

# VIETNAM

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# WELCOME TO INDOCHINA

“I started taking people to China in 1994 to share my passion for the country where I grew up...”

Wendy has been inspiring travellers ever since – nobody more so than her own team. At Wendy Wu Tours we are all avid adventurers, constantly seeking out the best ways for you to experience Asia. That's why we are the experts and one of Australia's leading tour operators to Asia.

The tours and holidays in this brochure are designed to showcase Indochina's iconic sights, as well as its magnificent hidden gems, authentic and exciting experiences. These provide you with the very best holiday, whether it's your first or your tenth visit.

Wendy and the team look forward to welcoming you to Indochina soon!



Wendy Wu – Founder, Wendy Wu Tours



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# THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE

10 reasons why you should choose Wendy Wu Tours.

## 1 No one knows Indochina like we do

Most of our staff have travelled throughout Indochina and can provide you with detailed information about our itineraries and touring styles, and will help personalise your holiday. We are known as Australia's specialist operator to Asia, and have been building our global reputation as Wendy Wu Tours since 1998, one satisfied customer at a time. Wendy however first commenced developing programmes to the region years prior, proudly escorting her very first group tour in 1994.



▲ ANGKOR THOM, SIEM REAP

## 3 Dedicated National Escorts

At the heart of Wendy Wu Tours is our team of experienced and dedicated National Escorts and Local Guides. The most common feedback we receive from returning passengers is praise for the caring, efficient and passionate nature of our guides who provide valuable insight into the local history, customs and culture. All our group tours (of 10 people or more) are accompanied in Indochina by a National Escort. This way, our customers receive the very best of care and return with unrivalled experiences.



▲ MEKONG DELTA

## 4 Travel in Comfort

The transport selected as part of your tour is intended to combine convenience and comfort with an enjoyable authentic travel experience. Our group tours are predominately conducted using air conditioned coaches, internal flights and trains and various boats. See page 115.



▲ MONKS, MYANMAR



▲ ANGKOR PARADISE HOTEL, SIEM REAP

## 5 Selected Accommodation

With many years' experience in sending passengers to Asia, we are attuned with the types of hotels and locations our customers expect in order to enhance their holiday experience. Utilising good quality 'medium range' properties on our Classic and Discovery Tours that can vary from a smart business

hotel in one city to a family run guest house in a smaller town, we can ensure that no matter where you are staying, a comfortable night's rest is had. We inspect our hotels regularly under our 'We Care' initiative to ensure that they reach and maintain our high standards of cleanliness, safety and comfort. See page 112.

## 6 Preferred Airlines

Return international economy flights are included as part of our Fully Inclusive Classic Tours, Discovery Tours and Deluxe Tours. The airlines offered have the finest reputations for service and reliability on their international and domestic routes. Wendy Wu Tours works closely with our preferred airlines to ensure you travel to and from your destination conveniently and in comfort. Stopovers are available (see pages 108-110). For more information about our preferred airlines, see page 111.

## 8 Tipping Made Easy

Tipping is customary in many cultures, and is a firm and expected element in the tourism industry in Asia. In the interest of transparent pricing, we've included the nominated tipping amount (converted into AUD) in all of our group tour prices. This makes it easier for you to plan your total travel budget. This tipping amount is not to be paid with the rest of your tour balance before leaving home – it is due to be paid to the National Escort at the start of your tour. They will then distribute tips throughout your tour to the Local Guides and drivers on behalf of your whole group. See page 116.

## 7 We Love Solo Travellers

Our group tours are a great opportunity to share your experiences with like-minded people. We welcome plenty of solo travellers on our tours, and receive great feedback from them about the friendly and sociable atmosphere of our groups. Even better, if you are a single traveller, book outside 75 days before departure and are willing to share a room, you won't have to pay a single supplement (Hotel Room Option only).



▲ VIETNAMESE HIGHLANDS

## 9 Regional Flavour

Meals included in our tours are planned to give you a genuine taste of the regions we visit. We make sure that the food on our tours is safe, fresh, features minimal spice and includes plenty of vegetables. Breakfast is a combination of local and western food, usually served buffet style at the hotel you are staying in. Lunches and dinners consist of traditional cuisine and are served at reputable local restaurants. Highlights may include mild green coconut curry in Thailand, fresh and zingy Vietnamese salads, and Laap – spicy marinated meat or fish in Laos.



▲ LOCAL FOOD

## 10 Great Value Fully Inclusive Classic Tours

- ✓ Return international economy flights, taxes and current fuel surcharges (subject to change)
- ✓ All accommodation
- ✓ All meals
- ✓ All transportation and transfers
- ✓ All sightseeing and entrance fees
- ✓ English-speaking National Escort and Local Guides
- ✓ Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- ✓ Tipping (paid locally)
- ✓ Specialist advice from our experienced travel consultants
- ✓ Comprehensive tour dossiers and travel guides

The only things you need to pay for are personal expenditure e.g. drinks, optional excursions or shows, insurance of any kind, arrival or departure transfers if not travelling on group flights and early check-in or late check-out (this cannot be guaranteed).

If you have booked your tour as Land Only, the price does not include visa fees or arrival/departure transfers.

If, due to flight schedules, you are required to stop over, taxes, accommodation, transportation and meals in country of transit are not included (see individual touring pages).



# DISCOVER INDOCHINA WITH WENDY WU TOURS

Indochina is a dream destination for many travellers – with captivating scenery, tranquil temples and sensational food, it's easy to see why. Uncover countless cultures, beautiful landscapes and fascinating history in this most enchanting region.

## WENDY'S TOP 8 INDOCHINA SIGHTS

### 1 HALONG BAY

Drift the tranquil, emerald waters and soak up the beauty of the foliage-cloaked limestone karsts on our Vietnam tour itineraries.

### 2 SIEM REAP

The temples of Angkor exude a rare majesty that few places on the planet can match – admire them on any itinerary featuring Cambodia.

### 3 HOI AN

It's impossible not to love Hoi An's quaint streets and relaxed atmosphere – that's why it is included on all Vietnam itineraries.

### 4 LUANG PRABANG

Luang Prabang is one of the most captivating towns in Asia and is a place of great spiritual and natural beauty.

### 5 SAPA

With its rice terraces and hazy peaks, Sapa is ripe for exploration. See it on Vietnam Trails (pages 22-23) or add it as an extension to any of our fantastic Vietnam tours.

### 6 MEKONG RIVER

The Mekong River winds through most of Indochina, and a cruise along it offers lazy days and verdant landscapes.

### 7 BAGAN

With hundreds of temples dotting the sacred landscape of the central plains, Bagan is Myanmar's most sublime sight. Experience it for yourself on any Myanmar itinerary (pages 48-55).

### 8 THE IRRAWADDY

The Irrawaddy River is Myanmar's main lifeline with many locals living and working on its banks – take a cruise on it on many of our Myanmar itineraries (pages 52-55).





# TRAVEL YOUR WAY

Discover Indochina in the way that suits you best. See the region's highlights on a Classic Tour, immerse yourself on a Discovery Tour, enjoy comfort and style on a Deluxe Tour, or explore your own way on a Private Tour or Independent itinerary.



▲ HALONG BAY

## FULLY INCLUSIVE CLASSIC TOURS

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A thoughtfully designed series of journeys for those who wish to see the iconic sights and magnificent treasures that Indochina has to offer on a fully inclusive, excellent-value group tour.

### IS A CLASSIC TOUR THE ONE FOR YOU?

- Tick off Indochina's big, awe-inspiring sights – whether that's on a shorter, concise trip through Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand or Myanmar or a longer multi-country adventure.
- Travel with the assurance that all of your arrangements are taken care of – flights, visas, accommodation and all touring.
- All of your meals are included – whilst breakfasts are usually 'Western' style, at lunch and dinner we'll help you go on a culinary adventure!
- Travel with like-minded people – our customers often form lifelong friendships on tour.
- You'll be accompanied by our industry-leading National Escorts, whose unparalleled knowledge and talent ensures your holiday is truly memorable.



▲ KUANG SI WATERFALLS, LUANG PRABANG



▲ ANGKOR WAT, SIEM REAP

## DISCOVERY TOURS

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Designed for those who wish to be further immersed in the authentic charm of Asia; see Indochina differently on our Discovery Tours by taking part in unique, cultural and active experiences.

### IS A DISCOVERY TOUR THE ONE FOR YOU?

- Travel through some of the more remote, untouched areas of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, whilst also taking in the classic sights.
- Get closer to the local people and see their traditions.
- Experience Indochina differently – from trekking through the hill tribe villages of Sapa and sampling street food in Saigon to exploring the temples of Angkor from the back of a rickshaw.
- Travel in small groups of 18 or less on most of these adventures.
- Enjoy more freedom – these tours are not fully inclusive, meaning we've left you some free time to go out and explore local restaurants and culinary traditions for yourself.



▲ WAT XIENG THONG, LUANG PRABANG

## DELUXE TOURS

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Meticulously designed with the more discerning traveller in mind, our deluxe journeys through Indochina feature distinctive and exclusive experiences which bring the region to life.

### IS A DELUXE TOUR THE ONE FOR YOU?

- Travel in intimate groups of 18 or less.
- Take part in a series of unique and exclusive experiences such as a cooking class in Hoi An and spending time with a water puppeteer in Hanoi.
- Stay in carefully selected deluxe hotels in the best possible locations throughout.
- Indulge in sumptuous dining experiences.
- Enjoy a little more freedom – these tours are not fully inclusive so you can enjoy some evenings to yourself.

## THE KEY TO OUR TOURS

Our tours are also graded as Comfortable, Moderate or Active to reflect the level of fitness required. Just look for the icons below on each tour page.

### TOUR GRADING

#### Comfortable

➤ Accessible to most people with an average level of fitness and average mobility. Tours may involve sightseeing on foot, some climbing of stairs and getting on and off boats.

