

SOUTHEAST ASIA

BORNEO | CAMBODIA | LAOS
PHILIPPINES | THAILAND | VIETNAM

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Australia's Leading Specialist Touring Operator

Fully Inclusive Touring | Group, Solo & Private Touring | Authentic Experiences

WELCOME TO SOUTHEAST ASIA!



Come and join us on an extraordinary adventure through this magical region on one of our experience-packed tours. As every traveller is different, we've developed a range of touring styles that will allow you to travel your way. Discover the best option for you here:

CLASSIC

See the classic sights in the company of an expert guide so that you can really understand the history and culture of the destination. On our Classic Tours we take care of everything, leaving you to sit back and enjoy the experience to the fullest. The tours are fully inclusive of all meals and a comprehensive touring program including authentic cultural experiences.

GO BEYOND

Venture off the beaten track to explore fascinating destinations away from the tourist trail. With smaller group sizes and greater flexibility, you will discover the local culture in depth and see sights rarely witnessed by other travellers. Our Go Beyond tours may take you away from the comforts of home but will reward you with experiences of a lifetime.

SOLO DEPARTURES

We have reserved selected departures on some of our most popular tours exclusively for customers who prefer to share their wonderful holiday experiences with a ready-made group of like-minded solo travellers. We provide a room of your own with no single supplement to pay, while our expert guides take care of you throughout the tour. Please check opposite for tours with exclusive solo departures and see page 6 for more details.

PRIVATE

A Private Tour follows a pre-defined itinerary but with the benefit of your own personal guide. Perfect for couples and families that want greater flexibility when they travel and the option to choose the style of accommodation.

SPECIAL GROUPS

If you're travelling with 10 or more passengers, we can arrange your very own independent Special Group tour. Whether that's a group of friends and family, or even a club or association, we'll tailor any of our tours to suit your group's wishes so you can enjoy a unique holiday without the hassle of organising everything yourself.

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S Exclusive solo departures available





THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE

REPUTATION AND EXPERTISE

Wendy Wu Tours was established in 1998 and we have been operating tours to Asia and Beyond ever since. Our success and longevity speaks for itself.

We are passionate about delivering exceptional experiences to our customers that encompass a range of 'must sees' and 'off the beaten track' adventures. We have pioneered access to untapped regions of our world and showcased the amazing spirit in each local community. Our staff have travelled extensively throughout these regions and their knowledge is evident in every detail of your holiday.

We are proud of our awards and achievements but there is still so much to discover and develop!

We are forever inspired by our customers and the life-changing experiences we enable them to discover, so much so that we continue to welcome back customers.

EXCEPTIONAL VALUE

We aim to include as much as possible so you can enjoy every moment! Value for money has been our ethos from the very beginning; your flights, your accommodation, all or most meals, touring, visas, transport, and expert guides are all included and deliver exceptional value.

EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES

We've been blazing trails into Asia and Beyond for over a quarter of a century, building our local expertise and pioneering the roads less travelled so you can enjoy customs and authentic experiences, packed with local flavours.

I'm thrilled to introduce our latest Southeast Asia brochure featuring our collection of carefully crafted tours to this fascinating corner of the world. Each itinerary, different in its unique way, is designed to make your holiday truly life-enhancing.

With travel well and truly part of our lives again, we can't wait to show you more of Southeast Asia's most beautiful and fascinating sites. From Cambodia's mysterious Angkor Temples and Vietnam's breathtaking Halong Bay to the lakeside villages of Tonle Sap and Laos's beautifully preserved Luang Prabang, something extraordinary awaits around every corner.

One of my favourite things to do in this part of the world is explore Vietnam's mighty Mekong Delta aboard the sleek four-star Victoria Mekong River cruising ship. We have a selection of touring itineraries that incorporate a 4 or 7-night voyage aboard the ship, or enjoy one of our brand new Cruise & Beach holidays.

With just 35 stylish, spacious staterooms, each with a private balcony, this is a wonderful opportunity to explore the Mekong in comfort and style.

As with all the holidays across our extensive portfolio, our tours are led by an experienced National Escort, born and raised in whichever country you explore. They are waiting, ready and willing, to share their in-depth and intimate knowledge of their captivating homeland with you. They'll take care of you every step of the way, so all you have to do is relax, explore and enjoy the journey.

We look forward to welcoming you on a Wendy Wu tour soon!



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Wendy Wu – Founder, Wendy Wu Tours

OUTSTANDING GUIDES

Our much-loved National Escorts, whose knowledge, passion, story and dedication to our customers have won us one of the best reputations in the industry, will make your holiday with us truly extraordinary. You will fall in love with them just as much as their homeland.

SAFE AND SECURE

We are ATAS accredited members of the Australian Travel Industry Association (ATIA), the International Air Transport Association (IATA), as well as foundation members of the Council of Australian Tour Operators (CATO). We have a wide network of travel agents working with us nationally, so you benefit from local knowledge combined with Australian understanding and support.

VISAS

One of our differentiating qualities is that each of our group tours include the cost of the visa for Australian passport holders for each destination (where required), creating a hassle-free process throughout. Our expert team will provide advice, coordinate your processing, and safely return your passports, leaving you to simply enjoy your holiday preparation.

TIPPING MADE EASY

We have perfected our tipping process to make it as simple as possible! Leave any concerns behind as we advise you how much and when to tip, and our National Escort will take care of the rest. Easy!





YOUR TOUR, YOUR WAY

We want everyone who travels with us to enjoy each extraordinary day of their Wendy Wu adventure, so we've made it easy for you to choose your perfect holiday. You can select based on Tour Style (which you'll find inside the front cover) or by Physical Rating (see opposite page) and if you're travelling solo why not join one of our departures reserved exclusively for Solo Travellers?

ACCOMMODATION STYLES

You can be safe in the knowledge that your accommodation has been hand-picked to best suit the locations you'll visit. Our Classic Tours feature comfortable, locally rated 3-4 star properties, ranging from smart business hotels to family-run guesthouses. On Go Beyond Tours you may find yourself in more unusual, characterful or more rustic accommodation which fits perfectly with these tours' adventurous spirit.

TOUR PACE

Many of our tours are busy, but that's because we want to make sure you don't miss a single thing. Packing your holiday full of special experiences means some early starts and long days, but you can be sure that you'll return home with many incredible memories! Read our Tour Dossiers and check the Physical Ratings to see if the pace and activity levels are right for you.

SOLO DEPARTURES

Solo travellers are more than welcome on any of our holidays, but we've reserved a few departures on our most popular tours exclusively for customers travelling on their own. These special departures feature smaller group sizes, free transfers to and from the airport, ^ free airport lounges (where available) and complimentary cocktail on arrival! See tours: Vietnam at a Glance and Angkor to the Bay in this brochure or check our website at wendywutours.com.au for more information. ^Refer to our terms and conditions for details on airport transfers.

CUSTOMISE YOUR TRIP

If you'd like to explore your destination further, or arrange a stopover on your flight, all you have to do is ask! We have a fantastic range of extension and stopover packages (see page 72) or, if you're looking for something a bit different, our knowledgeable team of experts can help you customise your very own extension to any tour in this brochure.



PHYSICAL RATING



LEVEL 1

A reasonable level of fitness is required but it's more about spending time on your feet rather than covering large distances. You'll be getting on and off coaches, trains or boats and walking around the sights, often including steps, plus occasional longer walks.

LEVEL 2

Involves a little more time on your feet than a Level 1 tour and may involve more steps and/or walking.



LEVEL 3

A good level of fitness is required as you need to be comfortable walking for 2-3 hours and covering longer distances. Other activities such as cycling will be at a gentle pace and will involve straightforward terrain.

LEVEL 4

Similar physical activities to Level 3 but they may be longer in duration or on slightly more challenging terrain.



LEVEL 5

You'll need to be fit and adventurous to participate in these tours as on some days you will be active for most of the day. The terrain may be more challenging and the activities more physically demanding.

You're in safe hands

Our guides are the stars of the show; it is their unrivalled knowledge, passion and expertise that will transform your tour experience from good to truly extraordinary!



"Our guide couldn't do enough for us through the 2 weeks of our tour, his knowledge and love for his beautiful, amazing country, Cambodia, was second to none. He is by far the best tour guide I have ever had on all my travels around the world. His approach to his job as a tour guide is a mirror of the way he lives his life, he is truly a role model, I would love to have him be my guide on all of my future travels with Wendy Wu."

Graham Farthing

AWARD-WINNING GUIDING

On all of our group tours you will be accompanied by a dedicated guide, known as your 'National Escort'. Their dedication, personality and sense of fun will immediately put you at ease and make you feel part of the family.

You will be able to put your utmost trust in your guide who will navigate you through the eccentricities of the local way of life.

ALL OF OUR NATIONAL ESCORTS...

- ✔ Have at least five years guiding experience
- ✔ Are fluent in English
- ✔ Were born and raised in the region they are exploring with you
- ✔ Go through rigorous and ongoing training programmes
- ✔ Are at your service 24 hours a day



Our Expertise

We are very proud of the awards and the accomplishments we have received over the last quarter of a century that we have been in operation. The recognition from our customers, our industry peers and partners is rewarding, but our most meaningful rewards are when we continually hear the extraordinary tales of adventure from our customers.

Our passion and determination in delivering exceptional experiences to our customers is unwavering, and something we will continue to nurture and deliver. We want you to experience each region with the truest approach, delighting in the amazing spirit of each local community. Our staff have travelled extensively throughout our destinations, with their knowledge and experiences shaping every detail of your holiday.

Recommended by you

Awards are important, but what matters most are the experiences and feedback we receive from our customers. We're proud of our customer satisfaction ratings and the fact that so many of our customers would happily recommend us, this vote of confidence is all the accolade we need.



Book with Confidence

Our Book With Confidence guarantee has been introduced to provide you with peace of mind when booking with us so that you can enjoy every moment of your holiday. Our Book with Confidence guarantee applies to group tours.

1. LOW DEPOSIT OF \$300pp

Secure your spot with a deposit of \$300pp on every tour. A progress payment may be required with some tour departures. Our reservations team will advise at the time of enquiry.

2. YOUR SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY

Our dedicated 24/7 emergency assistance line is available to all guests travelling with us. Connect with a Wendy Wu Tours expert at any time of day or night, no matter where you are in the world.

3. WE'VE GOT YOU

Our commitment is that we are here for you, always. Any disruption to your travel plans will be handled swiftly by our team of professional travel experts who will find the most appropriate solutions for you. Full details can be found in our terms and conditions.

4. AUSTRALIAN OWNED & ACCREDITED

We are an Australian owned business with offices in Sydney, London, Auckland and Xian. We are fully accredited members of ATAS (Australian Travel Accreditation Scheme), ATIA (Australian Travel Industry Association), CATO (Council of Australian Tour Operators) and IATA (International Air Transport Association).

Cultural encounters, every step of the way

To make sure you truly immerse yourself in your chosen destination we pack every single one of our tours with authentic cultural experiences. We've highlighted our favourite ones on each tour page in the 'Authentic Experiences' box; but for now, here are just a few examples of what you can look forward to...

TREKKING IN SAPA

Hike through the lush rice paddies surrounding Sapa on a route that showcases the area's very best views, and stop at ethnic minority villages to learn about the cultural distinctions that define each community.



WITNESS TAKBAT

Witness the ceremony of Takbat in Laos, a daily ritual in which the saffron-robed monks of Luang Prabang's monasteries collect alms from devout locals who line the streets.



ORANGUTAN RESCUE

Experience the privilege of seeing orangutans in their natural habitat on a visit to one of Borneo's crucial eco-reserves, where rescued orangutans are taught to survive in the wild.

ASIAN COOKERY CLASSES

Get an authentic taste of Southeast Asia in a hands-on cookery class. Master the art of a Thai or Vietnamese dish, and be sure to note down the recipe for later!

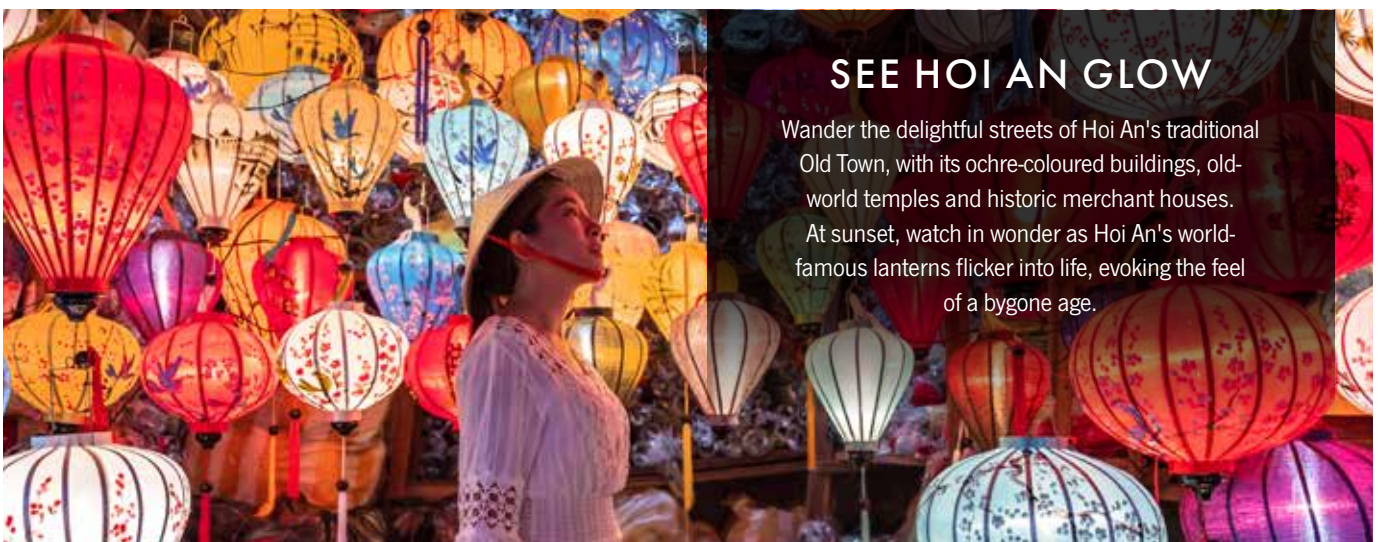


SEE VIETNAM BY TRAIN

Embark on one of Southeast Asia's most stunning and best-known rail journeys on the Hue to Danang coastal route, taking in 102 kilometres of breathtaking shoreline, rural rainforest and lush mountains.

VISIT AN IBAN LONGHOUSE

Travel deep into the Bornean rainforest to visit a community of the island's native Iban people. You'll be welcomed into a traditional longhouse to enjoy dancing and lunch on Iban cuisine.



SEE HOI AN GLOW

Wander the delightful streets of Hoi An's traditional Old Town, with its ochre-coloured buildings, old-world temples and historic merchant houses. At sunset, watch in wonder as Hoi An's world-famous lanterns flicker into life, evoking the feel of a bygone age.



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PHILIPPINES

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BORNEO

LAOS

VIETNAM

THAILAND

CAMBODIA

MALAYSIA

CHIANG MAI

SAPA

CHIANG RAI

LUANG PRABANG

VANG VIENG

VIENTIANE

HALONG BAY

NINH BINH

MEKONG RIVER

HUE

PAKSE

HOI AN

KANCHANABURI

AYUTTHAYA

BANGKOK

ANGKOR

SIEM REAP

HUA HIN

PHNOM PENH

QUI NHON

NHA TRANG

SAIGON (HO CHI MINH CITY)

DALAT

PHAN THIET

KOH SAMUI

SIHANOUKVILLE

MEKONG DELTA

EL NIDO

BORACAY

MANILA

LANGKAWI

KUALA LUMPUR

SINGAPORE

KOTA KINABALU

KUCHING

Discover Southeast Asia with Wendy Wu Tours

Southeast Asia is a dream destination for many travellers – with captivating scenery, tranquil temples and sensational food, it's easy to see why. Uncover countless cultures, beautiful landscapes and fascinating history in this most enchanting region.

WENDY'S TOP 8 SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGHTS

1 HALONG BAY

Cruise on Halong Bay's tranquil waters and soak up the beauty of its foliage-cloaked islands on our Vietnam itineraries.



2 ANGKOR

The Angkor temples exude a rare majesty that few places on the planet can match – admire them on any itinerary featuring Cambodia.



3 MEKONG DELTA

Explore the lush Mekong Delta, meeting the locals and experiencing the culture, as part of a deluxe 4-night or 7-night cruise on the 'Victoria Mekong' (pages 34-49).



4 LUANG PRABANG

Luang Prabang is one of the most captivating towns in Asia and is a place of great spiritual and natural beauty, which can be visited on any Laos itinerary.



5 CHIANG MAI

The culturally rich city of Chiang Mai is an excellent destination for trekking, rafting, meeting hill tribes or visiting elephant sanctuaries. Visit on any Thailand itinerary.



6 NINH BINH

Breathtaking limestone mountains erupt between the rivers and rice paddies of Ninh Binh, earning it the nickname 'Halong Bay on Land'. Immerse yourself in its natural beauty on Grand Mekong Odyssey (pages 48-49).



7 BORNEO

Borneo offers stunning beaches, untouched rainforests, tribal traditions and a wonderful range of activities to delve into. Cruise on the Kinabatangan River to spot abundant wildlife (pages 60-61).



8 PHILIPPINES

Explore the rich culture and glorious landscapes of the Philippine archipelago, from the rice terraces and volcanic lakes of the north to the caves and beaches of the south (pages 62-63).





CLASSIC TOURS

For those looking for a fully escorted, all-inclusive group journey

WHAT'S INCLUDED?



International economy
airfares & taxes



3 – 4 star
accommodation



All
meals



Flights, guides,
transportation
& sightseeing



Visa for Australian
passport holders

Meticulously designed journeys perfect for those who want to see iconic sights and magnificent treasures on a fully-inclusive tour that is also fantastic value! With all your arrangements taken care of you can travel with the utmost ease and confidence, accompanied throughout by one of our industry-leading National Escorts.

EVERYTHING TAKEN CARE OF

With a Classic Tour all your arrangements are taken care of – your flights, all accommodation, transfers, touring, meals, evening entertainment and, in most cases if required, your visas too! So, all you have to do is show up, explore and enjoy. You will be exploring in a group of maximum 28 travellers, unless you choose Around Cambodia that has a maximum group size of 18 travellers. Solo departures also have a maximum of 18 travellers.

ALL YOUR MEALS ARE INCLUDED

Whilst breakfasts tend to be a mixture of local eats and familiar dishes from home, when it comes to lunch and dinner, you'll be dining in local establishments. We include a few 'feature meals',

so you get to taste the signature dishes of the region, whilst the rest of the time you'll eat a whole delicious range of your destination's best dishes.

NATIONAL ESCORTS

You can be safe in the knowledge that throughout your tour you'll be in the company of one of our award-winning National Escorts. With their unparalleled knowledge, charisma and talent, these wonderful people are what can push your holiday from fantastic into the realms of truly unforgettable.

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

Thanks to the extensive expertise of our team, we can make sure you get to see those rarely visited places that will give you a more authentic experience of the culture of the region and the chance to meet the friendly local people. Keep an eye out for the 'Experiences You'll Love' box on every tour page, for a taste of cultural encounters that you will enjoy.

VIETNAM AT A GLANCE

12 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$5,280

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore fascinating Saigon
- ✓ Discover the Cu Chi Tunnels
- ✓ Drift along the Mekong Delta
- ✓ Be inspired by charming Hoi An
- ✓ Marvel at Hue's Imperial Citadel
- ✓ Wake to a Halong Bay sunrise

PRICE INCLUDES

- 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 10 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Visit Tra Que Village

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Try your hand at ancient cultivation techniques with members of the local farming community in Tra Que village and enjoy a cooking demonstration of a regional speciality.
- ▶ Explore the vibrant streets of Hanoi's Old Quarter by cyclo, stopping off at a café to sample a traditionally-made, local speciality, egg coffee.
- ▶ Take your seats for 'the Quintessence of Tonkin', a spectacular open-air show on a lake-turned-stage by over 250 performers. Uncover the rich culture and history of Northern Vietnam through music, song, dance and even dragon-boat racing!



Explore Hue's imperial past

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO SAIGON

Fly to Saigon, Vietnam's most evocative and largest city. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: DISCOVER SAIGON & CU CHI

This morning, contemplate the struggles of guerrilla warfare at the famous Cu Chi Tunnels. Stop for lunch at an organic farm before returning to Saigon for an afternoon city tour. This exuberant city is driving Vietnam forward into the modern world, but it is also a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. See the colonial Notre Dame Cathedral and visit the Central Post Office, the Reunification Palace, and the chilling War Remnants Museum.

DAY 3: MEKONG DELTA

Journey to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the Mekong. Paddle through the maze of palm-lined canals and get a glimpse of daily life on the Mekong Delta. Visit a bee farm for a taste of honey tea before enjoying a typical Mekong lunch. Return to Saigon, stopping en route to explore the historic Vinh Trang Pagoda and its beautiful gardens.

DAY 4: JOURNEY TO HOI AN

Fly to Danang and transfer to Hoi An. This afternoon take a walking tour of this charming town – a wonderfully laidback and wilfully traditional place, whose streets are a delight to wander. Visit an old merchant's house, Quan Cong Temple, the elaborate Japanese Bridge and the bustling market. Stop en route to visit Reaching Out, a social enterprise craft workshop, and watch the artisans at work.

DAY 5: TRA QUE VILLAGE

Head out into the countryside to Tra Que, a small farming community that supplies many hotels and restaurants in the area with vegetables and herbs.

Here you can enjoy the lush green countryside, stroll through the gardens to see the farmers at work and try your hand at their traditional techniques. Later spend the afternoon at leisure back in Hoi An or at the local beach.

DAY 6: IMPERIAL HUE

Leave Hoi An for Hue, taking a scenic route over the Hai Van Pass. The epitome of Vietnam's dynastic past, Hue is a dignified and scholarly city. Visit the imposing Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City. Once the stronghold of the Nguyen emperors, the citadel's atmosphere still retains the grandeur of its history. Continue to the old Thien Mu Pagoda before taking a cruise on the Perfume River.

DAY 7: ROYAL TOMBS & FLY TO HANOI

Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Tomb of Minh Mang, a complex of 40 monuments set in surroundings of gardens and pools. This afternoon, fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's charming capital.

DAY 8: EXPLORE HANOI

Sightseeing today includes a wander through the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, where you'll see Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum and the Stilt House set in the gardens of the Presidential Palace. Also visit One Pillar Pagoda and the Confucian Temple of Literature. End the day's explorations with a cyclo tour through the Old Quarter and enjoy a flavourful Vietnamese egg coffee.

DAY 9: HALONG BAY

Board a traditional sailing ship on Halong Bay and cruise out into its tranquil scenery. A UNESCO World Heritage Site and a vision of awe-inspiring beauty, it's easy to see why it is one of Vietnam's most beloved destinations. Enjoy excursions such as kayaking or exploring island caves before returning to the ship for dinner.



CLASSIC
VIETNAM

PHYSICAL RATING

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?
Have limited time but still want to experience Vietnam's top sights? With this tour you can tick off the highlights with visits to charming Hoi An, historical Hue, spectacular Halong Bay and much more.



Explore the waters of the Mekong Delta



Cruise magnificent Halong Bay

DAY 10: HALONG BAY - HANOI

Rise early this morning for a beautiful sunrise over the bay. Return to Hanoi after brunch on deck and enjoy an afternoon at leisure. This evening, experience the Quintessence of Tonkin show, a spectacular open-air performance celebrating the rich history of northern Vietnam.

DAYS 11-12: FLY HANOI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

EXTEND YOUR STAY...

SAPA EXTENSION
4 days from \$1,220pp twin share

BANGKOK SHORT STAY
4 days from \$850pp twin share

SINGAPORE SHORT STAY
3 days from \$500pp twin share

Visit page 72 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.



Visit the Confucian Temple of Literature in Hanoi

PRICES & DEPARTURES
Prices are per person, twin share

2024 DATES		
24 Jan - 04 Feb	\$5,680	07 Aug - 18 Aug \$5,280
21 Feb - 03 Mar	\$5,680	18 Sep - 29 Sep \$5,280
06 Mar - 17 Mar	\$5,680	02 Oct - 13 Oct \$5,880
13 Mar - 24 Mar	\$6,490	09 Oct - 20 Oct \$5,880
27 Mar - 07 Apr	\$5,280	23 Oct - 03 Nov \$5,880
01 May - 12 May	\$5,280	06 Nov - 17 Nov \$5,880
08 May - 19 May	\$5,280	
2025 DATES		
15 Jan - 26 Jan	\$5,880	30 Jul - 10 Aug \$5,480
05 Feb - 16 Feb	\$5,880	24 Sep - 05 Oct \$5,480
12 Feb - 23 Feb	\$5,880	08 Oct - 19 Oct \$6,080
19 Feb - 02 Mar	\$6,740	22 Oct - 02 Nov \$6,080
05 Mar - 16 Mar	\$5,480	05 Nov - 16 Nov \$6,080
19 Mar - 30 Mar	\$5,480	12 Nov - 23 Nov \$6,080
02 Apr - 13 Apr	\$5,480	19 Nov - 30 Nov \$6,080

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Saigon - Hanoi) 11 days from \$4,180 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$780

Dedicated solos departure

Important note
Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 August 2023, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$70pp (AU\$104pp) is paid locally in Vietnam.

VIETNAM PANORAMA

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$5,690



FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE,
ADELAIDE & PERTH



ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Visit Cai Rang floating market
- ✓ Ride Dalat's steam train
- ✓ Unwind in stunning Nha Trang
- ✓ Discover the past of Qui Nhon
- ✓ Wander charming Hoi An
- ✓ Marvel at Hue's Imperial Citadel
- ✓ Cruise spectacular Halong Bay



Explore Central Vietnam's stunning coastal towns

PRICE INCLUDES

- 16 breakfasts, 15 lunches, 16 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Watch the 'Quintessence of Tonkin' show

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Take your seats for 'the Quintessence of Tonkin', a spectacular open-air show performed on a lake-turned-stage by over 250 performers. Uncover the rich culture and history of northern Vietnam through music, song, dance and even dragon-boat racing!
- ▶ Explore the vibrant streets of Hanoi's Old Quarter by cyclo, stopping off at a café to sample a traditionally-made, local speciality, egg coffee.
- ▶ Cruise lazily through the crystal-clear waters of Nha Trang bay, passing amongst beach-fringed islands, stopping off at small fishing villages and, if you feel like it, taking a dip in the balmy waters yourself.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO SAIGON

Fly to Saigon, Vietnam's largest and most evocative city. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: VISIT THE CU CHI TUNNELS

Visit the Cu Chi Tunnels, a hidden network of Viet Cong tunnels, bunkers and field hospitals used in the Vietnam War. Afterwards, enjoy a refreshing lunch at an organic farm. This afternoon, return to Saigon to explore its seamless blend of past and present. See Notre Dame Cathedral and visit the Central Post Office; dramatic legacies of a colonial past. Spend time at the Reunification Palace and the emotive War Remnants Museum.

DAY 3: CRUISE THE MEKONG DELTA

Head west to Ben Tre to take a cruise through the Mekong Delta. This area is known as the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam'. Paddle through the palm-lined canals and visit a local bee farm for some honey tea. Travel to Can Tho for an overnight stay. Enjoy a typical Mekong lunch before continuing to Can Tho, where we spend the night.



Visit Dalat's Flower Gardens

DAY 4: EXPLORE FLOATING MARKETS

Visit the Cai Rang floating market to see the goods on sale and learn how vermicelli rice noodles are made. Return to Saigon.

DAY 5: TRAVEL TO DALAT

Head up into the highlands to reach the hill town of Dalat, a former colonial retreat beloved for its cooler climate and picturesque scenery. En route, stop at a tea plantation to hear about tea cultivation in Bao Loc.

DAY 6: THE CITY OF FLOWERS

Visit the Domaine de Marie Church, the Flower Gardens and an embroidery workshop before boarding an open-air train to journey out through the fantastic scenery to Trai Mat village. End the day with a local coffee by Xuan Huong lake.

DAY 7: TRAVEL TO NHA TRANG

Today, take the winding road down from the highlands and along the coast to Nha Trang, Vietnam's beach capital. Take to the turquoise waters for a cruise around the bay's many islands with a stop off at one to enjoy a swim in the balmy waters.

DAY 8: VISIT THE CHAM TOWERS

Wander Dam market and visit the Po Nagar Cham Towers. Continue on to the seaside city of Quy Nhon, where we spend the night.

DAY 9: VISIT SON MY

The Son My area saw one of the most horrific crimes of the Vietnam War – the My Lai massacre. Pay respects at the memorial placed in honour of these unarmed civilian victims and hear their story before continuing to Hoi An.

DAY 10: EXPLORE HOI AN ON FOOT

Take a morning walking tour of charming Hoi An – a wonderfully laidback and wilfully traditional town that



has managed to retain the charms of a bygone era. Visit a historic family home, the Japanese Bridge, a Chinese temple and the market. This afternoon is at leisure.

DAY 11: SEE THE ROYAL TOMB

Take the scenic route to Hue over the Hai Van Pass. Once the seat of the Nguyen emperors, dignified and scholarly Hue is the epitome of Vietnam's dynastic past. Visit the Royal Tomb of Emperor Minh Mang, a complex of over 40 monuments surrounded by pools and gardens.

DAY 12: HUE'S IMPERIAL CITADEL

Take a drive to the imposing Imperial Citadel to explore. Cruise along the Perfume River to Thien Mu Pagoda after visiting the charming An Hien garden house.

DAY 13: OLD QUARTER CYCLO TOUR

Take a quick flight to Hanoi, Vietnam's charming capital. Enjoy a cyclo tour of the atmospheric Old Quarter. Try a Hanoi speciality – egg coffee – before visiting the Ethnology Museum and exploring its life-size tribal longhouses.

DAY 14: DISCOVER HANOI

Explore the story of Ho Chi Minh on today's walking tour. See his Mausoleum and Presidential Palace, and visit the Humble House on Stilts he called home. Later, visit the One Pillar Pagoda and the beautiful Temple of Literature.

DAY 15: CRUISE HALONG BAY

This morning, embark on a cruise through the awe-inspiring beauty of Halong Bay. Swim, kayak or visit one of the bay's many caves before spending a night on board.

DAY 16: RETURN TO HANOI

Cruise back to port after brunch. On your final evening in Hanoi, attend the Quintessence of Tonkin show, a spectacular open-air performance celebrating the rich history of northern Vietnam.

DAYS 17-18: FLY HANOI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



HANOI & NINH BINH

5 days from \$1,450pp twin share

MUI NE BEACH STAY

4 days from \$990pp twin share

HONG KONG IN FOCUS

4 days from \$1,240pp twin share

Visit page 72 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

CLASSIC

VIETNAM

PHYSICAL RATING

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This all-encompassing tour not only showcases Vietnam's highlights but also allows extra time to discover the rich history of the lesser-visited Highlands and South Central Coast.

