

## 14 Days | Charm of Vietnam & Cambodia | With Flights

Hanoi - Halong Bay - Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Phnom Penh  
- Siem Reap

From **\$3,499** Typically \$4,199 ✈️ pp twin share



Includes Return Economy Class International Flights

Overnight cruise in beautiful Halong Bay

Comfortable accommodation (with option to upgrade)

Daily breakfast & Much More!

Low deposits!

## Description

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**Experience the best of Vietnam and Cambodia in style with direct flights from Melbourne and Sydney**

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*For departures from Perth using the Direct Flight with Vietnam Airlines*

*Please **CONTACT US** as the departure dates will be different and requires a personalised deal prepared for you.*

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Embark on an enchanting 12-day journey that unveils the unparalleled wonders of Vietnam and Cambodia, immersing yourself in the rich tapestry of culture, history, and delectable cuisine these Southeast Asian gems have to offer. This meticulously crafted itinerary promises an unforgettable exploration of both North and South Vietnam, seamlessly transitioning to the awe-inspiring landscapes of Siem Reap in Cambodia.

Prepare your taste buds for a culinary adventure as you savor the iconic Banh Mi in abundance, delighting in the diverse flavors that characterize Vietnamese and Cambodian cuisine. Indulge in a sensory feast as you traverse the breathtaking Halong Bay, its emerald waters reflecting towering limestone karsts that stand as sentinels of nature's grandeur. Wander through the charming streets of Hoi An, adorned with French-inspired architecture that whispers tales of a bygone era.

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Delve into the historical depths of Vietnam as you navigate the intricate network of the Cu Chi Tunnels, providing a poignant glimpse into the resilience and resourcefulness of the Vietnamese people during times of conflict. Cambodia unfolds before you, inviting exploration of its ancient temples and warm encounters with the amicable locals who add a genuine touch to your cultural sojourn.

For those with a penchant for luxury, elevate your experience by choosing the 5 Star Accommodation option at checkout, ensuring every moment is imbued with opulence and comfort. This upgrade promises a heightened sense of indulgence, adding an extra layer of sophistication to your already extraordinary voyage.

Seize the opportunity to be enthralled by the unique charm of South-East Asia, where each day unfolds as a new chapter in a captivating story. Don't let this chance slip away - contact us today to embark on a sojourn that promises not only adventure but a profound connection with the soul-stirring essence of Vietnam and Cambodia. Your journey awaits, adorned with the promise of discovery and the allure of untold tales.

## Itinerary

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### Day 1

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#### Australia ✈ Hanoi

Today you will check in and board your flight bound for Vietnam! Upon arrival at Noi Bai International airport, you will be greeted by our representative and be transferred to hotel for check in. On arrival to the property, check in and then you will have time to explore the charming city of Hanoi, often referred to as the 'Paris of the East', with its yellow ochre colonial buildings, tree-lined boulevards, and scenic lakes.

**Meals:** Inflight Menu

**Accommodation:** The Q Hanoi or similar

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### Day 2

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#### Hanoi

After breakfast, you enjoy full day of exploring the city starting with the Ho Chi Minh Complex containing the mausoleum of the nation's founder Ho Chi Minh and the President Palace, Ho Chi Minh's house on stilts. Close to this site is the One Pillar Pagoda whose origin dates to the foundation of Hanoi a thousand years ago. Your tour in Hanoi continues with a trip to the remarkable Temple of Literature, well known as Vietnam first.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** The Q Hanoi or similar



## Day 3

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Hanoi  Halong Bay 

### Itinerary of 4-star cruise: 'Calypso Cruise'

1215PM – 1PM: From Tuan Chau wharf, Tuan Chau island of Ha Long city, we go to Calypso Cruise by small boat. Welcome drinks will be served upon arrival, you will then need to undertake check in procedures. Get a brief introduction and safety guidelines then check in to your room.

Have lunch while cruising in the magnificent Ha Long Bay, admiring the fascinating nature, then anchor at Lan Ha Bay area.

3PM: Join a guide to explore hidden parts of the bay, the area of Dark and Bright cave where to goes through the cave, under the mountain to a lake which is formed by a Karst – well like a dragon eye inside the mountain. This is a very beautiful sight that visitors like the most. You share a sampan with other tourists with a local rower OR taking a kayak on your own.

Return to Calypso Cruises for swimming in the sea or at the swimming pool on sundeck.

530PM: Enjoy happy hours with various drinks on discounts, try swimming pool and charming the bay with our handsome bartenders. Sun set can be seen from the sundeck if it is a lucky day.

6PM: Take part in a cooking demonstration and food décor with our Chef.

7PM: Join dinner at Calypso Cruises restaurant.

