

20DAYS-DISCOVERY ASIA

Hanoi-Vientiane-Luang Prabang-Chiang Mai-Bangkok-Siem Reap-Phnom Penh-Ho Chi Minh

Day 1: ARRIVAL - HALONG

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Arrival at Noi Bai -Hanoi airport, Welcomed by Tour guide and transferred to Halong , Along the way you will stop at Dong trieu to visit the handicraft workshop , then continue driving to Halong bay , check in Hotel .free. Dinner is not included. Overnight in Halong.

Day 2: HALONG – HANOI

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Breakfast at Hotel, Ha Long Bay boasts one of Vietnam's most impressive scenic sights. This morning, we enjoy a *four hour boat trip* which provides a great opportunity to explore the picturesque scenery blending with the sky and some 3,000 limestone islands rising amazingly from the clear and emerald water. Along the way we will anchor for a visit the fantastic cave Thien Cung. After a seafood lunch on board we return to Ha Noi, arriving in time to have sightseeing and to see an evening performance of Ha Noi's famous water puppets. Dinner not included. Overnight in HaNoi.



Day3. Hanoi – Vientiane

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Breakfast at hotel. transfer to **Airport for departure to Vientiane**. On arrival in Vientiane, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Time permitting, your half day city tour enables us to see the major temples of Vientiane including the oldest, Wat Sisaket, a temple of thousands of miniature Buddha statues, and the former royal temple of Wat Prakeo, which previously housed the famous Emerald Buddha Image. We also visit Laos national icon, That Luang Stupa, and we stop to take some pictures of the imposing Patuxay Monument, which is Vientiane's own Arc de Triumph. Overnight in Vientiane.

Day4. Vientiane – Udomxay - Muang La

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Following the morning at leisure, you will be transferred to the airport for **your flight up to Udomxay**. Here we have the chance to visit the intriguing Pra Xack Kham Temple with its sacred Buddha image. The 400 years old legendary statue is said to have many supernatural powers, and is widely worshipped among the faithful local Buddhists. We stop in Muang La, famous for its natural hot springs for the night. No activities are planned for the rest of the day so you can stroll around the village or just relax at the riverside retreat enjoying a massage or some time in the hot springs. Overnight in Muang La.



Day5. Muang La - Exploration

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Today we explore the local area and undertake an easy trek around the beautiful surrounding countryside visiting the numerous ethnic hill tribes that reside around the area. The evening can be spent back at the resort relaxing in the natural hot springs, taking a traditional massage and enjoying the excellent local Lao cuisine in the restaurant. Overnight in Muang La.

Day6. Muang La – Luang Prabang

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Today's **drive south** takes through some of the most stunning mountain scenery you will find in South East Asia, with plenty of opportunities to stop off at the various Khmu and H'mong villages along the way. We shall reach Luang Prabang by mid afternoon, where you have the rest of the day to relax and take in the enchanting city. You may wish to spend the evening exploring the local night market. Overnight in Luang Prabang .

Day7. Luang Prabang –full day city tour

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Your full day city tour begins after breakfast, with a visit to the Royal Palace Museum, which hosts a range of interesting artifacts. We then enjoy a short-guided tour seeing the city's oldest temple of Wat Sene and the magnificent Wat Xiengthong with its roofs sweeping low to the ground, which represents classical Laotian architecture. Today, we also visit the impressive stupa of Wat Visoun and the shrine of Wat Aham.

Following lunch, we visit the Arts and Ethnology Centre to learn about Laos' many ethnic cultures before we head out of town to see the weaving villages of Ban Xiengkong and Ban Xienglek. We then return to the city for a visit to Wat Mai. We then climb up to the top of Mount Phousi for an enjoyable exploration of the sacred, gilded stupa as well as a panoramic view of the city at sunset and the Mekong River. The tour ends after a visit to the famous Night Market, where you can find a lovely selection of handmade textiles made by local and hilltribe people surrounding Luang Prabang. . Overnight in Luang Prabang .