PRICES & DEPARTURES			
Prices are per person, twin share			
2024 DATES			
19 Feb - 07 Mar	\$6,180	08 Apr - 25 Apr	\$5,890
26 Feb - 14 Mar	\$6,180	16 Sep - 03 Oct	\$5,890
04 Mar - 21 Mar	\$6,180	30 Sep - 17 Oct	\$5,890
11 Mar - 28 Mar	\$6,180	14 Oct - 31 Oct	\$5,690
18 Mar - 04 Apr	\$6,180	11 Nov - 28 Nov	\$6,180
25 Mar - 11 Apr	\$5,890	18 Nov - 05 Dec	\$6,180
2025 DATES			
03 Feb - 20 Feb	\$6,380	28 Jul - 14 Aug	\$6,090
10 Feb - 27 Feb	\$6,380	29 Sep - 16 Oct	\$6,090
17 Feb - 06 Mar	\$6,380	13 Oct - 30 Oct	\$5,890
10 Mar - 27 Mar	\$6,380	27 Oct - 13 Nov	\$6,380
17 Mar - 03 Apr	\$6,380	03 Nov - 20 Nov	\$6,380
24 Mar - 10 Apr	\$6,090	10 Nov - 27 Nov	\$6,380
31 Mar - 17 Apr	\$6,090	17 Nov - 04 Dec	\$6,380

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Saigon - Hanoi) 17 days from \$4,590 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$990

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 August 2023, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$100pp (AU\$149pp) is paid locally in Vietnam.

Call for our 2026 pricing and departures





NEW

CHRISTMAS IN VIETNAM

13 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **\$6,480**

 FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

 ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Spend Christmas in Halong Bay
- ✓ Discover Saigon's fascinating history
- ✓ Be charmed by Hoi An's Old Town
- ✓ Explore Hue's Imperial Citadel
- ✓ Wander charming Hoi An
- ✓ Paddle boats on the Mekong Delta
- ✓ Tour Hanoi by rickshaw



Spend two nights cruising Halong Bay over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Enjoy Vietnamese food

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Indulge in a Vietnamese Christmas meal whilst looking over the tranquil Halong Bay as the evening stars begin to twinkle. As per tradition, this special feast takes place on Christmas Eve.
- ▶ Be mesmerised by the Quintessence of Tonkin – a spectacular performance showcasing Northern Vietnam's history, heritage and culture. The show incorporates live music, dance, a dramatic light display and water puppetry.
- ▶ Try your hand at ancient cultivation techniques with members of the local farming community in Tra Que village and enjoy a cooking demonstration of a regional speciality.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO SAIGON

Fly to Saigon, Vietnam's most evocative city. The afternoon is at leisure before this evening's welcome dinner.

DAY 2: SAIGON & CU CHI

Spend the morning discovering the guerrilla warfare tactics of the Viet Cong at the famous Cu Chi Tunnels. Stop for lunch at an organic farm before returning to Saigon for an afternoon city tour. This fascinating city is a blend of colonial architecture and modern innovation, wearing its history on its sleeve. Visit the poignant War Remnants Museum, along with the Reunification Palace, the French Colonial Central Post Office, and the 19th-century Notre-Dame Cathedral, decorated with festive lights.

DAY 3: MEKONG DELTA

Head southwest to Ben Tre for a boat trip on the Mekong Delta. Paddle through the palm-lined canals, stopping to visit a bee farm for a cup of honey tea. After lunch, visit the beautiful gardens of the Vinh Trang Pagoda en route back to Saigon.

DAY 4: CHARMS OF HOI AN

Take a short flight to Danang and transfer to Hoi An. This UNESCO-listed town is a delight to explore, with traditional silk lanterns lining the streets and gondolas bobbing on the river. Visit an old merchant family's house, Quan Cong Temple, the elaborate Japanese Bridge and the bustling market before dinner. Afterwards, why not visit one of the town's legendary late-night tailors? The clothes-makers here are famous for their ability to deliver high-quality, custom-fit clothing in just 24 hours.

DAY 5: TRA QUE VILLAGE

Head out into the countryside to Tra Que, a cooperative farming community that supplies many local restaurants in the area with vegetables and herbs. Their secret: instead of traditional fertiliser or chemicals, they use an all-natural seaweed found in the village lagoon. Enjoy the lush green countryside, stroll through the gardens to see the farmers at work and try your hand at their traditional techniques. This afternoon is at leisure.

DAY 6: IMPERIAL HUE

Drive across the famously scenic Hai Van Pass to reach Hue. This atmospheric city was once the seat of the Nguyen emperors, who ruled Central Vietnam in the 19th century. Visit the UNESCO-listed Imperial Citadel and the Forbidden Purple City. Later, visit the Thien Mu Pagoda and take a cruise on the Perfume River.



Explore Hue's imperial monuments



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VIETNAM

PHYSICAL RATING

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

December is a perfect month to visit Vietnam, so why not celebrate Christmas with us? Explore the historic cities of Saigon and Hanoi, and immerse yourself in the charms of Hoi An and imperial Hue. Come Christmas Eve, embark on a wonderful two-night cruise into the waters of Halong Bay.



Visit the Royal Tomb of Minh Mang in Hue



See Christmas lights in Saigon

DAY 7: ROYAL TOMBS & FLY TO HANOI

Spend a morning at the Royal Tomb of Minh Mang, exploring its peaceful gardens and scenic pools. After lunch, fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's leafy, laid-back capital.

DAY 8: EXPLORE HANOI

Take a walking tour of the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, learning the story of its namesake – the former kitchen boy who rose to the status of revolutionary leader and eventually president. See his Mausoleum, the Presidential Palace, and the humble Stilt House he called home. Also, visit the One Pillar Pagoda and the Confucian Temple of Literature. End the day's explorations with a rickshaw tour through the Old Quarter and enjoy a flavourful Vietnamese egg coffee.

DAY 9: CHRISTMAS EVE IN HALONG BAY

Board a traditional sailing ship on Halong Bay and cruise out into its tranquil waters. A UNESCO World Heritage Site and a vision of awe-inspiring beauty, it's easy to see why it is one of Vietnam's most beloved destinations. Enjoy excursions such as kayaking or exploring island caves this afternoon.

Tonight, relax and enjoy Christmas dinner – Vietnamese style! The festive meal is served on

Christmas Eve in Vietnam thanks to French influences left over from the colonial period. Enjoy the celebrations with newfound friends and your National Escort as the stars glimmer over the bay.

DAY 10: CHRISTMAS DAY IN LAN HA BAY

Begin a Christmas Day like no other – watching the sun rise over Halong Bay. Sail into Lan Ha Bay – Halong's equally beautiful but lesser-known twin. Today, choose from included activities such as kayaking at Ho Ba Ham (Three Tunnel Lake) or let a local fisherman row you around a floating fishing village, home to multiple generations of fishermen and their families. Enjoy a Christmas drinks reception on deck this evening before a second night on board.

DAY 11: BOXING DAY HALONG BAY – HANOI

Rise early on Boxing Day for a beautiful sunrise over the bay. Return to Hanoi after brunch on deck and enjoy an afternoon at leisure. This evening, experience the Quintessence of Tonkin show, a spectacular open-air performance celebrating the rich history of northern Vietnam.

DAYS 12-13: FLY HANOI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly back to Australia, arriving home the same or the following day.



Discover the famous Cu Chi Tunnels



Wander charming Hoi An

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2023 DATES	
16 - 28 Dec	\$6,480
2024 DATES	
16 - 28 Dec	\$6,980
2025 DATES	
16 - 28 Dec	\$7,480

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Saigon - Hanoi) 12 days from \$4,980 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,600

Important note

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Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$80pp (AU\$119pp) is paid locally in Vietnam.

AROUND CAMBODIA

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$5,580

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Discover captivating Phnom Penh
- ✓ Visit the Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng
- ✓ Kick back in coastal Kampot
- ✓ Explore colonial Battambang
- ✓ Be inspired by majestic Angkor
- ✓ See local life on Tonle Sap



Explore the magnificent temples and monasteries of Angkor

PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 12 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



See the famous Kampot pepper plantations

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Learn all about the cultivation and production of Kampot pepper, considered by many to be the world's best, as you tour a peaceful pepper farm in southern Cambodia's lush countryside.
- ▶ Pay a visit to Golden Silk Pheach, an NGO-run centre founded with a twofold mission: to revive the almost-lost art of handmade Khmer silk-making, and to create high-skilled jobs for local women.
- ▶ A rip-roaring combination of theatre, music, dance and circus, Phare: the Cambodian Circus, tells tales woven from local folklore, history and modern life in a unique, and authentically Cambodian way.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SIEM REAP

Fly overnight to Siem Reap. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: EXPLORE ANGKOR

The Angkor Archaeological Park encompasses over 1,000 temples, all the remains of different capitals of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries. Rising early, journey to the old city of Angkor Thom and pass through the magnificent South Gate flanked by 54 gods and demons. At Angkor Thom's centre is the enigmatic Bayon, a breathtaking temple of innumerable sculptural decorations. Also admire the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King.

Continue to Ta Prohm before the rest of the day is dedicated to Angkor Wat, the most magnificent, and best preserved of all of Angkor's treasures. Later, take a leisurely boat ride on the moat of Angkor Thom and view hidden elements of the ancient Khmer water systems.

DAY 4: COOKING CLASS & CIRCUS

Enjoy a traditional Cambodian cooking class with a local at an organic farm, learning about the flavours that go into Khmer cuisine. This afternoon, visit a local silk farm to learn how Cambodian golden silk is produced by hand. Continue to Banteay Srei, a 10th-century temple famous for its pink sandstone architecture and astonishingly fine carving. This evening, enjoy a rollicking performance by graduates of the Phare Cambodian Circus, an NGO organisation that transforms the lives of disadvantaged local youths, providing them with a formal education and vocational training in the performing arts.

DAY 5: CRUISE TONLE SAP LAKE

Take a morning cruise on Tonle Sap Lake, visiting a floating village and observing the way of life of these lake communities. Return to Siem Reap for an

afternoon at leisure. This evening sit down to dinner and an Apsara dance show.

DAY 6: HISTORIC BATTAMBANG

Journey west to Battambang, Cambodia's lesser-known city. With a population of less than 120,000, Battambang is a laidback city nestled on a bend of the Sangkae River. Set in some of the country's most beautiful landscapes, Battambang is also home to Cambodia's grandest colonial architecture.

DAY 7: RURAL BATTAMBANG

Head out of town to the 12th-century Prasat Banan Temple and admire the breathtaking hilltop views. Return to Battambang and take a stroll through the village of Wat Kor, then explore a local house for a glimpse of traditional rural life. Pause to witness a local phenomenon - hundreds of thousands of bats erupting from the hillside for their nightly hunt.

DAY 8: VENTURE TO PHNOM PENH

Journey south to Phnom Penh, stopping at the former capital city Udong, a potters' village.



Soak up the atmosphere at Wat Phnom

CLASSIC
CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Spend two weeks exploring Cambodia's complex history and fascinating heritage. Cover all the highlights of the kingdom, from cooking classes to cultural shows, dinner cruises and - of course - the majestic temples of Angkor.



Visit an NGO-run silk farm



Relax in sleepy Kep

DAY 9: PHNOM PENH CYCLO TOUR

A somewhat European city of airy boulevards and colonial villas, scarred still by the events of the 1970s, Phnom Penh has been engulfed by energy and optimism making it a pleasurable place to be. Today's visits include a cyclo ride to the magnificent Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda. Then visit the city's chief landmark, the temple of Wat Phnom. This afternoon is at leisure.

DAY 10: PHNOM PENH PAST & PRESENT

This morning, learn about Cambodia's tragic past under the Khmer Rouge regime with visits to the Tuol Sleng Museum and the Killing Fields. This evening, admire modern Phnom Penh as you sip a cocktail at a local sky bar, and consider how this reinvigorated capital is moving forward.

DAY 11: KAMPOT

Depart for the coastal town of Kampot, stopping en route at a pepper farm to learn about the famous Kampot pepper. Enjoy a walking tour of Kampot, a charming town characterised by its colonial architecture.

DAY 12: KEP

Enjoy a trip along the coast to the beach town of Kep, starting with a barbecue lunch and ocean views at the sailing club. This afternoon is at leisure to explore independently.

DAY 13: RETURN TO PHNOM PENH

Return to Phnom Penh, stopping en route at the former French hill station of Bokor Mountain. Relax in Phnom Penh this afternoon before a farewell dinner cruise on the Mekong river.

DAYS 14-15: FLY PHNOM PENH TO AUSTRALIA

Grab your last-minute souvenirs before boarding an overnight flight to Australia, arriving home the following day.



Discover local life on Tonle Sap

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



VICTORIA MEKONG DOWNSTREAM
6 days from \$2,100pp twin share

HISTORICAL HEART OF VIETNAM
6 days from \$850pp twin share

Visit page 72 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2024 DATES

18 Feb - 03 Mar	\$5,580	27 Oct - 10 Nov	\$5,580
10 Mar - 24 Mar	\$5,580	10 Nov - 24 Nov	\$5,580

2025 DATES

09 Feb - 23 Feb	\$5,790	02 Nov - 16 Nov	\$5,790
23 Feb - 09 Mar	\$5,790	16 Nov - 30 Nov	\$5,790
02 Mar - 16 Mar	\$5,790		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Siem Reap - Phnom Penh) 13 days from \$4,480 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,100

Important note

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Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$75pp (AU\$112pp) is paid locally in Cambodia.

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ANGKOR TO THE BAY

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **\$7,580**

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE,
ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Be inspired by the Angkor temples
- ✓ See the local life in Tonle Sap
- ✓ Visit captivating Phnom Penh
- ✓ Learn about farming in Hoi An
- ✓ Marvel at Hue's Imperial Citadel
- ✓ Stroll Hanoi's atmospheric alleyways
- ✓ Cruise the magical Halong Bay



Admire the majestic Angkor temples

PRICE INCLUDES

- 15 breakfasts, 14 lunches, 15 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Discover local life on Tonle Sap

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Cruise to bustling Kampong Kleng, an off-the-beaten-track floating village on Tonle Sap Lake, where you'll get an authentic look at unique local life.
- ▶ Try your hand at ancient cultivation techniques with members of the local farming community in Tra Que village and enjoy a cooking demonstration of a regional speciality.
- ▶ Take your seats for 'the Quintessence of Tonkin', a spectacular open-air show that perfectly showcases the rich history of Vietnam's northern river delta through talented dancers, musicians and artists.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SIEM REAP

Fly overnight to Siem Reap. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: TONLE SAP LAKE

Visit Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple overrun by the jungle. Enjoy a cruise on Tonle Sap Lake, seeing the floating houses here and learning about the way of life in these lake communities. This evening, sit down to dinner and an Apsara dance show.

DAY 4: EXPLORE ANGKOR

The seat of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries, the Angkor complex includes over 1,000 temples. Enter the walled city of Angkor Thom and head to its heart to see the enigmatic Bayon, followed by the atmospheric Ta Prohm. This afternoon is dedicated to the indescribable Angkor Wat. Later, take a leisurely boat ride on the moat of Angkor Thom and view hidden elements of the ancient Khmer water systems.

DAY 5: DISCOVER PHNOM PENH

Fly to Phnom Penh, a city of airy boulevards and colonial villas. Visit the magnificent Royal Palace, the official residence of the King, and the Silver Pagoda in its grounds.

DAY 6: FLY TO SAIGON

Visit the emotive Tuol Sleng Museum, housed in the former notorious S21 prison used by the Khmer Rouge regime. Stop at the city's namesake temple, Wat Phnom, before a short 1-hour flight to Saigon in South Vietnam.

DAY 7: CU CHI TUNNELS

Get to grips with the struggles of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels, used by the Viet Cong during the war. Return to the city and gain further insights at the Reunification Palace and the chilling War Remnants Museum.

DAY 8: MEKONG DELTA CRUISE

Pop down to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the mighty Mekong. This area is known as the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', the rich and fertile lands producing huge amounts of rice, coconuts, vegetables and tropical fruits.

DAY 9: FLY TO HOI AN

The exuberant city of Saigon is driving Vietnam forward into the modern world, but is also a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. Discover its architectural gems, including the Notre-Dame Cathedral, Central Post Office and Thien Hau Pagoda. Later, fly to Hoi An, a UNESCO-listed town renowned for its historic atmosphere and high-quality tailors.



Wander charming Hoi An



DAY 10: TRA QUE VILLAGE

Drive into the countryside to the small farming community of Tra Que. Here you can enjoy the lush green countryside and try your hand at age-old farming techniques before taking part in a cooking demonstration, learning the art of a local dish. After lunch take a walking tour of Hoi An, to see the elaborate Japanese Bridge, a Chinese temple and the bustling market. With its swaying lanterns, bobbing gondolas and cheery yellow houses, the Old Town is a delight to wander.

DAY 11: HAI VAN PASS & HUE

Drive to Hue, travelling over the scenic Hai Van Pass. Once the stronghold of the Nguyen Emperors, Hue exudes imperial grandeur at every turn. Visit the picturesque Thien Mu Pagoda and cruise along the Perfume River.

DAY 12: HUE

Visit Hue's UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the Imperial Citadel and Forbidden City, along with the Royal Tomb of Minh Mang. Stop at a beautiful old 'maison' that has been transformed into a Truc Chi bamboo paper workshop and learn all about this art.

DAY 13: HANOI CYCLO

Fly to Hanoi this morning. This afternoon take a thrilling cyclo ride through the Old Quarter and enjoy a flavourful Vietnamese coffee at a café overlooking Hoan Kiem Lake.

DAYS 14-15: HALONG BAY

Spend two days aboard a comfortable cruise boat sailing amongst magnificent karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay. Spend the night on the boat before returning to Hanoi and attending

the Quintessence of Tonkin show, a spectacular open-air performance celebrating the rich history of northern Vietnam.

DAY 16: EXPLORE HANOI

Discover Hanoi's history and the story of President Ho Chi Minh on a walking tour. See his Mausoleum in Ba Dinh Square, and admire the Presidential Palace. Explore its peaceful grounds and visit the Humble House on Stilts, where he lived during his rule. Finally, visit the beautiful Temple of Literature before this evening's farewell dinner.

DAYS 17-18: FLY HANOI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



- GARDENS BY THE BAY**
4 days from \$730pp twin share
 - HANOI & NINH BINH**
5 days from \$1,450pp twin share
 - SAPA EXTENSION**
4 days from \$1,220pp twin share
- Visit page 72 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

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CAMBODIA & VIETNAM

PHYSICAL RATING

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Our most popular Indochina tour takes you on a journey of discovery, from the breathtaking temples of Angkor and the Mekong Delta through to the natural grandeur of Halong Bay, experiencing all manner of delights en route.

PRICES & DEPARTURES
Prices are per person, twin share

2024 DATES			
20 Jan - 06 Feb	\$7,580	10 Aug - 27 Aug	\$7,580
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24 Feb - 12 Mar	\$7,580	28 Sep - 15 Oct	\$8,480
02 Mar - 19 Mar	\$7,580	12 Oct - 29 Oct	\$7,580
09 Mar - 26 Mar	\$8,480	19 Oct - 05 Nov	\$7,580
16 Mar - 02 Apr	\$7,580	26 Oct - 12 Nov	\$7,580
23 Mar - 09 Apr	\$7,580	02 Nov - 19 Nov	\$7,580
27 Apr - 14 May	\$7,580	16 Nov - 03 Dec	\$7,580
11 May - 28 May	\$7,580	23 Nov - 10 Dec	\$8,480
27 Jul - 13 Aug	\$7,580		
2025 DATES			
11 Jan - 28 Jan	\$7,820	02 Aug - 19 Aug	\$7,820
08 Feb - 25 Feb	\$7,820	20 Sep - 07 Oct	\$7,820
15 Feb - 04 Mar	\$7,820	04 Oct - 21 Oct	\$8,800
22 Feb - 11 Mar	\$7,820	11 Oct - 28 Oct	\$7,820
01 Mar - 18 Mar	\$8,800	18 Oct - 04 Nov	\$7,820
15 Mar - 01 Apr	\$7,820	25 Oct - 11 Nov	\$7,820
22 Mar - 08 Apr	\$7,820	01 Nov - 18 Nov	\$7,820
29 Mar - 15 Apr	\$7,820	08 Nov - 25 Nov	\$7,820
05 Apr - 22 Apr	\$7,820	15 Nov - 02 Dec	\$8,800
03 May - 20 May	\$7,820	22 Nov - 09 Dec	\$7,820

Flight and supplement information

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- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Siem Reap - Hanoi) 16 days from \$6,480 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,050

Dedicated solos departure

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LAOS & CAMBODIA UNVEILED

18 DAYS FROM

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FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Be charmed by quaint Vientiane
- ✓ Admire scenic Vang Vieng
- ✓ Visit enchanting Kuang Si Falls
- ✓ Be captivated by Angkor
- ✓ See local life on Tonle Sap
- ✓ Visit colonial Battambang
- ✓ Explore Phnom Penh by cyclo



Swim at Kuang Si Falls

PRICE INCLUDES

- 15 breakfasts, 14 lunches, 15 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Witness the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Witness the dawn ceremony of Takbat, a daily ritual which sees the saffron-robed monks of Luang Prabang's monasteries collect alms, in the form of food, from the local people who line the streets.
- ▶ Visit the headquarters of medical charity COPE, and learn about their work to provide prosthetic limbs to survivors of road accidents and landmines in Laos.
- ▶ Visit the lovely NGO of Golden Silk Peach, a heritage silk workshop working to revive the rich art of hand-spun golden silk whilst also providing skilled employment to over 100 locals.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO VIENTIANE

Fly overnight to Vientiane via Bangkok. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: EXPLORE VIENTIANE

Nestled in a sleepy bend of the Mekong, Vientiane is a delightfully quaint city, more friendly backwater than chaotic capital. Visit the morning market, Wat Si Saket and Wat Phra Keo, the former royal temple, before viewing That Luang Stupa and the Patuxai Victory Monument. Also, drop in at the COPE visitor centre.

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO VANG VIENG

Depart Vientiane for Vang Vieng, a town beautifully set in a spectacular karst landscape that has become Laos' adventure capital. En route, stop at Ban Keun to learn about traditional methods of salt production, a keystone of the local economy.

DAY 5: EXPLORE VANG VIENG

Venture into the Tham Chang cave before wandering through the dramatic limestone karst countryside beside the Nam Song River.

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO LUANG PRABANG

Return to Vientiane and fly to the beautiful city of Luang Prabang. The quintessential image of Laos and a place of vivid colours, here you'll find a rich heritage and enduring French legacy.

DAY 7: PAK OU CAVES

Visit the exquisite Wat Visoun and Wat Xieng Thong. Cruise up the languid Mekong River to the sacred caves of Pak Ou, known for the hundreds of Buddhist sculptures that reside within. On the return trip stop off at the villages of Thin Hong and Ban Xang Khong.

DAY 8: KUANG SI WATERFALLS

Begin the day at the National Museum, housed in the former royal palace. Drive out of the city, stopping for a visit to Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre, before heading to the natural splendour of Kuang Si Waterfalls. Enjoy the vivid blue terraced pools that tumble down through their forest setting, taking a dip or relaxing by the water's edge.

DAY 9: TAKBAT

Rise early this morning to witness the monks of Luang Prabang's monastic communities collecting alms from the locals – the ceremony of Takbat. These lines of silent saffron robeclad monks will be an enduring image of your trip. Later this morning, climb Phousi Hill for panoramic views over the city. Fly to Siem Reap the gateway to Angkor.

DAY 10: EXPLORE ANGKOR

The seat of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries, the Angkor complex includes over 1,000 temples. Rising early, the tour begins in the heart of Angkor Thom, the old walled city - passing through its South Gate you'll reach the enigmatic Bayon and visit the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King. Continue to Ta Prohm, an atmospheric temple left in the grips of the jungle. This afternoon is dedicated to the indescribable Angkor Wat. The best preserved of Angkor's temples, examine the vast number of intricate details and relish the sheer magnificence of its architecture. This evening, take a leisurely boat ride on the moat of Angkor Thom as the sun sets.

DAY 11: TONLE SAP LAKE

Enjoy a laid-back cruise on Tonle Sap Lake, passing through a floating village and observing the way of life of these lake communities. This evening sit down to dinner and the Apsara dance show.



CLASSIC
LAOS & CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?
This epic dual-destination adventure takes you from the lush mountain landscapes of untouched Laos to the magnificent temples of Angkor and the treasures of historic Cambodia.



DAY 12: BANTEAY SREI

Admire the richly-embellished Banteay Srei, a thousand-year-old temple built from rose-coloured sandstone, before visiting a wonderful silk workshop reviving the art of handwoven Khmer gold silk.

DAY 13: RURAL BATTAMBANG

Depart Siem Reap for the city of Battambang, a former colonial town with a wealth of French architecture on display. Enjoy an introductory tour before an afternoon at leisure.

DAY 14: EXPLORE BATTAMBANG

Battambang is set in some of the country's most beautiful landscapes. Head out of town to the 12th-century Prasat Banan Temple, returning to Battambang to stroll through the village of Wat Kor, with its collection of century old houses.

DAY 15: TRAVEL TO PHNOM PENH

Journey south to the city of Phnom Penh. On arrival the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 16: PHNOM PENH BY CYCLO

Experience a cyclo ride to the magnificent Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda before stopping to visit the temple of Wat Phnom. Later, enjoy the exhibits of the National Museum, which are housed in a spectacular Khmer-style building, before learning about the tragedies of the recent past at the deeply emotive Tuol Sleng Museum.

DAYS 17-18: FLY PHNOM PENH TO AUSTRALIA

If your flight time permits, this morning there is an option to visit the poignant Killing Fields (payable locally). Transfer to the airport to board your flight back to Australia, arriving the next day.



EXTEND YOUR STAY...



VICTORIA MEKONG DOWNSTREAM

6 days from \$2,100pp twin share

Visit page 72 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

PRICES & DEPARTURES
Prices are per person, twin share

2024 DATES			
23 Feb - 11 Mar	\$6,990	08 Nov - 25 Nov	\$6,990
15 Mar - 01 Apr	\$6,990	15 Nov - 02 Dec	\$6,990
2025 DATES			
07 Feb - 24 Feb	\$7,220	31 Oct - 17 Nov	\$7,220
14 Feb - 03 Mar	\$7,220	14 Nov - 01 Dec	\$7,220

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Vientiane - Phnom Penh) 16 days from \$5,890 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,080

Important note
Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 August 2023, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$105pp (AU\$157pp) is paid locally in Laos.

Call for our 2026 pricing and departures

INDOCHINA DELIGHTS

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$7,680

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ See local life on the Mekong
- ✓ Wander charming Hoi An
- ✓ Practice Tai Chi on Halong Bay
- ✓ Explore Hanoi by cyclo
- ✓ Be charmed by Luang Prabang
- ✓ Admire Kuang Si waterfalls
- ✓ Marvel at Angkor Temples



Enjoy Hoi An's traditional atmosphere

PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Learn ancient cultivation techniques

EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Try your hand at ancient cultivation techniques with members of the local farming community in Tra Que village and enjoy a cooking demonstration of a regional speciality.
- ▶ After a day of exploration, relax as you float on the gentle waters of the moat of Angkor Thom, seeing the old walled city from a different perspective and savouring the beauty of a peaceful sunset.
- ▶ Head into the forest to visit the stunning tiered pools of Laos' Kuang Si Waterfalls. Relax by the river or enjoy a refreshing swim in the beautiful blue waters.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO SAIGON

Fly to Saigon. On arrival you will be met by your expert tour guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure

DAY 2: DISCOVER SAIGON

Take a walking tour of Saigon's centre, with such architectural highlights as the Notre-Dame Cathedral and grand Central Post Office. Visit the Reunification Palace and the poignant War Remnants Museum.

DAY 3: MEKONG DELTA

Journey to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the Mekong. This area is called the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', the rich and fertile lands producing a plethora of rice, coconuts, vegetables and tropical fruits. Paddle through the maze of palm-lined canals and get a glimpse of daily life on the Mekong Delta.

DAY 4: CU CHI TUNNELS

Uncover stories of guerilla warfare at Cu Chi, the legendary tunnel network used by the Viet Cong during the war. Afterward, head to an organic farm for a fresh farm-to-table lunch. Later, fly to Danang and transfer to the UNESCO-listed city of Hoi An.

DAY 5: HOI AN WALKING TOUR

Take a morning walking tour of charming Hoi An, a wonderfully laidback, graceful and traditional town. Visit one of the oldest homes, still occupied by descendants of merchants that built it over 200 years ago. Stop at the elaborate Japanese Bridge and visit Hoi An Market and a local Chinese Temple before lunch. The afternoon is at leisure to explore or head to the beach.

DAY 6: TRA QUE VILLAGE

Drive out into the countryside to Tra Que, a small farming community where you can enjoy the lush

green countryside and stroll through the gardens to see the farmers at work. Later, take a flight to Vietnam's capital Hanoi, a charming and richly historic city of lakes, parks and shaded boulevards.

DAY 7: HALONG BAY CRUISE

Head to Halong Bay and board your comfortable cruise ship, sailing amongst the spectacular seascapes, fringed by jagged karst formations jutting from emerald waters. Halong Bay with its 1,600 islands and islets, was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994 and is a vision of awe-inspiring beauty. Depending on local conditions, activities this afternoon may include kayaking, swimming or sunbathing. Enjoy dinner and spend the night anchored on the tranquil waters.

DAY 8: RETURN TO HANOI

Enjoy brunch on board before disembarking and returning to Hanoi for an afternoon at leisure. This evening, attend a spectacular theatrical performance celebrating the rich history of Northern Vietnam

DAY 9: FLY TO LUANG PRABANG

Spend the morning exploring Hanoi's Ho Chi Minh complex, the Temple of Literature and Ngoc Son Temple – you'll also take a cyclo tour of the Old Quarter and enjoy a flavourful Vietnamese coffee at a local café. Fly to the enchanting city of Luang Prabang.

DAY 10: TAKBAT ALMS CEREMONY

Luang Prabang is the quintessential image of Laos – a place of vivid colours, an extremely rich heritage and enduring French legacy. Today, rise early to watch a Takbat alms giving ceremony. Ascend Phousi Hill for panoramic views, visit the gold-covered Wat Xieng Thong, then cruise along the Mekong River to see the Pak Ou Caves. Return to Luang Prabang.

CLASSIC

VIETNAM, LAOS & CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

The perfect way to explore Indochina, tick off three countries with this fantastic introduction to the region. Featuring Halong Bay, Luang Prabang and the temples of Angkor, all of the best sights are covered.



Visit Wat Xieng Thong



Bathe in the Kuang Si Waterfalls

DAY 11: VISIT KUANG SI WATERFALLS

Visit the National Museum before continuing to the cascading turquoise waters of the enchanting Kuang Si Waterfalls. Relax by the water or enjoy a refreshing dip. Return to Luang Prabang via Ban Na Ouane village and Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre. This evening witness a local Bacì Ceremony.

DAY 12: FLY TO SIEM REAP

The morning is at leisure for final explorations in Luang Prabang. This afternoon, fly to Siem Reap and check in to the hotel before dinner.