830PM – 10PM: Time of relaxation after a day on sundeck, leisure in room for watching films, sing karaoke in the restaurant or go to tender for squid fishing with cruise staffs.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

**Accommodation:** Halong Bay River Cruise Boat

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## Day 4

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 Halong Bay  Hanoi  Danang  Hoi An

### Itinerary of 4-star cruise: 'Calypso Cruise'

6AM: Welcome a new day with amazing dawn on the Legendary Gulf of Tonkin. Refresh your body & soul by taking a Tai-chi lesson on sundeck.

645AM - 730AM: Coffee, tea and breakfast pastries served in restaurant.

730AM - 830AM: Join a guided and get your hands on some Kayaking to explore Tra Bau area. For those who do not fancy a kayaking trip, you can stay onboard and swim at the swimming pool on sundeck or swim in the sea.

830AM - 930AM: Check out of cabins. Start cruising towards the port.

09:30 - 10:30: Early Lunch will be served in the restaurant.

1045 - 11AM: A small baot will transfer you to the wharf. Disembark and return to Hanoi.

Return to Hanoi to take flight to Danang where you will be greeted and driven to Hoi An originally a Cham seaport but influenced over the centuries by a myriad of traders from various cultures. On arrival at the property, check in and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

**Meals:** Breakfast and Brunch

**Accommodation:** Shinning Riverside Hoi An or similar

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## Day 5

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### Hoi An

Breakfast this morning will be at your hotel. Today, you have the whole day free for your own activities or to relax at the hotel.

#### *Optional tour:*

- *Program: BANA HILLS (Seat in coach)*
- *Included: Hotel pick-up & drop-off. English-speaking guide. Return cable car. Buffet lunch in Bana. Entrance fee to Fantasy Park and all places in Bana except wax museum.*
- *Duration: Full day tour*
- *Itinerary: At around 730AM a car and guide will pick you up at hotel and depart for Sun World Bana hills. A 20-minute cable-cart-ride bring us past the vast forest tree line and offers spectacular views of the lush jungle and Fairy waterfall along the way. Time to experience the pristine ecological system of Ba Na. Enjoy the fresh mountain air, visit Le Jardin, old wineries - remains of French Villas and Linh Ung Pagoda with its 27m height Buddha Statue. Leave Le Jardin for Gare Debay, the second cable car station, to go to the top of Ba Na. Enjoy the panorama view of Da Nang from the top of Ba Na Hills. Visit the golden hand bridge which is listed on the list of must-go places while travelling in Da Nang. Wandering around to explore every corner of the beautiful architecture complex "French Village" with many festival activities. Lunch in a local restaurant at Bana hill. You might be interest in spending time in Fantasy Park-*

*the third largest indoor amusement park in the world. Return to cable car station and transfer back to your hotel.*

## *Optional tour:*

- *Program: RURAL LIFE AT COCONUT VILLAGE (Seat in coach – MINIMUM 2 Passengers)*
- *Included: Hotel pick-up & drop-off. English-speaking guide. Bamboo basket boat. Entrance fee. Lunch in a local restaurant.*
- *Duration: Half day tour*
- *Itinerary: At about 9AM our guide will pick you up at the hotel lobby and transfer you to the motorboat for travelling to Cam Thanh water coconut village. While the boat cruises along the river, observing beautiful Hoi An rural lives with water coconut forest in the background. Transferring from the main boat to the bamboo basket boat and slowly rowing to the village. During these basket boat tours, you will learn more about the water coconut ecosystem, as well as how the locals of Cam Thanh Village spend their days. Your guide may show you how to paddle the basket boat you are in and may even allow you to paddle for a little bit if you wish. One of the most mesmerizing parts of your Cam Thanh Coconut Village tour will be when you are in the middle of the beautiful water coconut forest. A feeling of calm will be present, and you will appreciate every moment you are there, away from your ordinarily busy life. Together with local fishermen, throwing fish nets, catching fishes, mud-crabs, coconut mussels (an indigenous specie that can only be found here) and turning coconut leaves into fun items. Arrive at the village around 1130AM and enjoy a welcome drink before lunch with a Vietnamese set menu in a local restaurant. Transfer back to your hotel after lunch and finish this tour at around 130PM.*

