



Halong Horizons & Angkor Dreams

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Day 01: 17 Jan (Fri)

HANOI - AIRPORT ARRIVAL (WITH GUIDE)

Upon arrival into Hanoi, we'll be met by our guide who will transfer us to our hotel (group transfer – time to be advised). Individual transfers priced separately.

This evening enjoy a welcome dinner and orientation with the tour guide

Meals: Dinner

Hotel: Foreign Relations hotel Hanoi (ROH)

Day 02: 18 Jan (Sat)

HANOI - CITY TOUR

Today we'll experience the very best Hanoi has to offer with this full day tour of the city.

Our morning begins with visit to Ho Chi Minh mausoleum where we'll hear all about the man whose name adorns the museum and his leadership of Vietnam's campaign for independence from French colonial rule. Ho Chi Minh dedicated his life to the liberation of his country from foreign rule before passing away in 1969. His body has been preserved for later generations.

The grounds are well worth a wander, check out the one pillar pagoda and the presidential palace. Next, we'll visit the 11th century relic, the Temple of Literature, which was built in homage to the Chinese scholar Confucius.

Visit the Museum of Ethnology this afternoon, often considered as the best in the country. It has an extensive display dedicated to Vietnam's ethnic minorities.

Next we'll head over to the Old Quarter's 36 streets, named for the products that were sold from their shops, where you'll tour the streets on Cyclo - Vietnam's famous Cyclo's are three wheeled cycle taxis and make for a great way to get around! Through the streets we'll see the vendors on Tin and Bamboo Streets still sell the same wares the street names suggest.

Finally we'll head over to Ngoc Son temple, famed for being set on a tiny island on the picturesque Hoan Kiem Lake. Discover how the island got its name from the legend of an emperor, a magic sword and a giant turtle.

We end our day with the quintessential Vietnam experience - the water puppet show, a traditional art that is still being performed today.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

Hotel: Foreign Relations hotel Hanoi (ROH)

Day 03: 19 Jan (Sun)

HANOI - HALONG - 1 NIGHT CRUISE - PRIVATE TRANSFER

Rise early for a scenic drive to the coastal town of Halong, about 2.5 hours from Hanoi, where we'll check in to our cruise of the iconic Halong Bay.

Upon arrival, a brief cruise itinerary and safety regulations will be provided as we savor a welcome drink aboard the Paradise vessel.

Sit down at the restaurant and enjoy lunch with a view at the restaurant, allowing us to relish the scenic beauty of Halong Bay's islets.

After lunch, we'll have the chance to explore Titov Island, named after the Russian cosmonaut Gherman Stepanovich Titov. Opt for a short mountain hike for a panoramic view of Halong Bay or indulge in a swim at the island's beach.

Next we will visit Luon Cave, a captivating natural wonder nestled in the heart of the bay. Traverse under the limestone mountain, marveling at rock formations and crystal-clear waters via a bamboo boat or kayak.

As the sun sets, our Paradise cruise anchors for the night. Take advantage of Happy Hour and join a cooking class featuring a notable Vietnamese dish.

Savor a Western set dinner prepared by our skilled chef at the restaurant tonight.

After dinner, why not unwind with a drink and soak up your surroundings,

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Hotel: Paradise Sails Cruises (former Paradise Luxury Cruises) (Deluxe Window 2D1N)

Day 04: 20 Jan (Mon)

HALONG - HANOI - HOI AN - FLY

This morning, we wake up to the majestic beauty of Halong and enjoy some morning exercise by practicing the ancient art of Tai Chi on the sundeck.

Restore our energy and prepare for the day ahead with a fresh and healthy breakfast in the restaurant

Our next stop is the magnificent Sung Sot Cave, where we will be surprised by the breathtaking panoramic view across the Bay once we exit the cave. This is the largest cave in Halong Bay, and the stalactites and stalagmites formed over millions of years have taken on fascinating shapes.

As the boat winds its way through the islands, take time to pack our things and check out before arriving at Tuan Chau Island.