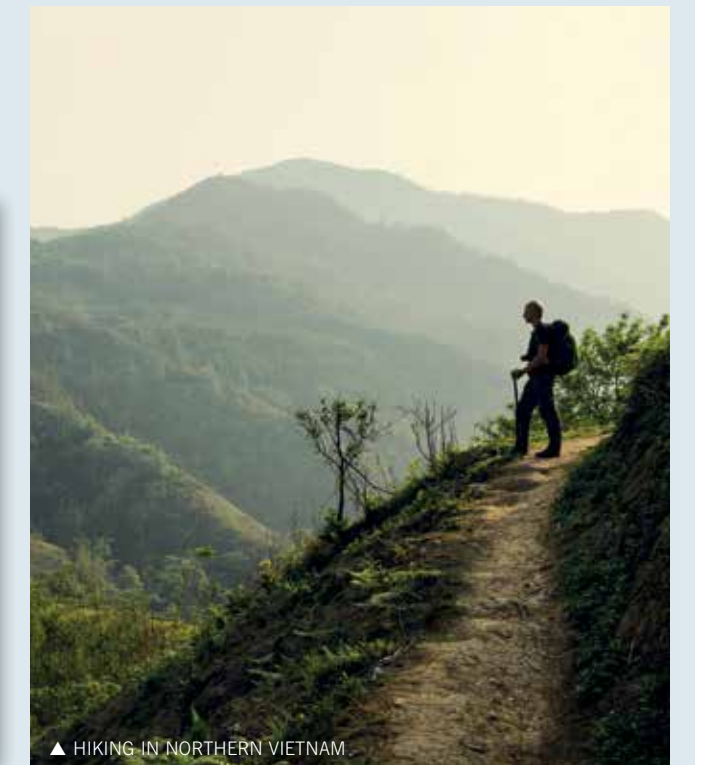
#### Moderate

➤➤ Tours require a higher level of fitness and may include longer periods of sightseeing. Easy walking, high altitude and overnight train journeys may feature.

#### Active

➤➤➤ Tours require a good level of fitness, as they are physically more demanding. They may involve hiking, and some travel to remote, high altitude areas where facilities are less developed.

Please contact us if you require any advice.



▲ HIKING IN NORTHERN VIETNAM



# YOUR TOUR GUIDES

Your guide is often the difference between a good holiday and a truly remarkable holiday. On all of our group tours you will be escorted by a dedicated guide throughout. The unrivalled knowledge, passion, experience and expertise of our Local Guides and National Escorts will astonish you.

## Dedicated & Professional Local Expertise

Our guides are utterly committed to Wendy Wu Tours and the vast majority have been with us for many years. We ensure that the individual tasked with the responsibility to keep you safe, happy, entertained and inspired is someone whom you should have absolute trust in; and that they intimately understand the eccentricities of the Asian way of doing things.

Most of the countries included on our itineraries have recent, poignant histories of which your guide may have had first-hand experience. You will get a greater understanding of the past, and you'll learn about the local heritage, culture and way of life. Most importantly, all of our National Escorts speak fluent English, go through rigorous training programmes, have a wonderful sense of humour and understand how to convey their knowledge. This means that you will always have the most refreshing and rewarding experience on our tours.



## All our National Escorts

- Have a minimum of two years experience in guiding
- Are fluent in English
- Are born and raised in Indochina making them unparalleled experts
- Go through rigorous and ongoing training programmes
- Above all they love to explore Asia



Mr Vutha Dam

### Anonymous, Angkor to the Bay

"Our guide was tremendously knowledgeable in all areas. He did not hurry, but always helped our group be on time for pick up. He is very patient and obliging and could not be faulted in any area. He is a credit to Wendy Wu Tours."

"I have been a tour guide since 2001 and enjoy it very much. I love meeting people from all over the world and being able to show them the real Cambodia, and providing them with the best service. I make sure I provide my guests with a wealth of memories of my beautiful country to take home with them."



Mai

"Throughout your trip to Vietnam, I am yours! I will be available and always ready to make sure that in just a short time, you will have so much to enjoy. I love Vietnam and it is my passion to show travellers its amazing nature and deep culture blended with traditional customs and unforgettable history. I am looking forward to meeting you, your cheerful, friendly guide in Vietnam."



### Cheryl & Garry Williams, Vietnam Panorama

"Mai's professionalism and attention to detail was outstanding. She went out of her way to make sure that our group were looked after. She became a friend to the whole group."



Thada Lin

### Mr & Mrs Borer, Grand Tour of Indochina

"The guide Thada was very attentive and dealt with any concern quickly and efficiently. He was able to answer any questions put to him about the history of his country."

"I am from Siem Reap, Cambodia and have been a tour guide since 2004. I am really passionate about my job as I love to take visitors to explore my country and to meet the Khmer people – some of the friendliest, most welcoming people you'll find. I have guided both big and small Wendy Wu Tours groups in Cambodia, and we all had a great time together. I always consider my guests as part of my family and want them to be happy throughout the trip."



"A Saigon native, I hold both a BA in English and a BS in History and have been a tour guide for 10 years now. My big passion is Vietnamese history and culture and I can also speak authoritatively about architecture and politics. Come to Vietnam, I am sure you will have the most unforgettable trip here with me."

### Cecily & Alex Mackintosh, Vietnam at a Glance

"Our guide, Duc Tuan Do was an absolute delight. His commentary and anecdotal information was enlightening and amusing. He became family – Don't ever let Tuan get away."



Tuan



# TRAVELLERS' FEEDBACK

We love to hear from our customers. Your comments and feedback help to maintain and improve our high standards. We also love to hear your travel stories and discover your holiday highlights.

## WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS THINK OF US



### Thank you for another great experience

"This was our second experience of travelling with Wendy Wu Tours, having travelled the 'Classic China' tour in 2006. Your Sydney staff were most helpful in assisting us with booking beyond the Wendy Wu Tours portion of our holiday, and responded promptly to any queries we had. We were particularly impressed with the logistical organisation of both the Angkor to the Bay group tour, and the three short stays we undertook. All arrangements in Cambodia and Vietnam were faultless, despite some wet weather in Hoi An. Arrangements for getting us to and from the train to Sapa was faultless, the transport at Sapa, and the guide was excellent and allowed us to be very relaxed during the stay and get the most out of being there. We were never left unsure of the next arrangement, even with the handover of guides between Hanoi and Sapa. Likewise we were met punctually on arrival for our Hong Kong and Guangzhou short stays, directed clearly on the procedure for transport and sightseeing at every point, and again left confident to enjoy the holiday. The guides and drivers for the short stay tours were very helpful, friendly and knowledgeable and we could not have had better support. We will certainly be promoting Wendy Wu Tours among our friends and contacts! Thank you for another great experience."

Jon & Penny,  
Angkor to the Bay, September 2015

### Everything I hoped it would be

"I had an amazing tour of Vietnam, which turned out to be everything I hoped it would be. Our National Guide, Nguyen Duc Hanh was AMAZING. His knowledge of his country was unsurpassed and helped greatly with my enjoyment. I was very pleased with the variety of people and places visited, enjoyed the food and ate everything! I have been working on my diary of the trip and so have been reliving every day. I always write a comprehensive diary of any long trip I make and enjoy reading them months and years after. I would recommend Wendy Wu Tours to any of my family and friends."

Maxine Scott, Vietnam Panorama, May 2016

### Well done Wendy Wu

"We had an amazing trip to Vietnam. Everything was perfect, full on but loved it, saw and did heaps. Restaurants, hotels, our tour escort - all excellent. Very much enjoyed holiday. Well done Wendy Wu."

Garry & Barbara Wing, Vietnam Trails, September 2015



### Real thirst for more Asian adventure

"We absolutely enjoyed the tour! Both guides, in Laos and Cambodia, were fabulous and so knowledgeable. We loved the food, meeting the locals and so enjoyed the sights and experiences. Wow, Angkor Wat was impressive! The tour gave me a real thirst for more Asian adventure and Wendy Wu Tours is the way to go."

Michael & Lyndelle Rees,  
Laos and Cambodia Unveiled, February 2016



### I have so many great memories

"Where do I begin - this has been the best and most amazing tour I have done, and it would take a miracle to beat it. This was the first overseas trip I have done solo and has been so memorable. Our group were friendly and we remain in contact, sharing photos and memories. The variety of places we visited was amazing, such a diverse range. War history, life history, the food was also diverse. Our Tour Guide, Duc, what an amazing man - caring, funny, extensive knowledge of history and made us all feel part of his life. We were so lucky to have him as a guide and I have so many great memories."

Roseann Quinn,  
Vietnam Panorama, October 2015

### Thanks again for a wonderful Vietnam experience

"The pace of the trip was really good. On any given day we never felt we were being over-travelled and there was good emphasis on free time wherever possible - the free day in Hoi An was particularly welcomed by us. We witnessed some memorable moments and we enjoyed the amazing street atmosphere in the big cities as well as the lush, fertile countryside. Thanks again for a truly wonderful and unforgettable Vietnam experience."

Geoff & Charyl Cowles,  
Vietnam at a Glance (Private Tour),  
January 2016

### An incredible journey

"This tour gave me much more than I expected. This can only be due to the knowledge of our Tour Guide, Mr Lon Lev. He was so full of information about every stop. He gave us an insight into his life and family; this opened my eyes to Cambodia. My very favourite temples, Banteay Srei was a 'wow' factor for me, followed by Banteay Samre - this temple blew my mind and Beng Mealea, all ruins but good history. Again, I want to thank Mr Lev for so much more than I can write. It was an incredible journey. Thank you."

Aileen Fleming,  
Around Cambodia, October 2015

### You've done it again!

"Our tour of Myanmar was absolutely magical. We viewed the pagodas scattered over the countryside near Bagan, witnessed the U Bein Bridge at sunset and immersed ourselves in the lifestyle of the people of Inle Lake. Our guide was a delight; she was calm, professional and flexible. Although the itinerary includes many visits to pagodas, temples and monasteries, each one is unique and interesting. It was our fourth Wendy Wu tour and absolutely lived up to expectation. Wendy Wu, you have done it again!"

Kathleen & Robert Strachan,  
Myanmar Explorer, February 2015





# INDOCHINA TOURS

Our Fully Inclusive Classic Indochina Tours encompass the iconic sights, from colourful Vietnam and diverse Cambodia to the untouched beauty of Laos.

## Our Fully Inclusive Classic Indochina Tours include:

- International flights & taxes
- Comprehensive touring
- Expert National Escorts
- Knowledgeable Local Guides
- All accommodation & meals
- All transportation in country of travel
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Specialist advice from our travel consultants



# VIETNAM IMPRESSIONS

The perfect snapshot of a captivating country, delve into Vietnam's energetic cities, fascinating heritage and compelling landscapes. See the sights of Hanoi and Saigon whilst savouring the breathtaking scenery of Halong Bay and the Mekong Delta.

