

27 Day Trails of China, Vietnam and Cambodia

Asia Vacation Group – Worldwide Destination Operator

Established in 2015, Asia Vacation Group had been inspired passionately to bring Australians and New Zealanders to explore the beautiful landscapes of the world. We are proud to be 100% Australian/New Zealand owned and operating within our Melbourne head office and a main branch operating in Auckland.

Our wanderlust for endless holidays grew within us that pushed us to set out on a mission to deliver comprehensive travel services and expand a growing community of partners across multiple continents

Relaxed itinerary	Return Flights Included	7-day change of mind
Australian Company owned		

Day by Day Itinerary

Beijing, Wuxi, Suzhou, Hangzhou, Shanghai, Hanoi, Halong Bay, Sapa, Da Nang, Hoi An, Ho Chi Minh City, Siem Reap

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Return flights included**
- **Compulsory Tipping for driver and tour guide (AU\$12 per person/day)**
- Incredible sightseeing, including Beijing, Wuxi, Suzhou, Hangzhou, Shanghai and overnight cruise on Halong Bay, guided tours of Sapa, Hanoi, Hoi An, Ho Chi Minh City and Angkor Temples
- Comfortable group experience with no more than 40 persons
- Airport transfers included on the first and last day of the tour
- 23-night hotel accommodation
- Dedicated transportation in comfortable, air-conditioned vehicles
- Daily breakfast buffet
- Fully escorted by English-speaking local guides
- Tour guides are not available on bullet trains
- In-depth sightseeing and all entry fees as per the itinerary
- Overnight on Halong Bay Cruise
- Airport transfers included.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Beijing Arrival

Welcome to Beijing – Capital of China!

Today begins your spectacular tour through China! Upon arrival at Beijing Airport, you will be warmly greeted and escorted to your hotel to rest after your flight (you will most likely be arriving late in the evening).

Meals: In-flight meals

Accommodation: Ramada Beijing North Hotel 4* or similar

Day 2: Beijing – Tiananmen Square

After breakfast, set out with your guide to discover the iconic imperial treasures of China's massive capital, Beijing. Stand in Tiananmen Square, one of the largest public squares in the world.

After our tour, you may explore the city at your own pace or instead, you may wish to take part in an optional excursion to enhance your experience.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Ramada Beijing North Hotel 4* or similar

Remark: If you do not join our optional tour, you will be dropped off somewhere and informed when and where to

pick up to go back to hotel. (Normally it will be 4 – 5 hours later). If you do not want to wait this long, you can hail a taxi to hotel. The taxi fee is paid on your own.

Day 3: Beijing - Great Wall and Jade Carving Workshop

Today's excursion is one of the most anticipated of our trip – a visit to the **Great Wall of China**. Often recognized as one of the Seven Wonders of the World, this UNESCO World Heritage site is a staggering feat and a bucket list destination. We will be touring the Juyongguan section, one of the three most famous passes along the Great Wall. Located 60km from downtown Beijing, it used be a stronghold that protected the northern access routes to the city. Here we'll get a chance to climb a portion of this architectural marvel, which stretches an astonishing 21,000km. En route back to the city we'll visit one of the largest jade exhibitions in China and learn all about China's most precious and celebrated stone.

Upon returning to Beijing, the rest of the day is yours to spend at leisure or to participate in one of our optional excursions.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Ramada Beijing North Hotel 4* or similar

Day 4: Beijing - Bullet Train to Wuxi - Sightseeing

After breakfast, you will begin our day at a Chinese herbal institute, where we will have the opportunity to learn about traditional Chinese medicine. Later you will pay a visit to the Temple of Heaven which is seen as the most holy of Beijing's imperial temples. It has been described as "a masterpiece of architecture and landscape design". Morning is the best time to visit it. You will have an interesting experience watching local people doing morning exercises, like dancing, walking, practicing tai chi or playing games, as you walk to the temple.

