

# 20 Day Highlights of Vietnam, Cambodia & Thailand

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<b>Australian Company Owned</b>	<b>Relaxed Itinerary</b>	<b>7 Day Change Of Mind</b>
<b>Return Flights Included</b>		

## Day by Day Itinerary

Hanoi, Halong Bay, Da Nang, Hoi An, Ho Chi Minh City, Siem Reap, Bangkok, Phitsanulok, Chiang Mai, Sukhothai

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Embark on an unforgettable **Halong Bay Cruise** to explore the stunning limestone islands and hidden caves of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Sail through the emerald waters of the bay, marveling at the breathtaking karst formations that rise dramatically from the sea.
- Immerse yourself in the rich history and culture of Vietnam's capital with a **Hanoi City Tour**. Each site in Hanoi provides a unique insight into Vietnam's past and its enduring traditions.
- Discover the timeless charm of Hoi An's ancient town with a **Hoi An Walking Tour**. Stroll through narrow, lantern-lit streets lined with well-preserved buildings that reflect the town's multicultural history.
- Delve into the fascinating history and ingenuity of the **Cu Chi Tunnels**, a sprawling network of underground passages used by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Experience the conditions in which Vietnamese soldiers lived and fought, and understand the strategic importance of this complex network.
- Experience the grandeur of **Angkor Wat complex**, the crown jewel of Cambodia's ancient temples. Explore the intricate carvings and majestic architecture of this iconic temple, considered the largest religious monument in the world. Visit other significant temples near Siem Reap, such as the enigmatic Bayon Temple with its smiling stone faces, and the jungle-clad Ta Prohm, famous for the massive tree roots that intertwine with its ruins.
- Step back in time as you visit **Ayutthaya**, the ancient capital of Thailand and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where the grandeur of Wat Yai Chaimongkhon, with its giant reclining Buddha, and the massive seated Buddha at Wat Phanan Choeng will leave you in awe.
- Perched high on a mountain with panoramic views over Chiang Mai, **Wat Phra That Doi Suthep** is one of northern Thailand's most sacred temples.

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Hanoi Arrival

Xin chao! Welcome to Hanoi – the Capital of Vietnam.

Upon arrival to the airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel for check-in.

**Meals:** On-flight meals

**Accommodation:** Chalcedony Hotel 4\* or similar

### Day 2: Hanoi - Halong Bay -

After breakfast, embark on the scenic drive to Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its

breathtaking limestone islands and emerald waters.

Board your cruise junk and indulge in a gourmet seafood lunch as you sail through this natural wonderland. In the afternoon, cruise around some of Halong's many islands. Stop at an island cove with a sheltered white-sand beach and maybe take a dip in the warm waters of the Gulf of Tonkin (weather permitting).

Pass the night on your junk, lulled to sleep by the gentle rocking of calm waters.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Oriental Sails Cruise or similar

### **Day 3: - Halong Bay - Hanoi**

Wake to a tranquil morning with a Tai Chi session or simply savor the sunrise from the deck with a cup of tea or coffee.

Explore nearby islands by rowboat and marvel at Halong Bay's surreal landscapes.

After brunch, return to Hanoi and settle back into your hotel.

**Meals:** Brunch

**Accommodation:** Chalcedony Hotel 4\* or similar

### **Day 4: Hanoi City Tour - Da Nang**

A big day of exploration awaits today on a city tour of Hanoi.

Explore attractions such as the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university, Ho Chi Minh Complex (Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, One Pillar Pagoda) and Tran Quoc Pagoda – one of the oldest pagodas in Vietnam.

In the afternoon, transfer to the airport for the short flight to Da Nang.

**Meal:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** Belle Maison Danang Hotel 4\* or similar

### **Day 5: Da Nang - Hoi An**

Enjoy a walking tour of atmospheric Hoi An today, visiting some of this historic cities popular highlights.

The Old Town of Hoi An is a labyrinth of well-preserved buildings adorned with intricate wooden carvings and colorful silk lanterns. Its iconic Japanese Covered Bridge, built in the 16th century, symbolizes the town's historical connections and remains a popular landmark.

Next up, visit the Chinese Temple, also known as the Assembly Hall of the Fujian Chinese Congregation, a cultural gem that reflects the town's historical ties with China.

Finish your tour at the Phung Hung Old House, a well-preserved example of a traditional Vietnamese merchant's residence, offering insight into the lifestyle and architecture of Hoi An's prosperous past.