DAY 13: EXPLORE ANGKOR WAT

Begin the day at the ruined city of Angkor Thom, established as the royal capital of the Khmer Empire in the 12th century. Uncover its secrets before continuing to Ta Prohm, an atmospheric ancient monastery partially reclaimed by the jungle. This afternoon, explore the magnificent temple of Angkor Wat, the park's most famous treasure. Later, return to Angkor Thom for a leisurely boat ride as the sun sets.

DAY 14: TONLE SAP LAKE

Enjoy a cruise on Tonle Sap Lake, passing through the floating villages and observing the way of life of these lake communities. The afternoon is at leisure. This evening sit down to a farewell dinner and an Apsara dance show.

DAYS 15-16: FLY SIEM REAP TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.



Explore Ta Prohm

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



VICTORIA MEKONG DOWNSTREAM

6 days from \$2,100pp twin share

BANGKOK SHORT STAY

4 days from \$850pp twin share

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PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2024 DATES

17 Feb - 03 Mar	\$7,680	14 Sep - 29 Sep	\$7,680
24 Feb - 10 Mar	\$7,680	12 Oct - 27 Oct	\$7,680
09 Mar - 24 Mar	\$7,680	16 Nov - 01 Dec	\$7,680

2025 DATES

08 Feb - 23 Feb	\$7,920	18 Oct - 02 Nov	\$7,920
22 Feb - 09 Mar	\$7,920	01 Nov - 16 Nov	\$7,920
08 Mar - 23 Mar	\$7,920	15 Nov - 30 Nov	\$7,920

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Saigon - Siem Reap) 15 days from \$6,580 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$980

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 August 2023, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$100pp (AU\$149pp) is paid locally in Vietnam.

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GRAND TOUR OF INDOCHINA

27 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$10,580

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Drift on the Mekong Delta
- ✓ See local life in charming Hoi An
- ✓ Marvel at Hue's Imperial Citadel
- ✓ Walk Mai Chau's rice terraces
- ✓ Practise Tai Chi on Halong Bay
- ✓ Witness sacred Takbat
- ✓ Be captivated by Angkor



Soak up the scenery of Vang Vieng

PRICE INCLUDES

- 25 breakfasts, 24 lunches, 25 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Explore the scenic rice terraces of Mai Chau

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Embark on an easy trek through the incredible landscapes of Mai Chau. Admire views of the famous rice terraces, visit the villages of hill tribes such as the Flower H'mong, and meet the communities that call them home.
- ▶ A rip-roaring combination of theatre, music, dance and circus, Phare: the Cambodian Circus, tells tales woven from local folklore, history and modern life in a unique and authentically-Cambodian way.
- ▶ Witness the dawn ceremony of Takbat, a daily ritual which sees the saffron-robed monks of Luang Prabang's monasteries collect alms, in the form of food, from the local people who line the streets.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO SAIGON

Fly to Saigon, Vietnam's most evocative city.

DAY 2: DISCOVER SAIGON

This morning, contemplate the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the Cu Chi Tunnels before returning to Saigon. The exuberant city of Saigon is driving Vietnam forward into the modern world but is also a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. Visit the Central Post Office, the Reunification Palace and the chilling War Remnants Museum.

DAY 3: MEKONG DELTA

Travel to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the Mekong. Paddle through the maze of palm-lined canals and get a glimpse of daily life on the Mekong Delta. Lunch on typical Mekong fare. Return to Saigon.

DAYS 4-5: EXPLORE HOI AN

Fly one hour to the wonderfully traditional town of Hoi An. Enjoy a walking tour of its historic sights, including the elaborate Japanese Bridge, atmospheric Chinese Temple, and a 200 year old merchant house complete with original furniture. The next morning, visit a farming co-operative at nearby Tra Que Village. Try your hand at some traditional farming techniques before an afternoon at leisure.

DAY 6: HOI AN AT LEISURE

Spend a day at leisure to explore and unwind in this wifully traditional town.

DAY 7: HAI VAN PASS & HUE

Travel to Hue via the famously scenic Hai Van Pass. This scholarly town was once the seat of the Nguyen Emperors, and the area still retains an atmosphere of historic grandeur. Begin at the Tomb of Emperor Minh Mang and explore its many monuments and gardens.

DAY 8: HUE'S IMPERIAL CITADEL

Explore the imposing Imperial Citadel and Forbidden City, built in 1803 and modelled on the original in Beijing. Later, visit Thien Mu Pagoda and take a cruise on the Perfume River

DAY 9: JOURNEY TO HANOI

Fly to Hanoi. Vietnam's capital brings all the charms of the past with a modern buzz in one fast-paced yet refined city. Take an exciting cyclo tour of the Old Quarter and enjoy a Vietnamese 'egg coffee' break.

DAY 10: MAI CHAU

Take the picturesque mountain road to the valley of Mai Chau, set among scenic rice terraces. This afternoon, explore the rice fields and visit the white Thai community villages of Pom Coong and Lac with their traditional stilt houses.

DAY 11: MAI CHAU

Drive higher into the mountains to visit the Green H'mong hill tribe village of Xa Linh and hike to Pa Co.

DAY 12: RETURN TO HANOI

Transfer back to Hanoi and enjoy time at leisure.

DAYS 13-14: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Head east to Halong Bay, where you'll spend two days aboard your comfortable cruise boat sailing amongst magnificent karst peaks on the tranquil waters of the iconic Halong Bay. Stay overnight on the boat before returning to Hanoi. This evening, enjoy a traditional performance celebrating the rich history of northern Vietnam.

DAY 15: FLY TO LUANG PRABANG

Visit Hanoi's Ho Chi Minh Quarter, the Stilt House and One Pillar Pagoda. Fly to Luang Prabang.



CLASSIC
VIETNAM, LAOS & CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?
For those with more time, this tour not only covers the highlights of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, but helps you explore further into the region's magnificent beauty, fascinating culture and friendly communities.



Admire the temple of Wat Xieng Thong



Explore Angkor's temples

DAY 16: TAKBAT

Rise early to witness the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat. Ascend Phousi Hill for city views and visit Wat Xieng Thong. Take to the waters of the Mekong to visit the sacred caves of Pak Ou, known for the hundreds of Buddhist sculptures that reside within.

DAY 17: KUANG SI WATERFALLS

This morning visit the National Museum. Marvel at the cascading turquoise waters of the enchanting Kuang Si Waterfalls before returning to Luang Prabang via Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre.

DAY 18: TRAVEL TO VANG VIENG

Fly to Vientiane and travel to Vang Vieng, a town beautifully set in a spectacular karst landscape.

DAY 19: EXPLORE VANG VIENG

Venture into the Tham Chang cave before wandering through the dramatic limestone karst countryside beside the Nam Song River.

DAY 20: DISCOVER VIENTIANE

Travel back to Vientiane to visit Wat Si Saket, Wat Phra Keo, That Luang Stupa, and the Patuxai Victory Monument. Enjoy dinner with a traditional Laotian music and dance performance.

DAY 21: ROYAL PALACE

Fly to Phnom Penh, a city of airy boulevards and colonial villas. Today's visits include the magnificent Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda. Later on admire the artefacts of the lovely National Museum.

DAY 22: EXPLORE PHNOM PENH

Visit Tuol Sleng Museum, formerly the notorious Khmer Rouge prison known as S21. Continue to the Killing Fields, site of the mass execution of thousands of innocent civilians under the Khmer Rouge regime of the 1970s. Today, this is a memorial site for peaceful

reflection. Return to Phnom Penh for lunch before visiting Wat Phnom, the city's namesake temple.

DAY 23: SUNSET OVER ANGKOR

Fly to Siem Reap. This evening, enjoy an acrobatic performance by graduates of the Phare Circus, a local NGO providing life-changing vocational training opportunities to local youths.

DAY 24: EXPLORE ANGKOR

The seat of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries, the Angkor complex includes over 1,000 temples. Begin at atmospheric Ta Prohm, continuing to Angkor Thom and passing through the South Gate to reach the enigmatic Bayon. This afternoon is dedicated to the indescribable Angkor Wat. This evening, return to Angkor Thom for a boat ride on the moat, enjoying the sunset with a refreshing drink in hand.

DAY 25: TONLE SAP

Enjoy a cruise on Tonle Sap Lake, passing through floating villages and learning about life in these lake communities. Continue to the captivating Banteay Srei temple, famous for its delicately-carved pink sandstone reliefs, before this evening's farewell dinner.

DAYS 26-27: FLY SIEM REAP TO AUSTRALIA

Enjoy a free morning before transferring to the airport for your flight back to Australia, arriving home the following day.

PRICES & DEPARTURES
Prices are per person, twin share

2024 DATES			
18 Feb - 15 Mar	\$10,580	29 Sep - 25 Oct	\$10,580
25 Feb - 22 Mar	\$10,580	20 Oct - 15 Nov	\$10,580
03 Mar - 29 Mar	\$10,580	27 Oct - 22 Nov	\$10,580
10 Mar - 05 Apr	\$10,580	10 Nov - 06 Dec	\$10,580
2025 DATES			
09 Feb - 07 Mar	\$10,980	05 Oct - 31 Oct	\$10,980
16 Feb - 14 Mar	\$10,980	12 Oct - 07 Nov	\$10,980
23 Feb - 21 Mar	\$10,980	19 Oct - 14 Nov	\$10,980
02 Mar - 28 Mar	\$10,980	02 Nov - 28 Nov	\$10,980
09 Mar - 04 Apr	\$10,980	09 Nov - 05 Dec	\$10,980
16 Mar - 11 Apr	\$10,980	16 Nov - 12 Dec	\$10,980

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Saigon - Siem Reap) 26 days from \$9,480 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,800

Important note
Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 August 2023, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$170pp (AU\$254pp) is paid locally in Vietnam.

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THAILAND HIGHLIGHTS

13 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$5,580

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Marvel at Bangkok's Grand Palace
- ✓ See the bridge of the River Kwai
- ✓ Explore historic Ayutthaya
- ✓ Meet Hmong and Yao hill tribes
- ✓ Stroll through Chiang Rai
- ✓ Enjoy a Chiang Mai cooking class



Visit an elephant rescue sanctuary

PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 – 4 star accommodation and eco-lodge
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Be amazed at Maeklong Railway Market

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Visit Maeklong Market, famous for being set along a railway line – witness the fascinating bustle of activity by stallholders, moving their wares speedily out of the way as a train passes through!
- ▶ Venture deep into the northern highlands and spend the night at one with nature at a tribe-run eco-lodge, where you will enjoy a local dinner and a tribal dance performance.
- ▶ Spend the day with Asian elephants at an elephant rescue and retirement centre, where you'll meet, feed and help care for the gorgeous residents.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO BANGKOK

Fly to the vibrant city of Bangkok. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: DISCOVER BANGKOK

Bangkok is a whirlwind of exotic energy; a sensory extravaganza like few other cities. Neoclassical houses rub shoulders with high-rise skyscrapers and majestic golden temples, while river taxis and ferries throng its busy canals. Today's sightseeing includes Wat Pho, the dazzling Grand Palace and a stroll through Chinatown. Later, take to the Chao Phraya River on a longboat to get an alternative view of the city.

DAY 3: BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER KWAI

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market and the bizarre Maeklong Railway Market before heading out of Bangkok to Kanchanaburi. It was here that many Allied POWs and indentured Asian labourers were forced to build the Thai-Burma Railway during the WWII Japanese occupation of Thailand. Stop at the famous bridge on the River Kwai and visit the Thai-Burmese Railway Museum to learn their stories, then pay your respects at the War Cemetery before checking into your hotel. Spend the night in Kanchanaburi.

DAY 4: EXPLORE KANCHANABURI

Drive to Hellfire Pass and visit the fascinating museum before a short walk through the pass. Step on board an old locomotive to travel along a section of the notorious Death Railway passing through the Kwai Gorge. Return to Bangkok in the afternoon.

DAY 5: AYUTTHAYA

A sacred city and former royal capital, Ayutthaya today is a crumbled kingdom that has retained its bygone splendour. Explore this impressive archaeological site, touring the principal sights including Bang Pa-In, the former royal summer residence. Return to Bangkok and fly to Chiang Rai, a city in Thailand's northern highlands.

DAY 6: GOLDEN TRIANGLE

Transfer to the area known as the Golden Triangle – the point where the borders of Thailand, Laos and Myanmar meet and notorious for the cultivation of opium that used to take place here. Take a boat ride on the Mekong over the border into Laos and visit Don Sao Island where you can take a leisurely stroll through the local market. Return to Chiang Rai. Explore the night market this evening.



Meet the Hmong Hilltribe

CLASSIC
THAILAND

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

A two-week journey from south to north, this tour of Thailand encompasses all the top sights, as well as venturing into less-explored areas to discover pristine nature and local culture with a stay at a beautiful eco-lodge run by a local tribe.



See Chiang Rai's contemporary White Temple



Learn the true WWII story of the bridge on the River Kwai

DAY 7: MEET THE YAO TRIBE

Travel to Mae Salong Mountain, an area well known for its tea plantations – you can sample some of the local brew whilst you are here. Enjoy a Yunnanese lunch before meeting the Yao Tribe, taking a walk through an Akha village.

DAY 8: HMONG HILLTRIBE LODGE

Explore the striking Buddhist White Temple before departing Chiang Rai. Heading in the direction of Chiang Mai, you'll travel along a beautiful mountain road with breathtaking views. Entering Chiang Mai province, spend tonight at Hmong Hilltribe Lodge, an eco-lodge operated by Hmong villagers. Rooms are built in the traditional tribal style and overlook lush fields and hills. Dinner is followed by a Hmong folklore performance.

DAY 9: DISCOVER CHIANG MAI

Depart Hmong Lodge for Chiang Mai. On the way stop to visit the ancient city of Wiang Kum Kam. Later, take a walking tour of charming Chiang Mai, visiting Wat Chedi Luang and Wat Phra Singh.

DAY 10: ELEPHANT SANCTUARY EXPERIENCE

Spend the morning at an ethical elephant sanctuary and retirement centre, where you can meet, feed and care for these rescued and elderly residents. Enjoy a relaxed rafting trip in Mae Daeng before returning to Chiang Mai.

DAY 11: CHIANG MAI COOKING CLASS

Discover the secrets of traditional Thai cooking with a morning cookery class. Ascend to Wat Doi Suthep, a temple perched on top of Doi Suthep Mountain. This evening, sit down to a Thai Khantoke dinner, and be entertained by a selection of cultural performances.

DAYS 12-13: FLY CHIANG MAI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.



Visit the sacred city of Ayutthaya



EXTEND YOUR STAY...

LUANG PRABANG EXTENSION

5 days from \$1,550pp twin share

CAMBODIA EXTENSION

5 days from \$1,480pp twin share

KUALA LUMPUR CITY STAY

3 days from \$380pp twin share

Visit page 72 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2024 DATES

03 Feb - 15 Feb	\$5,580	16 Nov - 28 Nov	\$5,580
24 Feb - 07 Mar	\$5,580	23 Nov - 05 Dec	\$5,580
16 Mar - 28 Mar	\$5,580	30 Nov - 12 Dec	\$5,580

2025 DATES

11 Jan - 23 Jan	\$5,880	01 Nov - 13 Nov	\$5,880
08 Feb - 20 Feb	\$5,880	08 Nov - 20 Nov	\$5,880
15 Feb - 27 Feb	\$5,880	29 Nov - 11 Dec	\$5,880
01 Mar - 13 Mar	\$5,880		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Bangkok - Chiang Mai) 12 days from \$4,480 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$600

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 August 2023, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

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Visa for Australian
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These four itineraries – all Classic tours feature a four night or seven-night cruise on board the contemporary 4 star river vessel, Victoria Mekong – the perfect way to relax as you get an authentic look at daily life on the Mekong River. Fully-inclusive Classic tours are not only packed with the iconic sights and magnificent treasures of Southeast Asia, but also include all your arrangements and the care of an expert National Guide. That means they offer both an extraordinary touring experience and excellent value

EVERYTHING TAKEN CARE OF

With these tours, all your arrangements are taken care of – your flights, all accommodation, transfers, touring, all meals (or as stated on the Private tours), evening entertainment and your visas too! So all you have to do is show up, explore and enjoy.

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THE VICTORIA MEKONG

Launched in December 2019, the Victoria Mekong is a contemporary 4 star river vessel cruising between Vietnam's Mekong Delta and Cambodia's capital Phnom Penh. It offers 35 spacious balcony cabins, including two VIP suites. Facilities on board include an outdoor pool, onboard cinema, cocktail bars, a restaurant and a spa with massage service. To put you right in the heart of local life, there are shore excursions with plenty of opportunities to interact with local people and their culture. The cultural immersion doesn't end there, but continues onboard, with traditional music and dance, lectures on local topics, cooking classes and a cocktail-making competition too.



All aboard: Victoria Mekong

Launched in December 2019, the 4 star Victoria Mekong is a fresh, contemporary river vessel with four spacious passenger decks, offering a peaceful, premium small-ship experience between Vietnam and Cambodia.



YOUR STATEROOM

The Victoria Mekong boasts some of the most spacious cabins on the Mekong Delta, all outward-facing with private balconies. Her 33 ensuite staterooms, each 25m², are spread across the River and Panorama decks, along with two aft-facing VIP suites (45m²) at the rear of the Panorama deck. Cabins can be booked as twin or double beds, and feature rain showers, hair dryers, individually controlled AC and French windows onto the balcony.

FACILITIES ON BOARD

The Victoria Mekong was designed with relaxation in mind. Guests are invited to soak up the sun in the outdoor infinity pool, try their hand on the mini-golf green, watch films or documentaries in the on-board cinema, enjoy a treatment at the Green Lotus Spa, or enjoy the daily activities held in the Lounge Bar. For those who simply wish to relax, sun loungers and parasols are available on the Sky Deck, while books and games are available to borrow from the library. Where possible, the Captain is pleased to invite guests to visit the bridge.

WINE & DINE

The Claypot Restaurant, located on the Panorama deck, is an airy, spacious venue with large bay windows offering 180-degree river views, along with a terrace for al fresco dining. All meals are included; cuisine varies in theme each night, with set menus available at dinner.

Asian hospitality is widely regarded as some of the best in the world, and the Victoria Mekong is no exception. House wine is complimentary with dinner, along with a daily sunset cocktail and free-flow of soft drinks and beer. Additional snacks and spirits are available from the Lounge Bar.





YOUR JOURNEY

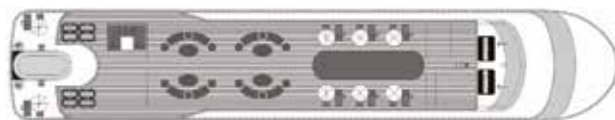
The Mekong is the seventh longest river in all of Asia, and the twelfth longest in the world. Stretching 2,700 miles from China across the Tibetan Plateau and through Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam, it empties into the South China Sea south of Saigon. It is the lifeblood of Southeast Asia, and many centuries of cultural, economic and political history have played out on its banks.

The Victoria Mekong cruises from Kampong Cham in Cambodia to the Vietnamese town of Can Tho in the Mekong Delta. Guests can join the full 7-night cruise, or opt for a shorter 4 night option beginning or ending at Sisowath Quay in Phnom Penh.

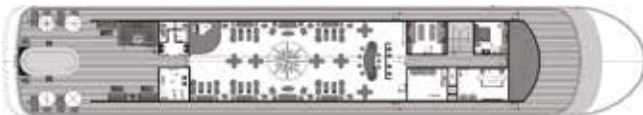
Along Victoria Mekong's route, she calls at ports such as Tan Chau, Long Xuyen and Tan Loc Island, with excursions to historic temples, silk villages, the Royal Palace, the Killing Fields and a floating market. See overleaf for more information about her ports of call.

Guests on both itineraries will enjoy nightly evening entertainment on board, ranging from Cambodian Apsara performances to traditional Mekong folk music and even a mischievous lion dance on the sun deck. Onboard activities range from mini-golf to cocktail-making competitions, destination presentations and film nights.

SKY DECK



SUN DECK



UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK





TOURS INCLUDING A DELTA CRUISE ON THE VICTORIA MEKONG

Classic Mekong

Includes 4N Downstream (Phnom Penh – Can Tho)

Mekong Experience and Mekong Explorer

Includes 4N Upstream (Can Tho – Phnom Penh)

Grand Mekong Odyssey

Includes 7N Upstream (Can Tho - Kampong Cham)

Private Cruise & Beach Packages

Includes 7N Downstream (Kampong Cham - Can Tho)



Victoria Mekong: Shore Excursions

Experience authentic Vietnam and Cambodia in real style. Discover hand-picked ports along one of the most enchanting stretches of the Mekong, from fascinating Cambodian villages to the lush, green landscapes of Vietnam. Depending on your chosen itinerary, here are just a few of the included shore excursions you'll encounter on your voyage of discovery.

1 ANGKOR BAN & SILK ISLAND

Explore Cambodian village life in Angkor Ban with its wooden stilt houses. Travel by tuk tuk to Silk Island, where you will learn about the process of silk weaving from worm to loom.



2 KOH CHEN & OUDONG

Enjoy a walking tour of the village of Koh Chen and meet a local copper and silversmith. Discover the former royal capital Oudong, with its beautiful stupas and temples.



3 PHNOM PENH

Sip on a signature cocktails at the elegant Raffles Hotel, explore the majestic Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda complex, and discover the Khmer treasures of the National Museum.



4 TAN CHAU

Discover Vietnamese village life with a visit to a local temple, fish farms and stilt houses amidst the rice paddies, coconut groves and canals of Tan Chau.



5 PHU TAN

Visit a village famed for handmaking Ca Rang clay stoves. Used for centuries, these stoves have a unique wind-blocking design that retaining heat and prevents ashes escaping.



6 TIGER ISLAND

Explore Tiger Island by 3-wheeled xe loi, learning about cottage industries such as plant pot making and incense making before hearing how the island won its name at 'Mr Tiger's Temple'.



7 LONG XUYEN

Travel by tender to witness the mesmerizing Long Xuyen floating market and tour the An Giang Museum, with fascinating exhibits on Kinh Chinese, Khmer and Cham cultures in the region.





Reviews of the Victoria Mekong

★★★★★ Fantastic experience, Feb 2023

The cruise ship is of a 5 star standard. The crew were all warm and welcoming. The trips organised were fantastic as was the food and entertainment. Thank you everybody for a fab 3 night cruise we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and did the rest of our group. All felt it was a highlight of the trip.

★★★★★ A relaxing way to travel from Cambodia to Vietnam, Nov 2022

A wonderful ship to cruise on the Mekong. The staff, facilities and food were all excellent. Some of the shore trips are a little quirky but very authentic and great experiences of life along the Mekong river.



★★★★ Must do if visiting Saigon, Mar 2023

Totally enjoyed the experience, the crew were excellent in caring for us in particular the Guide Swing was informative, attentive, knowledgeable and charming. The river was beautiful and to see how the local people live was incredible. Highly recommend!

★★★★★ Wonderful Experience, Aug 2023

The staff, service, food and total experience was one that was exceptional. Knowledgeable on shore tours, nothing was too much trouble. I would definitely do this cruise again.

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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Immerse yourself in atmospheric Saigon
- ✓ Discover the Cu Chi Tunnels
- ✓ 4 night Victoria Mekong river cruise
- ✓ Explore Phnom Penh by cyclo
- ✓ Reflect on the past at the Killing Fields
- ✓ Visit the Angkor temples



See life on the Mekong River

PRICE INCLUDES

- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Watch the incredible Phare Circus

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ A rip-roaring combination of theatre, music, dance and circus, Phare: the Cambodian Circus, tells tales woven from local folklore, history and modern life in a unique, magical and authentically-Cambodian way.
- ▶ 4 night Mekong River cruise. With state-of-the-art facilities and an itinerary packed with culturally-immersive shore excursions and onboard activities, there's no better way to experience life on the Mekong.
- ▶ Place your trust in your other senses on a fun 'dining in the dark' experience at Noir, a Saigon restaurant that works with local people who are blind or visually-impaired.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO SAIGON

Fly to Saigon, Vietnam's largest and most evocative city. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: DISCOVER SAIGON

This morning, visit the fascinating Cu Chi Tunnels to learn the history of the Viet Cong and their guerrilla tactics during the Vietnam War. Return to Saigon, a vibrant, modern city with a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. See the colonial Notre Dame Cathedral, visit the magnificent Central Post Office, and the chilling War Remnants Museum. There'll also be a coffee break at one of Saigon's best coffee workshops. Dinner this evening will be at Noir, a restaurant that supports Saigon's visually impaired, for a sensory dining experience!

DAY 3: TO THE MEKONG DELTA

Drive southwest to Can Tho, stopping en route for a delicious local lunch. Board the Victoria Mekong cruise ship which, after a welcome briefing will cast off into the waters of the Mekong Delta. Begin your cruise experience with a complimentary cocktail on deck, watching the sun set as the ship makes its way upriver. Tonight, drop anchor at Tiger Island.

DAY 4: TIGER ISLAND AND FLOATING MARKET

Cruise upstream to Long Xuyen and disembark to visit a floating market and a local museum. After lunch, enjoy an excursion on Tiger island to explore the island by sampan, visiting local industries. Sit down to dinner and evening entertainment before retiring to your cabin. Drop anchor at Vam Nao.

DAY 5: PHU TAN & TAN CHAU

Start the day at Phu Tan, visiting a craft village famous for its handmade clay stoves. Used in the delta for centuries, these stoves have a unique

design to protect them from the wind. Return to the ship and cruise to Tan Chau during lunch. On arrival, head to shore to visit a colourful Cao Dai temple and a local market. This evening features a thrilling lion dance performance!

DAY 6: INTO CAMBODIA

Today, the Victoria Mekong will pass over the border into Cambodia and sail towards Phnom Penh. Spend a relaxed day enjoying the passing scenery and a wealth of onboard activities, such as lectures and cocktail making. In the late afternoon, dock at Phnom Penh's Sisowath Quay where, this evening, you will be entertained with a traditional Cambodian Apsara performance. Sip a farewell cocktail before a final dinner on board.

DAY 7: DISEMBARK IN PHNOM PENH

Enjoy breakfast on the ship before disembarking and bidding farewell to the Victoria Mekong. Board a cyclo and head from the pier into the heart of the city to visit the magnificent Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda before perusing the treasures of the National Museum. After a final stop at Wat Phnom, check in at your city centre hotel before dinner.



Take a city tour in Phnom Penh

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VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

With 4 nights onboard the Victoria Mekong, soaking up the sights and sounds of the river, this two-week tour also showcases the beauty of southern Vietnam and Cambodia's magnificent temples of Angkor.



Explore the temples of Angkor



Enjoy a four-night cruise on the 4* small ship Victoria Mekong

DAY 8: EXPLORE PHNOM PENH

Spend the morning confronting Phnom Penh's tragic past with visits to Tuol Sleng Museum and the Killing Fields to learn about the regime of Pol Pot. Later, fly to Siem Reap, the gateway to the Temples of Angkor.

DAY 9: THE TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

Journey into the old city of Angkor Thom. At its heart is the enigmatic Bayon, a breathtaking temple of innumerable sculptural decorations. Admire the Elephant Terrace and Terrace of the Leper King before continuing to the atmospheric Ta Prohm. The rest of the day is dedicated to Angkor Wat, the most magnificent and best preserved of all of Angkor's treasures. As the sun sets, float peacefully on the moat that surrounds Angkor Thom, soaking up the atmosphere.

DAY 10: TONLE SAP

Take a cruise on Tonle Sap, learning about the lives of these floating lake communities. Back on land, stop at a local village for a glimpse into rural life. This evening, enjoy an acrobatic show by the Phare Circus, a social enterprise providing vocational training to disadvantaged local youths.

DAY 11: LOCAL COOKING CLASS

This morning, take a tuk tuk to join fellow chefs in a cooking class held in a traditional-style Cambodian house. Visit a fresh produce market to shop for your ingredients, before learning to prepare authentic Khmer food. Enjoy your creations for lunch before an afternoon at leisure to explore Siem Reap before tonight's farewell dinner.

DAYS 12-13: DEPART SIEM REAP

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.



Visit the historic Cu Chi Tunnels



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PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2024 DATES

08 Apr - 20 Apr **\$6,880** 16 Sep - 28 Sep **\$6,880**

2025 DATES

14 Apr - 26 Apr **\$7,080** 24 Nov - 06 Dec **\$8,180**
15 Sep - 27 Sep **\$7,080**

Based on Main Deck cabins (upgrades to Upper Deck available)

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Saigon - Siem Reap) 12 days from \$5,780 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,900

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 August 2023, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$55pp (AU\$82pp) is paid locally in Vietnam.

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CLASSIC MEKONG

19 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$8,980

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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Drift along Angkor's moat at sunset
- ✓ See local life on Tonle Sap
- ✓ Cruise the Mekong for 4 nights
- ✓ Discover vibrant Saigon
- ✓ Wander charming Hoi An
- ✓ Explore Hanoi's Old Quarter
- ✓ 1 night Halong Bay Cruise



Discover the many faces of the Bayon

PRICE INCLUDES

- 16 breakfasts, 15 lunches, 16 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Visit an organic Vietnamese farm

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Try your hand at traditional cultivation techniques with members of the local farming community in Tra Que village and enjoy a cooking demonstration of a regional speciality.
- ▶ Cruise the Mekong in style aboard the 4 star ship, Victoria Mekong. With state-of-the-art facilities and an itinerary packed with culturally-immersive shore excursions and onboard activities, there's no better way to experience life on the Mekong.
- ▶ Visit NOIR, a 'dining in the dark' social enterprise restaurant in Saigon. Guided by blind waiters, you'll experience an array of delicious dishes in total darkness - a sure-fire way to amplify your other senses!

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO SIEM REAP

Fly overnight to bustling Siem Reap, the gateway to the temples of Angkor. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to soak up the local culture.

DAY 3: THE TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

Journey into the old city of Angkor Thom. At its heart is the enigmatic Bayon, an iconic temple of innumerable sculptural decorations. Admire the Elephant Terrace and Terrace of the Leper King before continuing to the atmospheric Ta Prohm. The rest of the afternoon is dedicated to Angkor Wat, the most magnificent and best preserved of all of Angkor's treasures. As the sun sets, float peacefully on the moat that surrounds Angkor Thom, soaking up the atmosphere.

DAY 4: TONLE SAP

Travel to the shores of Tonle Sap and visit the floating village of Kampong Phluk (Oct to Feb) or Chong Kneas (Mar to Sep). Stop at Chansar village for a glimpse at rural life before visiting the home of a local Khmer family.

DAY 5: FLY TO PHNOM PENH

Travel to Cambodia's charming capital, Phnom Penh. Board a cyclo and head into the heart of the city to visit the magnificent Royal Palace – official residence of the King – along with the Silver Pagoda in its grounds.