In the afternoon we will board a bullet train to reach the city of Wuxi. China's bullet train network is now the most expansive in the world and you'll be rocketing towards Wuxi at speeds up to 300km/h. Upon arrival in Wuxi, you'll be met by our local representative and escorted to your hotel where you may spend the rest of the day relaxing, exploring or spending time with newly made friends.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Grand Park Hotel Wuxi 4* or similar

Day 5: Wuxi - Suzhou

This morning our day begins with a visit to The Brilliance of Lake Lihu, a branch of Lake Taihu. The lake is well known for its gorgeous park and many interesting features. Locally it is famous thanks to the work of numerous scholars, who have written that notable historical figures, such as Fan Li and Xi Shi, boated here. While here we'll also visit a freshwater pearl farm.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Lakeside Hotel Suzhou 4* or similar

Day 6: Suzhou - Hangzhou

The classical garden called the **Lingering Garden** is one of more than 60 in the city – it's recognized as having the most UNESCO World Heritage gardens in the world.

After this we continue our journey to the **Suzhou Silk Factory**, which is said to be the largest silk manufacturer in the country. Here, we'll discover the incredible methods that lay behind silk harvesting.

In the afternoon we continue on to Hangzhou, once described by Marco Polo as "the most beautiful and magnificent city in the world". Upon arrival in Hangzhou you'll have the evening free to spend at your leisure: relax or take up our optional excursions, enjoying a performance.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Merchant Marco Garden Hotel Hangzhou 4* or similar

Day 7: Hangzhou - Shanghai

The city of Hangzhou, also known as 'Paradise on Earth', has been immortalised by countless poets and artists. The most renowned feature here is the West Lake Cultural Landscape of Hangzhou, which has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

After our visit to the West Lake, we'll continue on to tea plantations to taste Dragon Well tea, otherwise known as Longjing – a much sought-after local green tea leaf. Green tea is said to be great for health and wellbeing, packed with antioxidants, and today you'll have the opportunity to learn more about China's tea culture.

Following lunch, we'll drive to Shanghai, on China's central coast. This evening, we'll have the opportunity to get a

glimpse of Shanghai's dazzling skyline by joining the optional Huangpu River Cruise ride.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Novotel Shanghai Qingpu Excellence 4* or similar

Day 8: Shanghai

Enjoy a full day in Shanghai – a city of some 26 million people and an important global financial hub. After breakfast, we'll travel to the Bund, a famous waterfront area in Shanghai that's lined with colonial architecture of European design. The Bund is perhaps the best representation of Western influences from a bygone era, and is now called the 'Wall Street of the East'. Following our tour here, the rest of the day is yours to spend as you please – relax or enjoy one of our optional tours and activities to help enhance your experience.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Novotel Shanghai Qingpu Excellence 4* or similar

Day 9: Shanghai - Hanoi

Today, you will depart from your home to Vietnam's capital – Hanoi. On arrival at Noi Bai International Airport, you will be met at the airports and transferred to your hotel for check-in.

Meal : In-flight meals.

Accommodation : Babylon Grand Hotel 3* or similar.

Day 10: Hanoi - Sapa

This morning, you will leave Hanoi for Sapa after your breakfast. On arrival in the afternoon, discover Lao Chai village, Muong Hoa Valley, Black H'mong village and take a soft-trekking further to Ta Van village. Please noted that today requires comfortable walking shoes as the trek will take approximately 3 hours.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel De Sapa 4* or similar

Day 11: Sapa - Y Linh Ho - Lao Chai - Ta Van

After breakfast, descend down the valley on a trail through rice paddy terraces, enjoying the spectacular scenery on the way. Once reaching the narrow river running on the bottom of the valley, you will walk along its bank for a while and eventually arrive at the Black H'mong minority village of Y Linh Ho. You will get a first-hand look into their lives and traditions, hear stories, and enjoy a great social interaction.