Note: the Royal Palace Museum is closed on Tuesdays

Day8. Luang Prabang –Kuang Si Waterfall and Pak Ou Caves

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First we visit the morning Phousi Market, where you will see such diverse offerings as dried buffalo skin, local tea and saltpeter among the chickens, vegetables and hill-tribe weavings. Laos is also known for its traditional crafts, and today you will visit local villages of Lao ethnic minority groups at Ban Ouay, a Hmong village, Ban Ou a Laoloum village and Ban Thapene, a Khmu village. This then takes us to the beautiful Khuang Si Waterfall where you can cool off with a refreshing swim in the pools or walk along the forest trails. We then return to Luang Prabang. This afternoon, we **embark on a cruise upstream** on the Mekong River, which also gives us a breathtaking view of the tranquil countryside, before reaching the mysterious Pak Ou Caves, two linked caves crammed with thousands of gold lacquered Buddha statues of various shapes and sizes left by pilgrims. Along the way, we stop at the village of Ban Xanghai, where they make the local rice wine. On return, we disembark the boat to visit traditional villages, and continue taking a short drive to Ban Phanom, a village famous for its hand weaving. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

Day9. Luang Prabang - Chiang Mai – Phra That Doi Suthep

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Depending on your flight, you may have time at leisure before you will be transferred to the airport in time for your departing **flight to Chiang Mai** of Thailand.



Upon arrival at Chiang Mai airport, meet and greet then transferred to hotel. After a short rest, enjoy with a quaint and picturesque Meo Hill Tribe Village set in an attractive hillside spot and see the Meo tribesmen dressed in their colorful traditional costumes. After that, transfer to visit Doi Suthep Temple where is one of the most sacred temples in Chiangmai - Wat Phrathat Doi Suthep, located on hilltop in Northern-Thai style and containing holy relic of Lord Buddha and enjoy seeing panoramic view of the whole city. Then back to hotel and free at leisure. Overnight in Chiang Mai.

Day10. Full Day Elephant Safari Tour

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Breakfast at hotel, **embark to the Elephants** Camp to see the elephants at work in a jungle area, see how the elephants are train for working with human and the elephant shows. Then, you will be an exciting ride on the elephant ride along the trails, and followed by Ox-Cart ride back to the camp. Lunch at the elephant camp. Afternoon, enjoy with local handicraft bamboo rafting along Mae Taeng river. Return to Chiang Mai and a stop will be at Orchid Nursery. Transfer to your hotel. Overnight in Chiang Mai.



Day11. Chiang Mai – Bangkok

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After breakfast, free at leisure till time transfer to the airport for **flight departure to Bangkok**. Upon arrival, meet & greet at the airport then transfer to the hotel. After check in, free & relax on own. Overnight in Bangkok.

Day12. City Temple Tour – Royal Grand Palace & Emerald Buddha

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Breakfast at hotel and then sightseeing tour to visit: At first visit to Wat Traimit, the Temple of the Golden Buddha, the temple is famous for its 900-years old five-and-a-half-ton solid gold image, and then continue to visit Wat Arun, perhaps better known as the Temple of the Dawn, is one of the best known landmarks and one of the most published images of Bangkok.

After that, visit to Wat Po, the largest and oldest temple in Bangkok, as well as the largest single Buddha image: the Reclining Buddha (Phra Buddhasaiyas), also known as Wat Phra Chetuphon or The Temple of the Reclining Buddha. The temple is also known as the birthplace of traditional Thai massage Reclining Buddha. Lunch at local restaurant, after lunch, we continue to visit the most famous tourist places in Bangkok, Royal Grand Palace and Emerald Buddha. The Grand Palace adjoins Wat Phra Kaew in a common compound, and is where you will end up after exiting Wat Phra Kaew. Despite the proximity of the two, there's a distinct contrast in style between the very Thai Wat Phra Kaew and the more European inspired designs of the Grand Palace (the roof being the exception). After this place we back to the hotel and free at leisure. Overnight in Bangkok.



Day13. Half Day Tour Damnoensaduak Floating Market

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Today early morning, pick you up at the hotel and then transfer to one of the most attracting floating market of Thailand namely Damnoensaduak Floating Market. There you have a chance to **take a boat** observing the lifestyle of local people along the small canals. Not only do you visit the coconut farm and taste some coconut juice but also you will find the variety of seasonal fruits such as rambutan, mangoes, papaya and etc. Then, we back to the hotel and free at leisure or shopping in the afternoon. Overnight in Bangkok

Day14. Bangkok –Siem Reap

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After breakfast, free at leisure till time transfer to the airport for **flight departure to Siem Reap**.

Upon arrival you will be met at airport by professional tour guide and transferred to the hotel.

Lunch at Local Restaurant.

