

Itinerary for 9days &8 nights

Bangkok - Siem Reap - Angkor Wat - Hanoi - Halong Bay - Hochiminh City - Bangkok

<u>1st</u> Day Arrival Siem Reap – Angkor Museum – Floating Village (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

11.00 am : Arrival at Siem Reap International Airport. Our Travels representative will receive you and Take you to

Check Inn Hotel and Freshen up

12.30 pm: Hot Indian Lunch will be served at Lotus Dosa Corner

02.00 pm: Drive to Tonle Sap Lake to visit Floating Village.

03.30 pm : Most of us have not and will not see something like this ever again. It's truly incredible that humanity has created this village. It is outstanding in this manner. KampogPluk is the nicest one. You will see the fishing village and

floating forest (when the level of the water is high).

06.00 pm: Back to Mainland Siem Reap and visit to Pub Street and Night Market

07.30 pm: Hot Indian Dinner will be served at Lotus Dosa Corner

08.30 pm: Transfer to Hotel and Tour is over.

2nd Day SiemReap - Angkor Wat

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

04.30 am: Visiting Angkor Wat to See the Sun Rise

06.30 am :Visit the 18feet high Statue Lord Vishnu , standing there more than 1000 years and then to discover the **Angkor Wat**, the 7th wonders of the world. Angkor Wat, in its beauty and state of preservation, is unrivaled. Its mightiness and magnificence bespeak a pomp and a luxury surpassing that of a Pharaoh or a Shah Jahan, an impressiveness greater than that of Pyramids, an artistic distinctiveness as fine as that of TajMahal.AngkorWat was built in the first half of the 12th Century and estimated construction time of the temple is 30 years by The King Suryavarman II, dedicated this Temple to God Vishnu who is the Leader of the western cosmic region. That is why The Angkor Wat is facing West instead as the most Hindu temple facing east all over the world.

Upnisadwith at the Grass near the Library area inside the AngorWat complex After coming down from the Third Enclosure. (We have to mind that to enter the third enclosure up to the centre tower of the Five towers of Angkor Wat, especially the ladies are not allowed with sleeveless top clothes. Since on those days the third enclosure used only by The King Suryavarma II, who built this Angkor Wat, the Kampucheans still respect him and for that reasonnot allowing the ladies not covered the upper body fully covered by proper clothes)

08.00 am :Having Breakfast on Hotel

09.30 am :Visiting Ta Prohm

It was built about mid 12th century to early 13th Century (1186) by the King Jayavarman VII dedicated to his motherJayalakshmi.

Ta Prohm is the largest monument in the Angkor Complex which included 260 statues of Gods, 39 Towers with Pinnacles and 566 groups of residences. The center of the monuments is reached by a series of towers connected with passages. This arrangement forms a sort of scared way into the heart of the monument.

Ta Prohm is the undisputed capital of the kingdom of the Trees. Shrouded in dense jungle the temple of Ta Prohm is ethereal in aspect and conjures up a romantic aura. Fig, Banyan and KAPOK TREES SPREAD THEIR GIGANTIC ROOTS OVER STONES, PROBING WALLS and terraces apart, as their branches and leaves

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intertwine to form a roof over the structures.

11.30 am: Visiting the Bayon Temple:

The Bayon is located in the center of the city of Angkor Thom. Bayon was built in late 12th century to early 13th century by the King Jayavarman VII dedicated to Buddhism. Even After this was known, The Bayon was erroneously connected with the city of Yasovarman I and thus dated to the ninth century. A pediment found in 1925 depicting an Avalokiteaswara identified the Bayon as a Budhist Temple. This Discovery moved the date of the monument ahead some 300 years to the late twelth century.