Take a rest and then head to the Muong Hoa Valley. You will pass through Lao Chai Village of Black H'mong minority and Ta Van Village of Zay minority by following more rice terraces with spectacular mountain scenery.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Hotel De Sapa 4* or similar

Day 12: Sapa - Hanoi

Enjoy your last day in Sapa before leaving to Hanoi in the afternoon. Check in your hotel in Hanoi and free time at leisure.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Babylon Grand Hotel 3* or similar

Day 13: Hanoi - Halong Bay -

After breakfast, we will leave Hanoi and head to Halong Bay – the UNESCO World Heritage Site and spend 24 hours on a Cruise in the amazing bay: a natural wonderland composed of jutting limestone islands and sparkling turquoise waters. Arrive at the dock around noon and board your junk. Savor a gourmet lunch of fresh seafood onboard as you sail out into the mystical bay. In the afternoon, cruise around some of Halong's many islands. Stop at an island cove with a sheltered white-sand beach and 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: Overnight on Cruise.

Day 14: Halong Bay - Hanoi

Awake early and join a Tai Chi session on the top deck or simply relax and enjoy the sunrise over the bay's towering islands. Enjoy a morning cup of coffee or tea before exploring nearby islands by rowboat. Return to the junk and admire the amazing rock formations of Halong Bay from the sundeck. Your driver will meet you at the Halong jetty

then we drive back to Hanoi.

Meal: Brunch

Accommodation: Babylon Grand Hotel 3* or similar

Day 15: Hanoi - Da Nang

After breakfast, you will have a bustling day to visit a city tour of Hanoi and will 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, you take a flight to Da Nang. On arrival, you will be greeted and transferred to your hotel for check-in and spend your free time at leisure.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Belle Maison Danang Hotel 4* or similar

Day 16: Da Nang - Hoi An

Today, you will have a walking tour around Hoi An and visit popular highlights including the Japanese Bridge, the Chinese Temple and Phung Hung Old House. In the afternoon, freely explore the town or join one of our exciting optional tours.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Hoi An Garden Palace 4* or similar

Day 17: Hoi An

Today you are free at leisure to explore the city as you wish or buy an optional tour with us.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Hoi An Garden Palace 4* or similar

Day 18: Danang - Ho Chi Minh City

Today, you will take a flight to the bustling Ho Chi Minh City and Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure or explore the city on your own.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Aristo Hotel Saigon 3* or similar

Day 19: Ho Chi Minh City - Cu Chi Tunnels

After breakfast, you will visit the famous attractions of Ho Chi Minh City such as Notre Dame Cathedral, Post Office (photo spot only), War Remnant Museum and dive into the colorful Ben Thanh market, one of Ho Chi Minh's liveliest areas. In the afternoon, head to Cu Chi Tunnels, a byzantine maze of underground passages, chambers and booby traps used by both the Viet Minh and the Viet Cong during Vietnam-US war. The tunnel system had become legendary during the 1960s as a strategic military base and underground community life.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Aristo Hotel Saigon 3* or similar

Day 20: Ho Chi Minh City - Optional Mekong Delta Tour

Explore Saigon at your own pace or book our optional tour to Mekong River area and enjoy an unforgettable experience along the mighty Mekong river.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Aristo Hotel Saigon 3* or similar

Day 21: Ho Chi Minh City - Siem Reap

Today you are free time until we drive to the airport for flight back to Siem Reap.

On arrival in Siem Reap-Angkor Airport, meet our driver and transfer to the hotel for check in. Overnight in Siem Reap

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Empress Angkor Resort & Spa 4* or similar

Day 22: Siem Reap - Angkor Temples

Spend a full day discovering the mystical Angkor temples. Your day starts with a visit to Angkor Wat, then we will visit the ancient Ta Prohm Monastery.

In the afternoon, visit Angkor Thom (the Great City) beginning by the south gate and the famous Bayon of the 12th

and 13th centuries. Then, journey to the Elephant Terrace and the raised Leper King Terrace, built in the 12th century and which features many beautifully sculptured Apsaras.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Empress Angkor Resort & Spa 4* or similar

Day 23: Siem Reap

Today, you are free time at leisure to explore the mystery of Siem Reap or swimming at hotel.