Afternoon, visit Angkor wat, the most balanced, the most harmonious, and the most perfect Khmer temple. It shows Khmer art, which reached the height of its glory in the 12th century. The temple was built by king Suryavarman II and dedicated to god Vishnu. Then you will visit an amazing view of Ta Prohm Temple which has been deliberately left as it was discovered. At Ta Prohm kapok trees clasp the sanctuaries in their mighty roots.



Climb Bakheng hill to have bird's-eye view of sunset, Angkor Wat and western Baray. Overnight in Siem Reap.

DAY 15: BANTEAY SREI - ANGKOR THOM

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Breakfast at the hotel

Visit Banteay Srei Temple, a tiny temple complex considered by many visitors to be the highest achievement in art and architecture of the Classic Angkor civilization. The glory of Banteay Srei is the beauty of its sculpture and decoration. The pink sandstone used in its buildings makes this temple more beautiful. On the way back to the town you will visit Banteay Samre, Built in 12th in Angkor Wat style.

Afternoon, Visit south gate of Angkor Thom with two rows of its huge statues of demons and gods depicting the churning of the ocean of milk arranged on both sides of stone bridge and Bayon temple, a forest of heads, built in late of 12th century by king Jayavarman VI as a Buddhist state temple. Then, visit terrace of

elephant, which used to be a base for the king's grand audience hall; Terrace of Leper king supposed that it was a terrace housed the royal crematory.

Dinner with traditional APSARA show at local restaurant. Overnight in Siem Reap.

DAY16: FLOATING VILLAGE – PHNOM PENH

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Breakfast in the hotel.

Visit floating village on Tonle Sap Lake, a biggest fresh water lake in south-east Asia. Most people (90%) are fishermen living in their wooden houses built on small boats and rafts. Because of flood during rainy season they move their houses many times a year depending on water level. After lunch, transfer to Siem Reap airport for **departure to Phnom Penh**.



Upon arrival Phnom Penh airport; you will be welcome by professional tour guide and transferred to hotel.

Start a city tour of some major sights of Phnom Penh. You will visit the National Museum, in which there is an attractive collection of ancient Khmer art: The sandstone sculptures dating from both the Angkorean and pre-Angkorean eras. You will also visit Royal Palace, the sacred Silver Pagoda, which is well known for its 5000 silver tiled floor. Heading out of this area. You will follow your trip to Wat Phnom The symbol of Phnom Penh. Overnight in Phnom Penh.

DAY 17: PHNOM PENH – GENOCIDES

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After breakfast, you will exploring the capital city with the bustling Central Market, the Independence Monument, Wat Ounalom.

Then we continue our trip to the Tuol Sleng Prison Museum and the notorious “Killing Fields” of Choeung Ek, which provides a deep Insight into the painful rule of the Khmer Rouge. Overnight in Phnom Penh.



DAY 18: PHNOM PENH – HO CHI MINH

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This morning we explore one of the city's lively open markets, Psar Toul Tom Pong or Russian Market, where everything is for sales. Transfer to Phnom Penh **airport for departure to Saigon**.

On arrival at Tan Son Nhat airport , you are welcomed by our tour Guide and transferred to hotel in Ho Chi Minh City, it is crowded with bikes and motorbikes, excited by numerous shopping area and sidewalk cafés. Check in Hotel, free leisure . Dinner not included .Overnight in Ho Chi Minh.

Day 19: HCM CITY TOUR

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Breakfast at hotel. AM : city tour : city tour of dynamic Ho Chi Minh City, still called Saigon by many locals, includes the Nôtre Dame Cathedral, Old Saigon Post Office, a lacquerware factory, the Chinatown and Giac Lam Pagoda. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh.

PM : free Leisure. Lunch and Dinner are at your own arrangements .

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh.



DAY 20: HCM – DEPARTURE

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Breakfast at hotel There is a free time to relax or further explore Ho Chi Minh. The tour ends after your transfer to Tan San Nhat Airport for departure.



PACKAGE INCLUDES	PACKAGE EXCLUDES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accommodation (Twin room share).• Meals as mentioned in the Tour program: (B, L, D).• Land Transportation for whole program.• All admission fees for the indicated.• English speaking guide.• Drinking Water during tours.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expenditure of personal nature, such as drinks, souvenirs, laundry, mini-bar in hotel, etc.• Other tours & meals not mentioned.• Domestic & International air tickets.• Airport's departure tax.• Visas arrangement.• Insurances