a full day excursion to the Mekong Delta, with a boat trip on the Tien River upon arrival. Visit a local coconut candy factory on one of the nearby islands. Take a ride on a horse-drawn cart along the countryside road, enjoying the local flute traditional music of the South. The last feature of this tour is a row boat ride back to the Tien River. En lunch that features local specialties of the Mekong region before arriving back into Ho Chi Minh in the early evening. This evening features a special seafood dinner at the floating restaurant at the Bach Dang pier.

Day 15: Ho Chi Minh—Los Angeles (Meals: B)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before transferring to the airport for your departure flight home.

INCLUDED TOUR FEATURES

DINING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Laotian Cuisine
- Hanoi Grilled Fish Dinner
- Saigon Seafood Dinner at Floating Restaurant

ENTERTAINMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Apsara Dinner and Show
- Water Puppet Show
- Perfume River Traditional Music Show
- Mekong Delta Boat Trip

DELUXE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR YOUR COMFORT:

- Siem Reap**-----Royal Angkor Resort
- Luang Prabang**-----Grand Luang Prabang Hotel
- Hanoi**-----Sofitel Plaza
- Halong Bay**-----Indochina Sails
- Hue**-----Imperial Hotel
- Hoi An**-----Palm Garden Resort
- Ho Chi Minh**-----Caravelle

FIRST CLASS TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS:

- Roundtrip international flight to Southeast Asia (to Siem Reap and return from Ho Chi Minh)
- All domestic flights within Bangkok and Vietnam
- 12 nights in deluxe hotels
- Fully-escorted tours with English speaking guides
- All transportation on the tour
- All airport transfers will be provided
- Services of an experienced FIVE OCEANS TOURS directors
- Individual extensions to other cities in Asia are available
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Departure	Return	Tour Fare	Fuel Sur-charge	Tax Fees	Single Supp.
3/15, 4/5 4/19, 5/10	3/29, 4/19 5/3, 5/24	\$2,299	\$220	\$80	\$730
5/24, 6/7	6/7, 7/21	\$2,349	\$220	\$80	\$730
6/21, 7/5 7/19, 8/2	7/5, 7/19 8/2, 8/16	\$2,699	\$220	\$80	\$730
8/16, 30	8/30, 9/13	\$2,349	\$220	\$80	\$730
9/13, 27 10/11, 25 11/8	9/27, 10/11 10/25, 11/8 11/22	\$2,299	\$220	\$80	\$730
11/22	12/6	\$2,349	\$220	\$80	\$730
12/13	12/27	\$2,699	\$220	\$80	\$730

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