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Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Empress Angkor Resort & Spa 4* or similar

Day 25: Siem Reap - Phnom Penh

After breakfast, you will check out your hotel and get a bus to Phnom Penh from Siem Reap (6-hours driving). On arrival at the Cambodia's capital, check in your hotel and spend your free time at leisure. Overnight in Phnom Penh.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Sun & Moon Hotel 4* or similar

Day 26: Phnom Penh - Home

Today, you are free time at leisure to explore the Cambodia's Capital or swimming at hotel until we drive to the airport for flight home.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: On Plane

Day 27: Home

Arrive at your home today and we hope you enjoy the trip with Asia Vacation Group.

INCLUSIONS

- **Return flights included.**
- Airport transfers included on the first and last day of tour
- 02 water bottles per person per day
- 03 internal flights: Hanoi – Da Nang, Da Nang – Ho Chi Minh City, Ho Chi Minh City – Siem Reap.
- Overnight on Halong Bay Cruise
- All entrance fees and sightseeing as mentioned in the program
- 3-4* hotel accommodations at the central location
- Dedicated transportation in comfortable, air-conditioned vehicles
- Daily Breakfast Buffet, and meals in the itinerary
- Fully escorted by English-speaking local guides
- In-depth sightseeing and all entry fees as per the itinerary

EXCLUSIONS

- Meals and drinks are not mentioned in the program
- Visa fee in China, Vietnam and Cambodia
- Tipping for driver and tour guide & personal expenses
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Trip delay or interruption by airline schedule change
- Extra cost or missing tour caused by flight delay or cancel

- Any service not clearly mentioned in the program
- Personal expenses

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

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
Wednesday 27 Nov 2024	Monday 23 Dec 2024	AU\$3,999		Sold Out
Sunday 10 Nov 2024	Friday 06 Dec 2024	AU\$3,999		Sold Out
Sunday 02 Mar 2025	Friday 28 Mar 2025	AU\$3,999		Book
Sunday 09 Mar 2025	Friday 04 Apr 2025	AU\$3,999		Book
Sunday 20 Apr 2025	Friday 16 May 2025	AU\$3,999		Book
Sunday 11 May 2025	Friday 06 Jun 2025	AU\$3,999		Book
Sunday 18 May 2025	Friday 13 Jun 2025	AU\$3,999		Book
Sunday 08 Jun 2025	Friday 04 Jul 2025	AU\$3,999		Book
Sunday 24 Aug 2025	Friday 19 Sep 2025	AU\$3,999		Book
Sunday 07 Sep 2025	Friday 03 Oct 2025	AU\$3,999		Book
Sunday 12 Oct 2025	Friday 07 Nov 2025	AU\$3,999		Book
Sunday 19 Oct 2025	Friday 14 Nov 2025	AU\$3,999		Book

OPTIONAL TOURS



Hanoi Street Food Tour
AU\$85



Golden Bridge Tour
AU\$183

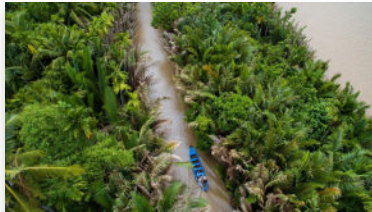


Hoi An Cooking Class Tour
AU\$112



**My Son Sanctuary and
Thanh Ha Village Tour**

AU\$93



Mekong visit the locals

AU\$169



**Dinner on Saigon River
Cruise (Dinner Included)**

AU\$135



Tonle Sap Lake Tour

AU\$136



**Beijing Golden Mask
Dynasty Show**

AU\$90



Forbidden City Tour

AU\$80



Hutong Life Tour

AU\$40



**Peking-duck Banquet
Dinner**

AU\$50



Wuxi Grand Canal Cruise

AU\$80



**Romantic Show of Song-
Cheng**

AU\$105



Shanghai Insight Tour

AU\$70



**Shanghai Chinese
Acrobatic Show**

AU\$105



Huangpu River Cruise

AU\$80

FINE PRINT

FLIGHT INFORMATION

FLIGHTS, UPGRADES & EXTENSIONS

This package includes international flights from Sydney/Melbourne and surcharge from Adelaide, Brisbane, Tasmania or other city if requested when selecting your departure city.

Interstate Surcharge

Surcharge of **\$400 for departures from Adelaide & Brisbane** and **\$300 for departures from Perth and Tasmania**

In this packages, we will use some different airlines such as: Vietnam Airlines, Vietjet Air or similar airlines (20kg for checked baggage per passenger and 7kg hand luggage per passenger, 01-piece check-in baggage).