DAY 6: BOARD THE VICTORIA MEKONG

Spend the morning reflecting on Phnom Penh's tragic past with visits to Tuol Sleng Museum and the Killing Fields. After lunch, embark on your next adventure – a four night cruise on our premium small ship, Victoria Mekong, with her 35 outward-facing cabins. Enjoy a welcome cocktail and Apsara dance performance before dinner

DAY 7: INTO VIETNAM

The ship departs this morning, with plenty of onboard activities available; alternatively, spend the morning relaxing in the pool. Sail into Vietnam around lunchtime, anchoring near Tan Chau. Tender ashore to visit a Taoist temple and see the intriguing stilt houses. Return to the ship in time for a traditional lion dance performance.

DAY 8: PHU TAN & TIGER ISLAND

After breakfast, tender ashore in Phu Tan to visit a craft village famed for its handmade clay stoves. After lunch, anchor at Tiger Island and head ashore to explore, learning about local industries such as ceramics and incense making. Return to the ship in time for a cocktail competition and the evening's entertainment.

DAY 9: LONG XUYEN & DINH YEN

Arrive in Long Xuyen and hop on a tender to visit the bustling floating market. Stop in town to visit a museum with exhibits on ancient cultures on the region before returning to the Victoria Mekong. Enjoy a refreshing lunch as the ship continues downstream to Dinh Yen, where you'll see the villagers weaving colourful straw mats, and meet a family who specialise in making beancurd. This evening, the ship continues to Can Tho, the beating heart of the Mekong Delta.

DAY 10: DISEMBARK IN CAN THO

Enjoy breakfast onboard and visit a local floating market by boat. Disembark and bid farewell to the Victoria Mekong, boarding the ship's shuttle bus from Can Tho to Saigon, stopping en route in Cai Be for a delicious local lunch. Dinner this evening will be at Noir, a restaurant that supports Saigon's visually impaired, for a sensory 'dining in the dark' experience.



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PHYSICAL RATING

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Starting on a high at the Temples of Angkor, spend 4 nights on board the Victoria Mekong cruising downstream into Vietnam, where you'll discover the top sights – Saigon, Hoi An, Hanoi and Halong Bay.



Relax on the Victoria Mekong



Cruise Halong Bay

PRICES & DEPARTURES
Prices are per person, twin share

2024 DATES			
12 Feb - 01 Mar	\$8,980	23 Sep - 11 Oct	\$8,980
04 Mar - 22 Mar	\$8,980	07 Oct - 25 Oct	\$8,980
18 Mar - 05 Apr	\$8,980	21 Oct - 08 Nov	\$8,980
01 Apr - 19 Apr	\$8,980	04 Nov - 22 Nov	\$8,980
09 Sep - 27 Sep	\$8,980	18 Nov - 06 Dec	\$8,980
2025 DATES			
27 Jan - 14 Feb	\$9,350	05 May - 23 May	\$9,350
10 Feb - 28 Feb	\$9,350	22 Sep - 10 Oct	\$9,350
24 Feb - 14 Mar	\$9,350	06 Oct - 24 Oct	\$9,350
10 Mar - 28 Mar	\$9,350	20 Oct - 07 Nov	\$9,350
24 Mar - 11 Apr	\$9,350	03 Nov - 21 Nov	\$9,350
07 Apr - 25 Apr	\$9,350	17 Nov - 05 Dec	\$9,350
21 Apr - 09 May	\$9,350	01 Dec - 19 Dec	\$9,350

Based on Main Deck cabins (upgrades to Upper Deck available)

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Siem Reap - Hanoi) 17 days from \$7,880 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$2,500

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 August 2023, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$85pp (AU\$127pp) is paid locally in Cambodia.

DAY 11: CU CHI & SAIGON

This morning, visit the fascinating Cu Chi Tunnels to learn the history of the Viet Cong and their guerrilla tactics during the Vietnam War. Return to Saigon, a vibrant, modern city with a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. See the colonial Notre Dame Cathedral, visit the Central Post Office, and the chilling War Remnants Museum. Relax with a coffee break at one of Saigon's popular coffee houses.

DAY 12: DISCOVER HOI AN

Fly from Saigon to Danang and transfer to the enchanting town of Hoi An. Head out on a walking tour, with visits including Chua Ong Pagoda, a historic merchant house, and the spectacular Japanese Covered Bridge. With its charming yellow buildings and vivid silk lanterns, a stroll through this traditional town feels like stepping back in time.

DAY 13: TRA QUE VILLAGE

Head out into Hoi An's peaceful countryside to visit an organic farming community. This cooperative project is a first-choice supplier for most local restaurants, growing delicious herbs and vegetables using traditional techniques. Their secret is in the fertiliser: natural seaweed from a local lagoon.. Here you can enjoy the lush, green landscapes and stroll through the gardens to see the farmers at work. This afternoon is at leisure.

DAY 14: HISTORIC HANOI

Fly to Vietnam's capital city, Hanoi. A fastpaced yet graceful city, it is packed full of ancient and modern sights to discover. Begin exploring at the serene Temple of Literature before taking a cyclo tour through the Old Quarter's atmospheric tangle of streets with a stop for local delicacy 'ca phe trung' (egg coffee) en route.

DAY 15: HO CHI MINH QUARTER

Today, head to the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, where you'll pass 'Uncle Ho's' monumental mausoleum and Stilt House, before seeing the Old Pillar Pagoda. Tonight, attend one of Hanoi's famously breathtaking artistic performances.

DAYS 16-17: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Travel to Halong City, board a cruise boat and set sail on the tranquil blue-green waters of Halong Bay. With its 1,600 islands and islets, the bay was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994. As you explore you'll make excursions to mysterious caves and enjoy delicious seafood onboard. After a night anchored out on the water, rise early to see the sun come up before cruising back to port. Return to Hanoi for an afternoon at leisure ahead of this evening's farewell dinner.

DAYS 18-19: FLY HANOI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.



Explore Hoi An's ancient town

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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore Hanoi's Old Quarter
- ✓ 1 night Halong Bay Cruise
- ✓ Learn ancient farming techniques in Hoi An
- ✓ 4 night Victoria Mekong River Cruise
- ✓ Watch the sunset over Angkor



Admire the spectacular Golden Bridge

PRICE INCLUDES

- 19 breakfasts, 18 lunches, 19 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Float on the moat of Angkor Thom

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Enjoy an atmospheric gondola cruise on the moat of Angkor Thom. Glide along the waters as the sun sets, bathing the temples in a rich, warming glow.
- ▶ Stroll across Danang's striking 'Golden Bridge' – a hilltop structure held aloft by a pair of huge, stone hands – and admire the beautiful views over the Ba Na Hills.
- ▶ Cruise the Mekong in style aboard the 4 star ship, Victoria Mekong. With state-of-the-art facilities and an itinerary packed with culturally-immersive shore excursions and onboard activities, there's no better way to experience life on the Mekong.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO HANOI

Fly to Vietnam's vibrant capital city, Hanoi. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. This evening, meet your guide and enjoy a welcome dinner.

DAY 2: HANOI CYCLO TOUR

Visit the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, stopping at the Old Pillar Pagoda and exploring the Temple of Literature. Later, take a cyclo tour through the Old Quarter's atmospheric streets with a stop for local delicacy 'ca phe trung' (egg coffee). Tonight, attend a breathtaking performance celebrating Vietnam's rich culture.

DAYS 3-4: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Board your 4* ship and cruise out into the tranquil waters of Halong Bay – a UNESCO World Heritage Site that has long enthralled visitors with its beauty. Enjoy an afternoon of activities such as kayaking, swimming or cave tours, or simply relax on the sundeck. After a night anchored out on the water, enjoy the sunrise before cruising back to port. Fly to Hue.

DAY 5: EXPLORE HUE

The capital of imperial Vietnam, Hue is a sophisticated and scholarly city. Start your tour at the Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City and visit the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Tomb of Minh Mang, before a cruise on the Perfume River. This afternoon is at leisure.

DAY 6: ADMIRE THE GOLDEN BRIDGE

Depart Hue, taking the scenic route over the Hai Van Pass to charming Hoi An. En route, take a cable car to admire the views from the spectacular Golden Bridge in Ba Na Hills.

DAY 7: TRA QUE VILLAGE

Head out into the countryside to visit a small farming community and stroll through the gardens to see the farmers at work. In the afternoon, discover Hoi An itself, grabbing some refreshment at the Reaching Out Tea House, a wonderful social project in the heart of town, as you explore.

DAY 8: FREE TIME IN HOI AN

This morning is at leisure, before an afternoon flight to Saigon.

DAY 9: DISCOVER SAIGON

Explore Saigon, a vibrant, modern city with a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. Stroll through fascinating Chinatown and visit the chilling War Remnants Museum. Then admire the beautiful colonial architecture of Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office, before a look around the Reunification Palace.

DAY 10: CU CHI TUNNELS

Spend the morning exploring the fascinating Cu Chi Tunnels. Stop at an organic farm for a freshly-made lunch before a free afternoon back in Saigon.

DAY 11: TO THE MEKONG DELTA

Drive southwest to Can Tho, stopping en route for a delicious local lunch. Board the 4* Victoria Mekong cruise ship which, after a welcome briefing, will cast off into the waters of the Mekong Delta. Begin your cruise experience with a complimentary cocktail on deck, watching the sun set as the ship makes its way upriver. Tonight, drop anchor at Tiger Island.

DAY 12: TIGER ISLAND AND FLOATING MARKET

Cruise upstream to Long Xuyen and disembark to visit a floating market and local museum. After

CLASSIC

VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Find yourself amongst the wonders of Vietnam as you traverse the country before embarking on a 4-night Mekong River cruise on the Victoria Mekong. Pass into Cambodia where you'll admire the majestic Temples of Angkor.



Relax on the Victoria Mekong



Take a local cooking class

lunch, enjoy an excursion to Tiger Island to explore by sampan, visiting local cottage industries. Sit down to dinner and evening entertainment before retiring to your cabin.

DAY 13: TAN CHAU

Start the day at Phu Tan, visiting a craft village famous for its handmade clay stoves. Used in the delta for centuries, these stoves have a unique design to protect them from the wind. Return to the ship and cruise to Tan Chau during lunch. On arrival, head to shore to visit a colourful Cao Dai temple and a local market. This evening features a thrilling lion dance performance!

DAY 14: INTO CAMBODIA

Today, the Victoria Mekong will cross into Cambodia and sail towards Phnom Penh. Spend a leisurely day enjoying a wealth of onboard activities, such as lectures and cocktail making, docking in Phnom Penh in the late afternoon. Sip a farewell cocktail during the evening entertainment and enjoy a final dinner on board. Later, why not head ashore to explore the buzzing city?

DAY 15: DISEMBARK IN PHNOM PENH

Enjoy breakfast on the ship before disembarking. Board a cyclo and head from the pier into the heart of the city to visit the magnificent Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and National Museum. Visit Wat Phnom before checking in at the hotel.

DAY 16: EXPLORE PHNOM PENH

Spend the morning confronting Phnom Penh's tragic past with visits to Tuol Sleng Museum and the Killing Fields, learning about the regime of Pol Pot. Later, fly to Siem Reap, the gateway to Angkor.

DAY 17: THE TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

Journey into Angkor and visit the enigmatic Bayon, the Elephant Terrace, Terrace of the Leper King and atmospheric Ta Prohm. Continue on to Angkor Wat, the most magnificent and best preserved of all of Angkor's treasures. As the sun sets, float peacefully on the moat that surrounds Angkor Thom.

DAY 18: TONLE SAP

Travel to Tonle Sap and visit one of the lake's intriguing floating villages. Back on land, stop at a rural village and visit the home of a local family. This evening, enjoy an acrobatic show by the Phare Cambodian Circus, a social enterprise providing vocational training to disadvantaged local youths.

DAY 19: LOCAL COOKING CLASS

This morning, take a tuk tuk to a cooking class held in a traditional Cambodian house. Visit a fresh produce market to shop for ingredients, before learning to prepare authentic Khmer food. Enjoy your creations for lunch before an afternoon at leisure to explore Siem Reap, or perhaps return to Angkor before tonight's farewell dinner.

DAYS 20-21: FLY SIEM REAP TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.



Cruise Halong Bay overnight

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2024 DATES

14 Jan - 03 Feb	\$9,680	22 Sep - 12 Oct	\$9,680
03 Mar - 23 Mar	\$9,680	06 Oct - 26 Oct	\$9,680
17 Mar - 06 Apr	\$9,680	17 Nov - 07 Dec	\$9,680
31 Mar - 20 Apr	\$9,380		

2025 DATES

12 Jan - 01 Feb	\$10,060	21 Sep - 11 Oct	\$10,060
23 Feb - 15 Mar	\$10,060	05 Oct - 25 Oct	\$10,060
09 Mar - 29 Mar	\$10,060	19 Oct - 08 Nov	\$10,060
23 Mar - 12 Apr	\$9,980	02 Nov - 22 Nov	\$10,060
06 Apr - 26 Apr	\$9,980	16 Nov - 06 Dec	\$10,060
20 Apr - 10 May	\$10,060		

Based on Main Deck cabins (upgrades to Upper Deck available)

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Hanoi - Siem Reap) 20 days from \$8,280 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$2,800

Important note

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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Spend 7 nights cruising the Mekong
- ✓ Experience one of the world's most scenic train rides
- ✓ Meet a Vietnamese war veteran
- ✓ Two nights cruising Halong Bay
- ✓ Soak up Ninh Binh's rural beauty
- ✓ Visit Buddhist monks at a meditation centre



Ride the train on Hai Van Quan pass

PRICE INCLUDES

- 23 breakfasts, 22 lunches, 23 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Relax on board the Victoria Mekong

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Board the sleek Victoria Mekong for a 7-night cruise on the majestic Mekong Delta. Visit Vietnamese villages and Cambodian townships, with stops at silk farms, floating markets, rural temples and the fascinating city of Phnom Penh en route.
- ▶ Listen to incredible wartime history and get a first-hand account of life in the Vietnam War from a local war veteran at the Cu Chi Tunnels near Saigon.
- ▶ Explore Ninh Binh province, nicknamed 'Halong Bay on Land'. Admire the dramatic mountain scenery as you enjoy a boat trip through its paddy fields and prehistoric caves, and take a stroll in Cuc Phuong National Park.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO HANOI

Fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's leafy capital. The afternoon is yours to start soaking up the local culture before a welcome dinner.

DAY 2: HANOI THROUGH THE AGES

Today, enjoy an introduction to Vietnamese history at the Ethnology Museum; a fascinating window into Vietnam's indigenous groups. See tribal antiques and full-scale replicas of ancient longhouses. Continue to the Confucian Temple of Literature before lunch. This afternoon, take a cyclo tour of the Old Quarter's historic streets before exploring the colonial architecture of the French Quarter.

DAY 3: WARTIME HANOI

Visit the Ho Chi Minh Quarter for an insight into the Vietnam War. Visit the Humble House on Stilts, where Ho Chi Minh lived in the grounds of the Presidential Palace, and see his Mausoleum in Ba Dinh Square. Stop to view the wreckage of an American bomber plane, still visible in the lake where it was shot down in 1972. Later, immerse yourself in a bygone era with a visit to a 1980s apartment-turned-teahouse, where you'll hear about life in the difficult post-war subsidy period.

DAY 4: NINH BINH COUNTRYSIDE

Drive two hours into the countryside to Ninh Binh, famously known as 'Halong Bay on land' thanks to its dramatic karst mountains. Visit a local farm and learn about rural life before lunch. This afternoon, enjoy a boat trip through the paddy fields, stopping to explore prehistoric caves before checking in at your hotel.

DAY 5: CUC PHUONG NATIONAL PARK

Begin the day at Four Paws Sun Bear Sanctuary. Learn the stories of these bears, rescued from the illegal pet and bile industries, and hear how they have been given a second chance in life. Enjoy a fresh lunch at the sanctuary, made from ingredients grown on site. This

afternoon, head into Cuc Phuong National Park and hear all about the local wildlife on a short stroll through the rainforest. Return to the hotel.

DAY 6: NINH BINH – HALONG BAY

Drive to Halong Bay and embark on a two-night scenic cruise through this famous UNESCO-listed bay, known for its emerald waters and towering limestone islands. Head to a hidden spot and try your hand at kayaking through these mesmerising seascapes.

DAY 7: HALONG BAY

See the bay through a local's eyes! The local fishermen will row you through their floating village, where many families have lived for generations. Later, head to one of the bay's beaches for a chance to sunbathe on the sands.

DAY 8: HALONG BAY – HUE

Enjoy Tai Chi on deck as the sun rises over Halong Bay. Visit a hidden cave before cruising back to port. Fly to Hue, a charming city and once the seat of the Nguyen emperors.

DAY 9: HUE

Discover Hue's imperial history, beginning at the Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City. Continue to Thien Mu Pagoda before lunch.

DAY 10: HUE – DANANG TRAIN

The 102km railway journey from Hue to Danang is considered one of the best in the world. Three hours of scenic coastline await, with beautiful tropical beaches on one side and dramatic mountain scenery on the other. On arrival in Da Nang, transfer to Hoi An.

DAY 11: HOI AN

Take a walking tour of Hoi An's lantern-lined streets. See the picturesque Japanese bridge, visit a Chinese temple, and tour an ancient merchant house before sampling a local delicacy – white rose dumplings.

CLASSIC

VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

With two cruises, a breathtaking coastal rail journey and even a meeting with a war veteran, this itinerary showcases Vietnam and Cambodia at their most personal and authentic.



Cruise Halong Bay



Enjoy a boat ride in Ninh Binh

DAY 12: HOI AN – SAIGON

Fly to Saigon and explore its historic centre, taking in colonial landmarks such as the Notre-Dame Cathedral and Central Post Office before visiting the emotive War Remnants Museum.

DAY 13: CU CHI TUNNELS & VETERAN

Discover the reality of guerilla warfare at the Cu Chi Tunnels, which were central to the Viet Cong's military operations, including the Tet Offensive. For a truly authentic insight into the war, meet a Vietnamese veteran and hear his war stories. Stop for lunch at an organic farm before returning to Saigon.

DAY 14: VICTORIA MEKONG

Transfer to Can Tho and board the Victoria Mekong for your seven-night cruise. Enjoy a welcome cocktail on deck as the ship sets sail.

DAY 15: LONG XUYEN & TIGER ISLAND

Take a tender boat through a fascinating floating market to reach Long Xuyen. Visit the local museum, with its displays of ancient crafts. Later, head to Tiger Island. Visit a temple and observe local industries, such as incense-making, in action.

DAY 16: PHU TAN & TAN CHAU

Head ashore in Phu Tan and visit a craft village famous for its handmade clay stoves. Enjoy lunch on board as you cruise toward Tan Chau, where a rickshaw will take you to explore a colourful temple and market. This evening, experience a lion dance on the sky deck!

DAY 17: INTO CAMBODIA

Enjoy onboard activities such as a ship's tour or a minigolf tournament as the ship crosses the border into Cambodia. Arrive into Phnom Penh late this afternoon.

DAY 18: PHNOM PENH

Hop on a cyclo and head to the elaborate Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and National Museum. Later, pay your respects at the Killing Fields, where the Khmer Rouge

executed over 1 million victims in the 1970s. Today, it is a memorial site for peaceful reflection. Return to the city and end the afternoon in style with a signature cocktail at Raffles Hotel Le Royal before returning to the ship for a lively Apsara dance performance.

DAY 19: OUDONG & SILK ISLAND

Enjoy a walking tour of Koh Chen village, where you'll meet a local copper and silversmith, before continuing to the country's former capital, Oudong. Visit Buddhist monks at a meditation centre before taking a tuk-tuk to Silk Island to learn about the process of silk weaving from worm to loom.

DAY 20: ANGKOR BAN

Explore the laid-back village of Angkor Ban with its wooden stilt houses. Sail to Wat Hanchey and head up the hill to see its 7th-century temple with panoramic views over the Mekong.

DAY 21: DRIVE TO SIEM REAP

Disembark and drive through lush Cambodian countryside to reach Siem Reap, the gateway to Angkor. The afternoon is at leisure.

DAY 22: EXPLORE ANGKOR

Journey to Angkor Thom and visit its many treasures, including the Bayon, Elephant and Leper King Terraces, and the atmospheric Ta Prohm. Continue to the magnificent Angkor Wat and explore its many halls and towers. This evening, return to Angkor Thom and enjoy a cruise on its moat as the sun sets.

DAY 23: ORGANIC COOKING CLASS

Join a morning cooking class at an organic local farm. Pick up supplies at a local market, then head to the farm to pick some organic ingredients. Your chef will guide you in creating a traditional Khmer lunch before an afternoon at leisure.

DAYS 24-25: FLY SIEM REAP TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2024 DATES

11 Apr - 05 May	\$11,580	03 Oct - 27 Oct	\$11,980
05 Sep - 29 Sep	\$11,580	14 Nov - 08 Dec	\$11,980

2025 DATES

09 Jan - 02 Feb	\$12,580	04 Sep - 28 Sep	\$11,980
20 Feb - 16 Mar	\$12,580	02 Oct - 26 Oct	\$12,580
20 Mar - 13 Apr	\$11,980	16 Oct - 09 Nov	\$12,580
17 Apr - 11 May	\$11,980	30 Oct - 23 Nov	\$12,580

Flight and supplement information

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Most
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THAILAND & LAOS ADVENTURE

15 DAYS FROM

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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Cruise the Chao Phraya River
- ✓ Discover old Chiang Mai by cyclo
- ✓ Stay with a H'mong hilltribe
- ✓ Support retired elephants at a local sanctuary
- ✓ Stroll through Chiang Rai
- ✓ Meet monks in Laos

PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 13 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 - 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Experience Hmong culture in Mae Rim

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Stay at a serene jungle lodge run by the Hmong Hilltribe. Nestled in a scenic valley in Mae Rim, the lodge invites you to experience Hmong culture while surrounded by natural beauty.
- ▶ Visit Maeklong Railway Market, famous for being along a railway line - witness the fascinating bustle of activity by the stallholders to move their wares out of the way as a train comes through!
- ▶ Witness the dawn ceremony of Takbat, a daily ritual which sees the saffron-robed monks of Luang Prabang's monasteries collect alms, in the form of food, from the local people who line the streets.



Explore Wat Xieng Thong temple

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO BANGKOK

Fly to the vibrant city of Bangkok. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: DISCOVER BANGKOK

Bangkok is an exciting whirlwind of tradition, modernity, and refinement; a smorgasbord of tranquil golden temples and gleaming skyscrapers. Today's sightseeing includes Wat Pho, the dazzling Grand Palace and Chinatown. After lunch, take to the Chao Phraya River on a longboat for an alternative perspective of this fascinating city.

DAY 3: FLOATING MARKET

Head out of the city and hop on a boat to explore the maze of canals at the colourful Damnoen Saduak Floating Market. Afterwards, head to the nearby Maeklong Railway market, famous for the train that runs directly between the stalls. This evening, fly to Chiang Mai.

DAY 4: EXPLORE CHIANG MAI BY CYCLO

Chiang Mai is a relaxed, laid-back city in the foothills of Thailand's northern highlands. Jump in a cyclo (rickshaw) for a tour of the Old Town, stopping at Folk Life Museum and Wat Chedi Luang. Enjoy lunch at a local café with a special mission: providing vocational training to reformed inmates of the local women's prison, now learning new skills to help them start a new life. Afterwards, drive to Doi Suthep mountain to visit the ornate golden temple and admire its incredible views. Return to Chiang Mai for a traditional Khantoke dinner accompanied by a performance of classical and folk dances.

DAY 5: HMONG HILLTRIBE LODGE

Start the day with a relaxed mind as you join a group meditation session before heading up into the Suthep-Pui Mountains. We spend the night in the breathtaking

Mae Rim Valley, staying at a comfortable jungle lodge run by the local Hmong Hilltribe. This evening enjoy a barbecue dinner and a tribal culture show.

DAY 6: ELEPHANT RESCUE

Depart the Hilltribe Lodge for an ethical elephant rescue centre to spend some time meeting and feeding the beautiful residents. Take a long tail boat along the Mae Kok River to Baan Pha Tai and drive on to Chiang Rai.

DAY 7: CHIANG RAI

Explore the small, charming town of Chiang Rai. Visit the eccentric White Temple, unlike any other in Thailand, before heading out into the countryside to visit Doi Mae Salong. Once a part of the region's infamous opium trade, the hillsides here are now covered in oolong tea plantations. Visit one for a tour and tasting.

DAY 8: CRUISE THE MEKONG

Transfer to the Thai-Laos border and enjoy a scenic cruise along the upper Mekong. Stop to visit Ban Houei Lumpene village before spending the night in the rural town of Pakbeng.



Enjoy Damnoen Saduak Floating Market



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THAILAND & LAOS

PHYSICAL RATING

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?
Perfectly combined to create an unforgettable experience, venture off the beaten track to discover the colourful hilltribe cultures of Thailand's northern highlands and explore the tranquil treasures and rich culture of beautiful Laos.



DAY 9: CRUISE TO LUANG PRABANG

Back on the river, continue your leisurely cruise down to the beautiful city of Luang Prabang, stopping at the fascinating Pak Ou Caves, a riverside cavern that is full of statues of Buddha that can no longer be used for worship.

DAY 10: EXPLORE LUANG PRABANG

An enchanting city, Luang Prabang is the quintessential image of Laos – a place of vivid colours with an extremely rich heritage and enduring French legacy. Visit Ban Xang Khong craft village where you can see Sa Paper and local handcraft production. Take a city tour, seeing sights including Wat Visoun and Wat Xieng Thong. Later, spend some time at a local wat, chatting with the friendly monks who love to practise their English.

DAY 11: KUANG SI WATERFALLS

Rise early this morning to witness the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat (alms-giving). After breakfast, ascend Phousi Hill for panoramic views. Continue to the National Museum, housed in the former Royal Palace. Here, admire the crown jewels in the mirrored throne room. Later, head out of town to enjoy the cascading waters of the Kuang Si Waterfalls. Enjoy time to swim before returning to Luang Prabang.

DAY 12: FLY TO VIENTIANE

Catch a flight to Laos' capital city, Vientiane.

DAY 13: DISCOVER VIENTIANE

Nestled in a sleepy bend of the Mekong, Vientiane is a delightfully quaint city. Spend the day exploring with a visit to Wat Si Saket, Wat Phra Keo (a former temple that now houses a museum), That Luang Stupa, and the Patuxai Victory Monument, known as the Arc de Triomphe of Vientiane. Finally, explore the sculptural Buddha Park. Later, enjoy dinner and a traditional Laos music and dance performance.

DAYS 14-15: FLY VIENTIANE TO AUSTRALIA

Enjoy a free morning in Vientiane, making the most of the languid pace of life. Fly back to Australia, arriving the following day.



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HANOI & HALONG BAY
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MUI NE BEACH STAY
4 days from \$990pp twin share

ANGKOR WAT EXTENSION
4 days from \$820pp twin share

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PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2024 DATES			
07 Feb - 21 Feb	\$6,680	06 Nov - 20 Nov	\$6,680
21 Feb - 06 Mar	\$6,680	13 Nov - 27 Nov	\$6,680
06 Mar - 20 Mar	\$6,680		
2025 DATES			
08 Jan - 22 Jan	\$6,880	05 Nov - 19 Nov	\$6,880
05 Feb - 19 Feb	\$6,880	12 Nov - 26 Nov	\$6,880
12 Feb - 26 Feb	\$6,880	19 Nov - 03 Dec	\$6,880

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Bangkok - Vientiane) 14 days from \$5,580 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$950

Important note

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HIGHLIGHTS OF LAOS

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$6,580



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MOST MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore Luang Prabang
- ✓ Swim at Kuang Si waterfalls
- ✓ Wonder at the Plain of Jars
- ✓ Discover scenic Vang Vieng
- ✓ Stroll through quaint Vientiane
- ✓ Take a boat trip on the Mekong



Explore the stunning karst landscapes of Vang Vieng and the Nam Song river

PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 8 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 - 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Experience the sacred alms giving

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Witness the dawn ceremony of Takbat, a daily ritual which sees the saffron-robed monks of Luang Prabang's monasteries collect alms, in the form of food, from the local people who line the streets.
- ▶ Pay a visit to Mines Advisory Group (MAG) in Phonsavan and learn about the work they do clearing unexploded ordnance dropped on Laos during the Vietnam War and its local education programme.
- ▶ Visit Si Phan Don, the '4,000 Islands' set in the rushing waters of the Mekong, where you can slow down the pace, immerse yourself in its scenic beauty and enjoy this peaceful, relaxing spot.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO BANGKOK

Fly to the vibrant city of Bangkok. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. (D)

DAY 2: FLY TO LUANG PRABANG

Fly to Luang Prabang. An enchanting city, Luang Prabang is the quintessential image of Laos. At its core, lush greenery, golden temples and vivid-robed monks come together to create a colourful, rich heritage. Take a walking tour around the vibrant night market, keeping an eye out for craft souvenirs from Laos' hill tribes as you go. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: KUANG SI WATERFALLS

Rise early this morning to witness the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat, when the monks of Luang Prabang's monastic communities collect alms from locals. See Wat Sene and the National Museum. Visit the traditional H'mong village of Ban Na Ounae, before walking to the cascading turquoise waters of Kuang Si Waterfalls for a picnic lunch and a swim. Stop at Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre on the return to Luang Prabang. (B,L)

DAY 4: PAK OU CAVES

Explore Wat Xieng Thong, considered Luang Prabang's most beautiful temple. Board a boat to cruise the mighty Mekong up to the sacred caves of Pak Ou, known for the hundreds of Buddha sculptures that reside within. Visit the local villages of Thin Hong and Ban Xang Khong to witness the daily life of the local people and their cottage industries. (B,L)

DAY 5: PHOUSI HILL

Climb Phousi Hill to admire the views down over the city before exploring Wat Mai, Wat Visoun and Wat Aham. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 6: PHONSAVAN

Drive to Phonsavan via Phoukhoun, stopping at Tham Phra Cave and Nong Tang Lake. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: PLAIN OF JARS

One of the most important and mysterious ancient sites in Southeast Asia, the Plain of Jars is filled with hundreds of giant sandstone jars, are thought to be over 3,000 years old. They are believed to have been used in Iron Age funerary rites, though local legend holds that they were brewing tools for a race of ancient giants. Explore the three main sites here and admire the stunning views.

Later, visit the Mines Advisory Group Visitor Centre and hear about their work clearing unexploded ordnance dropped by the US Air Force during the Vietnam War. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: YANG VIENG

Depart Phonsavan for Vang Vieng. Stop en route at Pathang village, where you can enjoy dramatic views over the karst landscapes for which Vang Vieng is famous. On arrival, head into Tham Chang Cave to explore. The cave was used as a hideout for locals when marauding Yunnanese came to town in the early 19th-century. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: DISCOVER VIENTIANE

Drive to Vientiane, Laos' capital. Nestled in a languid bend in the Mekong, Vientiane is a delightfully quaint city, more friendly backwater than chaotic capital. Spend the rest of the day exploring with visits to Wat Si Saket, Wat Phra Keo, That Luang Stupa, and the Patuxai Victory Monument, that resembles Paris' Arc de Triomphe. (B,L)

DAY 10: SI PHAN DON

Rise early for a morning flight to Pakse. On arrival, explore the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Wat Phou,



GO BEYOND
LAOS

PHYSICAL RATING

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

An introduction to the pristine beauty of Laos, this 2-week journey ticks off all of the top sights, such as Luang Prabang, the Plain of Jars and Si Phan Don, as well as visiting little-explored villages to meet the friendly, local communities.



