



# A Real Insight of Vietnam & Glimpse of Cambodia



## OverViews

*This tour is specially designed to bring you the unique experience ever: stay relaxing and luxuriously – hands in very local activities. Exactly like it has been said on the name, this tour offer you a wide range of local activities and daily life of Vietnam. You will have chance to sit on the local vehicle called “xich lo” (rickshaw) to slowly observe surroundings, catch fish by your bare hands, pick ingredients to cook, farm like a real Vietnamese farmer along the country which has S shape Vietnam as well as the colonial and Chinese-style architecture in the Old French Quarter of Siem Reap where there' re museums, traditional Apsara dance performances, a Cambodian cultural village, souvenir and handicraft shops, silk farms, rice-paddies in the countryside, fishing villages and a bird sanctuary near the Tonle Sap Lake and a vibrant, cosmopolitan drinking and dining scene.*

**Duration:** 16 days

**Link:** <https://www.atravelmate.com/a-real-insight-of-vietnam-glimpse-of-cambodia/>

## Highlights

- Experience the mystery and magic of Sapa on a unique journey
- Explore the **Mekong Delta** culture & together with the farmer's family and their kids, jump into a small mud pond and learn how to **catch fish by hands**.
- Visit of Hoi An, the considerable commercial town for both Chinese and Japanese merchants back in the 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> century
- Observe the unique way of trading at floating market where barges loaded with fruits and vegetables

- gather for the early morning trade
- Spend the night on an iconic junk-style boat that cruise between the limestone peaks of **Halong Bay** while feasting on sumptuous meals on board.

## Full Itinerary

### Day 1. Hanoi – Arrival (D)

Our tour guide and driver welcome you at the airport and transfer to hotel, tour briefing then welcome dinner at a fine local restaurant. O/n in Hanoi

### Day 2. Hanoi - city - night train to Lao Cai (B, L)

Breakfast at hotel and Today we explore city's outstanding tourist sites such as Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, the Single Pillar Pagoda, the West Lake, the Temple of Literature, Museum of Ethnology, then a tour on 'cyclo' in through the Old Quarter. Enjoy Water puppet show, (a form of folk arts originating in the Red River Delta in the north of Vietnam, dating back in the 11th century. Many town and villages in Vietnam have communal ponds that are perfect stages for these impromptu performances, enhancing the widespread development of the art form. Presently, water puppetry is showed in a pool of water with the water surface being the stage....) before boarding night train to Lao Cai. O/n on train (4 berth shared cabin)

### Day 3. Lao Cai - Sapa (B, L)

Early morning Pick up in Lao Cai station and transfer 40km uphill to Sapa. Breakfast then walk to Lao Chai village of Black Hmong people and Ta Van village of Day people to enjoy and get acquaintance to local daily life there. Return to SaPa we then climb up to Ham Rong Mount for great view of the town and terraced rice paddies in deep valleys. Enjoy some folk music performance up there before heading back to hotel. Evening free on your own to hang around the downtown. O/n in Sapa.

### Day 4. Sapa - Lao Cai - night train back Hanoi (B, Picnic L)

Breakfast at hotel and today morning we visit to Silver Waterfall and "Heaven Gate, Enjoy the breathtaking views of Mount Fansipan then downhill trek through bamboo forest to visit Sin Chai village. Picnic Lunch will be served in the path of the village. Back to Sapa and on to Lao Cai for night train to Hanoi. O/n on train. (4 berth shared cabin). *Note: 4 hours of walking*

### Day 5. Hanoi – Cruise of Halong bay (B, L, D)

Early morning arrival Hanoi Train station. Our driver are waiting there to pick up and take group to go to the down town around Hoan Kiem Lake for enjoying the morning activities of the local Hanoian such as Jogging, Tai Chi group....or other normal daily activities for starting local business. Breakfast will be served at local restaurant called local Pho (noodle soup). At about 8h00 am you got pick up to take a journey east for about 3.5hours to Vietnam's greatest natural wonder, Halong Bay. Arrival at around 12:00 we'll board a nice junk and set sails. From the comfort of our very own 100-foot private sampan, we'll spend the day exploring this incredible setting and discovering the many islands and inlets found in the bay made famous in the film Indochine. You can challenge yourself with kayaking and swimming. Vietnamese seafood lunch and dinner included. O/n on Cruise.