- Some flights will require a minimum of 1 transit (maximum 2).
- All tickets will include 20 kilos checked baggage per person, along with 7 kilos of hand luggage.
- Despite the airlines baggage allowance, we recommend travelling with 20 kilos per person due to restrictions with internal flights (where applicable), as well as coach and train transportation. Also, you will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters is not included. If travelling over this amount, you will be liable for any excess baggage fees enforced by the airline, payable direct.
- Once ticketed, flights are non-refundable. Any changes will be subject to the airline rules, Airline change fees and an **Asia Vacation Group change fee of \$250 per person.**
- Full names as per passport (including all middle names) are required. Any error in the names submitted will be subject to an **Asia Vacation Group name change fee of \$150 plus any applicable fees charged by the airline, or the ticket may be non-refundable with the purchase of a new ticket required.**
- Any airline schedule changes or cancellations are beyond our control. It is important that you, as the customer, stay up-to-date with the latest airline schedule information prior to your departure. If a schedule change results in extended transits or an earlier/later departure from your destination, any additional accommodation or alternative arrangements will be at the traveler's expense.
- Any airline 'extras' such as pre-allocated seating is at your own arrangement (additional charges apply)
- After booking, the price payable may be subject to change as a result of factors beyond the control of Asia Vacation Group. Asia Vacation Group reserves the right to increase the price payable and this will be reflected on the customer's invoice. Increases may be in relation to, but not limited to, currency fluctuations, airline taxes, airfare increases and fuel surcharges.
- Internal airfares (where applicable and included in the itinerary) will be using a local carrier and may include low-cost carriers without meals or entertainment. Checked baggage will still be included for each passenger. Any additional baggage required is payable at time of check-in.
- If you are travelling with another party on a separate booking, we cannot guarantee that the same flights will be booked for all parties, as this strictly depends on availability.
- You will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters are not included. If travelling over the recommended amount, you will be liable for any excess baggage fees enforced by the airline, payable directly.
- In the event of that you no-show on your scheduled flight, please be aware the airline will require you to pay a no show fee, Airline reissue fee plus any additional airfare and taxes. Asia Vacation Group will also charge a \$250 admin fee to assist re accommodating you on the next available flight. Please note that depending on the airline's

policy, purchasing a new ticket may be required.

Flight requests, amendments or preferences

We understand customers may wish to request changes to their included airfares. If you wish to fly with a certain airline, land at a certain time or change your flight in other ways we will gladly provide you with a personalized quote tailored to your specific requirements.

We would be more than happy to provide you with a quote for the following requests:

- **Airline Preferences** – You may wish to fly with a particular airline
- **Cabin Preferences** – These include upgrading to premium economy or business class
- **Extensions** (start and end cities must remain the same) – You may request to extend your stay pre or post tour.
- **Meal Requests** – You may request a specific meal for dietary requirements.
- **Seat Requests** – If you would like to request particular seating. However please note, not all airlines allow the selection of pre-purchased seat arrangements.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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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 **\$ 2050 per person** in addition to the twin share price.

Paired Solo Traveler

Not available.

Group size: From 2 – 30 pax per group

Triple Share

Not available for this one.

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

It is the traveler's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return and must have more than 2 blank pages.

A visa is required for travel to Vietnam. The visa is easiest to complete with Asia Vacation Group and just need to pay \$160 for single entry for Vietnam Visa.

Tour Documentation

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

Children

Children is not accepted for this one.

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

If you wish to do so, please follow these steps:

1. Follow the “Book Now” prompts, until you reach the “Anything else we need to know?” field
2. Here, please specify your preferred flight arrangements and if you require additional accommodation, with the number of nights needed.
3. After finalizing your purchase and submitting your booking form, a member of our Reservation team will be in contact with you via email to verify your request.

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour. On this tour you can pay extra for arriving early or extension your trip.

Pre-tour night: AU\$140/room/night

Post-tour night: AU\$140/room/night

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