See the mysterious Plain of Jars



Admire the view from Phousi Hill

a ruined Khmer temple complex set in the beautiful landscapes of Mount Phu Kao. Drive on to Khong Island, the largest island of the laidback Si Phan Don archipelago in the Mekong River. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: 4,000 ISLANDS

Around Si Phan Don, meaning '4,000 islands', the pace of life is slow and easy and the river views are gorgeous. See the magnificent Khone Phapheng Waterfall, Southeast Asia's largest, and pop over to Khone Island by speedboat to discover its French colonial buildings and see Liphu Waterfall, nicknamed the Devil's Corridor. Depending on the season, you may see traditional fishing techniques in action. Spend the rest of your day at leisure. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: BOLAVEN PLATEAU

Depart Khong Island for Pakse, stopping en route to admire Tad Yuang and Tad Fane waterfalls. Continue up onto the Bolaven Plateau to pay a visit to a coffee plantation and learn about the process of planting, harvesting and roasting the beans. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner back in Pakse. (B,L,D)

DAYS 13-14: FLY PAKSE TO AUSTRALIA

Fly from Pakse or Ubon Airport to Bangkok (flight determined by the local schedule). If needed, you'll have the use of a hotel room near Bangkok Airport in the afternoon, before your overnight flight home. (B)



See the caves of Pak Ou



Soak up the beauty of Si Phan Don



EXTEND YOUR STAY...



- SAPA EXTENSION**
4 days from \$1,220pp twin share
- BANGKOK SHORT STAY**
4 days from \$850pp twin share
- HONG KONG IN FOCUS**
4 days from \$1,240pp twin share

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VIETNAM TRAILS

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$6,280



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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Drift on the Mekong Delta
- ✓ Wander charming Hoi An
- ✓ Cruise the Perfume River
- ✓ Explore Hanoi by cyclo
- ✓ Discover Sapa's local villages
- ✓ Admire stunning Halong Bay

PRICE INCLUDES

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 14 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Cook up a Vietnamese feast

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Learn the skills and secrets of the flavourful Vietnamese cuisine with a cooking class. Head to a local market to pick fresh, seasonal produce before returning to the kitchen, cooking up a storm and feasting on the results!
- ▶ The best way to experience the beauty of Sapa's landscapes is to get out into them, which you'll do on an easy hike through the rice terraces. There'll be stops en route to meet hilltribe communities and learn all about life in the mountains.
- ▶ Take your seats for 'the Quintessence of Tonkin', an outdoor spectacular that perfectly showcases the rich culture and daily life of Vietnam's northern river delta through talented performers, water puppetry, and lights.



Spend two days hiking in Sapa's terraced valleys

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO SAIGON

Fly to Saigon, Vietnam's largest and most evocative city. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: DISCOVER SAIGON

Contemplate the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels before returning to Saigon. Seamlessly blending past and present, Saigon is both a treasure trove of cultural sights and the city that is driving Vietnam towards a bright future. Visit the Central Post Office before heading to the Reunification Palace and the chilling War Remnants Museum.

DAY 3: MEKONG DELTA

Journey to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the Mekong. Paddle through the maze of palm-lined canals and get a glimpse of daily life on the Mekong Delta. Lunch on typical Mekong fare. Return to Saigon.

DAY 4: JOURNEY TO HOI AN

Fly to Danang and transfer to Hoi An. Take a walking tour of charming Hoi An – a wonderfully laidback and wilfully traditional place, whose lantern-lined streets are a delight to wander. Enjoy a tour of the ancient town, and stop to visit Reaching Out, a social enterprise craft workshop.

DAY 5: HOI AN COOKING CLASS

Purchase fresh ingredients at the market for a cookery class at a local restaurant, consuming your creations for lunch. Enjoy your afternoon at leisure to further explore, perhaps visiting its famous 24-hour tailors and sandal makers, or many art and lantern shops.

DAY 6: HOI AN FREE DAY

Enjoy a day at leisure. Perhaps savour a relaxing coffee, pop into the town for a stroll or even head to the beach.

DAY 7: IMPERIAL HUE

Leave Hoi An for Hue, taking a scenic route over the Hai Van Pass. Visit the imposing Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City. Later, visit the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Tomb of Minh Mang, a complex of 40 monuments set in surroundings of gardens and pools. Continue to the old Thien Mu Pagoda before taking a cruise on the Perfume River.

DAY 8: EXPLORE HANOI

Fly to Hanoi this morning. After lunch, enjoy a tour of the city including the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, One Pillar Pagoda and the Confucian Temple of Literature. Wrap up your day with a traditional Vietnamese coffee – with an egg twist!



See Saigon's Notre Dame Cathedral



GO BEYOND VIETNAM

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

The perfect length for a more in-depth Vietnam exploration! Start in the south in Saigon, venturing north via Hoi An, Hanoi and Halong Bay before heading up to Sapa for an active exploration of the highlands and local communities.



Take a cable car ride to Mount Fansipan



Stroll along the pretty waterfront of Hoi An Old Town

DAY 9: TRAVELLING NORTH

Today, take a road trip up north to Vietnam's northern Highlands, arriving in Sapa in the late afternoon. The vast panoramas of ribboning rice terraces that snake their way across these highlands are a testament to the extraordinary farming skills of the many communities of the region.

DAY 10: SAPA

Spend the next two days discovering this verdant and beautiful area of rolling hills and rice terraces with some light walking through the surrounding valleys and villages, and visits to ethnic minority communities including those of the Hmong people.

DAY 11: SAPA

Take a 3 km stroll through the countryside from Sapa to sleepy Suoi Ho for another glimpse of village life. Later, visit the hamlet of Ma Tra, home to members of the Hmong and Red Dao communities.

DAY 12: MOUNT FANSIPAN

Take a cable car ride up Mount Fansipan, the highest mountain in Indochina, arriving at the summit to enjoy incredible views from a breathtaking 3,143 metres. This afternoon, return to Hanoi before continuing to Halong Bay next morning.

DAYS 13-14: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Head to Halong, where we'll embark on a traditional ship. Spend a day and night cruising amongst magnificent karst peaks on the waters of Halong Bay, with opportunities to swim, kayak, or even explore one of the bay's many caves. Spend a night on board before returning to Hanoi the next day. On your last evening, attend the Quintessence of Tonkin show, a spectacular open-air performance celebrating the rich history of northern Vietnam.

DAYS 15-16: FLY HANOI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.



Visit the One Pillar Pagoda

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



VICTORIA MEKONG DOWNSTREAM

6 days from \$2,100pp twin share

HANOI & NINH BINH

5 days from \$1,450pp twin share

Visit page 72 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2024 DATES

06 Mar - 21 Mar	\$6,280	11 Sep - 26 Sep	\$6,280
13 Mar - 28 Mar	\$6,280	25 Sep - 10 Oct	\$6,280

2025 DATES

12 Mar - 27 Mar	\$6,550	10 Sep - 25 Sep	\$6,550
19 Mar - 03 Apr	\$6,550	17 Sep - 02 Oct	\$6,550
26 Mar - 10 Apr	\$6,550	01 Oct - 16 Oct	\$6,550

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Saigon - Hanoi) 15 days from \$5,180 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,000

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 August 2023, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$80pp (AU\$119pp) is paid locally in Vietnam.

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VIETNAM & CAMBODIA DISCOVERY

20 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$6,990

INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

MOST MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Taste Hanoi's delightful cuisine
- ✓ Hike lush rice terraces
- ✓ Practice Tai Chi on Halong Bay
- ✓ Learn about traditional farming
- ✓ Marvel at magnificent Angkor
- ✓ See local life on Tonle Sap

PRICE INCLUDES

- 18 breakfasts, 15 lunches, 12 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation and eco-lodge
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Paddle a round basket boat in Hoi An

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Hop on a bike and take the scenic route through Hoi An's beautiful rural scenery to try your hand at traditional farming techniques with a local farmer, and to paddle the round basket boat used by the locals.
- ▶ Ride pillion on a vintage Vespa, through Saigon's bustling streets on a night-time foodie adventure. Sip on a cocktail before venturing to popular local eating spots, finishing up in a lively bar.
- ▶ Discover the many wonders of the Temples of Angkor on an exciting tuk tuk tour through the complex. Keep an eye out for jungle-engulfed ruins, orange-robed monks and the local wildlife.



Explore Angkor by tuk tuk

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO HANOI

Fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's colonially influenced atmospheric capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure. (D)

DAY 2: DISCOVER LOCAL HANOI

Start your day with a visit to the Ho Chi Minh complex and the Ethnology Museum to learn about the country's ethnic groups. Next, stop at the Confucian Temple of Literature, before taking a walking tour of the bustling streets of the Old Quarter. This evening, stroll amongst the city's unique street-side night life and food vendors. Taste the varied flavours of Vietnamese street food such as Pho Cuon and Banh Xeo – this is where the locals come to meet, dine and have a good time. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: HOANG SU PHI

Travel to Hoang Su Phi, an area of emerald green rice terraces. The rest of the day is at leisure to begin exploring. (B,L,D)

DAYS 4-5: LUSH RICE TERRACES

Take an unforgettable journey on foot through the epic rice terraces of Hoang Su Phi. Around every corner a new view of this outstanding landscape of lush, mist-wreathed terraces will unfold in front of you, providing a plethora of unreal photo opportunities. You'll make stops at a Red Dao village to learn about local life in the area, a Tay village to have lunch in a family home and a colourful local market. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: RETURN TO HANOI

Travel back to Hanoi and spend the rest of the day at leisure. (B,L)

DAYS 7-8: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Depart for Halong Bay. Board your vessel for a serene and unforgettable cruise on the glassy,

limestone-studded waters. Pass by quaint fishing towns, taste freshly caught seafood and admire the ever-changing vistas of the bay. (B,L,D) On day 8, rise early to catch the sunrise over the karst peaks of the bay and practise Tai Chi on deck. Return to Hanoi and fly to Danang for Hoi An. (B,D)

DAY 9: FARMER & FISHERMAN EXPERIENCE

Hop on your bike today and cycle through the scenic rice paddies outside Hoi An. Pay a visit to local farmers where you can try your hand at traditional farming techniques – look out for water buffalo! Enjoy a calming boat ride to a peaceful fishing village, where you can try making a fishing net and paddling their unique bamboo basket boats. (B,L)

DAY 10: CHARMING HOI AN

Spend the morning wandering the beautiful, flower-covered streets of this ancient town. Walk past Chinese traders' homes, visit local artists and tailors and walk through the 16th-century Japanese Bridge. Drive to Hue, stopping en route at the Museum of Cham Sculpture. (B,L)

DAY 11: IMPERIAL HUE BY BICYCLE

Cycle through Hue for a tour of the imperial sights. Start at the Imperial City, then continue to Phu Mong Garden House, part of Hue's legacy from the Nguyen Dynasty. Stop by Thien Mu Pagoda overlooking the Perfume River before driving to Tu Duc Tomb. From here, take a cyclo tour along the banks of the Perfume River. (B,L)

DAY 12: SAIGON VESPA TOUR

Enjoy some free time before flying to Saigon in the late afternoon. This evening take an exhilarating ride on the back of a vintage Vespa, classic Saigon pillion style. Stop for a cocktail before continuing to a favourite local eating spot. Wind up your night with drinks, accompanied by a live band. (B,D)



GO BEYOND
VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

PHYSICAL RATING

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?
Discover two fascinating countries. Hike through the verdant rice terraces of Hoang Su Phi and taste the street food in Hanoi before heading south to discover Hoi An, Hue and Saigon. Your journey ends in Cambodia with an exploration of Angkor Wat.



Spot water buffalo



Walk through beautiful rice terraces in Hoang Su Phi, Ha Giang Province

DAY 13: SAIGON OLD AND NEW

This morning discover the amazing tunnel network of the Cu Chi. On the way back to Saigon there is an option to visit a wildlife rescue station, that aims to stop the endangered wildlife trade in Vietnam. Continue to Reunification Palace, the Central Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral and the War Remnants Museum. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: BEN TRE BY BICYCLE

Drive to Ben Tre and set out on a boat trip through winding, palm tree-lined canals. Cycle through rice fields and coconut groves and visit Mr. Sau Khanh's house who has collected a lot of ancient ceramics and potteries like bowls, vases and sculptures. Spend the night in a riverside resort. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: MEKONG DELTA

This morning visit Vinh Bac bonsai and flower village. Pay a visit to Cai Nhum Cathedral before returning to Saigon. (B,L)

DAY 16: CAMBODIAN CIRCUS

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Siem Reap. Here, a special treat awaits in the form of a performance of Phare Cambodian Circus, an NGO that teaches disadvantaged children to become internationally-renowned performance artists. (B,L,D)

DAY 17: ANGKOR BY TUK TUK

What better way to see the world famous Angkor temple complex than from the back of a traditional tuk tuk? You'll explore Angkor Wat, the centrepiece of Siem Reap's famous temples, before riding your tuk tuk to Angkor Thom and the Bayon Temple, a 12th-century masterpiece. Lastly, buried deep in the jungle, you will find Ta Prohm; a photogenic and atmospheric array of trees wound through temple ruins. (B,L)

DAY 18: TONLE SAP LAKE

Visit Tonle Sap, where you can learn about the way of life of the floating villages built on this famous seasonal lake. Visit another Angkorian temple ahead of this evening's farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

DAYS 19-20: FLY SIEM REAP TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day. (B)



Cycle through the lush paddy fields

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



BANGKOK SHORT STAY

4 days from \$850pp

Visit page 72 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

PRICES & DEPARTURES
Prices are per person, twin share

2024 DATES			
24 Feb - 14 Mar	\$6,990	21 Sep - 10 Oct	\$6,990
06 Apr - 25 Apr	\$6,990	28 Sep - 17 Oct	\$6,990
20 Apr - 09 May	\$6,990	05 Oct - 24 Oct	\$6,990
2025 DATES			
05 Apr - 24 Apr	\$7,290	20 Sep - 09 Oct	\$7,290
08 Apr - 27 Apr	\$7,290	27 Sep - 16 Oct	\$7,290
12 Apr - 01 May	\$7,290	04 Oct - 23 Oct	\$7,290

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Hanoi - Siem Reap) 19 days from \$5,890 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$980

Important note
Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 August 2023, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$120pp (AU\$179pp) is paid locally in Vietnam.

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BEST OF BORNEO

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$7,680

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Stroll through charming Kuching
- ✓ Hike in Bako National Park
- ✓ Stay in a remote jungle lodge
- ✓ Experience life in an Iban longhouse
- ✓ Follow nature trails in Kinabalu National Park
- ✓ Visit orangutan and sun bear rehabilitation centres

PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches, 13 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3-4 star accommodation and eco-lodge
- Touring with guides and entrance fees



Visit a traditional Iban longhouse

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Be guests at a traditional Iban longhouse, where the tribespeople will perform a war dance before inviting you to join their community for a traditional lunch cooked over fire.
- ▶ Visit Borneo's best-known residents at Semenggoh Nature Reserve, a centre for rescued orangutans who, in the process of being rehabilitated, roam freely through the reserve's lush forest.
- ▶ Float down the Kinabatangan River as the sun sets, keeping an eye on the jungle-filled river banks for a chance to spot hornbills, pygmy elephants and proboscis monkeys.



Spend time at two orangutan rehabilitation centres

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO KUCHING

Fly overnight to the relaxed and charismatic city of Kuching.

DAY 3: EXPLORE KUCHING

Head to the waterfront for your walking tour of Kuching, starting at the Chinese History Museum before continuing to the old merchant houses of Ewe Hai Street. Visit a traditional tin smith and a hio chek (ceremonial goods shop) where you'll learn about the Chinese tradition of worshipping the ancestors. Head to a café to try some local dishes and discover the diverse influences that make up Malaysia's food scene. Visit the Borneo Cultures Museum before a boat ride across the river to visit a typical Malay village.

DAY 4: BAKO NATIONAL PARK

Travel out to Bako before boarding a boat to reach the national park. Explore the park on foot with a guide – one of Borneo's most biodiverse areas, the diversity of flora and fauna here is incredible and easily accessible. Follow trails along streams, past caves and across plateaus, keeping an eye out for wild boar, macaques, monitor lizards and, if you're lucky, a proboscis monkey. Return to Kuching for dinner.

DAY 5: SEMENGGOH NATURE RESERVE

This morning offers the opportunity to meet Borneo's most famous native, the orangutan! Semenggoh is a centre dedicated to the rehabilitation of rescued or orphaned young orangutans – here they are taught how to survive in the wild. The area you are visiting is where the orangutans are released after their training, to live freely in the nature reserve, so please bear in mind that it is not guaranteed that you will spot a resident. Travel to Sri Aman.

DAY 6: IBAN LONGHOUSE

Today you will discover more about Borneo's native Iban people, renowned for their former practice of headhunting. Head out into the wilderness in a traditional Iban longboat and cruise to a longhouse where you will meet an Iban community. Witness a traditional war dance in full regalia and lunch on Iban cuisine, cooked over an open fire. Return to Sri Aman where the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 7: RETURN TO KUCHING

Journey back to Kuching, stopping en route for lunch at a local café.

DAY 8: FLY TO KOTA KINABALU

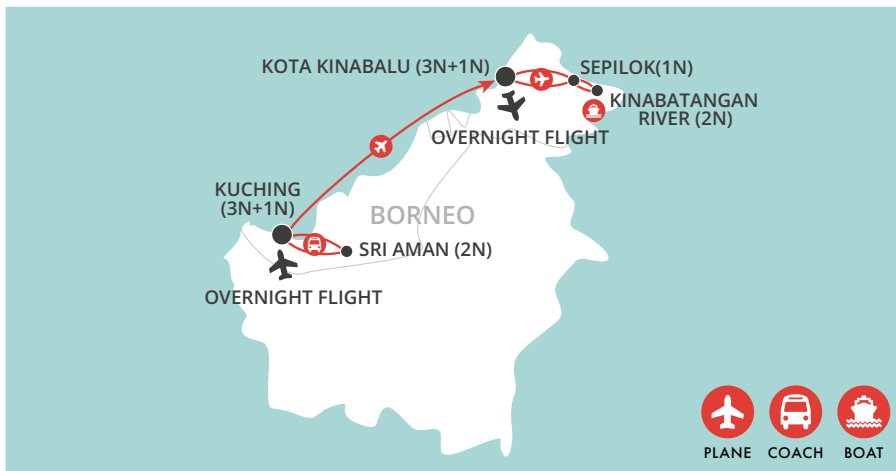
Transfer to the airport and fly over to Malaysian Borneo's other state, Sabah, and the vibrant city of Kota Kinabalu. On arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure until dinner.

DAY 9: EXPLORE KOTA KINABALU

Begin your explorations at the Sabah State Museum, where you can learn about the state's diverse cultural heritage, before exploring architectural gems like the Blue Mosque and Chinese Temple. Browse wares at the handicraft market and spice bazaar before lunch. This afternoon is free for independent exploration.



Explore the Blue Mosque, Kota Kinabalu



GO BEYOND
BORNEO

PHYSICAL RATING

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

An island of uncharted jungles and tribal culture, Borneo is a destination that exudes adventure! Discover 'headhunter' heritage, see a wealth of wildlife, delve deep into nature and meet the beautiful orangutans.



Spot pygmy elephants on a Kinabatangan river cruise



Visit Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre

DAY 10: KINABALU PARK TRAILS

Head to the foot of Mt Kinabalu, Borneo's highest mountain, where you will spend the day exploring Kinabalu Park, Malaysia's first UNESCO World Heritage Site. Embark on a guided walk along one of the many forest trails to discover some of the unique flora and fauna that call this area home.

DAY 11: FLY TO SANDAKAN

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Sandakan. Visit the Sandakan Memorial Park, which commemorates British and Australian POWs who suffered here during World War II. Continue into Sandakan itself and tour the city, passing the William Pryer and Sandakan Liberation monuments. Continue to Sepilok, where we stay in a nature resort at the rainforest's edge.

DAY 12: SEPILOK ORANGUTAN CENTRE

Sepilok offers another chance to see orangutans in their natural habitat – like Semenggoh, this is a centre for the rehabilitation of former captive and orphaned orangutans. Around 60 to 80 orangutans live free within the centre's 17-square-mile rainforest, and there may be young orangutans to visit in the nursery. Head across the road to the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre to visit the world's smallest bear and learn about the conservation efforts to protect them. Take a boat deep into the jungle and enjoy lunch at a rainforest eco-lodge – our home for the next two nights. Later, board a cruise along the Kinabatangan River to spot some of the abundant wildlife.

DAY 13: KINABATANGAN RIVER

Embark on an early morning cruise across the oxbow lake, where you can spot wildlife and soak up the peaceful ambience. Return to the lodge and enjoy time at leisure for hiking or relaxation until the late

afternoon, when you'll head out for a wildlife cruise on another section of the river. You could spot anything from hornbills to pygmy elephants!

DAY 14: SANDAKAN TO KOTA KINABALU

Return to Sandakan for lunch at a local restaurant before transferring to the airport to fly back to Kota Kinabalu. This evening, dine on local cuisine and enjoy a cultural dance performance.

DAYS 15-16: FLY KOTA KINABALU TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the following day.

EXTEND YOUR STAY...

SINGAPORE SHORT STAY

3 days from \$500pp twin share

KUALA LUMPUR CITY STAY

3 days from \$380pp twin share

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PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2024 DATES			
20 Apr - 05 May	\$7,980	31 Aug - 15 Sep	\$7,680
18 May - 02 Jun	\$7,980	14 Sep - 29 Sep	\$7,980
27 Jul - 11 Aug	\$7,680	21 Sep - 06 Oct	\$7,680
2025 DATES			
29 Mar - 13 Apr	\$8,380	19 Jul - 03 Aug	\$8,080
12 Apr - 27 Apr	\$8,380	16 Aug - 31 Aug	\$8,080
03 May - 18 May	\$8,380	06 Sep - 21 Sep	\$8,380
07 Jun - 22 Jun	\$8,380	13 Sep - 28 Sep	\$8,080

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Kuching - Kota Kinabalu) 14 days from \$6,680 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,380

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 August 2023, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately MYR\$560pp (AU\$200pp) is paid locally in Borneo.

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PHILIPPINES DISCOVERY

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$7,980

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Visit Mt. Pinatubo
- ✓ Hike Luzon's scenic rice terraces
- ✓ Admire Vigan's architecture
- ✓ Explore the famous Chocolate Hills
- ✓ See Sagada's Hanging Coffins
- ✓ Meet tiny tarsiers at the Philippine Tarsier Sanctuary



Discover Mt. Pinatubo's stunning blue crater lake

PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 12 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 - 4 star accommodation,
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders



Hike on the Hapao Rice Terraces

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Enjoy a relaxed hike on the slopes of the UNESCO-listed Hapao Rice Terraces, the gentlest of the terraces in the Ifugao region. The panoramic views can be admired from the roadside viewpoint, while those feeling adventurous can hike down and meet the local farmers.
- ▶ Hike up Mt Pinatubo to discover the phenomenal blue crater lake at its heart.
- ▶ Visit the Philippine Tarsier Sanctuary, home and refuge of the second smallest primate in the world. The sanctuary protects dozens of these tiny creatures throughout the area and is committed to initiatives to restore their natural habitats across the archipelago.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO MANILA

Fly overnight to the bustling capital city of Manila.

DAY 3: NORTHERN BOUND

Enjoy a relaxed morning tour of Intramuros, Manila's old colonial centre. This afternoon, depart the city and drive north to the hills of Pampanga province, where you'll stay at an ecological resort.

DAY 4: VOLCANOS, LAKES & VILLAGES

Today, take a 4x4 partway up Mount Pinatubo and hike to the summit; at the top, you'll be rewarded with majestic views across the volcano's breathtakingly blue crater lake. En route back to the hotel, visit a local indigenous village. Those seeking a more relaxed day can enjoy independent exploration in town.

DAY 5: INTO THE HIGHLANDS

Today enjoy a road trip into the Cordillera, Luzon's northern highlands. Admire the passing scenery as you journey up to Banaue, gateway to the Philippines' famous rice terraces. Break your journey at the town of Bacolor, where you'll stop to visit San Guillermo Church. Your hotel in Banaue is your base for the next three nights.

DAY 6: HAPAO RICE TERRACES

Board a jeepney and head into the remote highlands to enjoy a largely flat hike through the photogenic Hapao rice terraces. At the top of the terraces, arrive at a hot spring where you can bathe in the stream and in the warm rockpool before enjoying lunch with fantastic views over the valley.

DAY 7: SAGADA'S HANGING COFFINS

Today's day trip to Sagada includes a two-hour drive through beautiful mountain passes. Learn about local traditions at the famous burial caves and look out for the hanging coffins suspended on the rock faces. Return to the hotel in Banaue.

DAY 8: THE CITY OF PINES

Travel to the pleasantly cool city of Baguio, known as the City of Pines and home to a presidential mansion, market area, weaving workshops and municipal park. Visit Camp John Hay, established in 1900 as a military hill station of the US army, later occupied by WWII Japanese forces and finally returned to Philippine ownership in 1991.

DAY 9: COLONIAL VIGAN

This morning, head north along the coast and arrive at the colonial settlement of Vigan, distinctly Spanish in character and now a UNESCO World Heritage town. Wander the scenic cobblestone streets, visiting colonial houses, museums and a pottery maker.



Explore Vigan's cobblestone streets



GO BEYOND
PHILIPPINES

PHYSICAL RATING

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?
Famed for its scenic beauty, the photogenic Philippines are also a nature-lover's paradise. From crater lakes to ribbining rice terraces, tarsier sanctuaries and picture-perfect hills, this adventure welcomes you into this Pacific archipelago's wild heart.



DAY 10: LAOAG

A 90-minute drive brings you to Laoag on the island's north-western tip. Stop to visit its coastal sand dunes. Later this evening, fly back to Manila.

DAY 11: BEACHES AND CREAM

Take a short morning flight over to beautiful Bohol and explore Panglao island, including the stalactite-studded Hinagdanan Cave and the lovely ocean-facing Bohol Bee Farm, where you can enjoy organic ice cream. Your beachfront hotel is perfectly placed for some well-earned time on the sand.

DAY 12: BOHOL COUNTRYSIDE TOUR

Venture out on a full day countryside tour, encompassing the iconic Chocolate Hills, a rolling geological landscape of hundreds of dome-shaped hills named for their resemblance to chocolate drops when they turn brown in the autumn. Enjoy a lunchtime river cruise before continuing to the Philippine Tarsier Sanctuary in Corella to learn about conservation efforts to protect the world's second smallest primate.

DAY 13: THE ROOF OF CEBU

Take a ferry over to the neighbouring isle of Cebu for a city tour and a photographic opportunity at the Roof of Cebu, the highest point on the island, where you can enjoy a refreshing glass of beer as you take in the incredible views. Check in to your hotel before this evening's farewell dinner.

DAYS 14-15: FLY CEBU TO AUSTRALIA

Transfer to Cebu's international airport for your flight home, arriving the following day.

EXTEND YOUR STAY...



EL NIDO BEACH STAY

5 days from \$1,690pp twin share

BORACAY BEACH STAY

5 days from \$1,520pp twin share

GARDENS BY THE BAY

4 days from \$730pp twin share

Visit page 72 to learn more about all of our extensions and stopovers.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2024 DATES			
19 Jan - 02 Feb	\$7,980	15 Nov - 29 Nov	\$7,980
08 Mar - 22 Mar	\$7,980	29 Nov - 13 Dec	\$7,980
2025 DATES			
17 Jan - 31 Jan	\$8,390	21 Nov - 05 Dec	\$8,390
21 Feb - 07 Mar	\$8,390	28 Nov - 12 Dec	\$8,390

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Manila - Cebu) 13 days from \$6,880 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,580

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 August 2023, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$65pp (AU\$97pp) is paid locally in Philippines.

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VIETNAM EXPERIENCE

PRIVATE TOUR

11 DAYS FROM

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MEALS AS STATED

PRIVATE TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore fascinating Saigon
- ✓ Discover the Cu Chi Tunnels
- ✓ Drift along the Mekong Delta
- ✓ Be inspired by charming Hoi An
- ✓ Marvel at Hue's Imperial Citadel
- ✓ Wake to a Halong Bay sunrise



Explore the waters of the Mekong Delta

PRICE INCLUDES

- 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 1 dinner
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with local guides and entrance fees



Visit Tra Que Village

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Try your hand at ancient cultivation techniques with members of the local farming community in Tra Que village and enjoy a cooking demonstration of a regional speciality.
- ▶ Explore the vibrant streets of Hanoi's Old Quarter by cyclo, stopping off at a café to sample a traditionally-made, local speciality, egg coffee.
- ▶ Take your seats for one of Vietnam's mesmerising shows, which showcase the rich culture and traditional arts of Vietnam through music, song, dance and drama. Venues vary from the Saigon and Hanoi Opera Houses to open-air stages on lakes and rivers.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVE SAIGON

On arrival in Saigon, Vietnam's most evocative city. Transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax or start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: DISCOVER SAIGON & CU CHI

Your private guide will pick you up for a full day tour. Start at the Cu Chi Tunnels, famous for their role in the Viet Cong's war tactics, before an afternoon city tour in Saigon. This exuberant city is driving Vietnam forward into the modern world, but it is also a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. See the colonial Notre Dame Cathedral and visit the Central Post Office, the Reunification Palace, and the poignant War Remnants Museum. (B,L)

DAY 3: MEKONG DELTA

Your private guide will pick you up for a whirlwind escape to the country. Head to Ben Tre to explore a rural section of the mighty Mekong Delta. This area is known as the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam' thanks to its rich and fertile lands. Spend the day cruising and exploring before returning to Saigon. (B, L)

DAY 4: JOURNEY TO HOI AN

Fly to Danang and transfer to Hoi An. This afternoon take a walking tour of this charming town – a wonderfully laidback and wilfully traditional place, whose streets are a delight to wander. Visit an old merchant's house, Quan Cong Temple, the elaborate Japanese Bridge and the bustling market. Your evening is at leisure to soak up the atmosphere, go lantern shopping or even get measured for express tailoring at one of the local boutiques. (B,L)

DAY 5: TRA QUE VILLAGE

Head out into the countryside to Tra Que, a small farming community that supplies many hotels and

restaurants in the area with vegetables and herbs. Here you can enjoy the lush green countryside, stroll through the gardens to see the farmers at work and try your hand at their traditional techniques. Later spend the afternoon at leisure back in Hoi An or at the local beach. (B,L)

DAY 6: IMPERIAL HUE

Leave Hoi An for Hue, taking a scenic route over the Hai Van Pass. The epitome of Vietnam's dynastic past, Hue is a dignified and scholarly city. Visit the imposing Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City. Extensively damaged during the Vietnam War, the citadel still exudes much of the grandeur of its history. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Tomb of Minh Mang, a complex of 40 monuments set in surroundings of gardens and pools. Continue to the old Thien Mu Pagoda before taking a cruise on the Perfume River. (B,L)

DAY 7: FLY TO HANOI

Fly to Hanoi. Take the afternoon at leisure to explore this charming capital independently. (B,L)

DAY 8: EXPLORE HANOI

Sightseeing today includes a wander through the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, learning about this major figure of Vietnamese history. See his Mausoleum and the Presidential Palace, along with the humble Stilt House he called home. Also visit One Pillar Pagoda and the Confucian Temple of Literature. End the day's explorations with a cyclo tour through the Old Quarter and enjoy a flavourful Vietnamese egg coffee. (B,L)

DAY 9: HALONG BAY OVERNIGHT CRUISE

Board a traditional sailing ship on Halong Bay and cruise out into its tranquil scenery. A UNESCO World Heritage Site and a vision of awe-inspiring beauty, it's



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PHYSICAL RATING

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Have limited time but still want to experience Vietnam's top sights? With this tour you can experience all the key highlights, with visits to charming Hoi An, historic Hue, spectacular Halong Bay and more.