### Day 6. Halong bay - Hanoi - Flight to Danang - Hoi An (B, L)

Wake up to fresh coffee and a wholesome breakfast before cruising back to Halong City. En route the junk weaves through strange-shaped rock formations that invite comparisons from fighting cocks to dragons and even further...! After brunch on board disembark and return to Hanoi airport for short evening flight to Da Nang. Our tour guide and driver are waiting there to welcome group and transfer to Hoi An ancient town. Free on your own to explore the old town in late evening and overnight in Hoi An.

#### **Day 7. Tour of Hoi An ancient town (B)**

Breakfast at hotel and this morning will be your free time to relax at hotel pool or nice beaches at Cua Dai. Lunch on your own. At 13h30 our guide will take you for the walking tour to Hoian's narrow lanes and historic architecture, colorful shop-houses. Follow the narrow lanes lined with centuries-old houses influenced by Chinese, Japanese, French and European architectures and visit its numerous places of interest: the 400-year old Japanese Covered Bridge, the Phuc Kien Assembly Halls, the local fish market..., then you can also do shopping at the old town, finding some nice local restaurant for your dinner the back to the hotel on your own. Overnight in Hoian

#### **Day 8. Hoi An - Danang – HCMC (B)**

Breakfast at hotel and this morning will be your free time to relax at hotel pool or nice beaches at Cua Dai. Check out and last minutes shopping then get transfer to Danang airport to take the afternoon flight to HCMCity. Our tour guide and driver are waiting at the HCMCity airport to welcome group and transfer to Hotel in Sai Gon for check in. You will have free evening to enjoy the Vietnam's most dizzying: a high-octane city of commerce and culture that has driven the country forward with its pulsating energy... Overnight in Saigon.

#### **Day 9. HCMC 1/2 day (B)**

Breakfast at hotel and this morning will be your free time to relax at hotel or your own activities. Afternoon taking ½ day city tour to discover the highlights of Ho Chi Minh City. Start with a visit to the Reunification Palace, the former political office of the President of South Vietnam. Learn about the power struggle between Vietnam's North and South regions and see a collection of antiques, relics, and replicas from the Vietnam War. Continue to the picturesque French Quarter and view ancient buildings influenced by French architectural design. While you're there, marvel at the impressive Notre Dame Cathedral, built in the 18th century, as well as the Old Central Post Office. Then walk up to the majestic City Hall building, situated in the heart of Ho Chi Minh City, before continuing to the lively Binh Tay Market. You have time to stroll around and wonder at the selection of local products available before returning to hotel. Overnight in Saigon.

#### **Day 10. Cu Chi tunnels 1/2 day (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel then you'll be Pick up and drive to Cu Chi (60km-1.5 hours). Upon arrival, watch a documentary film. Learn more about the handmade weapon an traps. Discover an underground city. Taste streamed tapioca and hot tea. Visit rice paper workshop. Try shooting AK47, M16, M60, M30. Back to HCMC at noon then free for last shopping opportunity. Overnight in Sai Gon

#### **Day 11. HCMC - My Tho – Ben Tre – Can Tho (B, L)**

Breakfast at hotel then we departure to My Tho and cruise boat on the Mekong River with visits to a fishing village, where we pass the 4 islands (Dragon, Unicorn, Tortoise and Phoenix). Cross the Mekong River to walk through a small canal, called Vam Xep where we can observe the daily life of the inhabitants of the province of Ben Tre, visit the An Quoi tourist area for a bee farm and craft workshop, We enjoy a cup of tea with honey and see how coconut wood work. Lunch and horse-drawn carriage to visit the orchards, where

we will enjoy the tropical fruit in season and listen to traditional music by the townspeople. Later, we climb to a sampan and sail through the canals to return to the ship, we continue by boat to Ben Tre. Then transfer to Can Tho. Arrival Can Tho in early evening. Free and Overnight in Can Tho city.