01.30pm:Lunch will be served at the 'Sai Chakra Indian Restaurant'

02.30am: Visiting to BanteaySrei. The Temple is an exquisite miniature, A fairy palace in the heart of an immence and mysterious forest, the very thing that Grimm delighted to imagine, and that every child's heart has yearned after, but which mature years has sadly proved too lovely to be true. And here it is, in the Cambodian forest at Banteay Seri, carved not out of the stuff that dreams are made of, but of solid sandstone. You can see at the third entrance arc where the theKaaraikal Saint image was carved. The Tamil people in India who fondly called the lady of 6th century as 'KaaraikaalAmmaiyaar'. She was travelled all across India to spread the Saivam by upside down by hand only.

05.30 pm: Transfer to Hotel for freshen up for evening tour
 06.30 pm: Guided walking tour around PUB Street in Siem Reap
 07.30 pm: Hot Indian Dinner at Kattumaram Indian Restaurant
 08.30 pm: Transfer to Hotel and Overnight stay in Siem Reap

Tour of the Day Over

3rd Day SiemReap - Phnom Kuellen (Thousand Lingas) - Hanoi (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

07.00 am: Indian Vegetarian Buffet Breakfast will be served.

08.00 am :Start travel one hour by personal vehicle through Phnom Kuellen mountain to visit TousandLinga's Valley

09.30 am :After Reaching the Valley, Get Surprise to see more than Thousand Lingas carved on the river bed Phnom Kulen is considered a holy mountain in Cambodia, of special religious significance

to Hindus and Buddhists who come to the mountain in pilgrimage.

The site is known for its carvings representing fertility and its waters which hold special significance to Hindus. Just 5 cm under the water's surface over 1000 small carvings are etched into the sandstone riverbed. The waters are regarded as holy, given that Jayavarman II chose to bathe in the river, and had the river diverted so that the stone bed could be carved. Carvings include a stone representation of the Hindu god Vishnu lying on his serpent Ananta, with his wife Lakshmi at his feet. A lotus flower protrudes from his navel bearing the god Brahma. The river then ends with a waterfall and a pool.

10.30 pm: Visiting the Holy Waterfalls, Take a bath and get blessed.

12.30 pm: Drive back to Siem Reap.

01.30pm: Hot Indian Lunch will be served.

03.00 pm: Transfer to Siem Reap international Airport to catch a 5.55pm flight to Hanoi

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09.00 pm : Upon Arrival at Hanoi Airport you will be received by our representative and Check Inn Hotel

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4th Day: HANOI - HALONG BAY - Stay Over night at PRIVATE CRUISE (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

06.30 am: Having breakfast at the Hotel

08.15 am: you will be driving to Halong Bay City, approximately for 3.5 hour driving North East; the bus ride will take you over the Red River and through the country side of our second biggest delta to reach Halong Bay.

11.45 am: You would be first dropped off at Tuan Chau International Marina – harbor of Halong's biggest island. From which you will be tendered to our Halong Cruiser, welcome drinks would be immediately served for your refreshment while we hand over your cabin's key. When you are putting all of your stuff into your cabin, our boat starts gliding out to the centre of the World Heritage Site.

01.15 pm: Your lunch, at the boat's restaurant, is would be served with fresh local seafood, but vegetable menu is always available at your request. From the marina area, our cruiser passes by Dog Head and Swan Islands, Ba Hang Floating villages (with floating houses), Incense Burner then Thumb Islands before reaching Surprising (Sung Sot) Cave.

03.00 pm: Our boat will anchored for a short tender ride from the middle of the bay to an island for your visit to famous Sung Sot Cave. The cave visiting will take you about 1 hour (walking inside the limestone cave), then we tender you to visit and swim on Titop Island, which is not far from the cave. Here you can still challenge yourself by climbing up to the top, for a panoramic view, before heading back to swim on its sandy beach.

06.00 pm: As the sun sets over the bay, we head back to our cruise and relax. Coffee, tea and fruits will be available on the sundeck or you can order your favorite drink from our bar. Halong Phoenix Cruiser keeps cruising to Coconut anchorage area, which is away from the crowded centre - where most other boats stay, for our overnight escape.

