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7 -15 Day Vietnam & Cambodia Highlights



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15 Day Itinerary: Vietnam & Cambodia Highlights Tour

Day 1: Arrival Vietnam – US – Vietnam - Hanoi

Upon arrival in Hanoi, meet your private English-speaking Liaison Representative in the customs and immigration area. You will be escorted through customs and forward through the airport to the baggage claim area where you will meet your private English-speaking Driver. Your driver will manage your luggage and transfer you from the airport to your hotel (with guide).

Upon arrival at the Hotel, you will be welcomed by the concierge with a VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation prior to your return to the hotel.

After check-in, you will continue on with your Driver and Your professional local guide for a Hanoi City tour to give you an overview of the city and to visit some of the key sites this morning.

With ochre-colored colonial buildings, tree-lined boulevards and scenic lakes, Hanoi is full of charm. Start the tour at the historic Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, an imposing monument lavishly built using marble and granite, and where the preserved body of "Uncle Ho" resides. Wind your way afterwards to the Temple of Literature, the first University for the sons of mandarins.

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Lunch will be on your own en-route today and your guide will offer suggestions for dining in the area.

After lunch, you will be returned to your hotel where you will be at leisure for the remainder for the day.

Dinner is on your own tonight. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Hanoi.

Accommodation: Intercontinental Hanoi Westlake Hotel

Day 2: Vietnam – Hanoi – Ha Long Bay

Breakfast in the hotel (included in your package).

After breakfast, you will be at leisure until it is time to depart for your trip to Ha Long Bay.

At the appropriate time, check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of the hotel for your transfer to the port for your trip to Ha Long Bay.

Depart for your journey to Ha Long Bay. Board your junk, settle into your cabin and prepare your appetite for an enjoyable lunch on deck. Overnight on junk (joined boat – private cabin, 2 persons per cabin) (Lunch, Dinner)

Day 3: Vietnam – Ha Long Bay - Hanoi

Rise early and greet the day with another refreshing Tai Chi class on the upper deck.

Breakfast on the Junk (included in your package).

After breakfast, transfer from the main boat to a small beach on Ti Top Island before cruising back to shore.

Arrive at the jetty in late morning then transfer back to Hanoi.

Upon arrival in Hanoi, you will check into your hotel. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation.

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You will continue on with your private English-speaking driver & professional Local guide. You will first visit the serene Museum of Ethnology offering a fascinating insight into Vietnam's 54 ethnic minority groups.

Drive back to central Hanoi for a walking tour through the Old Quarter to enjoy the bustling local life.

Then cap off the day with a private cocktail reception and viewing at Szanne Lecht's gallery.

After the reception, you will return to your hotel, where you will be at leisure for the remainder fo the evening.

Dinner is on your own tonight. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Hanoi.

Accommodation: Intercontinental Hanoi Westlake Hotel

Day 4: Vietnam – Hanoi - Hue

Breakfast in your hotel (included in your package).

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer from your hotel to the airport.

Upon arrival at the airport, you will connect with your onward flight to Hue – Vietnam's former Imperial Capital.

Upon arrival to Hue, meet your private English-speaking Driver in baggage claim. Your luggage will be managed and you will enjoy a private transfer from the airport to your hotel for check in.

Upon arrival at the Hotel, you will be welcomed by the concierge with a VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation. After check-in you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day to explore on your own or relax in the hotel.

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Accommodation: La Residence Hue Hotel & Spa

Day 5: Vietnam – Hue

Breakfast in your hotel (included in your package).

After breakfast, start your day in Hue from your hotel with a 10 minute cyclo ride from your hotel to the Imperial Citadel, a UNESCO listed site. Hue served as an imperial capital to the Nguyen Lords, a feudal dynasty which reigned from the 17th to the 19th century. With splendid emperors' tombs, ancient pagodas and the remains of the Citadel, the city retains its royal charm.

From the Citadel, meet your private English-speaking driver & professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to visit Thien Mu pagoda, Hue's best-preserved religious monument. Standing on the riverbank with its seven-story tower, the pagoda is a sight to behold.

Lunch is on your own today en-route. Your guide will offer suggestions on dining options in the area.

After lunch, you will visit the elaborate Khai Dinh Royal Tomb and the Tu Duc Royal Tomb. After your tour, you will be returned to your hotel where you are at leisure for the remainder of the day until dinner.

7:30PM: Meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the restaurant where you will enjoy a typical Royal meal.

Dinner this evening is a special event. You will enjoy a meal fit for a king. Savor in an unforgettable dinner with typical Royal dishes at Ancient Hue restaurant which its distinctive ancient houses offering a glimpse of the city's splendid past. (Included in your package)

After dinner, you will meet your private driver in front of the restaurant and be returned to your hotel where you are free to relax.