### **Day 12. Can Tho - Cai Rang floating market – HCMC (B, L)**

This morning, very early, a boat-ride visit to the extraordinary river market of Cai Rang. Famous as one of the largest on the complex of water-ways that comprise the Mekong Delta, this market provides exotic fruits and vegetables for a vast market. The boat tour will be capped off with a visit to My Khanh Village, a genuine, working Delta village that is typical of the region. In the afternoon, we return to Saigon, utilizing one of the remaining Danish Ferries to cross the Delta's river system. Overnight in Saigon.

### **Day 13. Hcmc- Siem Reap Arrival – Angkor Wat (B)**

Breakfast at hotel and free until transfer to airport for flight to Siem Reap .Upon arrival Siem Reap pick up and transfer to hotel for check in then start exploring the Wonder of the World “Angkor Wat temple”. Overnight in Siem Reap.

### **Day 14. Siem Reap – Angkor Thom – Small Circuit (B)**

Breakfast at hotel then full day Tour visit to Angkor Thom, Bayon temple, Baphuon temple ? the huge temple?mountain in the heart of Angkor Thom, Phimean Akas temple, and other two Leper King Terrace and Elephant Terrace. Afternoon, visit Small Circuit, Banteay Kdei temple, the royal bath Terrace of Sras Srang. Overnight in Siem Reap

### **Day 15. Siem Reap – Banteay Srei ? Roluos Group (B)**

Breakfast at hotel and Today, we visit to Banteay Srei temple and Banteay Samré temple. Afternoon visit the early Angkor?era temples of the Roluos inclusive of Bakong, Preah Ko and Lolei temples. Overnight in Siem Reap.

### **Day 16. Siem Reap – Tonle Sap Lake – Departure (B)**

Breakfast at hotel and morning trip to Enjoy traditional wooden boat trip on Tonle Sap Lake to learn about life on water in floating village. Back to local markets or the Artisan D'Angkor workshop before transfer to airport for departure Flight. End of services.

## **Inclusions**

- Air-conditioned transportation and English speaking guide
- All entrance fees & permits/Meals as indicated in itinerary
- All B&B on dedicated hotels category/4 soft-bed cabin AC train
- Flight fares: Hanoi-Danang, Danang-Ho Chi Minh-Siem Reap in Eco class.
- Visa approval letter to Vietnam
- *Note B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner*

## **Exclusions**

- Drinks

- Any not mentioned International Flight tickets
- Personal expenses
- Vietnam and Cambodia Visa stamp fee
- Tips and gratuities

## Price with accommodation

Group Size	Hotel 3*	Hotel 4*	Hotel 5*
2-16	\$1575	\$1788	\$2206
Single Supplement	\$429	\$707	\$1270

*All prices are quoted per Person in US Dollars*

## Price with accommodation

Location	Hotel 3*	Hotel 4*	Hotel 5*
Hanoi	Sky Lark	Golden Silk	Melia Hanoi / Pullman
Sapa	Chau Long Old Wing	Chau Long New Wing	Victoria 4* (best of Sapa)
Halong	Oriental Sails Cruise	Calypso Cruise	Starlight Cruise
Hoi An	Indochine / Pho Hoi	Agribank / Pacific	Palm Garden Resort
Saigon	Lavender / Asian Ruby 3	Oscar / Ramana	New World / Rex
Can Tho	Ninh Kieu	Ninh Kieu 2 hotel	Vina Golf Can Tho
Siem Reap	Royal Empire	Prince d'Angkor	Sokha Angkor Resort

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Group Size	Price
2-16	\$1135

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