

Vibrant Treasures of Vietnam and Cambodia

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**14 Day Guided
Tour Including:**

Hanoi, Halong Bay,
Hue, Hoi An,
Siem Reap,
Angkor Wat
Temples, Saigon,
Cu Chi Tunnels,
Mekong Delta

...and so much more!

Exclusive Optionals:

- Golden Bridge
- Marble Mountain and China Beach
- Water Puppet Show
- Traditional Dinner and Dance in Siem Reap



Price Includes:

- 4 ½ + Star Accommodations
- ROUNDTRIP FLIGHT FROM VANCOUVER
- Daily Breakfast
- 7 Lunches, 6 Dinners
- Domestic flights, comfortable coach transportation, overnight cruise
- Entire tour escorted in English

Escorted by Trina Dang, born and raised in Hoi An.
For more information, contact your travel agent.



Day 1: Depart Canada

Embark on your trip to Vietnam!

Day 2: Hanoi Arrival (D)

Your tour starts in Hanoi, Vietnam's French-colonial capital. Your guide will welcome you at the airport and transfer you to the hotel for check in. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner, where you will get to meet your fellow travelers.

Day 3: Hanoi Sightseeing (B,L)

A spectacular full-day tour of the Capital includes all the major sites of Hanoi. Visit the Ho Chi Minh Museum and the restored One-Pillar Pagoda. Then, head to the 1000-year-old Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university. In the afternoon, walk through the maze of bustling streets that make up Hanoi's Old Quarter and visit Hoan Kiem Lake. This evening, you may choose to visit a traditional Water Puppets show.

Day 4: Hanoi – Halong Bay (B,L,D)

Drive through the countryside and relax on the bus, enjoying the sights surrounding us on the way to Halong Bay, a stunning UNESCO World Heritage site: 3000 towering limestone islands dotting the bay in the Gulf of Tonkin. Upon arrival, board your overnight cruise and enjoy a relaxing, scenic evening.

Day 5: Halong Bay – Hue (B,D)

After watching a spectacular sunrise over the Bay, you will disembark the cruise and transfer directly to the Noi Bai Airport, where you will take a brief flight to Hue City. Spend the evening enjoying the local sights and cuisine, and stay overnight in the hotel.

Day 6: Hue – Hoi An (B)

Visit the Imperial Citadel, which was built over a 30-year period from 1804 on the order of the first emperor Gia Lon. It resembles a fortress made up of three parts: The Capital City, the Imperial City and the Forbidden City, as well as over 100 palaces of original architecture spread over several sectors. Then, visit the traditional Thien Mu Pagoda on the banks of the river, before transferring to Hoi An via the scenic Hai Van Pass. Have your cameras ready for this spectacular panorama of the central coastline, and stretch your legs on the white sands of peaceful Iang Co en route. Enjoy the evening at leisure in Hoi An.

Day 7: Hoi An Sightseeing (B,L)

In the morning, embark a boat ride to the mouth of Thu Bon river and spend the day experiencing all the activities a fisherman

would. Then, transfer to a coracle bamboo boat to tour a mangrove forest and try your hand at catching crabs. Enjoy a delicious BBQ seafood lunch at a lovely local house, before returning to Hoi An. Later this evening, choose to sit by the river and enjoy the lanterns, or maybe take a dip in the South China Sea.

Day 8: Free Day in Hoi An (B)

The whole day is free for you to explore Hoi An and its surrounding areas – tour the shops and get measured for a beautiful dress, or check out the beach, the locale of the TV series *China Beach*. Other activity options include a visit to the 13th century My Son Indianized temples or to the Dong Thien Duong Caves.

Day 9: Hoi An – Danang – Siem Reap (B,D)

Enjoy the last hours in Hoi An before transferring to Danang Airport for the flight to Siem Reap, where you will begin to see the sights of Angkor Wat.

Day 10: Siem Reap Temples – Angkor Wat (B,L)

Discover the marvelous temples at Angkor Wat, a UNESCO World Heritage site featured in Cambodia's flag. In the afternoon, travel to Banteay Srei, a pink sandstone temple. Visit Ta Prohm Monastery (nicknamed The Jungle Temple), where you'll see sculptured Devatas, small Hindu deities. Opt to dine with your fellow travelers for a traditional Cambodian dinner tonight.

Day 11: Siem Reap – Ho Chi Minh City (B,L)

In the afternoon, visit the Great City of Angkor Thom, beginning at the Bayon Temple, dedicated to Buddhism and built in the 12th and 13th centuries. We see some of the 216 smiling faces of Avalokitesvara, and visit the 350-meter-long Elephant Terrace. We also see the raised terrace of the Leper King. Tonight, we fly to Ho Chi Minh City, still known as *Saigon* by most of the locals. Evening at leisure.

Day 12: Cu Chi Tunnels – Ho Chi Minh City Sightseeing (B,L,D)

Visit the amazing underground network of tunnels at Cu chi, initially built during the *French War* in 1948. This entire visit is guaranteed to be a trip highlight. Upon returning, we visit some of the highlights of this former capital of French Indochina, full of graceful buildings: The Old Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral and Opera House.. You have the afternoon at leisure. Suggestions include an excursion to the Cao

Dai temple, a visit to the Ben Thanh Market, or a stop at the terrace of the Rex Hotel, which was a spy nest for journalists and diplomats during the *American War*.

Day 13: Mekong Delta Visit (B,L,D)

Transfer to Cai Lay for a beautiful day trip. The tour begins with lovely landscapes of lush rice paddies and fruit farms along the highway. Upon arrival, board a charming wooden boat to enjoy countryside scenery and river life, before taking a bicycle ride, or a Xe Ioi rickshaw (approximately 7km) along narrow village lanes, past fruit orchards and local cottage industries. Arrive at the home of a tropical fruit farmer and have a walk around the orchard before transferring back to Ho Chi Minh City. Freshen up in your room before joining your new travel friends for a farewell dinner.

Day 14: Depart Ho Chi Minh City (B)

Enjoy your final morning in Ho Chi Minh City before your noon check-out. Take a transfer to the airport for your flight home, or continue on to your next destination.

THINGS TO KNOW

Not Included: Taxes \$348.00. Fuel surcharges \$288.00. Tip for local guides \$200.00. Vietnam visa fee \$150. Cambodian visa fee \$40. Meals not specified in itinerary, cost of optionals and travel insurance. If you are traveling solo, there is a \$1180 single supplement fee.

Booking Condition: A deposit of \$1000 per person is due at the time of booking. Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure. A late booking fee of \$100 per person will be established if booking is made within 30 days of departure.

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59-45 days prior: 50% of tour cost
44-0 days prior: 100% of tour cost

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