

Highlights of Vietnam, Cambodia & Luxury Mekong



Tour Name: Highlights of Vietnam, Cambodia & Luxury Mekong

Tour Code: VIHH

Days: 18

Day 1

Tue, 28 Apr

Hanoi (D)

Welcome to Hanoi, the capital of a vibrant Vietnam. Enjoy the day at leisure and settle into a two night Special Stay. Tonight meet your Scenic Tour Director at your welcome briefing and dinner.

Day 2

Wed, 29 Apr

Hanoi > Halong Bay Cruise (B,L,D)

Journey to Halong Bay and board the elegant Au Co for an awe-inspiring two night cruise through the picturesque waters of this spectacular World Heritage-listed icon.

Day 3
Thu, 30 Apr

Halong Bay Cruise (B,L,D)

Begin the day with a Tai Chi lesson. Cruising deeper into the National Park, try some kayaking, explore a cave and discover Cat Ba Island.

Sundowners

Exclusive to Scenic guests, savour some wine tasting on board against the backdrop of the karst islands at sunset.

Day 4
Fri, 01 May

Halong Bay Cruise > Hanoi (B,L,D)

Relax during your morning cruising before returning to Hanoi for another Special Stay at the Sofitel Legend Metropole and a historic bunker tour at the hotel.

Freechoice Dining: Tonight enjoy a Vespa foodie tour of Hanoi's old quarter by night, or La Terrace at Sofitel. Alternatively, sample Ly Club.

Day 5
Sat, 02 May

Hanoi (B,D)

Freechoice: Visit the History Museum and Hoa Lo Prison, or partake in an authentic cooking class. Alternatively visit Ho Chi Minh Quarter and Mausoleum, including a visit to the Temple of Literature. Later, on your cyclo ride, discover the maze of back streets throughout the Old Quarter.

Enrich

After attending Hanoi's famous water puppets show, learn the secrets behind this illusionary piece of theatre thanks to your special backstage pass.

Day 6
Sun, 03 May

Hanoi > Ho Chi Minh City (B,D)

After a morning at leisure, fly to Ho Chi Minh City. Relax for the next two nights at your centrally located hotel.

Day 7
Mon, 04 May

Ho Chi Minh City (B,L,D)

Travel to the Cu Chi Tunnels and learn about the underground labyrinth of war-time passageways. After lunch, try bargaining at Ben Thanh Market.

Freechoice Dining: Enjoy a Vespa foodie tour of Saigon by night, enjoy a meal in the surroundings of an old French colonial house or a restaurant specialising in Saigon street food. Alternatively, dine at your hotel's restaurants – Yu Chu, Basilico or Market 39.

Day 8
Tue, 05 May

Ho Chi Minh City > Mekong Cruise (B,L,D)

Discover all about Vietnam's modern history through a visit to the Reunification Palace and War Museum. Later travel by coach to My Tho to board the luxurious Scenic Spirit.

Day 9
Wed, 06 May

Cai Be > Sa Dec (B,L,D)

Freechoice: Board a sampan to visit Cai Be before stopping at local cottage industries and a French colonial or traditional Vietnamese house. Alternatively savour morning tea at a French colonial house or choose to stay on board for your special Scenic Freechoice activity.

Later, immerse yourself in the historic town of Sa Dec and explore and interact with the sellers in the lively market, then visit the home of Mr Huynh Thuy Le who inspired Marguerite Duras' novel L'Amant.

Day 10
Thu, 07 May

Tan Chau (B,L,D)

Freechoice: Visit the farmers on Evergreen Island and enjoy a ride in a Xe Loi. Alternatively, walk through Chau Doc market, visit a family-operated fish farm and cruise around Chau Doc waterfront or visit Tra Su Bird Sanctuary.

Tonight enjoy a themed evening dinner to say farewell to Vietnam.

Day 11
Fri, 08 May

Tan Chau > Phnom Penh (B,L,D)

Arrive early this morning into the capital city of Cambodia, Phnom Penh.

Freechoice: Journey to the Killing Fields and tour Tuol Sleng, the former school which was converted to the Khmer Rouge's main prison, or take a guided tour of the local food market before joining a hands-on Khmer cooking demonstration. Alternatively, explore by Tuk Tuk Phnom Penh's colonial buildings and the Central Market before lunch at a local NGO restaurant teaching street kids hospitality skills.

Enrich

Arrive in style by Tuk Tuk and immerse yourself in the historically celebrated luxury of Raffles, Hotel Le Royal. Enjoy a guided history tour followed by an indulgent high tea prepared in front of you, all whilst sipping on the hotel's signature cocktail named in honour of Jacqueline Kennedy. Choose to retire to the Elephant Bar for happy hour before returning to the ship.

Later this evening revel in our exclusive Phnom Penh by City Lights tour, giving an insight into the capital's nightlife.

Day 12
Sat, 09 May

Phnom Penh > Kho Chen (B,L,D)

This morning marvel at the Royal Palace, with the famous Silver Pagoda within, on your included visit to this must-see attraction. Later sail up the Tonle River to the silversmith village of Kho Chen.

Day 13
Sun, 10 May

Oudong > Kampong Tralach (B,L,D)

Cruise to Kampong Tralach and take an ox cart ride through a local village and fields to Wat Kampong Tralach. Board your coach to the ancient capital of Oudong to visit the impressive pagoda and monastery.

Enrich

Learn how to pray in a Buddhist pagoda and partake in a ceremony to receive a blessing from a monk, all whilst donating towards the daily meal of the resident nuns and monks.

Drive a short distance to Prek K'dam to re-board Scenic Spirit and continue your cruise to Kampong Cham via Phnom Penh.

Sundowners

Enjoy a cocktail reception on the sundeck against the backdrop of Phnom Penh's lights as the ship sails past the capital at sunset.

Day 14
Mon, 11 May

Wat Hanchey > Kampong Cham (B,L,D)

Walk (or drive) to the top of Wat Hanchey, an ancient hilltop pagoda and monastery to meet the resident novice monks. Sail downstream to Kampong Cham.

Freechoice: Learn about the history behind Phnom Pros (Man Hill) and Wat Nokor. Alternatively explore the ecotourism village of Cheung Kok or visit a rubber plantation factory and betel nut village.

Day 15
Tue, 12 May

Mekong Cruise > Siem Reap (B,L)

Discover the countryside of Cambodia on your drive to your hotel in Siem Reap, your stylish three night Special Stay located in the heart of the town.

Enrich

Take your Premium reserved seat at the colourful Cambodian Circus, Phare.

Day 16
Wed, 13 May

Siem Reap (B,L)

Visit the jungle covered Ta Prohm Temple before stopping at Angkor Thom and the multi-faced Bayon Temple. Later in the afternoon visit the colossal Angkor Wat. Take advantage of your free night to visit the night markets.

Day 17
Thu, 14 May

Siem Reap (B,D)

Enrich

Marvel at sunrise over the magnificent Angkor Wat before moving to a special location for a champagne breakfast with food prepared by an NGO supported local bakery school.

Freechoice: Discover Banteay Srei and visit the Landmine Museum or admire the skills on display at Artisans D'Angkor. Alternatively, cruise on Tonle Sap (seasonal), take a tuk tuk ride to the markets, or a tethered balloon ride above Angkor Wat (weather dependent) before visiting a Pouk Silk Farm and Preah Khan Temple.

Enrich

Enjoy a magical themed gala dinner at an Angkor temple in front of candle lit temple ruins, with included drinks and featuring Apsara dancers.

Day 18
Fri, 15 May

Siem Reap (B)

Depart Cambodia treasuring many wonderful memories.