Day 6: Vietnam – Hue – Da Nang

Breakfast in your hotel (included in your package).

After breakfast, you will be at leisure until after lunch.

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At the appropriate time, check out of your hotel.

Lunch is on your own today.

After lunch, meet your private English-speaking driver & professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer from your Hue hotel to a Danang hotel. (approximately 2 hrs.) Your guide will point out interesting sites and offer stories and information about the sites and the areas you will pass through on your way to Da Nang.

Upon arrival at the Hotel in Da Nang, you will be welcomed by the concierge with a VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation. After check-in you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day to explore on your own or relax in the hotel.

Dinner is on your own tonight. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Da Nang.

Accommodation: Fusion Maia Danang Resort

Day 7: Vietnam – Da Nang – My Son – Da Nang

Breakfast in your hotel (included in your package).

After breakfast, you will meet your private English-speaking driver & professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tour of Da Nang.

My Son is one of the foremost Hindu temple sites in South East Asia. For the Cham civilization that ruled Central Vietnam from the 2nd to the 13th century, My Son was an important religious site and place of worship. A 1.5-hour drive from Hoi An will bring you to My Son where there are 20 monuments still standing today. The temples are set in a verdant valley surrounded by hills and overlooked by the impressive Cat Tooth Mountain. Stroll around this UNESCO listed temple complex to learn about the Cham culture, architecture and civilization.

Lunch is on your own today. Your guide will offer suggestions for dining in the area.

After your tour is concluded, you will be returned to your hotel where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day to continue to explore on your own or relax in the hotel.

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Dinner is on your own tonight. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Da Nang.

Day 8: Vietnam – Da Nang - Saigon

Breakfast in your hotel (included in your package).

After breakfast, the morning is at leisure to enjoy complimentary spa treatments at the Fusion Maia resort.

Lunch is on your own today.

After lunch, your guide will collect you in the afternoon for a private cooking class.

In the evening, at the appropriate time, check out of your hotel and meet your private Englishspeaking driver in the lobby of the hotel for your transfer from your hotel to the airport for your onward bound flight to Saigon.

Upon arrival in Saigon, meet your private English-speaking Driver in baggage claim. Your luggage will be managed and you will enjoy a private transfer from the airport to your hotel for check in.

Upon arrival at the Hotel, you will be welcomed by the concierge with a VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation. After check-in you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day to explore on your own or relax in the hotel.

Dinner is on your own tonight. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Saigon.

Day 9: Vietnam – Saigon

Breakfast in your hotel (included in your package).

After breakfast, meet your private English-speaking driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tour of Saigon.

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Commence with a visit the shrine outside of the US Consulate then continue to the former CIA building where helicopters evacuated the remaining US citizens in 1975. Head to the rooftop café of the Rex hotel, a familiar landmark for Americans during the Vietnam War. Followed by a visit to the Reunification Palace for a guided tour of the former headquarters of the South Vietnamese Government and residence of the presidents.

Drive to the former residence of the US Ambassador of South Vietnam in the early 1960s, Mr. Henry C.Lodge, who conducted a mission to overthrow the South Vietnamese Government. The tour continues at a previously covert location that was used during the war to store weapons – this small house was a hiding place for weapons of Viet Cong Commandos from "Team 5" in readiness for the Tet Offensive on 30 January 1968.

Afterward, drive to a historic venue for a late lunch of "pho" (noodle soup) which also used to be the headquarters of Viet Cong Commanders where they gathered to plan for the 1968 Tet Offensive. Take a walk upstairs to learn more about the history through the family's photo collection. Then sit down and enjoy the traditional taste of pho downstairs before driving back to your hotel.

Upon arrival at your hotel, the remainder of the day is at leisure to continue to explore on your own or relax in your hotel.

Dinner is on your own tonight. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Saigon.

Accommodation: Intercontinental Asiana Saigon Hotel

Day 10: Vietnam – Saigon – Cai Lay

Breakfast in your hotel (included in your package).

After breakfast, meet your private English-speaking driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your tour of Cai Lay.

Depart early in the morning from Saigon passing lush rice paddies and fruit farms on the way to the Mekong Delta.

Upon arrival in Cai Lay, board a charming wooden boat to enjoy countryside scenery and river life.

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Then stretch your legs a bit and hop on a bicycle for a short ride along narrow village lanes, past fruit orchards and local cottage industries. Locals will often greet you with a hello or "xin chao" as you pedal by.