Having lunch on the way return to Hanoi airport for our flight to Danang

Upon arrival, we'll be met by our guide and transfer by road to our hotel.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch
Hotel: Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort & Spa (ROH)

Day 05: 21 Jan (Tue)

HOI AN - REU COOKING CLASS & MARKET TOUR

Today's tour will bring us a memorable culinary and cultural experience within the serene Tra Que Vegetable Village.

Begin our day by meeting our guide at a local café, immersing ourselves in the local experience with a cup of traditional Vietnamese iced coffee.

Embark on a journey to the heart of Vietnamese village life, exploring a vibrant local market where we'll interact with local vendors. Gain insights into the fresh produce that we will later use in our cooking class. Immerse yourself in the scents and flavors of Vietnamese herbs and spices, and delve into the authentic Vietnamese market culture.

Following this, a short drive takes us to the Wharf, where you board a boat for a brief river journey to Tra Que Village, the location of our cooking class. Enjoy the picturesque sights of local life along the river as we go.

Upon arrival enjoy a refreshing organic welcome drink and take in the scenic views while strolling or riding around the gardens. Experience the timeless activities of local farmers as they carry water and tend to the gardens, preserving traditions passed down through centuries. Engage in farming or fishing activities or opt for relaxation with a head and herbal foot massage before returning to the scene of our cooking class.

Here you will be led through the preparation of local dishes and provided with a comprehensive understanding of the ingredients and flavors integral to Vietnamese cuisine. Explore tastings of local speciality dishes that may be new to us. Conclude the cooking class by sitting down with friends to enjoy a delightful lunch crafted by our own hands.

Enjoy free time in the town this afternoon for shopping.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch
Hotel: Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort & Spa (ROH)

Day 06: 22 Jan (Wed)

HOIAN CITY TOUR - MASK MAKING

Enjoy a full-day tour of Hoi An with our local guide. Learn about this former port town and the influence of many international cultures on the aesthetics of this UNESCO town. Begin with a visit to the 17th century Chua Ong Pagoda before visiting the Jinshang Temple at the Phuc Kien Assembly Hall. Take a short walk to Tam Ky House, a 200 year old ancestral house before visiting Hoi An's most recognizable sight - the Japanese Covered Bridge which dates back to the 17th century.

Visiting Sa Huynh culture museum. The museum has one of the most unique collections relating to the Sa Huynh culture in the world. The Sa Huynh, who was the first owners of Hoi An trading port, had trading relationships with China, India, and South East Asia. About 216 objects which are around 2.000 years old from Sa Huynh culture are exhibited. These items were found through explorations and excavations at archaeological sites such as Hau Xa, Thanh Chiem, An Bang, Xuan Lam from 1989 to 1994.

After enjoying a delicious Vietnamese lunch, take a short boat trip down the river to visit local artisans making ceramics at a craft village. End our tour with a visit to the docks where we will see the traditional fishing boats and iconic bamboo basket boats.

Traditional Vietnamese theatre is often accompanied by a series of decorative and elaborate masks, each intricately crafted to convey specific characters and emotions. However, the art of mask making is a tradition upheld by only a handful of dedicated artisans. After lunch, we will have the extraordinary opportunity to meet one of these passionate individuals, who has devoted over thirty years to perfecting their craft.

During our encounter, we will delve into the rich history and origins of Vietnamese masks, learning about the cultural significance embedded within each design. From characters inspired by folklore and mythology to representations of historical figures, these masks serve as windows into Vietnam's vibrant heritage.

Following this enlightening experience, we'll have the chance to immerse ourselves in a hands-on workshop, where we'll unleash our creativity by painting our very own mask. Drawing inspiration from traditional designs or exploring more contemporary themes, we'll have the freedom to express ourselves artistically.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

Hotel: Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort & Spa (ROH)

Day 07: 23 Jan (Thu)

HOI AN - SIEM REAP FLY

Be met by our guide and transfer by road to the airport for your onward flight.

Our guide will meet us at the airport and transfer us to our hotel. The rest of our day at leisure, until picking up for a welcome dinner at local restaurant!