## *Optional tour:*

- *Program: MY SON HOLLY LAND (Seat in coach – MINIMUM 2 Passengers)*
- *Included: Hotel pick-up & drop-off. English-speaking guide. Boat trip. Entrance fee. Lunch in a local restaurant.*
- *Duration: Half-day tour*
- *Itinerary: At about 730AM this morning your guide picks you up at your hotel and departs to My Son Sanctuary – The World Cultural Heritage, located 45 km from Hoi An. My Son is the former capital of the ancient Cham civilization that ruled Central Vietnam from the 4th to 15th centuries. We will spend 2 hours to discover the site by walking through the landscape, learning histories with our local English-speaking guide, and enjoying the Champa's traditional performances. Get back to the van and move to a local house to learn how to make rice paper, you will enjoy your own hand-making product later on then have lunch in another local house and relax with cold herbal tea while feeling the cool wind & fresh air of the countryside. Take a boat trip on the Hoai River on the way back to Hoi An. From the boat, you will enjoy the beauty of the typical peaceful countryside in Vietnam. Arrive at Hoi An ancient town and finish the tour at the hotel around 2PM.*

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Shinning Riverside Hoi An or similar

## Day 6

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### Hoi An

Today you are free for your own exploration in Hoian.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Shinning Riverside Hoi An or similar

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## Day 7

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### Hoi An Danang Ho Chi Minh

After breakfast, we will transfer you to the airport to take a flight to Ho Chi Minh. Upon arrival at Tan Son Nhat International Airport, you will be greeted by our representative and transferred to the hotel for check-in. Then you are free to enjoy the city.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Alagon D'antique Ho Chi Minh City or similar



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## Day 8

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### Ho Chi Minh Mekong Delta Ho Chi Minh

After breakfast, we head to the city of My Tho. On the way, we will visit Vinh Trang Pagoda, the biggest pagoda in the Mekong Delta. Upon arrival in My Tho, we will take a boat trip along the Mekong River, where you can see fish cages and floating houses on the river. The boat takes you to a small canal, where you can totally escape from the busy town. The boat cruise in the coconut trees canal takes you to a coconut island in Ben Tre. We disembarked and had a walk around the village. Stop at a local family home to enjoy tropical fruit, taste the honey tea, and honey wine, and listen to Vietnamese traditional music, performed by the villagers.

Stop by the village coconut candy shop, learn how to make candy, and see some handicrafts made out of coconut trees. Take a walk through the village and admire the fruits, flowers, trees, local houses, children, and people. Then, we enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. After that, we go for a walk around the area and transfer back to Saigon.

#### *Alternate Day Tour Option: Cu Chi tunnel Tour*

*After breakfast at hotel, we will visit the famous Cu Chi Tunnels. Located 60km from HCMC, Cu Chi is now a popular spot for both Vietnamese & foreign tourists - the network of over 200km of tunnels became legendary when they played a vital role in the War. In their day, the tunnels were functioning underground cities including numerous trap doors, specially constructed living areas, storage facilities, weapons factories, field hospitals, command centers & kitchens. Today, ducks and water buffalos happily co-exist in the rivers along the side of the road. However, the peaceful rural rice paddy scenery belies the area's violent history. Visitors will find it hard to imagine the destruction, damage & defoliation over this whole area, caused by bombing and mines. There is plenty of evidence of the fierce battle that took place here during the 1960s when Cu Chi was a "Free Target Zone". Start our tour in the morning, before entering the tunnels visitors can watch a short introductory video showing how the tunnels were constructed. You will spend the next hour exploring the tunnels. Afterwards, enjoy tea, cassava (guerrilla's food during the war). Return to Ho Chi Minh. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh.*

**Meals:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Accommodation:** Alagon D'antique Ho Chi Minh City or similar

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## Day 9

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### Ho Chi Minh

Today you are free for your own exploration of Ho Chi Minh City.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Alagon D'antique Ho Chi Minh City or similar

## Day 10

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### Ho Chi Minh ✈ Phnom Penh

This morning after breakfast, you are free until we transfer to airport to take a flight to Phnom Penh.

Upon arrival at Phnom Penh International Airport, process the immigration procedure, then get your luggage and walk straight to the Exit Gate where our representative is waiting. After self-introducing, you'll transfer directly to the hotel in the city for check-in (check-in time is 2 pm). Time to freshen up and relax at the hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Capri by Fraser or similar

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## Day 11

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### Phnom Penh 🚌 Siem Reap

Breakfast is at the hotel this morning.

We will leave the hotel at 830AM by car to take a challenge of Cyclo ride (rickshaw) along riverfront for fantastic morning highlight of Phnom Penh Capital toward Independent Monument where we stop to capture some beautiful photos before resuming the ride to stroll around Central Market to see bustling local trades. Finished the Cyclo ride at Royal Palace, we walk to visit The Royal Palace – a complex of buildings which are served as the royal residence for the King of Cambodia, admired by impressive Silver Pagoda with over 5000 solid silver tiles and other Royal Stupas, shrines, monuments etc. Return to the hotel for refreshments and a break.