This afternoon, you're free to explore more of Hoi An by yourself or join an optional tour.

**Meal:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** Hoi An Garden Palace 4\* or similar

### **Day 6: Hoi An**

Enjoy a day at leisure in Hoi An, exploring the town's charm or selecting an optional tour.

**Meal:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** Hoi An Garden Palace 4\* or similar

### **Day 7: Hoi An - Da Nang - Ho Chi Minh City**

Fly to vibrant Ho Chi Minh City and embark on a city tour. First up, Notre Dame Cathedral. Situated in the heart of Ho Chi Minh City, the cathedral stands adjacent to the Saigon Central Post Office, another architectural gem from the French colonial period.

Stop for a photo op at the Post Office before continuing on to the war Remnant Museum.

Next dive right into the colourful Ben Thanh Market, one of Ho Chi Minh's liveliest areas.

**Meal:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** Athena Hotel Saigon 4\* or similar

### **Day 8: Ho Chi Minh City**

Explore Ho Chi Minh City at your own pace or opt for an optional tour to the Mekong to enjoy an unforgettable experience on the mighty Mekong River.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Athena Hotel Saigon 4\* or similar

### **Day 9: Ho Chi Minh City - Cu Chi Tunnels**

After breakfast, head to the famed Cu Chi Tunnels, a byzantine maze of underground passages, chambers and booby traps used by both the Viet Minh and the Viet Cong during the Vietnam-US war. The tunnel system had become legendary during the 1960s as a strategic military base with underground community life.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Athena Hotel Saigon 4\* or similar

### **Day 10: Ho Chi Minh City - Siem Reap**

After breakfast, enjoy some free time and maybe last minute shopping, before flying to Siem Reap, Cambodia.

Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and spend the rest of the day exploring this vibrant city at your leisure.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Empress Angkor Resort 4\* or similar

### **Day 11: Siem Reap - Angkor Temples**

Spend a full day exploring the mystical Angkor temples. Start with a visit to the magnificent Angkor Wat, followed by the ancient Ta Prohm Monastery.

In the afternoon, visit Angkor Thom, beginning with the South Gate and the famous Bayon Temple. Discover the Elephant Terrace and the intricately carved Leper King Terrace.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Empress Angkor Resort 4\* or similar

### **Day 12: Siem Reap**

Enjoy a day at leisure in Siem Reap. Explore the city, relax at your hotel, or join an optional tour to discover more of this fascinating region.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Empress Angkor Resort 4\* or similar

### **Day 13: Siem Reap - Bangkok**

Start your day with breakfast before boarding your bus to Bangkok, Thailand. Enjoy the scenic drive as you leave behind the historic charm of Siem Reap and head towards the bustling metropolis of Bangkok. The journey takes around 8 hours.

Upon arrival in Bangkok, check into your hotel and settle in.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** Hotel Furama Silom 4\* or similar

### **Day 14: Bangkok - Ayutthaya - Phitsanulok**

Today, visit the former capital Ayutthaya, a historic city awarded UNESCO World Heritage status for the splendor of its archaeological ruins and temples.

Contemplate the ruins of this once vast island city including Wat Yai Chaimongkhon, Wat Phanan Choeng and Wat Mahathat.

Hop on a traditional long tail boat and observe the city's ruins from a different perspective.

After lunch, check-in to your hotel in Phitsanulok.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch.

**Accommodation:** Imperial Hotel and Convention Centre 4\* or similar

### **Day 15: Phitsanulok - Lampang - Chiang Mai**

Begin your day with a visit to Wat Mahathat to see the magnificent Phra Buddha Chinnarat, one of Thailand's most beautiful Buddha images.

Continue to Lampang and visit Wat Phra That Lampang Luang, a stunning temple known for its impressive architecture and sacred bronze Buddha statue.

After lunch, proceed to Chiang Mai, where you will check into your hotel and relax for the evening.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch.

**Accommodation:** Amora Hotel Chiang Mai 4\* or similar

#### **Day 16: Chiang Mai City Tour**

After breakfast, you visit Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, one of northern Thailand's most sacred temples located at the top of a mountain. To reach the temple, you'll have to climb up a 309-step staircase (or simply use cable car – included).

Later on, there's some fun shopping at San Kamphaeng Road, a 10km-long road selling local goods such as pottery, silverware, lacquer ware, handmade paper, sculptures, jewellery, wood carvings and silk products. You can also watch the artisans at work.