08.00 pm: Dinner would be served with typically local seafood, you are then free to either drink or experience squid fishing before heading to your bed on Cruise.

5th DAY: HALONG BAY - HA NOI - DEPARTURE (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

05.30 am: You would love to rise a bit early for a breath taking , the stunning vista of the serene bay on Sun Rise is always best experience of staying overnight on boat.

07.30 am: We serve you buffet breakfast

08.30 am: we have time to gear up for one hour kayaking around Luom Bo area (provincial border between Quang Ninh province and Cat Ba National Park of Hai Phong). Our guide will show you some basic safety guidelines and techniques to paddle before helping you to sit on our brand new sit-on-top kayaks. Kayaking area is so quite that you will feel like the bay is remaining untouched, you will see neither other boat nor other kayakers beyond your group and our Phoenix Cruiser. On the cruising way back, we cruise on a different way so that you can see new areas and viewing islands from a different side.

10.00 am: we arrange a cooking demonstration on boat to show you how to make real Vietnamese spring rolls, just before lunch time: you will learn recipes and techniques that go into the most popular dish of the Vietnamese food.

11.00 am: Lunch would be served on boat when you are close to the harbor.

12.00 pm: You say goodbye to Halong Cruiser. We tender you back to the harbor.

12.30 pm: Our bus is already waiting for you at the marina to take you back to Hanoi, we leave Halong Bay and Tuan

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04.30 pm: Check- In the Hotel at Hanoi

07.30 pm: Dinner at the Local Restaurant. After dinner enjoy the traditional Water Puppet Show. Overnight Stay in

Hanoi

6th Day: HA NOI CITY TOUR – DEPARTURE TO Ho Chi Minh City (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

06.30 am: Having breakfast at the Hotel

07.30 am: Check-out the Hotel and half-day city tour will take you around Hanoi's most interesting sights, including

the Ho Chi Minh Complex, Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum.

After Lunch Transfer to Airport to catch a flight to Ho-Chi-Minh City

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03.20 pm: Upon Arrival at Saigon Airport you will be received by our representative and Check Inn Hotel

04.30 pm: Take the orientation tour of Saigon – highlights will be: Notre Dame Cathedral, General Post office, City

Hall, Opera house, China town and stop at Thien Hau Temple.

07.00 pm: Dinner at Vietnamese Restaurant.

08.00 pm: Transfer to Hotel.

Tour of the Day Over

7th Day Ho Chi Minh City - (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

07.00 am: Having Breakfast at the Hotel

08.30 am: Depart for Cu Chi Village, which was well-known during the war in Vietnam in 1960s &1970s. Visit the

famous Cu Chi tunnel system.

12.30 pm: Return to Saigon for lunch.

01.30 pm: In the afternoon, we will visit War Museum, Reunification Palace and the Lacquer workshop.

06.30 pm: Dinner will be provided at Vietnamese Restaurant.

08.00 am: Transfer to Hotel

Tour of the Day Over

8th Day Ho Chi Minh City (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

07.00 am: Having Breakfast at the Hotel

08.30 am: Take a day trip to Mekong region, the area of agriculture products and fish, for boat cruise on Mekong River (4200km long) to the Thoi Son island to enjoy all kinds of tropical fruit in this area then walk

through the handicraft village and also visit some of the local farm houses.

11.30 am: Take the sampan boat (rowing boat) on small canal to the big one and ready for lunch at a local restaurant

(local specialty-deep fried elephant-ear fish and sticky rice ball).

05.30 pm: Back to Saigon.

07.00 am: Dinner on Saigon Cruise.

08.00 am: Transfer to Hotel

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9th Day Ho Chi Minh City – Departure to Bangkok (Breakfast)

07.00 am: Having Breakfast at the Hotel

09.00 am: Last Minute Shopping before transfer to Airport for Departure to Bangkok to back Home

Thank you for your visit to Cambodia – Siem Reap and Angkor