Arrive at the home of a tropical fruit farmer and have a walk around his orchard. Walk through a tranquil Mekong village to a local home and enjoy a **home-hosted lunch** of Mekong Delta specialties.

After lunch, a short walk takes you back to the car and your return trip to Saigon.

Upon arrival at your hotel, the remainder of the day is at leisure to continue to explore on your own or relax in your hotel.

Dinner is on your own tonight. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Saigon.

Day 11: Vietnam – Saigon – Siem Reap

Breakfast in your hotel (included in your package).

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking driver and professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer from your hotel to the airport for your onward flight to Cambodia.

Upon arrival on Cambodia, make your own way through customs and immigration procedures. Meet your private English-speaking driver in baggage claim who will manage your luggage and transfer you from the airport to your hotel.

Upon arrival at your hotel, you will be welcomed by the concierge with a VIP check-in. You luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation.

The remainder of the day is at leisure to unwind and relax in your hotel.

Dinner is on your own tonight. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Siem Reap.

Accommodation: Park Hyatt Siem Reap

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Day 12: Cambodia – Siem Reap

Breakfast in your hotel (included in your package).

After breakfast, meet your private English-speaking driver & professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to Angkor Wat, one of the modern wonders of the world. Spend the morning exploring this exceptional site.

Head back to Siem Reap to rest and to enjoy lunch on your own.

After lunch, continue to Angkor Thom, the ancient royal city of Khmer Empire with its center piece; the Bayon temple. Your guide will take you to the Terrace of the Elephants, which served as a platform from where the King could welcome back his victorious army and the Terrace of the Leper King, which holds detailed carvings winding along a narrow passage way that leads to the Baphuon complex.

After your tour you will be returned to your hotel where you will be at leisure to continue exploring on your own or to relax in the hotel.

Dinner is on your own tonight. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Siem Reap

Day 13: Cambodia – Siem Reap

Breakfast in your hotel (included in your package).

After breakfast, meet your private English-speaking driver & professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your special half day visiting some of the hot spots of Cambodian fine art and fashion.

From a designer's studio showcasing modern Khmer art and crafts, a modern fashion haute coutourier, a philanthropic center for khmer arts and finally an enterprise committed to weaving and dying the highest quality materials which is then tailored into fine clothes made to measure for their clients...

Lunch is on your own en-route today. Your guide will recommend dining options in the area.

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After your tour, you will be returned to your hotel where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day.

Dinner is on your own tonight. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Siem Reap.

Day 14: Cambodia – Siem Reap – Laos – Luang Prabang

Breakfast in your hotel (included in your package).

After breakfast, your morning is at leisure to relax or explore a little more on your own before leaving this city.

Lunch is on your own today. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Luang Prabang.

At the appropriate time, check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer from your hotel to the airport for your onward flight to Laos.

Upon arrival in Loas, meet your private English-speaking driver in baggage claim, who will manage your luggage and transfer you from the airport to your hotel for check in.

Upon arrival at the hotel, you will be welcomed by the concierge with a VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax in your hotel or do some exploring on your own.

Dinner is on your own tonight. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Luang Prabang.

Accommodation: Hotel De La Paix Luang Prabang

Day 14: Laos – Luang Prabang

Breakfast in your hotel (included in your package).

After breakfast, meet your English-speaking Professional Guide in the lobby of your hotel for a relaxing walk around the ancient town of Luang Prabang. Pay a visit to the Royal Palace, which

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is now a National Museum, walk to the magnificent stupa of Wat Visoun and continue to Wat That Luang (monastery of the big stupas) and Wat Mai. Wat Mai is Luang Prabang's oldest Pagoda.

Lunch is on your own today. Your guide will offer suggestions for dining in the area.

Continue to Wat Xiengthong with its classic Laos' style roofs, which are a magnificent sight to behold. End your tour with a short climb to the top of Mount Phousi, located in the center of town and admire the wonderful view from the top of the town across the Mekong and Khan rivers as well as the surrounding mountains.

At the end of the tour, you will walk back to your hotel where you will be at leisure to continue to explore on your won or relax in your hotel.

Dinner is on your own tonight. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Luang Prabang.

Day 15: Laos – Luang Prabang – US & Home

Breakfast in your hotel (included in your package).

After breakfast, you will have the morning at leisure to explore on your own or just to relaz in the hotel before your trip home.

At the appropriate time, meet your private English-speaking driver int eh lobby of you hotel for your final transfer to the airport to meet your international flight to the US and onward to Home.

End of services.

** It is recommended that you consider adding additional days to your custom itinerary, in order to have a more comprehensive visit in each of the destinations contained within the itinerary. This short 7- 15 day trip is a highlights trip and will only give you a brief overview of each destination.



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