**9 DAYS FROM**  
**\$2,940** TWIN SHARE  
**FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY & MELBOURNE**  
**COMFORTABLE**

From price includes: tour cost \$2,872 and tipping \$68 (tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

## Price includes:

- All meals (7 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 7 dinners)**
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

## Price guide

- 9 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$2,940 per person departing Sydney and Melbourne with Vietnam Airlines (VN)

From \$3,280 per person departing Brisbane, Adelaide and Canberra with Vietnam Airlines (VN)

From \$3,380 per person departing Perth with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$3,140 per person departing Darwin\* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$3,640 per person departing Cairns\* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

\*Darwin and Cairns passengers may require stopovers in Singapore at an additional cost.

- Single Hotel Room and Cruise Cabin Option from \$380
- Land Only (Hanoi to Saigon) 8 days from \$2,230 per person (includes tipping)

## ENJOY AS A PRIVATE TOUR

Choose to design your own bespoke itinerary

Would you like to travel on a different date or personalise touring to suit your needs?

Call us for a quote to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.



▲ HOI AN



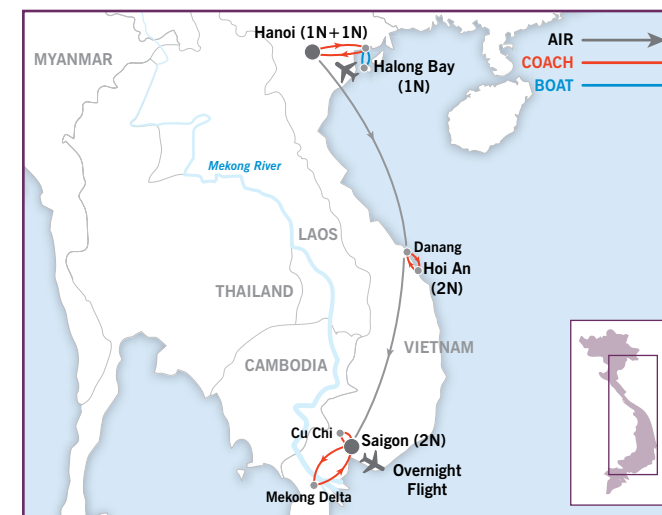
▲ HALONG BAY



▲ NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL, SAIGON



▲ MEKONG DELTA



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Stroll through old Hanoi
- Wake to a Halong Bay sunrise
- Cooking class in Hoi An
- Explore Saigon
- Drift along the Mekong Delta
- Explore the Cu Chi Tunnels

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Fly to Hanoi

Fly with Vietnam Airlines to Vietnam's vibrant capital city, Hanoi, for an overnight stay.

### Days 2-3: Cruise Halong Bay

Spend the day cruising amongst spectacular seascapes, fringed by jagged karst formations jutting from emerald waters. Halong Bay, with its 1,600 islands and islets, was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994 and is a vision of awe-inspiring beauty. Spend the night on board. The next day return to Hanoi and enjoy a traditional Water Puppet show.

### Day 4: Explore Hanoi

Hanoi brings together all of the charms of a colonial past with a modern buzz in one fast-paced yet graceful city. Exuding a wonderfully exotic aura, Hanoi is the perfect combination of old Asia and new. Sightseeing today includes a wander through the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, where you'll pass Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum and Humble House on Stilts. Also visit One Pillar

Pagoda and the Temple of Literature, ending the day with a walk through the Old Quarter's atmospheric tangle of streets. Fly to Danang and transfer to the UNESCO listed town of Hoi An.

### Day 5: Hoi An walking tour

Take a morning walking tour of charming Hoi An. A wonderfully laid-back, graceful and wilfully traditional place, the streets of the town, lined with lantern shops and tailors, are a delight to wander especially as traffic is entirely banished from the town centre. Visit an old merchant's house, the elaborate Japanese Covered Bridge, a Chinese Temple and the bustling market. Vietnamese cooking is renowned across the world for its innovative use of fresh ingredients and spices – this evening, learn all about the local produce and the necessary skills in a hands-on cookery class.

### Day 6: Discover Saigon

Fly to Saigon. A seamless blend of past and present, Saigon offers a high-octane ride into Vietnam's ever brighter future. Whilst this exuberant city is the driving force of modern



▲ ONE PILLAR PAGODA, HANOI

Vietnam, it also has a treasure trove of fascinating heritage to explore. Experience Notre Dame Cathedral and the neoclassical Central Post Office, designed by Gustave Eiffel – both grandiose legacies of a colonial past. Also visit the Reunification Palace and the chilling War Remnants Museum where the brutality of the war and its victims are well-documented.

### Day 7: Mekong Delta

Journey to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the mighty Mekong. This area is known as the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', the rich and fertile lands producing huge amounts of rice, coconuts, vegetables and tropical fruits. Paddle through the maze of palm-lined canals, getting a glimpse of daily life on the Mekong Delta, and enjoy a lunch of typical Mekong fare. Return to Saigon.

### Day 8: Cu Chi Tunnels and depart Saigon

Confront the reality of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels, where you'll see the legendary tunnel network used by the Viet Cong to infiltrate South Vietnam during the war. You can even crawl through the tunnels if you are feeling brave! Return to Saigon and transfer to the airport to board your overnight flight home.

### Day 9: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY



### CLASSIC CAMBODIA 4 NIGHTS FROM \$995PP

Combine the poignant history of Phnom Penh with the awe-inspiring temples of Angkor on this classic itinerary.

See [wendywutours.com.au](http://wendywutours.com.au) for details.

Price based on Twin Share. Additional charges may apply.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY



### PHAN THIET BEACH STAY 4 NIGHTS FROM \$495PP

Located 200km east of Saigon is the fishing village of Phan Thiet. Due to its close proximity to Saigon, Phan Thiet has become a popular beach destination for rest and relaxation. Besides enjoying the beautiful beaches, a must see are the stunning sand dunes at dusk.

See [wendywutours.com.au](http://wendywutours.com.au) for details.

Price based on Twin Share. Additional charges may apply.

## DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2016 DATES									
26 Nov - 04 Dec	\$3,090	10 Dec - 18 Dec	\$3,850						
2017 DATES									
11 Feb - 19 Feb	\$3,240	11 Mar - 19 Mar	\$3,240	22 Apr - 30 Apr	\$3,680	08 Jul - 16 Jul	\$3,740	16 Sep - 24 Sep	\$2,940
25 Feb - 05 Mar	\$3,240	08 Apr - 16 Apr	\$3,740	13 May - 21 May	\$2,940	05 Aug - 13 Aug	\$2,940	28 Oct - 05 Nov	\$3,240
25 Nov - 03 Dec	\$3,240								
2018 DATES									
10 Feb - 18 Feb	\$3,340	10 Mar - 18 Mar	\$3,340	21 Apr - 29 Apr	\$3,780	07 Jul - 15 Jul	\$3,840	15 Sep - 23 Sep	\$3,040
24 Feb - 04 Mar	\$3,340	07 Apr - 15 Apr	\$3,840	12 May - 20 May	\$3,040	04 Aug - 12 Aug	\$3,040	27 Oct - 04 Nov	\$3,340
24 Nov - 02 Dec	\$3,340								

Important note:

VN - Above prices include tipping of US\$50 (AU\$68). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Vietnam.

SQ - Prices on page 16 include airline fuel surcharge of \$420 and tipping of US\$50 (AU\$68). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Vietnam.



# VIETNAM AT A GLANCE

Relish Vietnam's distinct and energetic character as you journey from Saigon in the south up to Hanoi in the north. Explore the country's turbulent past, meet the friendly, resilient locals and get lost in spectacular panoramas on this tour of discovery.

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DAYS FROM

PER PERSON

\$3,280

TWIN SHARE

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY & MELBOURNE

COMFORTABLE

From price includes: tour cost \$3,206 and tipping \$74 (tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

## Price includes:

- All meals (10 breakfasts, 9 lunches & 10 dinners)
- International flights and current taxes
  - Domestic transportation
  - Accommodation
  - Touring with guides and entrance fees
  - Visa fees for Australian passport holders
  - Tipping (paid locally)

## Price guide

- 12 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$3,280 per person departing Sydney and Melbourne with Vietnam Airlines (VN)

From \$3,660 per person departing Brisbane, Adelaide and Canberra with Vietnam Airlines (VN)

From \$3,840 per person departing Perth with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

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From \$3,880 per person departing Cairns\*\* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

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- Single Hotel Room and Cruise Cabin Option from \$480
- Land Only (Saigon to Hanoi) 11 days from \$2,570 per person (includes tipping)



▲ HALONG BAY



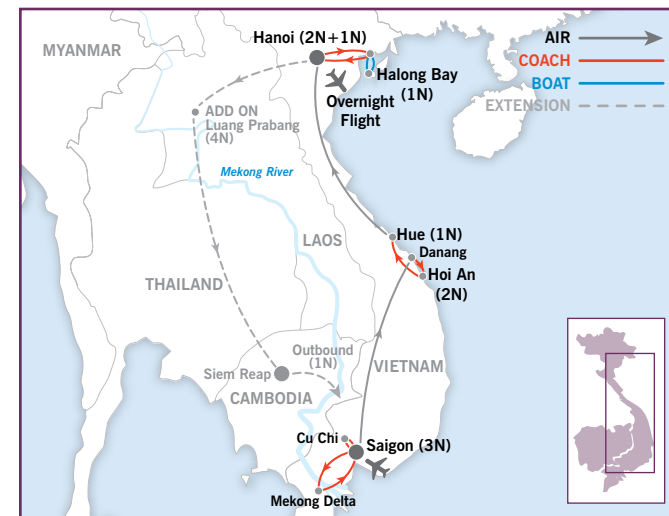
▲ HOI AN MARKET



▲ MEKONG DELTA



▲ IMPERIAL CITADEL, HUE



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Sightsee in Saigon
- Drift along the Mekong Delta
- Discover charming Hoi An
- Explore Hue's Forbidden City
- Wake to a Halong Bay sunrise
- Stroll through old Hanoi