Simply enjoy the rest of free time in Phnom Penh before our team picks you up from hotel's lobby and transfers to Siem Reap by Giant ibis bus. Upon your arrival at bus station, you will be greeted by our friendly team then transferred to your hotel for check in and then have the rest of the day at your own leisure.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Somadevi Angkor Siem Reap or similar

## Day 12

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### Siem Reap Day Tour

After breakfast, enjoy a full day excursion to discover Angkor Thom and Temples. Firstly, you will visit the wonderful Angkor Thom (the Great City) including the Southern Gate, famous Bayon temple (12th century in the centre of city remains one the most enigmatic temples of the Angkor group composed of 54 gothic towers decorated with 216 smiling faces of Avalokitesvara. Baphuon temple is lying just to the north of Bayon a pyramidal representation of mythical Mount Meru. Terrace of Elephants used as a giant reviewing stand for public ceremonies and served as a base for the king's grand audience hall ; Terrace of the Leper King a platform 7m high, with statue. Visit to Ta Prohm. One of the area's most beautiful temples, Ta Prohm has been left relatively untouched since it was discovered and retains much of its mystery. Its appeal lies in the fact that, unlike the other monuments of Angkor, it was abandoned and swallowed by the jungle, looking very much the way most of the Angkor temples appeared when European explorers first stumbled upon them.

Afternoon, it is time to visit the wonderful Angkor Wat Temples – one of the seven greatest architectural wonders of the world, as a temple and mausoleum for King Suryavarman II at the peak of the Khmer empire in the first half of 12th. Angkor Wat is probably the best-preserved of the Angkorean temples, with a central tower surrounded by four smaller towers. The central monument represents the mythical Mount Meru, the holy mountain at the centre of the universe, which was home to the Hindu God Vishnu. The whole complex covers 81 hectares, a rectangular wall measuring 1025 meters by 800 meters borders the inner edge of the moat, and temple's greatest sculptural treasure is its 2 km-long bas-reliefs around the walls. In the late afternoon, visit to the Phnom Bakheng temple, is the first temple in Angkor region build by the Yacovarman I King in the first of 9th century, located on a slope gently hill where thousands tourist are grouping on the hilltop to catch a memorable time of life when viewing the marvellous sunset, the distant Angkor Wat in the jungle.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Somadevi Angkor Siem Reap or similar

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## Day 13

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### Siem Reap

After breakfast, enjoy a free day to explore or just relax!

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Somadevi Angkor Siem Reap or similar

## Day 14

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### Siem Reap ✈ Australia

After breakfast, enjoy some time at leisure until your transfer to the airport for your return flight back home.

We hope you have brought home fond memories of Vietnam and Cambodia!

**Meals:** Breakfast and Inflight Menu

## Inclusions & Exclusions

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### Inclusions

- Return Economy Class Airfare from Melbourne and Sydney - \*Brisbane and \*Adelaide (\*surcharge applies)
- International and domestic flights with Vietnam Airlines (subject to availability)
- 12 nights 4 Star hotel accommodation on twin share basis
- 1 night (2 day) Halong Bay cruise (shared twin accommodation)
- Meals as indicated in itinerary:
  - Daily breakfast in the hotel
  - 1 Brunch, 1 Lunch, and 1 Dinner on Halong Bay cruise
- All transfers and transportation with comfortable air-conditioned vehicles
- Local English-speaking tour guides
- All entrance fees as per itinerary
- 2 bottles of mineral water per person/per day

### Flight Information

#### Flights based on Economy Airfares

#### Upgrades available at check-out as follows:

- Airfare upgrade to Premium Economy Class surcharge
- Airfare upgrade to Business Class surcharge for the whole itinerary

(Flight with Vietnam Airlines the new Dreamliner 787)

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### Exclusions

- Meals and drinks not mentioned in the itinerary
- Water other than the amount listed in inclusions
- Tipping
- Optional excursions and activities
- Personal expenses (phone calls, laundry, etc.)
- Travel Insurance (strongly recommended)
- Visa(s)/Visa fee

**Visas:** Australian passport holders need to apply for a visa to visit Vietnam. The visa-free stay period is counted from THE DATE OF ENTRY. Please apply E-Visa to Vietnam at least 15 days before the date of entry. For the Vietnam visa, it can be easily obtained online via this link: <https://evisa.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn>

It takes 3-5 working days for the visa to be issued. The VISA STATUS can be checked at: <https://evisa.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn/web/guest/tra-cuu-thi-thuc> after entering the registration code, email, and date of birth.

Once the visa is issued, the PDF file can be downloaded and printed. It is advisable to have 2 printed copies to enter/exit Vietnam.

**Child Policy:** No child discounts apply. A full priced voucher must be purchased for all children





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