Meals: Breakfast / Dinner
Hotel: The Aviary Hotel (Sombok Room)

Day 08: 24 Jan (Fri)

SIEM REAP - EXPLORE ANGKOR COMPLEX BY REMOK (TUK TUK)

Today explore Angkor Wat complex by Tuk Tuk (Remok) visit, and the tour begins at the South Gate of Angkor Thom, where we'll start our exploration of the centerpiece of this ancient city, Bayon. The Bayon encloses 54 towers decorated with more than 200 enigmatically smiling stone faces. The morning tour also visits the Terrace of Elephants and Terrace of Leper Kings, as well as Ta Prohm Temple, made famous by the movie Tomb Raider. Afterwards, enjoy a relaxed lunch at local restaurant before heading to the majestic ruins of Angkor Wat, the most well preserved of all the Angkor temples. You'll have plenty of time for a thorough exploration of this huge architectural wonder.

In the cool afternoon heading back to town, visit the beauty of traditional Khmer art while supporting the livelihoods of rural communities. Visit the workshop of Artisans D'angkor, a social development company that trains young rural Cambodians in craft to help them find work near their home villages. Observe the training and wander through the stalls to see age-old Khmer art such as stone carving, wood ornamental sculpture, small furniture design, silk painting, and more.

Finish our day and return back to our hotel for refreshment.

The evening enjoys Phare Circus Show, the artistic and entertaining performance helps poor and handicapped children gain an education and livelihoods.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch
Hotel: The Aviary Hotel (Sombok Room)

Day 09: 25 Jan (Sat)

SIEM REAP - KOK SANGKE COMMUNITY VILLAGE & TONLE SAP LAKE AT KAMPONG KHLEANG FULL DAY

After breakfast, set off from our hotel transfer to approximately 35km outside of Siem Reap. Embark on a beautiful village tour with the journey passing through villages, serene rice paddies, a colorful pagoda, vegetable garden, and fish farm. Begin with a visit to a family that makes bamboo sticky rice called "Kralan," a delicious Cambodian delicacy. Whilst at the village, we will witness many activities such as blacksmithing, which helps the community create and maintain tools for farming as well as other traditional practices, such as craft weaving.

Next, we enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by a women's association, set in a lovely location next to a lake, and surrounded by paddy fields. After lunch, we will continue to Wat Lorm Proleung, an ancient pagoda.

Here, we will be welcomed by a group of local musicians performing a traditional Chhai Yam dance, followed by a traditional monk blessing, to bring back home lifelong memories.

We end the day by heading to Kampong Khleang, a village built on stilts on Tonle Sap Lake. Home to approximately 10,000 people, Kampong Khleang's residents' main income comes from fishing. On the way back quick stop at SALASUSU community factory, the organization goal is to empower young women to gain the life skills they need through handicraft manufacturing, paving the way for a bright future.

In the cool afternoon, visit Women's Resource Center and the NGO provides women and girls in Cambodia with emotional support, referral services, and informal education so they can be empowered to make informed decisions about their lives. Meet with Mrs. Pisey KHIM - Executive Director who will debrief the background, program, and the impact. And these 45-minute open discussion will allow you to engage in Q&A.

We will organize a farewell dinner at Sokkhak River Lounge roof top and invite some successful women from private sector to join dinner while we can ask question or exchange life experience, work, and enjoy delicious meal at the same time.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner
Hotel: The Aviary Hotel (Sombok Room)

Day 10: 26 Jan (Sun)

SIEM REAP - DEPARTURE

Free time until transfer to airport for our group departure, time to be advised -individual transfers priced separately.

Meals: Breakfast

Tour includes

- 9 nights' hotel accommodation based on double occupancy
- Comprehensive sightseeing with English Speaking guide
- Breakfast daily, 7 lunches and 4 dinners
- Roundtrip group airport transfers
- Entrance fees to attractions included
- Overnight cruise of iconic Halong Bay aboard Paradise Sails Cruises
- Practice the ancient art of Tai Chi in Halong
- Cooking class at Tra Que Village
- Visit to a family that makes bamboo sticky rice called "Kralan," a delicious Cambodian delicacy
- Farewell dinner at Sokkhak River Lounge roof top

**Flights Not Included. Based on a minimum of 5 passengers.*