## ITINERARY

- Day 1: Fly to Saigon**  
Fly with Vietnam Airlines to bustling Saigon, Vietnam's largest city.
- Day 2: Discover Saigon**  
This morning, confront the reality of guerrilla warfare at the Cu Chi Tunnels before returning to Saigon. The exuberant city of Saigon may appear modern but is also a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. Visit the colonial Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office, the Reunification Palace and the chilling War Remnants Museum.
- Day 3: Mekong Delta**  
Journey to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the Mekong. Paddle through the maze of palm-lined canals and get a glimpse of daily life on the Mekong Delta. Enjoy a lunch of typical Mekong dishes. Make a stop at Vinh Trang Pagoda en route back to Saigon.
- Day 4: Journey to Hoi An**  
Fly to Danang and transfer to Hoi An. This afternoon take a walking tour of charming Hoi An
- Day 5: Tra Que village**  
Head out into the countryside to Tra Que, a small farming community that supplies many hotels and restaurants in the area with vegetables and herbs. Here you can enjoy the lush green countryside and stroll through the gardens to see the farmers at work. Spend the afternoon at leisure back in Hoi An.
- Day 6: Imperial Hue**  
Leave Hoi An for Hue, taking a scenic route over the Hai Van Pass. The epitome of Vietnam's dynastic past, Hue is a dignified and scholarly city. Visit the imposing Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City. The magnificent centrepiece of the Royal Empire, the citadel was extensively damaged during the Vietnam War. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Tomb of Minh Mang, a complex of 40 monuments set in surroundings of gardens and pools. Continue
- Day 7: Fly to Hanoi**  
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Spend the night cruising amongst the karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay – a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a vision of awe-inspiring beauty.
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Rise early this morning for sunrise over the bay. Return to Hanoi this afternoon.
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This morning is free before you are transferred to Hanoi airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. *Due to flight schedules, Perth passengers will arrive home on Day 11.*
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## LAOS EXTENSION 4 NIGHTS

Add from \$1,285 per person ^ (twin share)

Add from \$1,780 ^ (sole traveller)

**Day 11: Fly to Luang Prabang**  
Tour the city by tuk tuk. See Wat Visoun, Wat Xieng Thong, Wat Sene and the National Museum. (L,D)

**Day 12: Kuang Si Waterfalls**  
Drive to the Kuang Si Waterfalls, visiting Ban Na Ouane en route. Later return to Luang Prabang and climb Phousi Hill for sunset over the town. (B,L,D)

**Day 13: Caves and villages**  
Take a boat along the Mekong to the Pak Ou Caves; Tham Ting and Tham Phoum. Return to Luang Prabang and visit Thing Hong and Ban Xang Thong villages. (B,L)

**Day 14: Takbat Ceremony**  
Rise early to view the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat. The afternoon is at leisure for further exploration. (B)

**Day 15: Depart Luang Prabang**  
Transfer to the airport for your flight home via Siem Reap. (B)

*Tipping for this extension is at your own discretion.*

**NOTE:** A visa is required for travel to Laos. This cost is included in the Laos Extension pricing above for Australian passport holders.

^ Shoulder and high season surcharges apply.

## DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL

## AIRFARES INCLUDED

2017 DATES											
07 Jan - 18 Jan	\$3,980	08 Mar - 19 Mar	\$3,480	05 Apr - 16 Apr	\$3,440	03 May - 14 May	\$3,340	12 Jul - 23 Jul	\$3,680	20 Sep - 01 Oct	\$3,380
04 Feb - 15 Feb	\$3,680	18 Mar - 29 Mar	\$3,480	12 Apr - 23 Apr	\$3,680	17 May - 28 May	\$3,280	09 Aug - 20 Aug	\$3,280	27 Sep - 08 Oct	\$3,380
18 Feb - 01 Mar	\$3,480	22 Mar - 02 Apr	\$3,480	19 Apr - 30 Apr	\$3,680	07 Jun - 18 Jun	\$3,280	13 Sep - 24 Sep	\$3,380	11 Oct - 22 Oct	\$3,540
2018 DATES											
10 Jan - 21 Jan	\$4,080	07 Mar - 18 Mar	\$3,580	04 Apr - 15 Apr	\$3,540	02 May - 13 May	\$3,440	11 Jul - 22 Jul	\$3,780	19 Sep - 30 Sep	\$3,480
31 Jan - 11 Feb	\$3,780	14 Mar - 25 Mar	\$3,580	11 Apr - 22 Apr	\$3,780	16 May - 27 May	\$3,380	08 Aug - 19 Aug	\$3,380	26 Sep - 07 Oct	\$3,480
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**Important note:**  
**VN** - Above prices include tipping of US\$55 (AU\$74). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Vietnam.  
**SQ** - Prices on page 18 include airline fuel surcharge of \$420 and tipping of US\$55 (AU\$74). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Vietnam.



# AROUND CAMBODIA

Cambodia has reinvented itself as a destination full to bursting with breathtaking temples, gorgeous beaches and a fascinating heritage. A laid-back and enticing land, the real pleasure comes from its ability to make you feel like an explorer again.

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON **\$3,540** TWIN SHARE

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & CAIRNS\*

MODERATE

From price includes: tour cost \$3,025, airline fuel surcharge \$420 and tipping \$95 (tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

- Price includes:**
- All meals (12 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 12 dinners)
  - International flights and current taxes
  - Domestic transportation
  - Accommodation
  - Touring with guides and entrance fees
  - Visa fees for Australian passport holders
  - Tipping (paid locally)

**Price guide**

14 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$3,540 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Cairns\* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$3,340 per person departing Perth with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$3,120 per person departing Darwin\* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$3,480 per person departing Canberra\* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

\*Cairns, Darwin and Canberra passengers may require stopovers in Singapore at an additional cost.

- Single Hotel Room Option from \$540
- Land Only (Phnom Penh to Siem Reap) 13 days from \$2,660 per person (includes tipping)

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▲ ANGKOR THOM, SIEM REAP



▲ ROYAL PALACE, PHNOM PENH



▲ KIRIROM NATIONAL PARK, PHNOM PENH



▲ FISHING BOATS, KEP



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover Phnom Penh
- Unwind in coastal Kep
- Relax on Cambodia's beaches
- Explore colonial Battambang
- Be captivated by Angkor
- Cruise Tonle Sap

## ITINERARY

**Day 1: Fly to Phnom Penh**  
Fly with Singapore Airlines to Cambodia's captivating capital, Phnom Penh. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

**Day 2: Explore Phnom Penh**  
A somewhat European city of airy boulevards and colonial villas, scarred still by the events of 1975, in recent years Phnom Penh has been engulfed by energy and optimism. Today's visits include the magnificent Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and the National Museum, before time to reflect on the past at the harrowing Tuol Sleng Museum and Killing Fields. Sunset at hilltop Wat Phnom rounds off the day.

**Day 3: Kep and Kampot**  
Depart for the beach town of Kep, stopping en route at Tonle Bati, a peaceful site of Angkor-era temples. Travel on to a pepper farm to learn about the renowned Kampot pepper. Take a boat ride out to Koh Thonsay where you can spend a few hours relaxing on the beach before returning to Kep.

**Day 4: Journey to Sihanoukville**  
Visit the impressive cave temple of Phnom Chhnork before travelling to Kampot for a walking tour. A charming riverside town, Kampot has a wealth of colonial architecture

to discover. Travel to Sihanoukville, Cambodia's premier beach resort. Head up to the summit of Victory Hill for late afternoon views down over the city and Gulf of Thailand.

**Day 5: Sihanoukville at leisure**  
Spend the day at leisure. A delicious group lunch at a local restaurant is included.

**Day 6: Travel to Phnom Penh**  
Return to Phnom Penh with a stop en route at the Kirirom National Park. Here footpaths wind their way amongst lush greenery and gushing waterfalls – keep an eye out for a variety of bird species.

**Day 7: Journey to Battambang**  
Journey north to Battambang stopping at Udong, a former capital city. Also visit a potters' village and Touch Hill. Set in some of the country's most beautiful landscapes, Battambang is also home to Cambodia's grandest colonial architecture.

**Day 8: Explore Battambang**  
Head out of town to the 12th-century Phnom Banan Temple returning to Battambang via Cambodia's only vineyard for a wine tasting. Take a stroll through the village of Wat Kor, and explore a local house for a glimpse of traditional Khmer life. Visit a local NGO, La Maison de Coco, where skills such as weaving are taught to locals.

**Day 9: Travel to Siem Reap**  
Begin the journey towards Siem Reap, stopping in Puok District to visit the National Silk Centre. Learn about the cultivation of silk, from the planting of mulberry trees used to raise the silkworms to the harvesting of silk threads. Observe the artisans using the dyed and treated silk threads to create beautiful products in the workshops. On arrival in Siem Reap the rest of the day is at leisure.

**Day 10: Explore Angkor**  
The Angkor Archaeological Park encompasses over a thousand temples, all the remains of different capitals of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries. Rising early, the tour begins at Ta Prohm – a temple which has been left in the grips of the jungle. Continue to the walled city of Angkor Thom and pass through the magnificent South Gate. At Angkor Thom's centre is the enigmatic Bayon, a temple of innumerable sculptural decorations. The rest of the day is dedicated to the indescribable Angkor Wat. While away an afternoon in its shady precincts, and examine its wealth of intricate embellishments.

**Day 11: Around Siem Reap**  
Journey to Kbal Spean to see the intricate stone carvings in the river bed and banks. Continue on to Banteay Srei, a richly embellished Hindu temple. Explore the early 12th-century temple of Banteay Samre before climbing to the summit of the Pre Rup for views over the lush paddy fields at sunset. Lunch will be taken at a traditional Khmer home.

**Day 12: Tonle Sap Lake**  
**High water season (Aug to Feb)**  
Enjoy a morning cruise on Tonle Sap Lake, visiting a floating village and observing the way of life of these lake communities. Back on dry land visit Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple overrun by jungle. Return to Siem Reap via Les Artisan D'Angkor, where disadvantaged youth are taught traditional Cambodian crafts.

**Low water season (Mar to Jul)**  
Visit Chong Kneas floating village before heading to Beng Mealea where you will explore this mysterious temple overrun by jungle. Return to Siem Reap via Les Artisan D'Angkor, where disadvantaged youth are taught traditional Cambodian crafts.

**Day 13: Depart Siem Reap**  
Grab your last minute souvenirs before boarding an overnight flight to Australia via Danang.

**Day 14: Arrive Australia**  
Arrive home today.

## STOPOVER



## SINGAPORE 2 NIGHTS FROM \$355PP

Singapore is a perfect blend of east and west. With a unique tapestry of Chinese, Malay and Indian traditions, Singapore offers superb cuisine, beautiful gardens, theme parks, world-class shopping and more.

See pages 108-109.  
Price based on Twin Share.  
Additional charges may apply.

## DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL, CNS\*

AIRFARES INCLUDED

2017 DATES													
06 Feb - 19 Feb	\$3,880	20 Feb - 05 Mar	\$3,680	13 Mar - 26 Mar	\$3,880	03 Apr - 16 Apr	\$3,680	11 Sep - 24 Sep	\$3,680	09 Oct - 22 Oct	\$3,880	23 Oct - 05 Nov	\$3,540
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05 Feb - 18 Feb	\$3,980	12 Mar - 25 Mar	\$3,980	09 Jul - 22 Jul	\$4,080	08 Oct - 21 Oct	\$3,980						
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# VIETNAM TRAILS

Discover Vietnam's many gems, from buzzing Saigon and quaint Hoi An to stately Hanoi and magnificent Halong Bay. Top this off with an adventure to visit the terraced rice fields and hilltribes of Sapa, a vision of verdant scenery.

16 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$3,980 TWIN SHARE

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY & MELBOURNE

MODERATE

From price includes: tour cost \$3,879 and tipping \$101 (tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

## Price includes:

All meals (14 breakfasts, 12 lunches & 14 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

## Price guide

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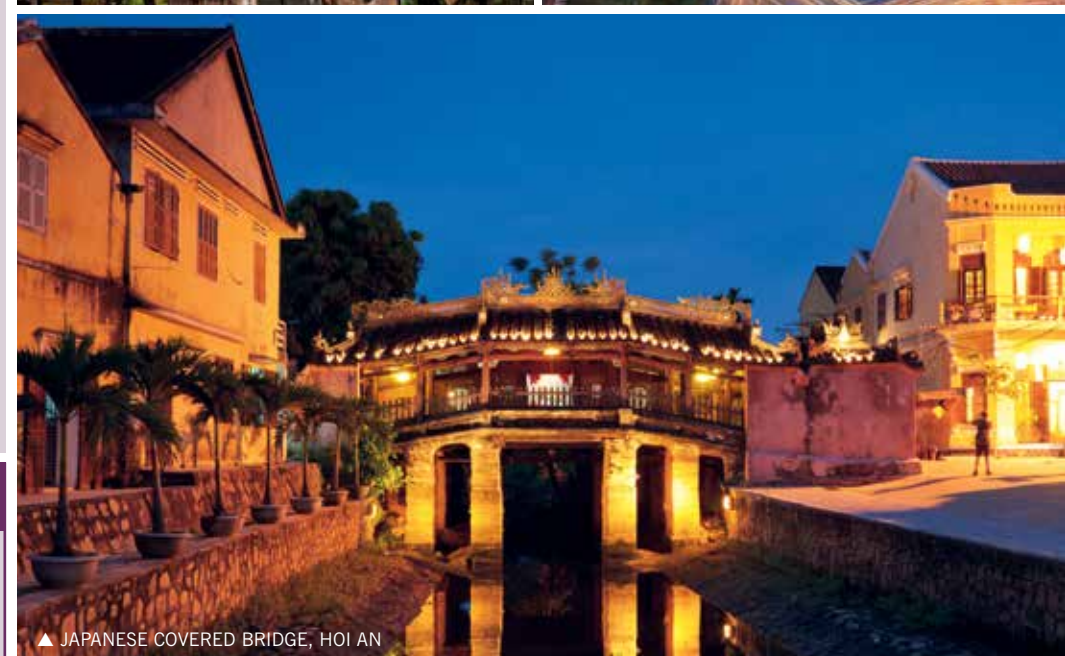
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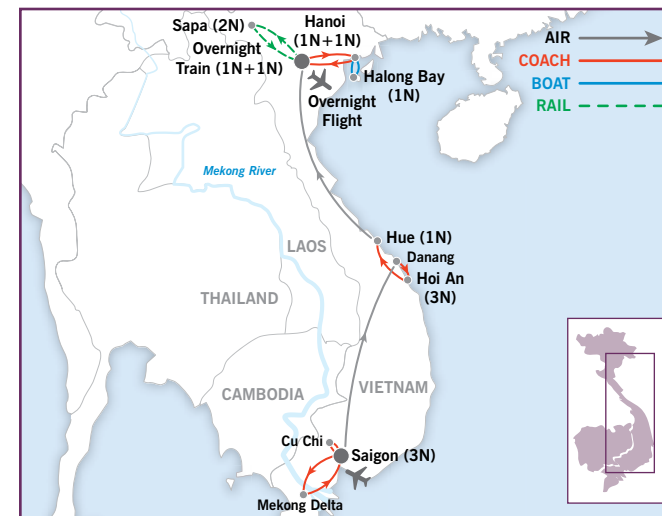
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▲ SAIGON



▲ JAPANESE COVERED BRIDGE, HOI AN



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Sightsee in Saigon
- Drift along the Mekong Delta
- Cooking class in Hoi An
- Stroll through old Hanoi
- Explore Sapa's rice terraces
- Wake to a Halong Bay sunrise

## ITINERARY

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### Day 3: Mekong Delta

Journey to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the Mekong. Paddle through the maze of palm-lined canals and get a glimpse of daily life on the Mekong Delta and lunch on typical Mekong fare. Return to Saigon.

### Day 4: Journey to Hoi An

Fly to Danang and transfer to Hoi An. This afternoon take a walking tour of charming Hoi An – a wonderfully laid-back and wilfully traditional place, where the streets are a delight to wander. Visit an old merchant's house, the elaborate Japanese Covered Bridge, a Chinese Temple and the bustling market.

### Day 5: Hoi An cooking class

Purchase fresh ingredients at the market for a cookery class at a local restaurant, consuming your creations for lunch. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to get acquainted with this delightful town.

### Day 6: Hoi An

Enjoy a day at leisure to further explore this idyllic town. Perhaps savour a coffee and take a stroll through the streets of Hoi An.

### Day 7: Imperial Hue

Leave Hoi An for Hue, taking a scenic route over the Hai Van Pass. The epitome of Vietnam's dynastic past, Hue is a dignified and scholarly city. Visit the

imposing Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City. The magnificent centrepiece of the Royal Empire, the citadel was extensively damaged during the Vietnam War. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Tomb of Minh Mang, a complex of 40 monuments set in surroundings of gardens and pools. Continue to the old Thien Mu Pagoda before taking a cruise on the Perfume River.

### Day 8: Travel to Hanoi

Fly to Hanoi this morning. The rest of the day is free for you to relax or start your explorations of Vietnam's capital.

### Day 9: Explore Hanoi

Sightseeing today includes a wander through the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, where you'll pass Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum and visit the Humble House on Stilts, set in the gardens of the Presidential Palace. Also visit One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature. End the day's explorations with a cyclo tour through the Old Quarter and enjoy a traditional water puppet show. Board your overnight train to Lao Cai.

### Days 10-12: Sapa

On arrival in Lao Cai, transfer to Sapa. Spend the next three days discovering this verdant area of rolling hills and rice terraces with some light hiking through the surrounding valleys and villages, and visits to ethnic minority communities. Take a cable car ride up Mt. Fansipan, the highest mountain in Indochina, arriving at the summit to enjoy incredible views from a breathtaking 3,143 metres. Board the overnight train to Hanoi.

### Days 13-14: Cruise Halong Bay

Drive to Halong Bay where you will spend two days cruising amongst magnificent karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay. Stay overnight on the boat before returning to Hanoi where you will spend the night.

FULLY INCLUSIVE CLASSIC TOUR – INDOCHINA

### Day 15: Depart Hanoi

The remainder of the day is at your leisure before you are transferred to Hanoi airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. Due to flight schedules, Perth passengers will arrive home on Day 15.

### Day 16: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY



LAOS IN FOCUS 4 NIGHTS FROM \$935PP

Discover the unparalleled charm and rustic beauty of Laos on this adventure as you travel through the kingdom formerly known as Lang Xang; the 'Land of a Million Elephants'. See page 93. Price based on Twin Share. Additional charges may apply.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY



MAI CHAU 2 NIGHTS FROM \$540PP

Surrounded by picturesque villages and lush rice fields, Mai Chau valley is home to many different minority tribes. Explore the local community by bicycle and on foot and uncover the traditional lifestyle and customs. See [wendywutours.com.au](http://wendywutours.com.au) for details. Price based on Twin Share. Additional charges may apply.

## DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL

AIRFARES INCLUDED

2016 DATE									
09 Nov - 24 Nov	\$4,050								
2017 DATES									
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2018 DATES									
31 Jan - 15 Feb#	\$4,380	07 Mar - 22 Mar	\$4,280	04 Apr - 19 Apr	\$4,280	24 Oct - 08 Nov	\$4,280		
28 Feb - 15 Mar	\$4,380	14 Mar - 29 Mar	\$4,280	12 Sep - 27 Sep	\$4,080	07 Nov - 22 Nov	\$4,280		

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# Departure coincides with TET celebrations and sightseeing may be affected.



# VIETNAM ESCAPE

Escape the ordinary and allow the captivating charms of Vietnam to beguile you. Traverse the country from south to north enjoying the vibrant cities, verdant panoramas, gentle beach-fringed coastline, and historical treasures en route.