After lunch at a local restaurant, return to your hotel where the remainder of the day is at leisure.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch.

**Accommodation:** Amora Hotel Chiang Mai 4\* or similar

#### **Day 17: Chiang Mai - Lamphun - Sukhothai**

Depart Chiang Mai for Lamphun. Visit the magnificent, one-thousand-year-old Wat Phra That Hariphunchai Temple to see the Buddha statues and impressive stupas, which include the 46m Lanna-style golden chedi and the 21m Hariphunchai-style chedi.

Continue south to visit Sukhothai Historical Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site which contains the ruins of the ancient capital of the Sukhothai Kingdom founded in the 13th century.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch.

**Accommodation:** Legendha Sukhothai Resort 4\* or similar

#### **Day 18: Sukhothai - Lopburi - Bangkok**

Depart to Lopburi this morning and visit Phra Pang Sam Yot, the ruins of an ancient Khmer temple, and the adjacent Brahman shrine San Phra Kan, known as the 'Monkey Temple'. Lunch is in a local restaurant before continuing to Bangkok.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Royal Princess Larn Luang Hotel 4\* or similar

#### **Day 19: Bangkok - Home**

Spend your last day in Bangkok at your leisure, exploring the city or relaxing before your flight home.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** On Plane

#### **Day 20: Home**

Arrive home today. We hope you enjoy your holiday with Asia Vacation Group.

## **INCLUSIONS**

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- **Return flights included**
- Incredible sightseeing including discovering the vibrant capital Hanoi, the stunning views of the UNESCO-listed Halong Bay, Hoi An, Ho Chi Minh City, Siem Reap, Bangkok, Ayutthaya and Chiang Mai
- Three internal flights: Hanoi – Da Nang, Da Nang – Ho Chi Minh City, Ho Chi Minh City – Siem Reap
- Comfortable group experience with no more than 20 travellers
- All airport transfers
- 18 nights in comfortable 4-star accommodation

- Overnight cruise on a traditional Halong junk boat including all meals
- Dedicated transportation in comfortable, air-conditioned vehicles
- Daily Breakfast, 7 lunches, 1 dinner and 1 brunch
- English-speaking local guides in Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand
- In-depth sightseeing and all entry fees as per the itinerary

## EXCLUSIONS

- Meals and drinks not mentioned in the program
- Visa fee in Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand
- Tipping for driver and tour guide (\$10/per person/day) and Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (we strongly recommend you hold a valid travel insurance policy for all domestic and overseas travel)
- Trip delay or interruption caused by airline schedule change
- Extra cost or missed tour caused by flight delays or cancellations
- Any service not clearly mentioned in the program

## DEPARTURE DATES: PRICE IS QUOTED IN AU\$ PER PERSON

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
<b>Thursday</b> 17 Oct 2024	<b>Tuesday</b> 05 Nov 2024	AU\$4,699		<b>Sold Out</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 24 Oct 2024	<b>Tuesday</b> 12 Nov 2024	AU\$4,799		<b>Sold Out</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 07 Nov 2024	<b>Tuesday</b> 26 Nov 2024	AU\$5,099		<b>Sold Out</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 21 Nov 2024	<b>Tuesday</b> 10 Dec 2024	AU\$5,099		<b>Sold Out</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 05 Dec 2024	<b>Tuesday</b> 24 Dec 2024	AU\$5,499		<b>Book</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 19 Dec 2024	<b>Tuesday</b> 07 Jan 2025	AU\$5,999	Christmas & New Year	<b>Book</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 09 Jan 2025	<b>Tuesday</b> 28 Jan 2025	AU\$5,899		<b>Book</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 13 Feb 2025	<b>Tuesday</b> 04 Mar 2025	AU\$5,499		<b>Book</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 27 Feb 2025	<b>Tuesday</b> 18 Mar 2025	AU\$4,699		<b>Book</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 13 Mar 2025	<b>Tuesday</b> 01 Apr 2025	AU\$5,199		<b>Book</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 27 Mar 2025	<b>Tuesday</b> 15 Apr 2025	AU\$5,199		<b>Book</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 17 Apr 2025	<b>Tuesday</b> 06 May 2025	AU\$5,099		<b>Book</b>