Watch a spectacular local show



Visit the One Pillar Pagoda

SAMPLE DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES
Prices are per person, twin share

2024 PRIVATE TOUR DATES			
18 Jan - 28 Jan	\$4,980	08 Aug - 18 Aug	\$4,980
25 Jan - 04 Feb	\$4,980	19 Sep - 29 Sep	\$4,980
22 Feb - 03 Mar	\$4,980	03 Oct - 13 Oct	\$4,980
29 Feb - 10 Mar	\$4,980	10 Oct - 20 Oct	\$4,980
07 Mar - 17 Mar	\$4,980	17 Oct - 27 Oct	\$4,980
14 Mar - 24 Mar	\$4,980	24 Oct - 03 Nov	\$4,980
04 Apr - 14 Apr	\$4,980	31 Oct - 10 Nov	\$4,980
18 Apr - 28 Apr	\$4,980	07 Nov - 17 Nov	\$4,980
16 May - 26 May	\$4,980	14 Nov - 24 Nov	\$4,980
13 Jun - 23 Jun	\$4,090	21 Nov - 01 Dec	\$4,980
04 Jul - 14 Jul	\$4,090	28 Nov - 08 Dec	\$4,980
2025 PRIVATE TOUR DATES			
09 Jan - 19 Jan	\$5,380	26 Jun - 06 Jul	\$4,480
06 Feb - 16 Feb	\$5,380	17 Jul - 27 Jul	\$4,480
20 Feb - 02 Mar	\$5,380	14 Aug - 24 Aug	\$5,380
27 Feb - 09 Mar	\$5,380	18 Sep - 28 Sep	\$5,380
06 Mar - 16 Mar	\$5,380	02 Oct - 12 Oct	\$5,380
13 Mar - 23 Mar	\$5,380	16 Oct - 26 Oct	\$5,380
10 Apr - 20 Apr	\$5,380	30 Oct - 09 Nov	\$5,380
24 Apr - 04 May	\$5,380	13 Nov - 23 Nov	\$5,380
01 May - 11 May	\$5,380	20 Nov - 30 Nov	\$5,380
15 May - 25 May	\$5,380	27 Nov - 07 Dec	\$5,380
05 Jun - 15 Jun	\$5,380	04 Dec - 14 Dec	\$5,380

Land only supplement information

- Solo pricing on request
- Single supplement from \$3,000
- Tipping paid locally

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easy to see why it is one of Vietnam's most beloved destinations. Enjoy excursions such as kayaking or exploring island caves before returning to the ship for dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: RETURN TO HANOI

Rise early this morning for a beautiful sunrise over the bay. Return to Hanoi after brunch on deck and enjoy an afternoon at leisure. This evening, experience a spectacular performance celebrating the rich history of northern Vietnam. (B,L)

DAY 11: DEPART HANOI

A morning at leisure before your transfer to the airport. (B)

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See Saigon's Notre Dame Cathedral



Relax on a two-day Halong Bay cruise

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- ✓ Explore Angkor Wat
- ✓ Discover captivating Phnom Penh
- ✓ Visit the Cu Chi Tunnels
- ✓ Stroll Hoi An's Old Town
- ✓ Marvel at Hue's Imperial Citadel
- ✓ Cruise Halong Bay



Discover the Angkor complex

PRICE INCLUDES

- 15 breakfasts, 14 lunches, 1 dinner
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with local guides and entrance fees



Discover local life on Tonle Sap

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Cruise to bustling Kampong Kleng, an off-the-beaten-track floating village on Tonle Sap Lake, where you'll get an authentic look at unique local life.
- ▶ Try your hand at ancient cultivation techniques with members of the local farming community in Tra Que village and enjoy a cooking demonstration of a regional speciality.
- ▶ Take your seats for 'the Quintessence of Tonkin', a spectacular open-air show that perfectly showcases the rich history of Vietnam's northern river delta through talented dancers, musicians and artists.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVE SIEM REAP

On arrival in Siem Reap, your private transfer will be waiting to take you to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: BENG MEALEA & TONLE SAP

This morning, your private guide will whisk you away to explore the less visited Beng Mealea, a mysterious, atmospheric ancient temple completely overrun by the jungle. Explore on foot for approximately an hour and half. Spend the afternoon exploring Tonle Sap. The evening is at leisure to enjoy Siem Reap. Why not head to Pub Street, or soak up the buzz at the nearby night market? (B, L)

DAY 3: DISCOVER ANGKOR

There are few greater experiences than a private tour of the Angkor complex. The seat of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries, the Angkor complex includes over 1,000 temples. See the walled city of Angkor Thom and head to its heart to see the enigmatic Bayon, followed by the breathtaking Ta Prohm. Pause for lunch before an afternoon tour of the indescribable Angkor Wat, the country's proudest achievement. Later, return to Angkor Thom to take a leisurely boat ride on the moat as the sun sets. (B, L)

DAY 4: PHNOM PENH

Travel to Phnom Penh, a city of airy boulevards and colonial villas. Visit the Royal Palace and admire its gilded spires and ornate Silver Temple. Your evening is at leisure – perhaps enjoy a sunset stroll along the riverfront? (B, L)

DAY 5: PHNOM PENH – SAIGON

Visit Tuol Sleng Museum, formerly the notorious S21 prison used by the Khmer Rouge regime, for an insight into the struggles of the Cambodian civilians under the regime of Pol Pot. Stop at the hilltop temple of Wat

Phnom before your 1-hour flight to Saigon. Transfer to your city centre hotel and relax. (B, L).

DAY 6: CU CHI TUNNELS

Visit the famous Cu Chi Tunnels, where your private guide will explain the astonishing realities of the guerrilla tactics used by the Viet Cong during the war. You'll discover bamboo traps, field hospitals and kitchens, and if you choose, crouch through a short section of the tunnels for yourself. Later, see the Reunification Palace and the War Remnants Museum. (B, L)

DAY 7: MEKONG DELTA

This morning, your private guide will pick you up for a whirlwind escape to the country. Head to Ben Tre to explore a rural section of the mighty Mekong Delta. This area is known as the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam' thanks to its rich and fertile lands. Spend the day cruising and exploring before returning to Saigon. (B, L)

DAY 8: SAIGON

Get to know Saigon on a private morning walking tour. See the French Colonial architecture of the Dong Khoi district, including the Central Post Office and Notre Dame Cathedral, before a refreshing lunch. This afternoon, take a 1hr 20min flight to Danang and transfer to the charming, UNESCO listed town of Hoi An. This wilfully traditional town offers an impressive ancient centre famous for its yellow buildings, romantic ambience and swaying silk lanterns. Your evening is at leisure to soak up the atmosphere, go lantern shopping or even get measured for express tailoring. The boutiques here are famous for their quick, high-quality work - they can whip up a custom garment in just 24 hours and deliver it to your hotel too. (B, L)

DAY 9: HOI AN

Your local guide will whisk you into Hoi An's lush countryside to visit a local farming co-operative. See the farmers at work, hear about their traditional methods, and even try your hand at it yourself! After lunch, take



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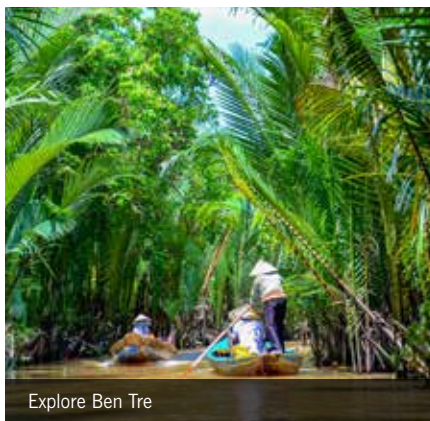
PHYSICAL RATING 

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Enjoy our most popular Indochina tour on a private basis. Visit the breathtaking temples of Angkor, the treasures of Saigon, and the incomparable majesty of Halong Bay, with evenings at leisure for independent exploration.



Spend two nights cruising Halong Bay



Explore Ben Tre

SAMPLE DEPARTURE DATES & PRICES
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2024 PRIVATE TOUR DATES			
17 Jan - 01 Feb	\$7,090	12 Jun - 27 Jun	\$7,090
24 Jan - 08 Feb	\$7,090	26 Jun - 11 Jul	\$7,090
14 Feb - 29 Feb	\$7,090	03 Jul - 18 Jul	\$7,090
21 Feb - 07 Mar	\$7,090	07 Aug - 22 Aug	\$7,090
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15 May - 30 May	\$7,090	13 Nov - 28 Nov	\$7,090
22 May - 06 Jun	\$7,090	20 Nov - 05 Dec	\$7,090
29 May - 13 Jun	\$7,090	27 Nov - 12 Dec	\$7,090

2025 PRIVATE TOUR DATES			
08 Jan - 23 Jan	\$7,490	11 Jun - 26 Jun	\$7,490
05 Feb - 20 Feb	\$7,490	25 Jun - 10 Jul	\$7,490
12 Feb - 27 Feb	\$7,490	02 Jul - 17 Jul	\$7,490
19 Feb - 06 Mar	\$7,490	06 Aug - 21 Aug	\$7,490
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a private walking tour of Hoi An's Old Town. See the elaborate Japanese Bridge, a Chinese temple and the market before an evening at leisure. (B, L)

DAY 10: IMPERIAL HUE

Take a long drive over the scenic Hai Van Pass, often named as one of the best road trips in the world. Your destination is Hue, where your guide will introduce you to the sights such as the impressive Thien Mu Pagoda before a cruise along the Perfume River. (B, L)

DAY 11: HUE

Your local guide will pick you up for your visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Tombs of Emperors Khai Dinh and Minh Mang, which blend a traditionally Chinese influence with a modern Western future. Move on to a Truc Chi workshop, where you'll hear how the locals create artisanal products with bamboo paper. Continue to the imposing Imperial Citadel and the Forbidden Purple City, influenced by the Forbidden City in China. Your evening is at leisure. (B, L)

DAY 12: HANOI

Board a short flight to Hanoi in the morning, stopping for lunch before a thrilling cyclo (rickshaw) ride through the Old Quarter to see Hanoi's historic buildings. Afterwards, enjoy a traditional Vietnamese coffee at a café overlooking Hoan Kiem Lake. Your evening is at leisure to shop in the wonderful boutiques of the Old Quarter, try the many restaurants of the French Quarter, or simply relax. (B, L)

DAY 13: HALONG BAY CRUISE

Transfer to Halong Bay, the highlight of any visit to Vietnam. Here, spend two days cruising amongst magnificent karst peaks on the tranquil waters of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy excursions such as cave visits, swimming or kayaking before returning to the ship for dinner. Stay on board overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 14: RETURN TO HANOI

Rise early this morning for a beautiful sunrise over the bay as you cruise back to port. Return to Hanoi after brunch. The afternoon is at leisure before your guide picks you up for one of Hanoi's excellent cultural shows. (B, L)



DAY 15: HO CHI MINH QUARTER

Today, your guide will introduce you to more of Hanoi's great monuments. Begin at Ba Dinh Square, passing Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum en route to visit the Presidential Palace and the Humble House on Stilts where Ho Chi Minh lived. Visit the One Pillar Pagoda and the serene Temple of Literature before a final evening at leisure in Hanoi. (B, L)

DAY 16: DEPART HANOI

A private driver will collect you from the hotel for your transfer to the city airport. (B)

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- Solo pricing on request
- Single supplement from \$4,750
- Tipping paid locally

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Victoria Mekong Cruise & Beach Holidays

Combine the best of all worlds with a deluxe river cruise exploring the cultural treasures of the Mekong River and a relaxing stay on the glorious beaches of Vietnam.

As one of a very small number of ships to cruise this part of the delta, Victoria Mekong offers exclusive excursions in hand-picked ports along one of the most enchanting stretches of the Mekong. This fascinating section of the river delivers wonders at every turn, from rural craft villages and silk farms to the buzzing Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh and the lush green landscapes of Vietnam.

Then let us whisk you away to a beach paradise for the most relaxing finale to your Mekong adventure. See page 34 for more details about the Victoria Mekong river cruises.



THE MEKONG & PHU QUOC

Resting in the Gulf of Thailand and swathed in dense tropical forests, Phu Quoc boasts over 48 kms of palm-fringed white sand beaches.

The perfect spot to just relax and work on your tan, there's also the opportunity to dive the nearby reefs, kayak along the tranquil coastline, visit traditional villages, temples and mountains or even indulge in a round of golf. More than half of the island falls within the Phu Quoc National Park, whose jungle swathed mountains and mangroves are home to slow loris, macaques, dugongs and fruit bats.

Phu Quoc is just a one hour flight from your disembarkation port on the Victoria Mekong.



The Mekong & Phu Quoc

15 days from \$5,680 per person*

- Includes:
- International flights and current taxes Ex SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL & PER
 - Airport transfers
 - 1 night Siem Reap, breakfast only
 - 7 nights Victoria Mekong Cruise (Main Deck) with full board
 - 4 nights beach resort, breakfast only
 - Economy seats with local carrier from Can Tho to Phu Quoc and Phu Quoc to Ho Chi Minh City
 - Visa fees for Australian passport holders

Land only (Siem Reap to Saigon) 13 days from \$4,580 per person, twin share

THE MEKONG & CON DAO

Despite its rich history, spectacular landscapes and picture perfect beaches, Con Dao remains one of Vietnam's undiscovered gems. Here, lush green mountains tumble down to crystal clear waters fringed with sugar white sands.

With 80% of the archipelago a protected marine reserve, the diving and snorkelling are some of the best in the region, with the chance to encounter parrotfish, rays, barracudas, dugongs, and perhaps even turtles a real possibility. Explore the island's fascinating colonial past, visit the sleepy local market or just stretch out on the soft sands of the wonderful beaches.

Con Dao is just a one hour flight from your disembarkation port on the Victoria Mekong.



The Mekong & Con Dao

15 days from \$5,880 per person*

- Includes:
- International flights and current taxes Ex SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL & PER
 - Airport transfers
 - 1 night Siem Reap, breakfast only
 - 7 nights Victoria Mekong Cruise (Main Deck) with full board
 - 4 nights beach resort, breakfast only
 - Economy seats with local carrier from Can Tho to Con Dao and Con Dao to Ho Chi Minh City
 - Visa fees for Australian passport holders

Land only (Siem Reap to Saigon) 13 days from \$4,780 per person, twin share

THE MEKONG & HOI AN

Delightful Hoi An is perhaps Vietnam's most charming town, with historic architecture, a buzzing café and restaurant scene and picturesque riverside setting.

Once a thriving port on the old Silk Route, today the Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site with beautifully preserved temples and merchant houses. Surrounded by picturesque rice fields and glorious palm fringed beaches, Hoi An makes a supremely relaxing and intriguing addition to your magical Mekong river cruise.

Hoi An is just an hour and half flight from your disembarkation port on the Victoria Mekong.



The Mekong & Hoi An

15 days from \$6,280 per person*

- Includes:
- International flights and current taxes Ex SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL & PER
 - Airport transfers
 - 1 night Siem Reap, breakfast only
 - 7 nights Victoria Mekong Cruise (Main Deck) with full board
 - 4 nights beach resort, breakfast only
 - Economy seats with local carrier from Can Tho to Da Nang and Da Nang to Ho Chi Minh City
 - Visa fees for Australian passport holders

Land only (Siem Reap to Saigon) 13 days from \$5,180 per person, twin share

*Prices are per person, based on low season and apply to a limited number of cabins for each departure.



EXTENSIONS & STOPOVERS

Make your trip of a lifetime even more memorable by extending your tour, or adding a stopover en route. An extension will allow you to delve even deeper into a region, explore a whole other country, or even give you the chance to relax on a beautiful beach. A stopover on the other hand is an easy way to not only break up your journey, but also to add a few days in a buzzing, cosmopolitan metropolis to your travel itinerary.

Most of the extensions and stopovers that you'll find in the following pages are available to be added onto any of our tours. Just ask your Reservations Consultant for more information on how to do just that.

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MUI NE BEACH STAY

4 DAYS

One of Vietnam's most accessible beaches, Mui Ne is a gorgeous strip of coastline that has something for everyone! From action-packed pursuits like kite-surfing to quaint local fishing villages to visit, this town is more than just sun and sand.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	\$990	\$1,990
Deluxe	\$1,310	\$2,590

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Mui Ne)
- Meals as stated
- Return private transfers with driver only
- Touring as stated



Relax on Mui Ne Beach

DAY 1: ARRIVE MUI NE

Travel by road from Saigon to the beautiful beaches of Mui Ne. Check in to your hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 2: MUI NE SAND DUNES

Spend the morning at leisure before embarking on a trip into Mui Ne's huge sand dunes to explore. Then, head north to Fairy Spring, an idyllic stream before a visit to a nearby fishing village where you can observe local life. (B)

DAY 3: MUI NE FREE DAY

Enjoy your free time in Mui Ne to relax. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART MUI NE

After your last chance to dip in the sea, travel to Saigon airport by private transfer. (B)

SAPA EXTENSION

4 DAYS

Overlooking a valley of picturesque terraced rice fields, Sapa is the perfect place to immerse yourself in both scenic beauty and culture, and to embark on a trek through the spectacular countryside.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	\$1,220	\$2,380
Deluxe	\$1,550	\$2,990

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Sapa)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees



Explore the rice fields of Sapa

DAY 1: TRAVEL TO SAPA

Transfer around five hours from your hotel in Hanoi to beautiful Sapa town, a vibrant settlement nestled in an area of verdant rolling hills. The rest of your day is at leisure.

DAY 2: WATERFALLS & MOUNTAINS

Travel a short distance through mountainous scenery to Hoang Lien National Park and visit Silver Waterfall, Love Waterfall and Heaven's Gate. There'll be a lovely stop for refreshment – a cup of tea at a local orchard. (B)

DAY 3: HILLTRIBES

Today visit Ta Van, a small Giay village, an area that is home to local hilltribe communities. Walk through the scenic rice terraces to learn about the traditional life and culture of the Black H'mong people. (B,L)

DAY 4: DEPART SAPA

Spend the morning at leisure before your transfer back to Hanoi airport. (B)

HANOI & HALONG BAY

5 DAYS

This introductory foray into the wonders of Vietnam is perfect for those wanting to explore the rich history of capital Hanoi and the magical beauty of Halong Bay, where you'll spend a night out on the water.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	\$1,480	\$2,700
Deluxe	\$1,980	\$3,620

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Hanoi, 1 night Halong Bay)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees



Float through tranquil Halong Bay

DAY 1: ARRIVE HANOI

Arrive in Hanoi and transfer to your hotel. Spend your first night savouring delicious local flavours on a street food tour. (D)

DAYS 2-3: CRUISE HALONG BAY

Drive to Halong, where you will take an overnight cruise exploring the far-most corners of the tranquil waters of this beautiful bay. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, relax among the beautiful karst peaks, with stops to explore caves and learn about local life. (B,L,D)

Return to Hanoi the next day and spend some time at leisure. (B)

DAY 4: DISCOVER HANOI

Begin the day passing the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, and visit the One Pillar Pagoda, Presidential Palace and Temple of Literature. In the afternoon, visit the Museum of Ethnology before boarding a cyclo to venture through the Old Quarter's 36 vibrant streets. In the evening, attend the Quintessence of Tonkin show – a spectacular open-air performance showcasing Vietnam's rich history. (B,L)

DAY 5: DEPART HANOI

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before checking out of the hotel. The rest of the day is free to spend as you wish before transferring to the airport. (B)

HANOI & NINH BINH

5 DAYS

Known as 'Halong Bay on land', the karst scenery and vivid green rice paddies of Ninh Binh stretches scenically along the Ngo Dong River, best explored by local boat. Combined with time to explore vibrant capital Hanoi, this extension perfectly showcases both urban and rural Vietnam.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	\$1,450	\$2,580
Deluxe	\$1,950	\$3,590

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Hanoi, 1 night Ninh Binh)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees



Enjoy stunning scenery in Ninh Binh

DAY 1: ARRIVE HANOI

Arrive in Hanoi and transfer to your hotel. This evening, enjoy a tasty street food tour. (D)

DAY 2: EXPLORE NINH BINH

Transfer to the Ninh Binh region and board a local sampan to drift along the spectacular Ngo Dong river. After lunch, continue to Van Lam hamlet to learn about local traditions and discover stunning temples. (B,L)

DAY 3: VISIT TRANG AN

Journey to Hoa Lu, the ancient capital of the Dinh and Le dynasties. Later, head to Trang An, a UNESCO World Heritage Site often billed as 'Halong Bay on land'

for magnificent karst formations. Travel back to Hanoi. (B,L)

DAY 4: DISCOVER HANOI

Pass Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, and visit the One Pillar Pagoda, Presidential Palace and Temple of Literature. Then, explore the Museum of Ethnology before boarding a cyclo to discover the atmospheric Old Quarter. Later, attend the Quintessence of Tonkin show. (B,L)

DAY 5: DEPART HANOI

Today is free to spend as you wish before transferring to the airport. (B)

HISTORICAL HEART OF VIETNAM

6 DAYS

Admire the Marble Mountains, explore charming Hoi An and Imperial Hue by cyclo & cruise.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$850	\$1,580
Superior	\$980	\$1,880
Deluxe	\$2,190	\$4,380

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Hoi An, 2 nights Hue)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees



Stroll the beautiful streets of UNESCO World Heritage-listed Hoi An

DAY 1: DANANG TO HOI AN

Upon arrival at Danang airport, you will be met and transferred to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed town of Hoi An, visit the Cham Museum and Marble Mountains en route. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

DAY 2: HOI AN

Tour Hoi An on foot, visiting an old merchant's home, the Japanese Covered Bridge, Hoi An Market and a local Chinese temple. Enjoy the afternoon at your leisure. (B)

DAY 3: HOI AN

Enjoy the day at your leisure to explore the town at your own pace or simply relax. (B)

DAY 4: HOI AN TO HUE

Drive over the scenic Hai Van Pass to Hue. This afternoon, visit the Royal Tombs of Tu Duc and Khai Dinh. (B,L)

DAY 5: HUE

Ride a cyclo to visit the Imperial Citadel and the Forbidden Purple City. Continue by road to Thien Mu Pagoda and enjoy a boat cruise along the Perfume River. Later, visit Dong Ba Market. (B,L)

DAY 6: DEPART HUE

After check-out this morning, you will be transferred to Hue airport where your arrangements end. (B)

VETERAN'S RETURN

3 DAYS

Visit Vung Tau and Bach Dinh, see the battlefield of Long Tan and the former Australian army base.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$690	\$1,290
Superior	\$790	\$1,550
Deluxe	\$880	\$1,650

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Vung Tau)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees



Reflect on the Vietnam war at Vung Tau

DAY 1: SAIGON TO VUNG TAU

This morning, you will be met at your Saigon hotel and transferred to Vung Tau. Enjoy a half-day city tour, visiting Bach Dinh and the Reclining Buddha. (L)

DAY 2: NUI DAT & LONG TAN

Visit the former Australian army base of Nui Dat and the Long Tan Battlefield, where you will see the commemorative Long Tan Cross. (B,L)

DAY 3: VUNG TAU TO SAIGON

After check-out this morning, you will be transferred back to your Saigon hotel where your arrangements end. (B)

WHY NOT?

Wish to learn the history of central Vietnam? Why not add our *Historical Heart of Vietnam* package? See above.

VICTORIA MEKONG UPSTREAM

6 DAYS

The four-night upstream itinerary offers a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the stylish Victoria Mekong. Sail north from Can Tho in the Mekong Delta to Phnom Penh, Cambodia's charming capital.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior Hotel & Main Deck Cabin	\$2,080	\$3,380
Superior Hotel & Upper Deck Cabin	\$2,380	\$3,680

Price includes

- Accommodation (4 nights Victoria Mekong cruise, 1 night Saigon)
- Meals as stated
- Airport & port transfers
- Free-flow of soft drinks and beer on board Victoria Mekong



All Victoria Mekong cabins are outward facing

DAY 1: SAIGON

Arrive in Saigon, where your evening is at leisure to explore Vietnam's capital.

DAY 2: ALL ABOARD

Transfer to Can Tho on the Mekong Delta, where you'll board the Victoria Mekong this afternoon. Enjoy a welcome cocktail and dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: LONG XUYEN

Head ashore to visit a cultural museum. Return for lunch on board while the ship sails on to Tiger Island, where you'll explore by rickshaw. Visit cottage industries such as incense making before stopping at a local pagoda. During dinner, cruise on to Tan Chau. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: TAN CHAU

This morning, tender ashore to visit a village famous for its handmade clay stoves. Cruise on to Tan Chau to visit the local market and colourful temple. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: INTO CAMBODIA

Today is at leisure to enjoy the ship's onboard activities or simply relax. Dock in Phnom Penh this evening. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: DISEMBARKATION

Transfer to the airport. (B)

VICTORIA MEKONG DOWNSTREAM

6 DAYS

The sleek 4 star Victoria Mekong offers a stylish and relaxing small-ship experience between Cambodia and Vietnam. Embark in Phnom Penh and spend four nights cruising the Mekong Delta before a night in Saigon.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior Hotel & Main Deck Cabin	\$2,100	\$3,410
Superior Hotel & Upper Deck Cabin	\$2,400	\$3,710

Price includes

- Accommodation (4 nights Victoria Mekong cruise, 1 night Saigon)
- Meals as stated
- Airport & port transfers
- Free-flow of soft drinks and beer on board Victoria Mekong



Soak up the sights of the Mekong as you cruise downstream

DAY 1: PHNOM PENH

Arrive in Phnom Penh and embark the Victoria Mekong. Enjoy a welcome cocktail and a lively Apsara dance show as you settle in onboard. (D)

DAY 2: TAN CHAU

Enjoy the activities on deck or spend the morning in the infinity pool. Reach Vietnam around lunchtime, anchoring near Tan Chau. Tender ashore to visit a Taoist temple and local market. Return to the ship for a traditional lion dance performance. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: VAM NAO

Tender ashore in Phu Tan and visit a craft village famous for its handmade clay

stoves. Continue downstream to Tiger Island and visit the incense makers and potters here. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: LONG XUYEN

Visit Long Xuyen to see the floating market and a museum on ancient local cultures. Cruise on toward Dinh Yen, where we'll meet colourful straw mat weavers. Sail on to Can Tho, where the ship will dock. (B,L,D)

DAYS 5-6: SAIGON & DEPARTURE

Disembark the ship and transfer to your hotel in Saigon, stopping for lunch en route. Your evening is at leisure to explore Saigon, as is any time before your onward flight the next day. (B L/ B)

CAMBODIA EXTENSION

5 DAYS

The perfect addition to any Vietnam tour, pop over the border into Cambodia to visit this beautiful country's must-see destinations – Phnom Penh and Siem Reap, including the beautiful Temples of Angkor.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	\$1,480	\$2,350
Deluxe	\$2,650	\$4,380

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Phnom Penh, 2 nights Siem Reap)
- Meals as stated
- Airport transfers
- Domestic flight (Phnom Penh - Siem Reap)
- Touring and entrance fees



Explore the sprawling Angkor complex

DAY 1: ARRIVE PHNOM PENH

Arrive in Phnom Penh and take a private transfer from the airport to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: EXPLORE PHNOM PENH

Discover Cambodia's captivating capital city. Reflect on the tragedies of the 1970s at the Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum. Visit the Royal Palace and take a relaxed sunset cruise on the mighty River Mekong. (B,L)

DAYS 3-4: EXPLORE SIEM REAP

Fly to Siem Reap and spend the rest of the day exploring the staggering temple complex of Angkor, including the incredible temple of Angkor Wat. (B,L)

The next day, take a boat trip on Tonle Sap, visiting the lake's floating villages before heading to the exquisite Banteay Srei and atmospheric Banteay Samre. (B,L)

DAY 5: DEPART SIEM REAP

This morning, journey around the 'small circuit' temple trail, including Kravan, Banteay Kdei, Srah Srang, Ta Prohm, Takeo, Thammanon and Chau Say Tevoda. Later, be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

Flight supplements may apply.

ANGKOR WAT EXTENSION

4 DAYS

Extend your Southeast Asia adventure to include the spectacular Angkor, one of the world's most celebrated temple complexes, at the heart of which is the iconic Angkor Wat. Spend a full day exploring these historic wonders and a day discovering the lake communities of Tonle Sap.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	\$820	\$1,450
Deluxe	\$1,420	\$2,650

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Siem Reap)
- Meals as stated
- Airport transfers
- Touring and entrance fees



Uncover jungle-swathed Ta Prohm

DAY 1: ARRIVE SIEM REAP

Arrive in Siem Reap and take a private transfer from the airport to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: EXPLORE SIEM REAP

Spend the day exploring the staggering temple complex of Angkor. Begin your explorations at the magnificent south gate of Angkor Thom, the old walled city, and make your way to its heart to see the many faces of the Bayon, the atmospheric temple of Ta Prohm, the 10th-century Pre Rup and, of course, the breathtaking and iconic Angkor Wat. (B,L)

DAY 3: TONLE SAP LAKE

Take a boat trip on Tonle Sap, where you can visit the vibrant communities of the lake's floating villages before heading back to Siem Reap for time at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 4: DEPART SIEM REAP

This morning, be transferred to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

LAOS EXTENSION

5 DAYS

The perfect introduction to the magic of Laos, explore the country's cultural heart, Luang Prabang, home to golden temples and colonial beauty, and laidback, charming capital city Vientiane.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	\$1,780	\$2,880
Deluxe	\$2,480	\$4,180

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Luang Prabang, 1 night Vientiane)
- Touring and entrance fees
- Meals as stated
- Airport transfers
- Domestic flight (Luang Prabang - Vientiane)



Visit Wat Pha That Luang

DAY 1: ARRIVE LUANG PRABANG

Arrive in Luang Prabang, the cultural heart of Laos. Board a tuk tuk for a first look at the city, from Wat Xieng Thong, to Wat Mai and the National Museum. (D)

DAY 2: KUANG SI WATERFALLS

After breakfast, travel south to the scenic Kuang Si Waterfalls, stopping en route at the Living Crafts Centre and the Free the Bears sanctuary for rescued sun bears. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: PAK OU CAVES

Cruise along the Mekong River to visit the Pak Ou Caves, with stops at a local village for lunch before cruising back to Luang Prabang. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: FLY TO VIENTIANE

Board an early flight to Vientiane, Laos' laid-back capital. Visit Wat Si Saket, Wat Phra Keo, That Luang Stupa and the Patuxai Victory Monument. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: DEPART VIENTIANE

Today, visit the weird and wonderful Buddha Park. Home to more than 200 intriguing statues, it's a must see before heading to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

Flight supplements may apply.