- 16 DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON \$3,940 TWIN SHARE
- FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY & MELBOURNE
- COMFORTABLE

From price includes: tour cost \$3,839 and tipping \$101 (tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

- Price includes:
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All meals (14 breakfasts, 13 lunches & 14 dinners)
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International flights and current taxes
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Domestic transportation
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Accommodation
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Touring with guides and entrance fees
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Visa fees for Australian passport holders
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Tipping (paid locally)

- Price guide
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
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▲ HOI AN



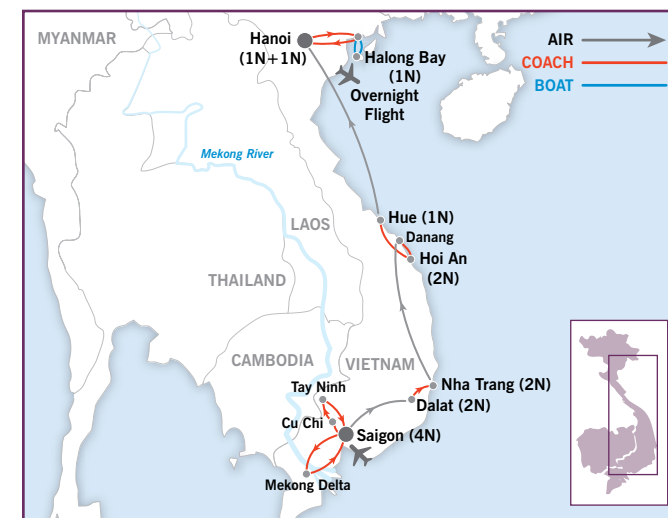
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▲ HANOI



▲ IMPERIAL CITADEL, HUE



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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Sightsee in Saigon
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Drift along the Mekong Delta
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Enjoy Dalat's cooler climate
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Cooking class in Hoi An
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Wake to a Halong Bay sunrise
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## ITINERARY


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**Day 3: Mekong Delta**  
Journey to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the Mekong. This area is called the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', the rich and fertile lands producing a plethora of rice, coconuts, vegetables and tropical fruit. Paddle through the maze of palm-lined canals and get a glimpse of daily life on the Mekong Delta. Lunch on typical Mekong dishes. Return to Saigon.
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**Day 4: Cu Chi Tunnels**  
Learn of the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels, used by the Viet Cong during the war. Travel to Tay Ninh to attend the noon service at the Cao Dai Temple. Blending the architectural styles of cathedrals and pagodas with vivid, cartoonish colours, it is one of the most fanciful structures in Asia. Return to Saigon.
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**Day 5: Fly to Dalat**  
Fly to the cooler climate of the South Central Highlands where you'll find a distinct French legacy. The charming town of Dalat sits in a region of lakes, waterfalls, forests and gardens, all ripe for exploration. This afternoon enjoy a locally grown coffee and take in the picturesque views.
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**Day 6: Explore Dalat**  
Spend today sightseeing with visits to Domaine de Marie Church, the Flower Gardens, and an embroidery workshop. After lunch climb aboard an open-air steam train from the old railway station to journey out through
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**Day 9: Discover Hoi An**  
Fly to Danang and transfer to the UNESCO-listed Hoi An. This afternoon take a walking tour of this charming town. A wonderfully laid-back and wilfully traditional place, the streets are a delight to wander – visit the elaborate Japanese Covered Bridge, the colourful market and a Chinese temple.
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**Day 10: Hoi An cooking class**  
Purchase fresh ingredients at the market before a cookery class at a local restaurant, consuming your creations for lunch. Take the afternoon to explore the town further or to relax in a riverside café.
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**Day 11: Hue's Imperial Citadel**  
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the fantastic scenery to Trai Mat hamlet. End the day browsing the stalls of Dalat's busy market.

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**Day 7: Travel to seaside Nha Trang**  
Wind your way down from the highlands and along the coast to the laid-back town of Nha Trang, Vietnam's beach capital. Spend the rest of the day at leisure – the beach is a great place to start.
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**Day 8: Nha Trang coastal cruise**  
Take to the turquoise waters for a cruise around the many small islands off Nha Trang's coast. There'll be a stop at an island to enjoy the refreshing waters for yourself, and a visit to a fishing village.


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**Day 9: Discover Hoi An**  
Fly to Danang and transfer to the UNESCO-listed Hoi An. This afternoon take a walking tour of this charming town. A wonderfully laid-back and wilfully traditional place, the streets are a delight to wander – visit the elaborate Japanese Covered Bridge, the colourful market and a Chinese temple.
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**Day 10: Hoi An cooking class**  
Purchase fresh ingredients at the market before a cookery class at a local restaurant, consuming your creations for lunch. Take the afternoon to explore the town further or to relax in a riverside café.

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**Day 11: Hue's Imperial Citadel**  
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**Day 12: Travel to Hanoi**  
Fly to Hanoi this morning. Enjoy a traditional Water Puppet performance later this evening.

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**Day 13: Halong Bay**  
Drive to Halong Bay where you will cruise amongst the karst peaks on tranquil green waters. A UNESCO World Heritage Site and a vision of awe-inspiring beauty, it isn't hard to see why this is one of Vietnam's most popular destinations.

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**Day 14: Sunrise over Halong Bay**  
Enjoy a Halong Bay sunrise, before returning to Hanoi. Take a thrilling cyclo ride through the Old Quarter.

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**Day 15: Depart Hanoi**  
Hanoi combines all the charms of the past with a modern buzz in one fast-paced yet refined city. Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, home of Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, the Humble House on Stilts, One Pillar Pagoda and the serene Temple of Literature before transferring to the airport for your overnight flight home. *Due to flight schedules, Darwin and Perth passengers may miss touring on Day 15. Perth passengers will arrive home on Day 15.*

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**Day 16: Arrive Australia**  
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### MAI CHAU 2 NIGHTS FROM \$540pp

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Price based on Twin Share.  
Additional charges may apply.

## DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL

• AIRFARES INCLUDED • 

2016 DATE									
11 Nov - 26 Nov	\$4,080								
2017 DATES									
27 Jan - 11 Feb#	\$4,240	10 Mar - 25 Mar	\$3,980	31 Mar - 15 Apr	\$4,480	09 Sep - 24 Sep	\$3,940	21 Oct - 05 Nov	\$4,180
17 Feb - 04 Mar	\$4,180	24 Mar - 08 Apr	\$3,980	12 Aug - 27 Aug	\$3,940	07 Oct - 22 Oct	\$4,380	11 Nov - 26 Nov	\$3,940
2018 DATES									
27 Jan - 11 Feb#	\$4,340	10 Mar - 25 Mar	\$4,240	31 Mar - 15 Apr	\$4,580	08 Sep - 23 Sep	\$4,040	20 Oct - 04 Nov	\$4,280
17 Feb - 04 Mar	\$4,280	24 Mar - 08 Apr	\$4,240	11 Aug - 26 Aug	\$4,040	06 Oct - 21 Oct	\$4,480	10 Nov - 25 Nov	\$4,140

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PER PERSON

\$4,480

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COMFORTABLE

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### Price includes:

- All meals (14 breakfasts, 13 lunches & 14 dinners)**
- International flights and current taxes
  - Domestic transportation
  - Accommodation
  - Touring with guides and entrance fees
  - Visa fees for Australian passport holders
  - Tipping (paid locally)

### Price guide

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From \$5,380 per person departing Perth with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

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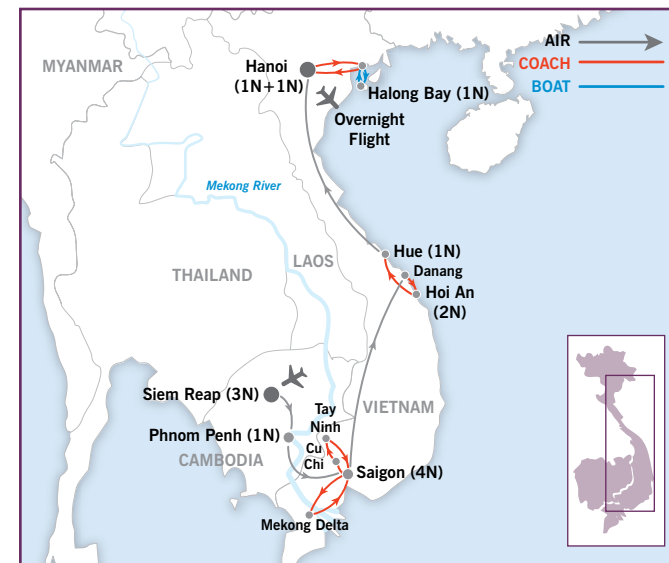


▲ FLOATING VILLAGE, TONLE SAP



▲ HAI VAN PASS, HUE

## FULLY INCLUSIVE CLASSIC TOUR – INDOCHINA



### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Navigate Angkor's temples
- Discover Phnom Penh
- Sightsee in Saigon
- Explore charming Hoi An
- Wake to a Halong Bay sunrise
- Stroll through old Hanoi

### ITINERARY

**Day 1: Fly to Siem Reap**  
Fly with Vietnam Airlines to Siem Reap. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

**Day 2: Tonle Sap Lake**  
**High water season (Aug to Feb)** Enjoy a morning cruise on Tonle Sap Lake, visiting a floating village and observing the way of life of these lake communities. Back on dry land visit Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple overrun by jungle. Return to Siem Reap via Les Artisan D'Angkor, where disadvantaged youth are taught traditional Cambodian crafts.

**Low water season (Mar to Jul)**  
Visit Chong Kneas floating village before heading to Beng Mealea where you will explore

this mysterious temple overrun by jungle. Return to Siem Reap via Les Artisan D'Angkor, where disadvantaged youth are taught traditional Cambodian crafts.

**Day 3: Explore Angkor**  
The seat of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries, the Angkor complex includes over 1,000 temples. Begin at Ta Prohm, an ethereal temple left in the grips of the jungle, before continuing to the city of Angkor Thom to reach the enigmatic Bayon. This afternoon is dedicated to the fascinating and awe-inspiring Angkor Wat.

**Day 4: Discover Phnom Penh**  
Fly to Phnom Penh, a city of airy boulevards and colonial villas. Visit the magnificent Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda before admiring the artefacts at the impressive National Museum.

**Day 5: Fly to Saigon**  
Visit the harrowing Tuoi Sleng Museum before climbing up to the hilltop Wat Phnom. Fly to Saigon.

**Day 6: Explore Saigon**  
The exuberant city of Saigon is a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. Visit the colonial Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office, the Reunification Palace and the chilling War Remnants Museum.

**Day 7: Mekong Delta cruise**  
Drive down to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the mighty Mekong. This area is known as the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', the rich and fertile lands producing huge amounts of rice, coconuts, vegetables and tropical fruit. Return to Saigon.

**Day 8: Cu Chi Tunnels**  
Confront the reality of guerrilla warfare at the Cu Chi Tunnels. Travel to Tay Ninh to attend the noon service at the Cao Dai Temple. Blending the architectural styles of cathedrals and pagodas with vivid, cartoonish colours, it is one of the most fanciful structures in Asia. Return to Saigon.

**Day 9: Journey to Hoi An**  
Fly to Danang and transfer to Hoi An. Take a walking tour of this laid-back and wilfully traditional town to see the elaborate Japanese Covered Bridge, a Chinese temple and the bustling market.

**Day 10: Tra Que village**  
Drive out into the countryside to the small farming community of Tra Que. Here you can enjoy the lush green countryside and see the farmers at work. This afternoon enjoy free time back in Hoi An.

**Day 11: Hue's Imperial Citadel**  
Leave Hoi An for Hue, taking a scenic route over the Hai Van Pass. The epitome of Vietnam's dynastic past, Hue is a dignified and scholarly city. Take a drive up to

the imposing Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City to explore. Next, visit the UNESCO Royal Tomb of Minh Mang, continuing to the Thien Mu Pagoda before cruising on the Perfume River.