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<b>Thursday</b> 01 May 2025	<b>Tuesday</b> 20 May 2025	AU\$4,699		<a href="#">Book</a>
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<b>Thursday</b> 29 May 2025	<b>Tuesday</b> 17 Jun 2025	AU\$4,699		<a href="#">Book</a>
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## OPTIONAL TOURS

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**Hanoi Street Food (Dinner included)**

**AU\$85**



**Golden Bridge Tour**

**AU\$183**



**Hoi An Memories Show**

**AU\$116**



**Mekong visit the locals**

**AU\$169**



**Dinner on Saigon River Cruise**

**AU\$135**



**Tonle Sap Lake Tour**

**AU\$136**



**Half Day Royal Grand Palace Tour**

**AU\$98**

## **FINE PRINT**

### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

This package includes return flights from Sydney/Melbourne.

Flights from Adelaide, Brisbane and Perth attract a **\$400 surcharge**.

**Airline Selection:** We book the best available airlines for your journey, which may include a mix of full-service and low-cost carriers. Specific airline requests can be made at the time of purchase. This includes upgrades to your preferred carrier, premium economy or business class cabins or specific seats. Whilst we will try our best, not all requests can be confirmed.

**Flight Conditions:** Flights may not be direct and could involve a maximum of two transits.

**Ticketing Information:** Once issued, tickets are non-refundable. Changes are subject to airline rules, airline change fees, and an Asia Vacations Group change fee of \$250 per person.

**Passenger Details:** Please ensure all traveller's names are as per passports. This includes all middle names. Errors may incur a name change fee of \$150 plus airline charges, or require the purchase of a new ticket.

**Flight Schedule Changes:** Any changes or cancellations to airline schedules are outside our control. We

recommend staying updated with airline schedules before departure. Additional expenses for extended transits or alternative arrangements are the traveller's responsibility.

**Internal Airfares:** Local flights included in your itinerary may utilise low-cost carriers without meals or entertainment. Checked baggage is included; any additional baggage fees are payable at check-in.

**Booking Considerations:** If travelling with others on separate bookings, we may not be able to guarantee all flights are the same due to availability.

**Luggage and Fees:** You are responsible for your luggage at all times. Excess baggage fees, if incurred, are payable directly to the airline. All tickets will include 20 kg checked baggage per person, plus 7 kg of hand luggage. We recommend travelling with a max 20kg per person due to restrictions on internal flights (where applicable), as well as coach and train transportation. Please note, you will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters are not included.

**No-Show Policy:** Missing your flight may result in fees including a no-show fee, airline reissue fee, and possible new ticket purchase. Asia Vacations Group charges a \$250 admin fee for re-booking assistance.

**Price Adjustments:** Prices are final at the time of ticketing. Any subsequent changes may result in additional costs due to factors beyond our control, such as currency fluctuations or airline surcharges.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Physical Requirements

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 and boats, walking around the sights and climbing some steps.

### Tipping

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. Please be advised that tipping for tour guides, drivers and bellmen are required and will be collected by your travel consultant 7 days before you depart. A gratuity of 10AUD per person/day can make a big difference to locals employed in the tourism industry as they have done an impeccable job to serve you through your holiday.

### Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

### Single Supplement

Single supplement is **\$1,080 per person** in addition to the twin share price.

### Paired Solo Traveler

Not available.

### Group size:

6-20 travellers

### Triple Share

Upon request except for cruises

### Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

We have partnered with Nib Travel Insurance to offer you competitive rates for your travel insurance. You can book comprehensive or budget cover simply to arrange your policy.

### Visa & Passport information

Please ensure that your passport has at least 6 months validity from your travel date. You should also have a minimum of 2 blank pages in your passport.

A visa is required for travel to Vietnam. Asia Vacation Group can assist you with the visa process. Please speak to our reservations team for assistance. The visa and handling cost is \$160 per person for a single entry visa (max 30 day stay) for Vietnam and \$130 for single entry for Cambodia.

### Tour Documentation

Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

### Children

Children must be 2 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are the same price as



adults.

**Tour Length**

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule, please refer to the day by day itinerary for the time spent on land.

**HOW TO EXTEND YOUR STAY**

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour. On this tour you can choose from the following options:

**Pre Tour Accommodation**

\$135 per room, per night

**Post Tour Accommodation**

\$135 per room, per night

Please select the number of extra nights required in the 'Additional Nights Accommodation' field when making your purchase. The additional cost for these arrangements will be added to your final payment invoice and are subject to availability.

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