LUANG PRABANG EXTENSION

5 DAYS

Home to a mix of colonial heritage and outstanding natural beauty, Luang Prabang is the spiritual heart of Laos. Discover its many beautiful treasures, from the saffron-clad monks and golden temples to the picturesque Kuang Si Waterfalls.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	\$1,550	\$2,650
Deluxe	\$2,080	\$3,750

Price includes

- Accommodation (4 nights Luang Prabang)
- Touring and entrance fees
- Meals as stated
- Airport transfers



Swim in Kuang Si Waterfalls

DAY 1: ARRIVE LUANG PRABANG

Arrive in Luang Prabang. Climb Phousi Hill for a sunset over the city, before visiting the night market and experiencing traditional Lao food and dance. (D)

DAY 2: EXPLORE LUANG PRABANG

Enjoy a half day exploring this charming city before enjoying a local craft experience learning bamboo weaving, and taking part in a cooking class. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: TAKBAT CEREMONY

Rise early to take part in the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat and pay a visit to a fresh food market. After breakfast, journey up the Mekong to visit the Pak Ou Caves. (B,L)

DAY 4: KUANG SI WATERFALLS

Visit the Living Land Farm, a community project that produces organic food to help fund community projects - learn how they grow their produce before a delicious lunch. Head to Kuang Si Waterfalls to refresh, before returning to the hotel. (B,L)

DAY 5: DEPART LUANG PRABANG

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

KUALA LUMPUR CITY STAY

4 DAYS

Home to soaring skyscrapers, a wealth of history and a vibrant mix of cultures, Kuala Lumpur is a feast for all the senses. A shopper's paradise, you are sure to find something among the glitzy malls and local markets before using it as a gateway for all Malaysia has to offer.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$380	\$750
Superior	\$410	\$790

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Kuala Lumpur)
- Meals as stated
- Airport transfers



Admire Petronas Twin Towers

DAY 1: ARRIVE KUALA LUMPUR

Arrive in Kuala Lumpur and transfer from the airport to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to begin exploring. .

DAYS 2-3: FREE DAYS

Enjoy time at leisure for your own explorations, with plenty of optional touring around the city, a day trip down to the heritage-filled city of Malacca and even a cooking class available. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART KUALA LUMPUR

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before checking out of the hotel. The rest of the day is free to spend as you wish before transferring to the airport. (B)

Note: A mandatory Tourism Tax of MYR 10 per room, per night (approximately AUD 3) is not included in the package price and is payable at hotel check-in.

GAYA ISLAND

4 DAYS

Find bliss on a tucked away piece of paradise – a golden sandy beach hidden on a tropical island just off the coast of Kota Kinabalu. After your time adventuring through magical nature, Gaya Island is the perfect way to end your visit to Borneo.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Deluxe	\$990	\$1,980

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Gaya Island)
- Meals as stated
- Jetty transfers
- Airport transfers

Excludes conservation fees of approx \$30 per stay, paid locally



Relax on tropical Gaya Island

DAY 1: BOAT TO GAYA ISLAND

Transfer to the jetty and take a short boat ride to Gaya Island. Check in and spend the rest of the day at leisure. (B).

DAYS 2-3: GAYA ISLAND RESORT

The next two days are for you to spend as you wish. All-out relax and enjoy the pristine beaches or take part in some of the many optional activities that are on offer – from snorkeling to spa treatments. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART GAYA ISLAND

Depart the resort by boat and return to Kota Kinabalu. Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

Note: A mandatory Tourism Tax of MYR 10 per room, per night (approximately AUD 3) is not included in the package price and is payable at hotel check-in.

BANGKOK SHORT STAY

4 DAYS

Thailand's capital is an atmospheric, energetic metropolis full of character. As well as a city tour to discover some of Bangkok's rich heritage, you will also visit the infamous Bridge over the River Kwai and take a ride on the Death Railway.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	\$850	\$1,550
Deluxe	\$1,220	\$2,280

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Bangkok)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees



Visit Wat Pho in Bangkok

DAY 1: ARRIVE BANGKOK

Arrive in Bangkok and transfer from the airport to your hotel. You'll start experiencing this rambunctious city straight away, so why not use the rest of the day to begin your explorations!

DAY 2: BANGKOK CITY TOUR

Embark on a city tour of Bangkok. Visit the glittering Wat Pho temple and the spectacular Grand Palace before jumping into a long tail boat for a ride on the Chao Phraya River to Pak Klong Talaat Flower Market before dinner. (B,D)

DAY 3: RIVER KWAI & HELLFIRE PASS

Head three hours out of Bangkok to Kanchanaburi Province, which is home to the infamous bridge over the River Kwai and the 'Death Railway'. See the Allied War Cemetery and walk through Hellfire Pass and the Memorial Museum. Return to Bangkok. (B,L)

DAY 4: DEPART BANGKOK

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before checking out of the hotel. The rest of the day is free to spend as you wish before transferring to Bangkok airport. (B)

HUA HIN BEACH STAY

4 DAYS

Hua Hin is the perfect destination for those wanting some beach time without having to travel too far from Bangkok. An intriguing intermingling of seaside, city, colourful buildings and markets, it's the perfect place to wind down.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	\$780	\$1,510
Deluxe	\$920	\$1,850

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Hua Hin)
- Meals as stated
- Airport transfers



Relax on vibrant Hua Hin Beach

DAY 1: ARRIVE HUA HIN

Upon arrival in Bangkok airport, you will be met by your tour guide and driver and transferred to your hotel in Hua Hin. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAYS 2-3: FREE TIME IN HUA HIN

Spend two days all out relaxing, perhaps with a visit or two to some local markets. There are plenty of places to taste the varied and delicious flavours of Thai street food, which is a must do! (B)

DAY 4: DEPART HUA HIN

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Bangkok airport for your onward flight. (B)

PHUKET EXTENSION

4 DAYS

Thailand's beaches are the stuff of legend and Phuket is its most popular resort. Lapped by the warm waters of the Andaman Sea, Phuket, the largest of Thailand's many paradise islands, offers endless miles of immaculate sands.



Stroll along the beautiful Karon Beach, Phuket

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$360	\$720
Superior	\$680	\$1,380
Deluxe	\$1,780	\$3,480

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Phuket)
- Meals as stated
- Airport transfers

DAY 1: ARRIVE PHUKET

Arrive in Phuket and meet your scheduled hotel transfer. The rest of the day is at leisure to start exploring all that Phuket has to offer.

DAYS 2-3: FREE TIME IN PHUKET

Spend the rest of your trip enjoying some quality downtime on this paradise island. When you've finished soaking up the sunshine, the island offers many activities such as white water rafting, rock climbing and plenty of water sports. Or you could stay in town and shop up a storm at the local markets. (B)

DAY 5: DEPART PHUKET

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Phuket airport. (B)

KOH SAMUI BEACH STAY

4 DAYS

Where better to relax before or after your Southeast Asia adventure than the oasis of natural beauty that is Koh Samui? With its clear, blue waters and white sand beaches, this idyllic island is also situated in the Ang Thong National Marine Park and has a host of fantastic accommodation options.



Kick back on Koh Samui's soft white sands

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	\$620	\$1,250
Deluxe	\$1,120	\$2,180

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Koh Samui)
- Meals as stated
- Airport transfers

DAY 1: ARRIVE KOH SAMUI

Arrive in Koh Samui and take a coach transfer from the airport to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAYS 2-3: KOH SAMUI FREE DAYS

Enjoy your free time in Koh Samui! You can relax on the beautiful beaches, enjoy the hotel pool, or even hop aboard the ferry across to Koh Tao for an optional tour. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART KOH SAMUI

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

BORACAY BEACH STAY

5 DAYS

With 17 sandy beaches and hidden coves, Boracay is a 7km-long tropical island paradise. A 2019 island restoration programme has brought it back to its former glory, and a new cap on visitor numbers means a peaceful renaissance for this popular getaway spot.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	\$1,520	\$2,380

Price includes

- Accommodation (4 nights Boracay)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Flights to/from Manila/Cebu



Explore hidden coves and beaches

DAY 1: PANAY TO BORACAY

Arrive into the neighbouring island of Panay and hop across to Boracay by boat from Cagban Jetty. Check in to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to relax at leisure.

DAY 2: DISCOVER BORACAY AT LEISURE

Today is at leisure to explore this tiny tropical island and find your favourite hidden coves and beaches. The popular White Beach, offering four kilometres of powdery sands is split into three sections; most of the shops and restaurants are in the second section, while the third is a peaceful getaway. Try little-known

Puka Shell Beach for peace and quiet, or visit Diniwid Beach for its coral rock formations and relaxed atmosphere. (B)

DAYS 3-4: EXPLORE BORACAY

Two more days at leisure to soak up the sun or swim in the tropical waves. Activities like cooking classes, massages, scuba diving or island-hopping are bookable locally, or you can enjoy a coffee or cocktail in one of the island's friendly bars. (B)

DAY 5: BORACAY TO PANAY

Zip back to Panay Island by boat and transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

EL NIDO BEACH STAY

5 DAYS

Glorious El Nido crowns the tip of the island of Palawan. Frequently topping lists of world-class beaches, this remote tropical nirvana offers white sands, thick forests, limestone lagoons and waters perfect for swimming and kayaking.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Superior	\$1,690	\$3,080

Price includes

- Accommodation (4 nights El Nido)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Flights to/from Manila/Cebu



Discover limestone lagoons

DAY 1: ARRIVE EL NIDO

Fly into Lio Airport in El Nido, northern Palawan, check in to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to explore at leisure.

DAY 2: DISCOVER EL NIDO

Today is free to explore El Nido at your own pace. Relax on the white sands, explore the downtown bars or swim in the tropical waves. (B)

DAYS 3-4: EXPLORE THE SHORES

Two days at leisure to enjoy local activities or simply sunbathe on the world-class beaches. The star of the show is Bacuit Bay, a mesmerising seascape of lagoons studded by limestone peaks.

Independent excursions available in the area may include island-hopping, kayaking or snorkeling. Please note we are not affiliated with local excursion companies. (B)

DAY 5: DEPART EL NIDO

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

SINGAPORE STOPOVERS

Singapore is a city just waiting for you to discover its magnificent mix of tastes, sights and sounds. As one of Asia's most iconic and vibrant cities it offers experiences such as exploring Sentosa Island, Gardens by the Bay, cultural neighbourhoods and, of course, an ever growing selection of food!



Visit Singapore's iconic Merlion

SINGAPORE HOTELS



IBIS SINGAPORE ON BENCOOLEN ★★★

Located in the heart of Singapore's cultural and shopping district of Bugis, you will find the ibis Singapore on Bencoolen. The hotel is a perfect choice for shoppers, foodies and sightseers. Bugis Street Shopping District, Haji Lane, Little India, Chinatown and Orchard Road are all within walking distance from the hotel. Chinatown and Orchard Road are easily accessible by MRT which is conveniently located within 5-8 mins walk from the hotel.



ORCHID HOTEL SINGAPORE ★★★★★

The Orchid Hotel Singapore, located in the financial district, is a peaceful retreat with modern comforts following a recent redesign overhaul. Guests can enjoy the 50meter long outdoor swimming pool and dine at Ya Ge, the hotel's Modern Chinese restaurant. Less than a 2 -minute walk to Tanjong Pagar MRT Station makes it easy access to Singapore's well-known attractions including Marina Bay Sands, Gardens By The Bay, Chinatown and Orchard Road.



PARADOX SINGAPORE MERCHANT COURT AT CLARKE QUAY ★★★★★

Located in Singapore river district you find the Paradox Singapore Merchant Court at Clarke Quay. Offering both the experience of a cosmopolitan city and a resort style oasis, the hotel is conveniently located a stone's throw from the bustling entertainment and dining district of Clarke Quay and Boat Quay. Clarke Quay MRT station is right next to the hotel or take a stroll along Singapore River Walk to many popular attractions of Singapore.



OASIA HOTEL DOWNTOWN ★★★★★

Refresh, refuel and recharge at the Oasia Hotel Downtown, Singapore. Situated in Singapore's Central Business District, the hotel's stands out due to its unique lush green vertical garden façade. Tanjong Pagar MRT Station, conveniently located at the hotel's doorstep, provides easy access to Singapore attractions and dining precincts. Or simply relax by one of the hotels' 2 rooftop pools.



GRAND PARK CITY HALL ★★★★★

The Grand Park City Hall is located conveniently in Singapore's Civic District only a stone's throw from major shopping malls, dining hubs and entertainment. It is less than a ten minutes' drive to Marina Bay Sands. Iconic sites such as the Singapore Flyer and Chinatown are only minutes away.



PULLMAN SINGAPORE ORCHARD ★★★★★

Located right in the heart of Singapore's most famous shopping and entertainment district, Orchard Road, you will find Singapore's new 5-star hotel Pullman Singapore Orchard. Premier retail malls, Paragon, ION Orchard and Ngee Ann City are all worth visiting. A 5-minute walk to Orchard and Somerset MRT Stations giving easy access to top attractions such as Singapore Botanic Gardens, Singapore Zoo, Chinatown, Gardens By The Bay, Universal Studios Singapore.

SINGAPORE SHORT STAY

3 DAYS

See the waterfront Merlion Park, see 'old' Singapore at Thian Hock Keng and visit the National Orchid Garden.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
IBIS Singapore on Bencoolen	\$500	\$890
Orchid Hotel Singapore	\$570	\$1,040
Grand Park City Hall	\$670	\$1,225

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Singapore)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees



Delight in the famous Singapore cityscape

DAY 1: ARRIVE SINGAPORE

Upon arrival at Singapore airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel by coach. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

DAY 2: SINGAPORE

Enjoy a half-day seat-in-coach tour around Singapore, visiting Kampong Glam, drive round the civic centre, stop at Merlion Park, Thian Hock Keng, which is one of Singapore's oldest Buddhist-Taoist temples, and walk through the National Orchid Garden. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART SINGAPORE

After check-out this morning, you will be transferred to Singapore airport where your arrangements end. (B)

GARDENS BY THE BAY

4 DAYS

See Singapore's many sights, stroll the cool Cloud Forest and Flower Dome and marvel at the Supertrees.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
IBIS Singapore on Bencoolen	\$730	\$1,280
Orchid Hotel Singapore	\$840	\$1,510
Grand Park City Hall	\$985	\$1,785

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Singapore)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach touring with guides and entrance fees



See the wondrous Supertrees in the Gardens by the Bay

DAY 1: ARRIVE SINGAPORE

Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel by coach. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

DAY 2: SINGAPORE

Enjoy a half-day seat-in-coach tour around Singapore, visiting Kampong Glam, drive round the civic centre, stop at Merlion Park, Thian Hock Keng, which is one of Singapore's oldest Buddhist-Taoist temples, and walk through the National Orchid Garden. (B)

DAY 3: GARDENS BY THE BAY

Transfer independently to Gardens by the Bay. It spans 101 hectares and houses more than 500,000 plants. Wander through the two clouded conservatories – Flower Dome and Cloud Forest - at your leisure. Make your own way back to your hotel. (B)

DAY 4: DEPART SINGAPORE

After check-out this morning, you will be transferred to Singapore airport where your arrangements end. (B)



HONG KONG STOPOVERS

Hong Kong boasts award-winning gastronomy, a colourful nightlife and unbeatable city views from panoramic Victoria Peak or from the deck of a sampan on the harbour. A sophisticated and lively metropolis, Hong Kong's mix of colonial influences, futuristic modernity and distinct Chinese traditions make it the ultimate East-meets-West destination.

Hong Kong skyline

KOWLOON HOTELS



THE CITYVIEW ★★★★★

Located in the heart of Yau Ma Tei, The Cityview sits adjacent to bustling Nathan Road. It has a cosy Cantonese restaurant, a casual cafe and an airy Thai eatery. Offering world-class green eco standards and attentive service, The Cityview will make you feel right at home.



DORSETT, WAN CHAI ★★★★★

Perfectly located next to the Happy Valley Racecourse, the Dorsett offers bright and airy rooms decorated in a series of elegant themes. Just a ten-minute stroll from Causeway Bay MTR station, a free shuttle serves the most popular spots close by.



HARBOUR GRAND HONG KONG KOWLOON ★★★★★

Harbour Grand Hong Kong Kowloon is conveniently located on the Kowloon waterfront, offering unrivalled views of Victoria Harbour. Facilities include five restaurants, a lounge, a spa and a seasonal outdoor rooftop swimming pool.

HONG KONG GLIMPSES*

3 DAYS

This introductory visit to Hong Kong features the highlights of this vibrant city, including a stop at Victoria Peak for panoramic harbour views. Also take some time to relax and explore the city's foodie scene.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
The Cityview	\$640	\$1,055
Dorsett Wan Chai	\$695	\$1,245
Harbour Grand Hong Kong Kowloon	\$870	\$1,480

Price includes

- Accommodation (2 nights Hong Kong)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated



Hong Kong Skyline

DAY 1: ARRIVE HONG KONG

Arrive in Hong Kong and take a coach transfer from the airport to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY 2: HONG KONG TOUR

Embark on a thrilling half day seat in coach adventure in Hong Kong, as you ride the world's longest outdoor escalator, marveling at the city's vibrant streets. Next, visit Tai Kwun, a cultural haven within historic walls, immersing yourself in rich heritage and vibrant contemporary art. Indulging in a dim sum feast at Tim Ho Wan, where each bite is a culinary delight, before journeying to

new heights as you hop aboard the latest 6th generation peak tram to Victoria Peak, capturing breathtaking panoramic views. Finally, make your way to Lion's Point View Pavilion, and get ready to immortalize this awe-inspiring scene with your cameras. (B)

DAY 3: DEPART HONG KONG

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Hong Kong airport by coach. (B)

**Seat in coach touring is subject to availability and may not be available on your chosen dates. Private touring options will be quoted as an alternative.*

HONG KONG IN FOCUS*

4 DAYS

Designed to show you two aspects of life in the city, tour the best bits of Hong Kong Island before discovering the natural beauty of Lantau, Hong Kong's largest island. See the Grand Buddha and enjoy lunch at Po Lin Monastery, with some time to further explore as you wish.

Prices are from per person, based on low season

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
The Cityview	\$1,240	\$1,910
Dorsett Wan Chai	\$1,325	\$2,180
Harbour Grand Hong Kong Kowloon	\$1,590	\$2,545

Price includes

- Accommodation (3 nights Hong Kong)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Seat-in-coach Hong Kong Tour
- Private Lantau Island Tour



Grand Buddha at Lantau Island

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DAY 3: LANTAU ISLAND

Spend today discovering Lantau Island on a private day tour. Transfer to Tung Chung for a stunning cable car ride up to Ngong Ping Plateau where the Grand Buddha sits majestically next to the Po Lin Monastery. After touring the Giant Buddha Exhibition Hall and the monastery, sit down for a delicious vegetarian lunch. (B,L)

DAY 4: DEPART HONG KONG

Enjoy time at leisure before transferring to Hong Kong airport by coach. (B)

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AIR TRAVEL NOTES

- Please be advised that Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades can only be secured on the initial international flights in/out of Australia. They cannot be guaranteed on any other sector due to very limited availability and the types of aircraft used. Please contact our Reservation Consultants to discuss upgrade options.
- At the time of booking, every effort will be made to secure the best flight schedule or connection possible; however, at times the airline schedule may vary from what is in the brochure due to availability and time of travel.

JOINING YOUR TOUR

Airline schedules vary from city to city, meaning travellers from some cities may need to make their own way to another capital city to join the tour or may require pre- or post tour accommodation, a stopover or have a lengthy transit en route to their destination. Any cost for additional accommodation, transportation or meals incurred will be at your own expense.

Our Reservation Consultants can assist with arranging any of these additional services. The accrual of frequent flyer points and pre-seat allocation may not be possible on group fares and is at the discretion of each airline.

Your questions answered

A selection of our most frequently asked questions.

BEFORE YOU TRAVEL



Halong Bay, Vietnam

Q. How soon after making our booking will we receive confirmation?

A. Once we have received your deposit we will send your confirmation documents.

Q. Do you send us information about the destinations we will visit?

A. It is essential that you read the relevant Tour Dossier before booking, which you can find on wendywutours.com.au or we can arrange for one to be sent to you. If there are any particular challenges such as the length of time spent on your feet, journey times or accommodation standards, they will be explained in these concise trip notes. Two weeks before you travel, you will receive a detailed day-by-day itinerary, a travel guide and phrasebook as well as a suggested packing list with your final documents.

Q. Will I know which hotels I will be staying in before I go?

A. Hotel details will be sent with your final documents. Note that these may be subject to change. Hotels generally range from 3-4 stars. In more remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard and may not have all western amenities. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff

and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs. If you require an early check-in or late check-out for your arrival and departure days, please contact us.

Q. How do I get my visa?

A. The cost of your visa is nearly always included in the price of your tour (Australian passport). Simply send us your passport, completed visa application form and passport size photos 75 days before departure, along with final payment and we aim to have them sent back to you with your final documentation two weeks prior to departure. If you require your passport back earlier, please let us know so that we can arrange for an express visa service at an additional charge. Passports or visa application forms received six weeks or less before departure will automatically incur an express visa fee. Wendy Wu Tours does not accept responsibility for lost or undelivered items. Personal collection or courier services are available on request. Please note that visa regulations can change at any time, therefore please refer to our website for up-to-date information. Please note that visa regulations can change at any time, therefore please refer to our website for up-to-date information.

Q. Do I need travel insurance?

A. We strongly recommend that you are adequately covered by insurance for the duration of your travel arrangements. We recommend that you take out a policy as soon as you pay your deposit.

Q. What vaccinations do I need?

A. Vaccination requirements often change, therefore for up-to-date information please seek your doctor's advice. You may also need to comply with local requirements to undertake COVID-19 tests or be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 with a vaccine approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration.

Q. What size are your tour groups?

A. The group size on our Classic tours is on average around 21 passengers, with a maximum group size of 28. On our Go Beyond tours and exclusive Solo Departures the average group size is around 14 and the maximum is 18. You may meet other tour groups travelling concurrently. On our group tours we operate a seat-and-a-half policy, allowing you to travel in greater comfort.

Q. Do you run guaranteed departures?

A. Group tours are guaranteed to run subject to a minimum of 8 passengers. A National Escort will accompany each group of 10 or more. We will endeavour to run groups of a smaller size if viable to do so.

Q. As a single traveller, will I have to pay a single supplement?

A. We offer two ways to avoid paying a single supplement. The first is to book onto one of our Solo Departures, which are reserved exclusively for solo travellers and have single occupancy of a double room built into the tour price (along with other features like free airport transfers, free access to an airport lounge in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne and a drinks reception on arrival). The second is to choose our 'Happy to Share' option, which may enable you to share a twin room with another solo customer of the same gender who also requests 'Happy to Share', thus avoiding the need to pay single room supplements. Note that 'Happy to Share' requests can be received when you make your booking with us but will not be confirmed until after your final payment due date. Our Customer Services Team will make contact around 60 days before departure to let you know if a share partner has been found thus refunding the single room supplement. If a share partner is found, the Single Supplement will be removed from your booking and refunded. If a share partner is not found, the Single Supplement will remain and is payable with your final balance in line with our normal booking conditions. Alternatively a private room of your own is available on any of our tours at an extra cost. Please check the tour pages or our website for details.



Local vendor, Vietnam

Q. What is the maximum luggage allowance on your tours?

A. Your main suitcase or backpack must not exceed 20kg and your hand luggage must not exceed 5kg as this is the maximum allowance on internal flights.

Q. What currency should I take?

A. We recommend you take US dollars as well as the local currency and a credit/debit card. We do not recommend travellers cheques. Please ensure you have sufficient funds to pay for personal expenses such as drinks, snacks, souvenirs, additional tipping and optional extras.

Q. When is the best time of year to visit Southeast Asia?

A. Southeast Asia is a year-round destination. While November to April are the most popular months to visit, many people enjoy tours at other times of the year when there are fewer tourists.

Q. When are Southeast Asian public holidays?

A. Vietnamese New Year, otherwise known as Tet, will be on 10th February 2024. Celebrations last up to 10 days. New Year celebrations for Cambodia, Laos and Thailand are in mid-April every year. Some businesses may be closed and tourist sites will be busier.

Q. How fit do I need to be?

A. Our Group Tours are graded on each page to reflect the level of fitness required. The specific reasons for a particular grading for each tour are clearly described in the Tour Dossiers which you can find on our website. Please contact us if you require any advice. Our range of Private Tours is more flexible and may better cater for individual needs. Ask us for more details.

Q. What does escorted touring mean?

A. Every group tour with 10 or more passengers will be accompanied by a National Escort from when you arrive, to when you depart. On multi-country tours,

different National Escorts are used in each country. In the unlikely event that your group is less than 10 you will be accompanied by local guides in each location. Our optional extensions are not accompanied by a National Escort; however you will have the benefit of our knowledgeable local guides. Transfers and flights to and from optional extension destinations are not escorted. Private tours are not accompanied by a National Escort, but will be accompanied by knowledgeable local guides in each location.



Q. What sort of vehicles do you use?

Air: Internal flights are based on economy class, with reputable airlines.

Road: Coaches with air-conditioning are used on our group tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary. On our private tours we use air-conditioned vehicles suitable for the size of the party.

River: Ships or boats are used on tours which have a cruising element, from river cruising ships on the Mekong to comfortable, well-equipped sailing vessels on Halong Bay. To undertake these excursions, you

will need to be capable of boarding and disembarking from these boats, sometimes without assistance and/or handrails.

Q. Is there a dress code on your tours?

A. Our dress code is very relaxed; however, please note that clothing covering the arms and legs is more appropriate and often required when visiting religious buildings.

Q. Are meals included?

A. All meals (excluding beverages) are included in our group tours except where stated. On our Go Beyond tours, meals in remote areas may be simple or repetitive. Meals on our Classic group tours start with dinner on the normal day of arrival and finish with breakfast on the normal day of departure. Any additional meals will be at your own expense and no refund will be made for any meals missed. You will sample a range of local cuisine with occasional western meals, and meals are usually taken at local restaurants.

Q. Is tap water safe to drink?

A. We strongly recommend that you drink bottled water only.

Q. What is the flying time to Southeast Asia?

A. Approx. nine hours (if flying direct).

Q. Can special requests be arranged?

A. If you have any special requests such as dietary requirements, or if you wish to celebrate an event, please notify us at the time of booking and we will do everything possible to ensure your requests are met. Please note that special requests cannot be guaranteed.



Q. Do you allow children on your tours?

A. We allow children 12 years and over on our Classic tours. Alternatively, our Private Tours (see our website) offer greater flexibility whilst on tour and are suitable for any age group.

Q. Will I be travelling with passengers from other countries?

A. Our passengers generally enjoy the mixture of Australian, British and New Zealand clients on tour. Occasionally we are joined by English-speaking passengers from other countries.

Q. What is the average age on your group tours?

A. The average age range is 40-65. Younger and older passengers travel with us too.

Q. What hours of the day do your tours operate?

A. They generally start about 8am and end shortly after your evening meal. Occasionally earlier starts are required to meet flight departures.

Q. How do standards abroad compare with Australia?

A. We will do our best to ensure that your holiday is safe and trouble-free and we are continually working with our local partners to maintain and improve health and safety standards. Travelling abroad involves new places and new experiences and sometimes this means different safety and hygiene standards to those we are used to in Australia. We therefore ask that you take care; pay attention at all times and use your common sense. You are also requested to refer to notices and follow advice from your National Escort or local guide.

Q. Is porterage included?

A. Porterage is included on our group tours to Southeast Asia (from the coach to the lobby of each hotel).

Q. How does the tipping system work on your tours?

A. Tipping is expected in Southeast Asia. However this can often lead to awkwardness in knowing when it is appropriate to tip and how much, as well as ensuring you have a suitable amount of change available at the time. For your convenience, and based on many years of experience, Wendy Wu Tours operates a kitty system on our group tours, which your National Escort will collect at the start of the tour. With this, they will take care of all tipping for you. It also ensures that the amounts paid are reasonable for you but still fair for the local people. The amount is stated on each group tour page (and will be advised again in your final documents).

Any additional tipping on any of our tours is welcomed at your discretion. Please feel free to tip restaurant staff, porters, or river guides if they performed a special service for you. For tours with fewer than 10 passengers, tipping will be slightly higher than stated on the group tour pages. On Private tours and extensions, we will advise recommended amounts.

The specific amounts for tipping contributions will be outlined in your final documentation.

WeCare – Health & Safety

The enjoyment of your holiday is our highest priority. Wendy Wu Tours is a fully insured and bonded tour operator with comprehensive public liability cover. Working closely with an independent health and safety organisation, we are proactive in our approach by ensuring that hotels used on our group tours regularly undergo comprehensive fire safety, security and hygiene audits.

In the unlikely event of a problem or emergency on tour, Wendy Wu Tours has a Crisis Management process in place to support all of our customers. We also have a dedicated 24 hour emergency support number.



Southeast Asia for all seasons

Our tours cover the length and breadth of Southeast Asia. Depending on the time of year and where you travel, you may experience two or more seasons as you journey through the region.

HANOI			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	15	19	21
Feb	15	20	28
Mar	18	23	46
Apr	21	26	91
May	24	31	180
Jun	25	32	230
Jul	25	33	240
Aug	26	32	280
Sep	25	31	250
Oct	22	28	140
Nov	19	24	46
Dec	15	21	15

LUANG PRABANG			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	13	27	10
Feb	14	31	10
Mar	17	33	30
Apr	20	35	100
May	22	35	160
Jun	24	33	150
Jul	23	32	230
Aug	23	32	290
Sep	22	32	160
Oct	20	31	70
Nov	18	29	30
Dec	15	27	10

Hanoi

Situated in the north of Vietnam, Hanoi experiences cool and dry winters and hot and humid summers. Spring and autumn are the most ideal times to visit with warm temperatures and lower humidity.

Luang Prabang

Luang Prabang is located along the Mekong River and has two typical seasons. During the winter months Luang Prabang is warm and dry and during the summer months it is hot and with higher rainfall than the winter months.

SAIGON			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	22	31	10
Feb	22	32	10
Mar	24	33	10
Apr	26	33	50
May	26	33	210
Jun	25	30	300
Jul	25	31	290
Aug	25	31	270
Sep	24	31	340
Oct	24	30	260
Nov	23	29	110
Dec	22	28	40

BANGKOK			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	21	31	10
Feb	23	32	20
Mar	25	33	30
Apr	26	34	70
May	26	33	190
Jun	26	32	150
Jul	25	32	150
Aug	25	32	180
Sep	25	31	320
Oct	25	31	230
Nov	24	31	50
Dec	21	30	10

Saigon

Tropical Saigon is usually warm all year round and dry during the winter and spring months. Popular times to visit are November to May. Saigon's rainy season falls in the summer months, but these rain spells often clear quickly.