**Day 12: Travel to Hanoi**  
Fly to Hanoi this morning. The rest of the day is free for you to relax or start your explorations of Vietnam's capital.

**Days 13-14: Halong Bay**  
Spend two days cruising amongst magnificent karst peaks on the tranquil waters of Halong Bay. Spend the night on the boat before returning to Hanoi where you will take an exciting cyclo ride through Hanoi's Old Quarter before seeing the famous Water Puppets show.

**Day 15: Depart Hanoi**  
Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, home of Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, the Humble House on Stilts, One Pillar Pagoda and the serene Temple of Literature. Transfer to the airport for an overnight flight to Australia. *Due to flight schedules, Darwin, Cairns and Perth passengers may miss touring on Day 15. Perth passengers will arrive home on Day 15.*

**Day 16: Arrive Australia**  
Arrive home today.

**EXTEND YOUR STAY**

**SAPA SHORT STAY**  
**4 NIGHTS FROM \$480PP**

Travel by overnight train to the town of Sapa, located in the Lao Cai province. Explore the different minority villages in the region and witness the life of the locals.  
See page 90.  
Price based on Twin Share.  
Additional charges may apply.

### DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL

### AIRFARES INCLUDED

2016 DATES											
12 Nov - 27 Nov	\$5,085	03 Dec - 18 Dec	\$5,035	10 Dec - 25 Dec	\$5,795						
2017 DATES											
07 Jan - 22 Jan	\$5,640	25 Feb - 12 Mar	\$4,980	01 Apr - 16 Apr	\$4,880	13 May - 28 May	\$4,580	16 Sep - 01 Oct	\$4,580	04 Nov - 19 Nov	\$4,780
14 Jan - 29 Jan#	\$5,480	04 Mar - 19 Mar	\$4,980	08 Apr - 23 Apr	\$5,580	10 Jun - 25 Jun	\$4,480	23 Sep - 08 Oct	\$4,580	11 Nov - 26 Nov	\$4,780
28 Jan - 12 Feb#	\$5,480	11 Mar - 26 Mar	\$4,980	15 Apr - 30 Apr	\$5,680	05 Aug - 20 Aug	\$4,580	07 Oct - 22 Oct	\$5,580	18 Nov - 03 Dec	\$4,780
04 Feb - 19 Feb	\$4,880	18 Mar - 02 Apr	\$4,980	29 Apr - 14 May	\$5,680	19 Aug - 03 Sep	\$4,580	14 Oct - 29 Oct	\$5,580	25 Nov - 10 Dec	\$4,780
11 Feb - 26 Feb	\$4,980	25 Mar - 09 Apr	\$4,980	06 May - 21 May	\$4,980	02 Sep - 17 Sep	\$4,580	28 Oct - 12 Nov	\$4,580	02 Dec - 17 Dec	\$4,780
2018 DATES											
06 Jan - 21 Jan	\$5,740	24 Feb - 11 Mar	\$5,080	31 Mar - 15 Apr	\$4,980	05 May - 20 May	\$5,080	18 Aug - 02 Sep	\$4,680	29 Sep - 14 Oct	\$5,780
13 Jan - 28 Jan#	\$5,580	03 Mar - 18 Mar	\$5,080	07 Apr - 22 Apr	\$5,680	12 May - 27 May	\$4,680	01 Sep - 16 Sep	\$4,680	06 Oct - 21 Oct	\$5,680
27 Jan - 11 Feb#	\$5,580	10 Mar - 25 Mar	\$5,080	14 Apr - 29 Apr	\$5,780	26 May - 10 Jun	\$4,680	08 Sep - 23 Sep	\$4,680	13 Oct - 28 Oct	\$5,680
03 Feb - 18 Feb	\$5,780	17 Mar - 01 Apr	\$5,080	21 Apr - 06 May	\$5,780	09 Jun - 24 Jun	\$4,580	15 Sep - 30 Sep	\$4,680	20 Oct - 04 Nov	\$5,680
10 Feb - 25 Feb	\$5,080	24 Mar - 08 Apr	\$5,080	28 Apr - 13 May	\$5,780	04 Aug - 19 Aug	\$4,680	22 Sep - 07 Oct	\$4,680	27 Oct - 11 Nov	\$4,880
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# INDOCHINA DELIGHTS

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16 DAYS FROM

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From price includes: tour cost \$4,447, airline fuel surcharge \$111 and tipping \$122 (tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)



▲ ANGKOR WAT, SIEM REAP

## Price includes:

All meals (14 breakfasts, 13 lunches & 14 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
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- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
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## Price guide

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From \$5,640 per person departing Darwin\* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

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▲ MEKONG DELTA

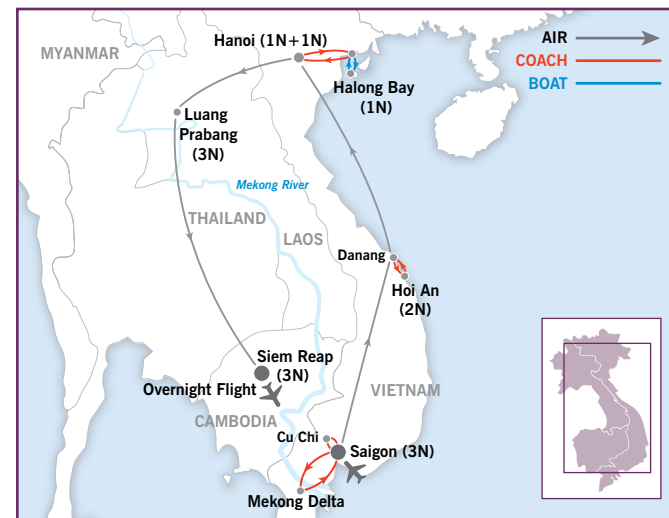


▲ HALONG BAY



▲ HOI AN

FULLY INCLUSIVE  
CLASSIC TOUR – INDOCHINA



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Sightsee in Saigon
- Wake to a Halong Bay sunrise
- Stroll through old Hanoi
- See Luang Prabang's temples
- Be captivated by Angkor
- Cruise Tonle Sap

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Fly to Saigon

Fly with Vietnam Airlines to Saigon, Vietnam's bustling southern city, for a three-night stay. On arrival you will be met by your expert tour guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### Day 2: Discover Saigon

Sightseeing today includes a visit to Notre Dame Cathedral, the Central Post Office, Reunification Palace and the War Remnants Museum. Later, visit the Cholon and the Thien Hau Pagoda.

### Day 3: Mekong Delta

Journey to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the Mekong. This area is called the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', the rich and fertile lands producing a plethora of rice, coconuts, vegetables and tropical fruits. Paddle through the maze of palm-lined canals and get a glimpse of daily life on the Mekong Delta.

### Day 4: Cu Chi Tunnels

Explore the amazing network of Cu Chi Tunnels, where you'll see the legendary maze of tunnels used by the Viet Cong to

infiltrate South Vietnam during the war. Later, fly to Danang and transfer to the UNESCO-listed city of Hoi An.

### Day 5: Hoi An walking tour

Take a morning walking tour of charming Hoi An, a wonderfully laid-back, graceful and wilfully traditional town. Visit one of the oldest homes, still occupied by descendants of merchant's that built it over 200 years ago. Also visit the elaborate Japanese Covered Bridge, Hoi An Market and a local Chinese Temple. The afternoon is at leisure to visit the local markets or relax in a riverside café.

### Day 6: Explore Hanoi

Fly to Hanoi, a charming and richly historic city of lakes, parks and shaded boulevards. Sightseeing includes a visit to the Temple of Literature and Ngoc Son Temple. You'll also take a cyclo tour of the Old Quarter, an area of market alleys still laid out as they were 300 years ago.

### Days 7-8: Halong Bay

Spend the day cruising amongst the spectacular seascapes, fringed by jagged karst formations jutting from emerald waters.

Halong Bay, with its 1,600 islands and islets, was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994 and is a vision of awe-inspiring beauty. It isn't hard to see why it is one of Vietnam's most popular destinations. Enjoy fresh meals on board and spend the night anchored amongst the magnificent seascapes. Return to Hanoi the following day and in the evening, watch a performance of the famous Water Puppets.

### Day 9: Fly to Luang Prabang

Spend the morning exploring Hanoi's Ho Chi Minh complex and enjoy a free afternoon with time to do some shopping. Fly to the enchanting city of Luang Prabang.

### Day 10: Discover Luang Prabang

Rise early to watch a Takbat almsgiving ceremony. Ascend Phousi Hill for city vistas, visit Wat Xieng Thong, then cruise along the Mekong River to see the Pak Ou Caves. Return to Luang Prabang and visit Thin Hong and Ban Xang Khong Villages en route.

### Day 11: Local villages and waterfalls

Visit the National Museum before continuing to the cascading turquoise waters of the enchanting Kuang Si Waterfalls. Return to Luang Prabang via Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre. This evening witness a local Baci Ceremony.

### Day 12: Fly to Siem Reap

Fly to Siem Reap and visit Banteay Srei temple. Climb to the summit of Pre Rup at sunset for a spectacular view of the surrounding landscape.

### Day 13: Explore Angkor Wat

The Angkor Archaeological Park encompasses over a thousand temples – the remains of different capitals of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries. Rising early, the tour begins at Ta Prohm. Next visit the walled city of Angkor Thom where you'll pass through the magnificent South Gate. At Angkor Thom's centre is the enigmatic Bayon, a breathtaking temple of innumerable

sculptural decorations. The rest of the day is dedicated to the astonishing Angkor Wat, the most magnificent and best preserved of all of Angkor's treasures. It is easy to while away an afternoon in its shady precincts, examining its wealth of fascinating and intricate embellishments.

### Day 14: Tonle Sap and Beng Mealea

#### High water season (Aug to Feb)

Enjoy a morning cruise on Tonle Sap Lake, visiting a floating village and observing the way of life of these lake communities. Back on dry land visit Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple overrun by jungle. Return to Siem Reap via Les Artisan D'Angkor, where disadvantaged youth are taught traditional Cambodian crafts.

#### Low water season (Mar to Jul)

Visit Chong Kneas floating village before heading to Beng Mealea where you will explore this mysterious temple overrun by jungle. Return to Siem Reap via Les Artisan D'Angkor, where disadvantaged youth are taught traditional Cambodian crafts.