Bangkok

With its typical tropical climate, Bangkok is warm year round and at its hottest between March and June. Humidity levels are higher during this time, but this vibrant city cools down a little between July and October with periods of rainy weather and occasional showers.

HOI AN			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	19	24	100
Feb	20	25	30
Mar	22	27	30
Apr	23	30	30
May	25	31	60
Jun	26	32	75
Jul	26	33	90
Aug	26	32	100
Sep	25	31	290
Oct	23	28	530
Nov	22	26	330
Dec	20	23	220

PHUKET			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	22	31	20
Feb	23	32	30
Mar	23	32	30
Apr	25	32	150
May	25	31	320
Jun	25	30	200
Jul	25	30	250
Aug	25	30	260
Sep	24	29	400
Oct	24	29	300
Nov	23	30	190
Dec	23	30	40

Hoi An

Hoi An has two distinct seasons. Summer is very dry and warm, making this the ideal time to visit. Winter months are cooler with heavier rainfall. Hoi An's tropical climate makes this city warm year-round.

Phuket

Phuket enjoys mild weather year round. The hottest periods fall between April and May. The rainy season is during the months of September and October, the rest of the year is relatively dry.

Siem Reap

Siem Reap is warm throughout the year. From May to October Siem Reap has its highest rainfall, but temperatures remain warm. November to April is Siem Reap's driest period.

Chiang Mai

Tropical Chiang Mai enjoys year-round warmth, with temperatures peaking in the humid summer months from May to mid-October. The winter months from November to April see comfortable temperatures and very little rain, making this the most popular time to visit.

SIEM REAP			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	19	25	5
Feb	21	26	10
Mar	23	28	20
Apr	24	29	60
May	24	28	140
Jun	24	28	170
Jul	23	27	200
Aug	23	27	200
Sep	23	26	240
Oct	22	26	230
Nov	21	25	80
Dec	19	24	10

Chiang Mai			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	15	21	8
Feb	18	25	3
Mar	21	27	13
Apr	24	29	27
May	24	27	110
Jun	24	26	129
Jul	24	26	129
Aug	23	25	240
Sep	22	25	235
Oct	21	24	121
Nov	18	23	25
Dec	15	21	11

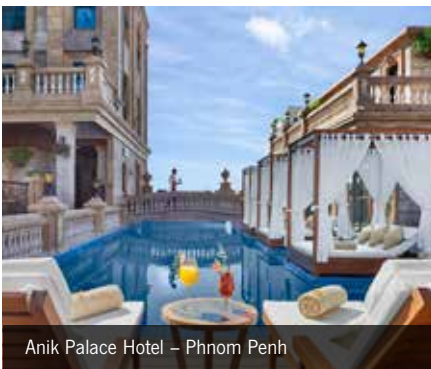
Hotels

Your accommodation is chosen for the convenience of its location, its levels of comfort or for its quirky character, so it can range from a smart business hotel here to a family-run guesthouse there. Here is a taster of the type of hotels you will be staying in on your tour.

EXAMPLE TOUR HOTELS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA



Lotus Blanc Hotel – Cambodia



Anik Palace Hotel – Phnom Penh



Bhaya Classic – Vietnam



Victoria Mekong – Mekong Delta Cruise



Amari Vang Vieng – Laos



Emm Hotel Hoi An – Vietnam



Waterfront Hotel Kuching – Borneo

Hotels on our group tours are generally rated as local three to four star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality may exist between Australia and Southeast Asia. Hotels are subject to change and will be confirmed with your final documents.

Booking your trip

We want to make it as straightforward as possible to book your Wendy Wu holiday. It should be as simple as 1-2-3.

1. Choose your tour

Select from this brochure or browse our website to see our full range of award-winning tours and choose the style of travel that suits you. You will also find detailed information in our tour dossiers to make sure the tour is appropriate for you.

2. Speak to an expert

Get in touch with one of our expert travel consultants who will be able to answer any of your questions, check availability instantly and confirm prices.

3. Make a booking

Did you know you can book most of our tours on our website? Otherwise give us a call or visit your preferred travel agent to pay your deposit and secure your booking. On occasions, a progress payment will be required to secure your flights which will be explained to you at the time of booking. The balance is due 75 days prior to departure and you will be issued with your documentation approximately two to three weeks before travel. You will also be able to manage aspects of your booking via My Wendy Wu, your personal online booking portal.



Your loyalty matters

Many of our customers enjoy the Wendy Wu Tours experience so much that they travel with us again and again and are happy to recommend us to their friends and family.

LOYALTY DISCOUNT*

After completing your tour, we hope you will return to travel with us again. As a member of the Wendy Wu Tours family, you will be eligible for savings each time you return to travel with us on a group tour. Savings apply to Classic and Go Beyond group tours, as well as dedicated Solo departures, but are not applicable for independent arrangements or Special Groups.

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These Booking Conditions set out the terms on which you contract with us for the arrangement and delivery of travel arrangements for your trip and which we agree to make, provide, or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you. All references in these booking conditions to "holiday", "booking", "contract", "package", "tour" or "arrangements" mean such holiday arrangements unless otherwise stated. In these booking conditions, "you", "your", "customer" or "passenger" means each person named on a booking request (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date) or any of them as the context requires. "We", "us" and "our" means Wendy Wu Tours Pty Ltd. By making a booking with us, you acknowledge that you have read, understood and agree to be bound by these Booking Conditions. Please note that we reserve the right to change these Booking Conditions at any time prior to you placing a booking request. The latest version of our Booking Conditions is published at wendywutours.com.au. It is your obligation to review the latest version of our Booking Conditions prior to making a booking request.

YOUR HOLIDAY CONTRACT The first named person on a booking request ("Lead Traveller") promises that s/he is authorised to request a booking subject to these Booking Conditions by all persons named in the booking request and by the parents or guardians for any party member who is under 18 when the booking request is made. The Lead Traveller is responsible for making all payments due under a booking by all party members. The Lead Traveller must be at least 18 when the booking is requested. After we receive your booking request and all appropriate payments (see "Payments" below), if the arrangements you wish to book are available, we will issue a confirmation invoice. A binding agreement will come into existence between us when we email your confirmation invoice to the 'Lead Traveller' or the travel agent through whom the booking was requested. We reserve the right to decline any booking at our discretion.

OUR SERVICES The services we provide to you are limited to (a) the arrangement and coordination of your travel arrangements; and (b) the delivery of travel arrangements which we directly control (if any). This includes (often significant) work undertaken prior to travel to arrange and coordinate the delivery of your travel arrangements.

YOUR DETAILS Passenger names must be provided exactly as per passport, including middle names, at the time of booking. A copy of your passport is required at the time of booking. Any spelling corrections made after a deposit is paid must be sent in writing. If you do not advise the correct information and we have to re-issue airline tickets or other documentation, then you will be responsible for any fees charged (such as airline cancellation charges or re-issue fees) in addition to our own reasonable administration fees.

YOUR OBLIGATION TO CHECK DETAILS Please check your confirmation invoice carefully as soon as you receive it. Contact us immediately if any information which appears on the confirmation invoice or any other document appears to be incorrect or incomplete as it may not be possible to make changes later. We regret we cannot accept any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracies (for which we are responsible) in any document within ten days of our sending it out (five days for tickets). We will do our best to rectify any mistake notified to us outside these time limits, but you must meet any costs involved in doing so. If you wish to change or cancel any arrangements later, you may have to pay an amendment or cancellation charge (See "Amendments by You" & "Cancellations by You" below).

PRICES General: Prices and services are subject to availability of tour, airline, and specific economy airfare. Prices may differ once a preferred booking class is sold out. Prices stated are in Australian Dollars (\$AUD) and are current at the time of publication. The most up to date pricing is available on our website. The price includes international flights (where tour specifies it is flight inclusive), accommodation, transportation and other inclusions as per the published itinerary. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to release specials which are applicable to new bookings only. We also reserve the right to correct any obvious errors in rates quoted or calculated, or any omissions made at any time during your booking. Any verbal quote given is an indication only of the final price and is subject to confirmation in writing. Costs associated with passports, vaccinations, insurance, meals (other than those stipulated), emergency evacuation costs, gratuities, and all items of a personal nature are not included.

Itinerary Deviations: All fully inclusive Classic Tour or Go Beyond Tour prices indicated in the brochure are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary may incur additional airline ticket costs. Arrangements such as transfers, accommodation, etc. outside the set group arrangements/dates are at an additional cost.

Airline Fuel Charges: In addition to the cost of any airfares, airlines also charge an additional levy to cover the ever-increasing cost of aviation fuel. As fuel prices have fluctuated, so too has the amount airlines charge for this levy. At the time of pricing, some airline fuel surcharges are included in the cost of the fare; however, this amount is subject to change until your airline ticket is issued.

PAYMENTS Deposit: You are required to pay a deposit of \$300 per person (or full payment if booking within 75 days of commencement of your travel arrangements) to Wendy Wu Tours or your travel agent within three days of you making your booking request. Please note that we may not hold any services for you until we receive payment of your deposit, meaning that services may become unavailable or prices may increase, in which case you will be responsible for paying the increased price, and we will not be responsible if services become unavailable. In some cases the amount of the deposit may be higher where, for example,

we need to pre-purchase flight tickets, accommodation or other services and in the case of our flight upgrade special offers, to which early airline ticketing may apply – please see the terms and conditions of individual special offers for further information. This will be advised at the time of quotation.

Balance Payment: The final balance of the travel arrangements is due no later than 75 days prior to the confirmed tour commencement date. Air tickets are issued upon receiving final payment only. If we do not receive all payments due in full and on time, we are entitled to assume that you have cancelled your booking, and cancellation fees will apply (See "Cancellations by You" below). Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to request a partial payment of the final balance more than 75 days prior to departure to cover the cost of earlier ticketing should it be requested by the airlines, or tickets issued by our overseas operators due to airline ticketing time limits.

Card Processing Fees: Please note that any payments made by credit or debit card are subject to a 1.2% processing fee, which represents the cost charged to us to process the payment.

Tailor-Made Quotations: For Tailor-made itineraries, the first two quotes are complimentary. After this, we reserve the right to request a non-refundable commitment fee of \$100.00 per person. This will be deducted from your required deposit amount at the time of confirmation.

AMENDMENTS BY YOU We will endeavour to accommodate amendments and additional requests. You acknowledge that these may not be possible to fulfil, and for group departures a transfer of a booking to a different departure is deemed a cancellation. An amendment fee of \$50 per change will be levied to cover communication and administration costs for any changes to bookings. You will also be required to pay any additional costs charged by suppliers. Please note that airfares are subject to strict airline policies and booking fare rules. Special airfares that require early ticketing may be non-refundable and non-changeable. Once a booking is confirmed, any name change, or passenger change will incur additional charges and/or may be deemed a cancellation of the airfare.

AMENDMENTS BY US Prior to travel: Occasionally, we may need to make amendments or modifications to the itinerary and its inclusions and you acknowledge our right to do this. If we become aware of a significant change to your itinerary or its inclusions prior to the commencement of your trip (where the trip can still proceed), then we will notify you within a reasonable time.

During travel: You acknowledge that the itinerary, modes of transport, accommodation and/or the trip's inclusions may need to change during your trip due to local circumstances beyond our reasonable control, including road conditions, poor weather, changes in transport schedules, and/or vehicle breakdowns. You agree that we have the right to pass on any costs we incur for alternative arrangements we put in place for your benefit in these circumstances.

General: To the fullest extent permitted by law, we will not be responsible for any omissions or modifications to the itinerary or the inclusions due to Force Majeure or other circumstances beyond our control happening after we have accepted your booking. This includes any loss of enjoyment or distress caused by omissions or modifications. If you are entitled to any compensation for any modifications or omissions, then you agree it will be reduced by the value of any alternative services we provide which you accept. We will not be responsible to you for any other expenses or loss you incur resulting from any amendment or change to the itinerary or its inclusions.

CANCELLATION BY YOU Group Tours: Cancellations must be made in writing to Wendy Wu Tours and are subject to the following cancellation charges (Cancellations are also dependent upon other additional charges imposed for air/rail/cruise tickets as referred to below) from the date the written cancellation is received:

- More than 75 days prior to departure; loss of deposit
- Between 74 and 59 days prior to departure; 25% of total cost
- Between 58 and 46 days prior to departure; 50% of total cost
- 45 days or less prior to departure 100% of total cost
- Any 'no show'; 100% of total cost

Airfare, Cruise & Rail Tickets: If airline, cruise and rail tickets have been issued, the rules of the fare will determine cancellation and/or amendment charges. It is often the case that air, cruise and rail tickets are non-refundable.

Following the commencement of your tour, no refunds will be made for any services which you choose not to use or which you cannot use for any reason other than a reason within our control. If you are not fully and validly vaccinated against Covid-19 in the destination(s) where services are to be provided, and particular suppliers refuse to provide you with travel arrangements, then you agree you will not be entitled to any refund for those arrangements. We will not be responsible to you for any loss or expenses you incur (including loss of enjoyment or the costs of alternative arrangements) if you are denied services in these circumstances.

Regrettably, cancellation charges and fees cannot be waived. There can be no exceptions. Please note that employees of any overseas or domestic company or staff of Wendy Wu Tours outside Australia are not authorised to give any guarantees or agreements to customers in

respect of refunds or any other matters. Please note Special Groups, Short Stays, Extensions & Tailormade tours may have differing cancellation fees, these will be communicated in writing at time of booking.

ILLNESS OR VACCINATION STATUS PREVENTING TRAVEL If due to any illness, suspected illness or failure to satisfy any required tests (such as a PCR or rapid antigen test in relation to Covid-19 or vaccination requirements):

- an airline or other common carrier refuses you carriage;
- a hotel or vessel refuses to accommodate you; or
- we or our suppliers (acting reasonably) exclude you from the trip and you are consequently prevented from commencing or continuing your trip, then:
 - if you have already commenced your trip, we will provide you with reasonable assistance to arrange alternative travel arrangements to continue the trip. This will be at your cost.
 - if you have not commenced your trip then we regret we will not be in a position to provide such assistance.

We will not be liable to refund the cost of your trip (or any part of it) because we would have already paid (or committed to pay) suppliers and we would have already performed significant work preparing for the delivery of your trip and servicing your booking. We will not be responsible for any loss or other costs you incur in connection with your booking (for example, airfares and visa expenses) if you are prevented from commencing or continuing your trip in these circumstances.

Covid-19 credit redemptions

If: (a) we issued you with a credit due to your original travel arrangements being disrupted by Covid-19 and associated restrictions; and (b) you have redeemed that credit for new travel arrangements; then (c) you agree that we will not be obliged to refund you the value of the credit if you cancel your new travel arrangements.

If you cancel travel arrangements that have a value which exceeds the value of your credit (Excess Payment), then we will refund you the Excess Payment, less cancellation fees in accordance with the table below, calculated from the date which we receive written notice of cancellation:

- More than 75 days prior to departure - refund of Excess Payment
- Between 74 and 59 days prior to departure; 25% of Excess Payment
- Between 58 and 46 days prior to departure; 50% of Excess Payment
- 45 days or less prior to departure 100% of Excess Payment
- Any 'no show': 100% of Excess Payment

CANCELLATIONS OR RESCHEDULING BY US In these Booking Conditions, the term Force Majeure means an event or events beyond our control and which we could not have reasonably prevented, and includes but is not limited to: (a) natural disasters (including not limited to flooding, fire, earthquake, landslide, volcanic eruption), adverse weather conditions (including hurricane or cyclone), high or low water levels; (b) war, armed conflict, industrial dispute, civil strife, terrorist activity or the threat of such acts; (c) epidemic, pandemic; (d) any new or change in law, order, decree, rule or regulation of any government authority (including travel advisories and restrictions).

Force Majeure - Prior to travel

If in our reasonable opinion we (either directly or through our employees, contractors, suppliers, or agents) consider that your travel arrangements cannot safely or lawfully proceed due to a Force Majeure Event then we at our discretion may elect to:

- reschedule your travel arrangements (in whole or in part); and/or
- cancel your travel arrangements (in whole or in part), in which case our contract with you will terminate (in whole or in part).

If we cancel any of your travel arrangements, neither of us will have any claim for damages against the other for the cancelled arrangements. However, we will refund payments attributable to the cancelled travel arrangements less: (a) unrecoverable third-party costs and other expenses incurred by us for the cancelled travel arrangements; (b) overhead charges incurred by us relative to the price of the cancelled travel arrangements; and (c) fair compensation for work undertaken by us in relation to the cancelled travel arrangements until the time of cancellation and in connection with the processing of any refund.

Force Majeure - During travel

If due to Force Majeure we cancel travel arrangements after your trip has commenced, we will provide you with a refund of recoverable third-party costs for cancelled travel arrangements only.

Force Majeure – General

If we provide you with any alternative services or assistance where travel arrangements are cancelled or rescheduled due to Force Majeure, then you agree the amount to be refunded to you will be reduced by the value of these services and assistance.

You acknowledge that the terms in this section are reasonably necessary to protect our legitimate business interests. We strongly encourage you to purchase travel insurance that adequately responds to cancellation and rescheduling risks associated with Force Majeure events.

Other cancellations

Minimum Numbers: Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to cancel or vary a tour prior to departure due to insufficient numbers. We will advise you no less than 60 days prior to your tour commencement if minimum numbers have not been achieved.

If we cancel your travel arrangements for reasons other than Force Majeure, you will be offered (at your election) a refund of all funds paid, or the offer of a trip of substantially equal

quality if appropriate. We will not be responsible to you for any other expenses or loss you incur if your travel arrangements are rescheduled or cancelled whether or not due to Force Majeure.

If we cancel your travel arrangements, neither party will have any claim for damages against the other. However, we will refund payments made by you less unrecoverable third-party costs and less fair compensation for work undertaken by us up until the time of termination and in connection with the processing of any refund.

CANCELLATION DUE TO GOVERNMENT OR PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY If you are ordered into a period of quarantine by a government or public health authority as a mandatory directive for any reason and this requires you to cancel or amend your travel arrangements with us within 75 days of your departure date, Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable for any third-party costs, cancellation fees or prepaid arrangements such as (but not limited to) airfares and cruise ship bookings.

We will not be responsible for any additional cost incurred to you while on tour if you are instructed by a government or public health authority to enter into a period of quarantine or to return home early, this includes any extra accommodation costs or amendments to your onward travel arrangements.

Wendy Wu Tours will endeavour to recover as much of your funds as we can on your behalf, or negotiate a credit for future use, should a disruption to your travel arrangements occur due to a government or public health authority directive.

Wendy Wu Tours highly recommends you investigate and secure travel insurance options that best suit your individual circumstances, including any applicable to pre-existing medical conditions and world events.

JOINING YOUR TOUR Airline schedules from different cities vary so travellers from some cities may need to make their own way to another capital city to join the tour or may require pre or post-tour accommodation, a stopover or have a lengthy transit en-route to their destination. Any cost for accommodation, transportation (including but not limited to airport transfers) or meals incurred will be at the passengers' own expense. Our reservations team can assist with any of these additional services. If you have booked a land only option, please email a copy of your flight schedule and passport copy at time of final payment so we can arrange transfers and visas.

REFUSAL OF CARRIAGE Wendy Wu Tours retains the right to remove customers from our group tours for reasons that impact on the enjoyment or safety of other tour members, such as, but not limited to, the physical, medical or mental inability of customers to undertake the arrangements of the tour, unsocial or unruly behaviour, or the carriage of prohibited substances and materials. You will not be entitled to any refund for unused services and you will be responsible for any additional costs you incur.

HOTELS Hotel descriptions featured on our website are based on current hotel guides provided by suppliers. Any facilities described are subject to change at any time. Maps and photographs are included for general information only and may not necessarily reflect actual routings, location or services. Wendy Wu Tours has made reasonable enquiries to verify that the descriptions and details are accurate but does not warrant that they are. We reserve the right to substitute hotels, vessels and other forms of accommodation with properties or vessels of a comparable or higher standard.

TRAVEL INSURANCE It is strongly encouraged that you are adequately insured for the duration of your trip. We recommend comprehensive travel insurance to cover cancellation, medical requirements, luggage, repatriations and additional expenses. The choice of insurer is yours. We strongly suggest you purchase insurance at the time you pay your deposit. This is because cancellation fees and charges are payable from that time.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS All customers are required to familiarise themselves with any health and vaccination requirements specific to the countries being visited. Any pre-existing dietary requirement/food allergy; disability; medical, health, physical, psychological, or behavioural condition ('health conditions') must be discussed with your doctor who can confirm your suitability to travel on your chosen tour.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have a suitable level of health and fitness to undertake the trip of your choice. If you suffer from a medical condition which may reasonably be expected to increase your risk of needing medical attention, or which may affect the normal conduct of the trip, then you must advise us at the time you make your booking request.

We may request you to provide an assessment of your medical condition from a qualified medical practitioner. If the assessment indicates that you will require special assistance from personnel which we cannot reasonably provide, then we may cancel your booking. Provided you notified us of your medical condition at the time you made your booking request, we will provide you with a full refund of payments made. If you fail to notify us at that time or if you fail to provide a medical assessment within a reasonable time of our request, then this will be considered a cancellation by you.

We reserve the right to cancel your booking if any changed or non-disclosed medical conditions mean that you will require special assistance which we cannot reasonably provide. We strongly suggest that your travel insurance policy includes comprehensive cancellation coverage.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS & VISA PROCESSING A passport with a minimum of six months validity and at least 2 blank pages upon return to Australia is required for customers travelling to all countries in our programme. Visa fees are included for Australian passport holders in all fully inclusive Classic Tours and Go Beyond Tours. Non-Australian passport holders may incur additional fees and require additional documentation. Wendy Wu Tours may not

be able to assist with processing the visas for some nationalities. If passports are not received by Wendy Wu Tours 75 days prior to departure (90 days for multi-country, Myanmar and Central Asia), you will be required to pay an urgent visa processing fee, which we will advise at the time. Unless otherwise requested your passport will be returned to you with final documentation approximately two to three weeks prior to your departure date. If the customer requests the passports to be returned prior to this, an additional fee will be incurred. Responsibility for documentation accuracy, passport validity, purchase of additional required passport photos, the cost for sending passports to Wendy Wu Tours and dispatch of documents rests with the customer. Wendy Wu Tours accepts no responsibility for any failure in this respect. Wendy Wu Tours does not issue foreign visas. We only submit passports and application forms for visas to be issued by the relevant authorities. Wendy Wu Tours cannot guarantee that any visa will be issued by the relevant authority and accepts no responsibility if a visa application is refused. Any cancellation fees or other expenses incurred by the customer due to the refusal of a visa will be entirely the customer's liability. Relevant authorities may require additional documentation to approve your visa application. The cost of additional documentation or application forms are at the travellers expense. Please see our website for the most up-to-date information.

Late Bookings: If a booking is made within 75 days prior to departure it is considered a late booking. Late bookings may incur additional fees including any applicable urgent visa processing fees. Wendy Wu Tours does not process visa applications for bookings made less than 30 days prior to departure but customers are entitled to apply for their own visas.

SINGLE TRAVELLERS When booking more than 80 days prior to departure, single travellers on fully inclusive Classic Tours and Go Beyond Tours may avoid paying the Single Supplements by opting to travel on a 'Happy to Share' basis. Note that 'Happy to Share' requests can be received when you make your booking with us but will not be confirmed until your final payment due date. If a share partner is found, the Single Supplement will be removed from your booking. If a share partner is not found, the Single Supplement will remain and is payable with your final balance in line with our normal booking conditions. Either way, our Customer Services Team will contact you around 75 days before departure to let you know whether a share partner has been found or not. We regret that Happy to Share requests cannot be accepted within 75 days of departure. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to change or withdraw this arrangement at any time. If the booking originated as a twin share booking and one traveller cancels, the remaining traveller will be charged the applicable single supplement.

If the cancellation occurs more than 75 days prior to the tour departure date, the option to select 'Happy to Share' will apply if it is available on the selected tour. Our dedicated solo departures are guaranteed a single room with no additional supplement and do not have a 'Happy to Share' option.

SEATBELTS Please note that seatbelts are not compulsory by law in all destinations featured in this brochure and therefore the local people largely choose not to wear them. For this reason local operators may or may not have seatbelts in vehicles or they may be hidden underneath protective seat covers. It is recommended that where seatbelts are available customers must use them and remain seated at all times while the vehicle is moving. As such, customers acknowledge that seatbelts may not be available and therefore travel at their own risk. Customers warrant that they shall not make any claim whatsoever arising from injury or damage in respect of, arising from or contributed to by the absence of seatbelts and hereby release Wendy Wu Tours from all such claims.

INDEPENDENT SERVICES We are not responsible for any additional activities or excursions which are not included in the booked itinerary or which we sell as agent for the principal operator. Any advice or recommendation made by a guide or local representative does not make us responsible.

SOLO DEPARTURE AIRPORT TRANSFERS Private transfers are eligible from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Canberra and Cairns, based on executive sedan or similar. After hours surcharges apply between 12:00am-6:00am. Available within a radius of 50 driven kilometres from the nearest international airport. Up to 10 extra kilometres can be booked at a supplement. Based on a maximum of two passengers travelling together with standard airline luggage allowance. Any unused portion of this service is non-refundable.

SHOPPING & OTHER SERVICES Shopping can be fun and entertaining, especially in local markets. However, Wendy Wu Tours, its staff and employees are neither qualified nor permitted to ensure or guarantee the quality or value of any goods purchased or the suitability of any retail outlets visited and the security of using a credit card to purchase such goods. In all cases the purchasing of goods and the use of a credit card for those transactions is entirely at the customer's own risk and at all times the customer must use their own discretion. Leisure activities and services undertaken during free time is at the customer's own discretion.

ACCEPTANCE OF RISK You acknowledge that travel involves personal risks which may be greater than those present in your everyday life. This could be as a result of the adventurous nature of your trip or the visiting of destinations which present geographical, political or cultural risks and dangers. You should consult guidance issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) applicable to the destinations within your itinerary. You acknowledge that your choice to travel is made having had the benefit of DFAT guidance, and you accept any additional personal risks associated with your travel. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we disclaim any liability for these risks.

RESPONSIBILITY Services supplied by independent suppliers: Where a third party over whom we have no direct control (Independent Supplier) is the supplier of travel arrangements that form part of your trip, you acknowledge that our obligations to you are limited to taking reasonable steps to select a reputable

Independent Supplier and arranging for them to provide those travel arrangements to you. Independent Suppliers over whom we have no direct control include but are not limited to airlines, railway and cruise operators, hoteliers, independent transport companies (i.e., vehicles not operated by us) and common carriers. We act as an intermediary only and you will be subject to the terms and conditions of the Independent Supplier. Any disputes between you and the Independent Supplier are to be resolved between you and them. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we will not be responsible to you for any loss, damage, personal injury or delay attributable to the actions or omissions of an Independent Supplier.

Services we directly supply: To the extent only that we are the principal supplier to you of travel arrangements or other services which we control, then we will provide those travel arrangements and services with reasonable skill and care. We will only be responsible for our employees in the course of their employment, and for our agents and suppliers (where we are not the supplier's agent or an intermediary for an Independent Supplier) if they were carrying out the work we had asked them to do. We will not be responsible for any loss, damage, claim or expense caused by the acts or omissions of yourself, of any other third party not connected with the provision of the travel arrangements or services, or due to an event of Force Majeure. While we endeavour to meet scheduled arrival and departure times, we cannot guarantee this. We will not be responsible for any loss or additional expenses you incur for any missed connections/services attributable to delays.

General liability limitation: You acknowledge that travel arrangements or services which comply with local laws and regulations will be deemed to have been properly performed, even if this would not be considered the case in Australia. Australian Consumer Law and corresponding legislation in State jurisdictions in certain circumstances imply mandatory conditions and warranties into consumer contracts ("Consumer Warranties"). These Booking Conditions do not exclude or limit the application of the Consumer Warranties. Other than the Consumer Warranties, we disclaim all warranties. To the fullest extent permitted by law, our maximum liability to you under these Booking Conditions, in tort (including negligence) or at law is limited to arranging for the travel arrangements to be resupplied or payment of the cost of having the travel arrangements resupplied.

PROCEDURES FOR LODGING COMPLAINTS OR CLAIMS

At Wendy Wu Tours we are committed to ensuring that we deal with complaints effectively and efficiently. Should the customer not be satisfied with any aspect of their arrangements they must immediately inform the National Escort or Local Guide who will endeavour to resolve the issue at the time. If this is not possible and you wish to lodge a complaint or claim this must be done in writing to Wendy Wu Tours in Sydney (or by email to customerrelations@wendywutours.com.au) within 30 days of the date of the completion of your Wendy Wu Tours arrangements. Relevant receipts and substantiating evidence must be attached to the letter of claim. Our complaints handling policy is available upon request.

AIRLINES Airlines featured in this brochure do not by virtue of their endorsement represent themselves either as contracting with any purchaser of a holiday from Wendy Wu Tours, or as having any legal relationship with such a purchaser. Frequent flyer miles may not be accrued on some packaged fares. Pre-flight seat allocation may not be available. If seat allocation, additional baggage, airport assist services or medical clearance is required and is permitted by the airline, this is to be booked by the traveller directly with the airline and additional fees incurred at the time of arranging these services is payable by the traveller. For details, contact our office. Schedule changes or flight cancellations are subject to the airlines policy and are outside Wendy Wu Tours control.

PRIVACY We are collecting your personal information so that we can process your booking. We will also keep you up to date with other Wendy Wu Tours' offers and product information that may be of interest to you. You can opt out of receiving information at any time if you choose to do so. Any personal information you provide will be managed in accordance with Wendy Wu Tours' privacy policy, which can be viewed at wendywutours.com.au/help-and-advice/privacy-policy.

BROCHURE VALIDITY Tour itineraries and prices in this brochure are accurate at the time of printing and prices are based on exchange rates as at 1st August 2023. Once a customer has paid the deposit, the standard regular price of the tour is guaranteed, subject to any increase in fuel surcharge, tax changes or levies imposed by any government or their agencies or any airline. Prices are subject to change without notice. Departure dates of tours are subject to change due to future airline schedules. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to make alterations to itineraries, departure dates and prices due to circumstances beyond its control.

AGENT RESPONSIBILITIES It is the travel agents' responsibility to ensure that all invoice and itinerary details and documentation issued by Wendy Wu Tours are correct and that the customer is aware of amendment and cancellation conditions and other provisions of these Booking Conditions. It is also the agent's responsibility to provide copies of valid passports at time of deposit. If the agent fails to satisfy these obligations, you must make any claims against the agent and you hereby release Wendy Wu from all such claims.

LAW OF CONTRACT This contract is governed by the laws of the state of New South Wales and any legal action arising therefrom shall be litigated only in the appropriate court in that state having jurisdiction in that claim.





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