### Day 15: Depart Siem Reap

Enjoy the morning at leisure before you are transferred to Siem Reap airport to board your overnight flight to Australia, arriving home the following day.

### Day 16: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY



BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER KWAI  
2 NIGHTS FROM \$640PP

The Bridge over the River Kwai was built by Prisoners of War during World War II. Travel over the Death Railway and explore the Hellfire Pass, both built to connect Myanmar and Thailand during the war.

See page 94.

Price based on Twin Share. Additional charges may apply.

## DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL

AIRFARES INCLUDED✈

2017 DATES									
15 Jan - 30 Jan#	\$5,680	05 Mar - 20 Mar	\$5,080	09 Apr - 24 Apr	\$5,580	09 Sep - 24 Sep	\$4,680	21 Oct - 05 Nov	\$4,680
12 Feb - 27 Feb	\$5,140	12 Mar - 27 Mar	\$4,880	29 Apr - 14 May	\$5,580	07 Oct - 22 Oct	\$5,680		
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MODERATE

From price includes: tour cost \$5,337, airline fuel surcharge \$35 and tipping \$108 (tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

**Price includes:**

- ✋️ **All meals (15 breakfasts, 14 lunches & 14 dinners)**

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▲ TAKBAT CEREMONY, LUANG PRABANG



▲ WAT SI SAKET, VIENTIANE



▲ BANTEAY SREI, SIEM REAP



▲ KUANG SI WATERFALLS, LUANG PRABANG



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Stroll Vientiane's quiet streets
- See Luang Prabang's temples
- Witness sacred Takbat
- Be captivated by Angkor
- Explore colonial Battambang
- Discover Phnom Penh

## ITINERARY

### ■ Day 1: Fly to Vientiane

Fly with QANTAS Airways to Vientiane via Bangkok.

### ■ Day 2: Explore Vientiane

Nestled in a languid bend of the Mekong, Vientiane is a delightfully quaint city, more a friendly backwater than chaotic capital. Visit the morning market, Wat Si Saket and Wat Phra Keo, the former Royal Temple. Visit the COPE Visitor Centre before viewing That Luang Stupa and the Patuxai Victory Monument. Dinner this evening will be accompanied by a traditional Lao music and dance performance.

### ■ Day 3: Travel to Vang Vieng

Depart Vientiane for Vang Vieng, a town beautifully set in a spectacular karst landscape that has become Laos' adventure capital. En route stop at Nam Ngum Lake, a reservoir created by damming the Nam Ngum River, where deep green waters are backed by mountains and forest.

### ■ Day 4: Explore Vang Vieng

Venture into the Tham Chang and Tham Loup caves before wandering through the dramatic limestone karst countryside beside the Nam Song River.

### ■ Day 5: Travel to Luang Prabang

Return to Vientiane and fly to the beautiful city of Luang Prabang. The quintessential image of Laos

and a place of vivid colours, here you'll find an extremely rich heritage and French legacy.

### ■ Day 6: Pak Ou Caves

Cruise up the languid Mekong River to the sacred caves of Pak Ou known for the hundreds of miniature Buddhist sculptures that reside within. On the return trip stop off at the villages of Thin Hong and Ban Xang Khong.

### ■ Day 7: Kuang Si Waterfalls

Begin the day at the National Museum, housed in the former Royal Palace, before driving out of the town to the natural splendour of Kuang Si Waterfalls. Enjoy the vivid blue terraced pools that tumble down through their forest setting, taking a dip or relaxing by the water's edge. Return to Luang Prabang via Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre.

### ■ Day 8: Takbat

Rise early this morning to witness the monks of Luang Prabang's monastic communities collect alms from locals – the ceremony of Takbat. These lines of silent saffron robe-clad monks will be a lasting image of your trip. Later, climb Phousi Hill for panoramic views over the city before flying to Siem Reap.

### ■ Day 9: Explore Angkor

The seat of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries, the Angkor complex includes over 1,000 temples.

Rising early, the tour begins at Ta Prohm, an atmospheric temple left in the grips of the jungle. Continue to the city of Angkor Thom, passing through the South Gate to reach the enigmatic Bayon at its centre and visit the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King. This afternoon is dedicated to the astonishing Angkor Wat, the best preserved of Angkor's temples. Examine the vast number of intricate details and relish the sheer magnificence of its architecture.

### ■ Day 10: Tonle Sap Lake High water season (Aug to Feb)

Enjoy a morning cruise on Tonle Sap Lake, visiting a floating village and observing the way of life of these lake communities. Back on dry land visit Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple overrun by jungle. Return to Siem Reap via Les Artisan D'Angkor, where disadvantaged youth are taught traditional Cambodian crafts.

### Low water season (Mar to Jul)

Visit Chong Kneas floating village before heading to Beng Mealea where you will explore this mysterious temple overrun by jungle. Return to Siem Reap via Les Artisan D'Angkor, where disadvantaged youth are taught traditional Cambodian crafts. This evening enjoy the sights and sounds of an Apsara dance performance.

### ■ Day 11: Banteay Srei

Admire the captivating Banteay Srei, a richly embellished Hindu Temple made of rose coloured sandstone. Wander the atmospheric ruins of Preah Khan. Ascend to the summit of the high-reaching temple, Pre Rup, in time to watch the sunset over the rice fields.

### ■ Day 12: Travel to Battambang

Depart Siem Reap for the city of Battambang, stopping off at the National Silk Centre where you can learn about the silk creation process.

### ■ Day 13: Explore Battambang

Battambang is set in some of the country's most beautiful landscapes. Head out of town to the 12th-century Prasat Banan Temple returning to Battambang

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via Cambodia's only vineyard for a wine tasting. Visit a local NGO, La Maison de Coco, where traditional skills such as weaving are taught to locals.

### ■ Day 14: Journey to Phnom Penh

Journey south to Cambodia's charming capital, Phnom Penh. On the way, stop at the 17th-century capital of Udong. This afternoon, learn about the tragedies of the recent past at the harrowing Tuol Sleng Museum.

### ■ Day 15: Phnom Penh

Spend the morning marvelling at the magnificent Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda before scaling the small hill topped by Wat Phnom. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### ■ Day 16: Depart Phnom Penh

Transfer to the airport to board your overnight flight to Australia, via Hong Kong.

### ■ Day 17: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

STOPOVER

**BANGKOK CITY STAY**  
**3 NIGHTS FROM \$415pp**

Discover the dynamic city of Bangkok, full of contrasts of ancient and modern Thailand. Bargain at the markets, explore the city streets or marvel at the Grand Palace.

See page 110.  
Price based on Twin Share.  
Additional charges may apply.



▲ ROYAL PALACE, PHNOM PENH

## DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL

2017 DATES				2018 DATES			
11 Feb - 27 Feb	\$5,480	14 Oct - 30 Oct	\$5,580	11 Nov - 27 Nov	\$5,880	10 Feb - 26 Feb	\$5,640
						13 Oct - 29 Oct	\$5,780
						10 Nov - 26 Nov	\$6,240

**Important note:**  
**QF** - Above prices include airline fuel surcharge of \$35 and tipping of US\$80 (AU\$108). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Laos.  
**SQ** - Prices on page 30 include airline fuel surcharge of \$420 and tipping of US\$80 (AU\$108). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Laos.



# VIETNAM HIGHLIGHTS

Appreciate the best of Vietnam's wealth of sights with a leisurely itinerary that takes you from the verdant Mekong Delta and Saigon in the south to graceful Hanoi and magnificent Halong Bay in the north with captivating landscapes and rich heritage in between.

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$3,980 TWIN SHARE

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY & MELBOURNE

MODERATE

From price includes: tour cost \$3,879 and tipping \$101 (tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)



▲ HALONG BAY

## Price includes:

All meals (16 breakfasts, 15 lunches & 16 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

## Price guide

18 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$3,980 per person departing Sydney and Melbourne with Vietnam Airlines (VN)

From \$4,180 per person departing Brisbane, Adelaide and Canberra with Vietnam Airlines (VN)

From \$3,840 per person departing Perth with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$3,880 per person departing Darwin\* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$4,240 per person departing Cairns\* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

\*Darwin and Cairns passengers may require a stopover in Singapore at an additional cost.

- Single Hotel Room and Cruise Cabin Option from \$680
- Land Only (Saigon to Hanoi) 17 days from \$3,290 per person (includes tipping)

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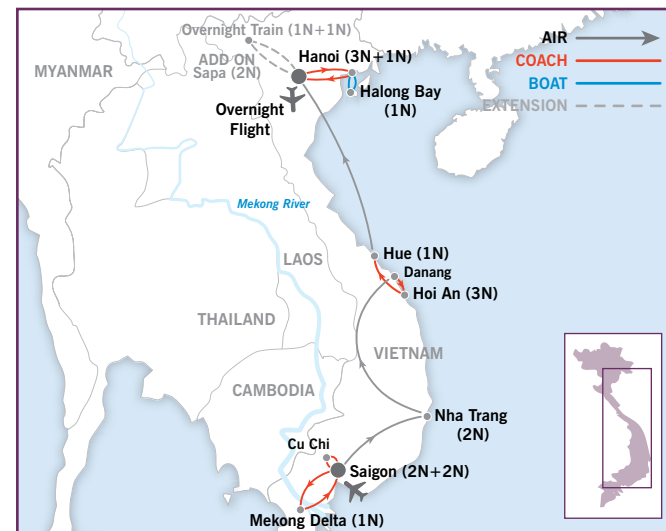
▲ MY SON, HANOI



▲ NHA TRANG



▲ MEKONG DELTA



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Sightsee in Saigon
- Drift along the Mekong Delta
- Be charmed by Hoi An
- Explore Hue's Forbidden City
- Wake to a Halong Bay sunrise
- Stroll through old Hanoi

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Fly to Saigon

Fly with Vietnam Airlines to Saigon, Vietnam's most evocative and largest city.

### Day 2: Discover Saigon

Seamlessly blending past and present, Saigon is both a treasure trove of cultural sights and the city that is driving Vietnam towards a brighter future. Visit the Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office, both legacies of a colonial past. Spend time at the Reunification Palace and the chilling War Remnants Museum. Finish up by browsing for bargains in the lively Ben Thanh Market.

### Day 3: Mekong Delta cruise

Journey to Vinh Long province to take a cruise on the mighty Mekong. This area is known as the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', the rich and fertile lands producing a plethora of rice, coconuts, vegetables and tropical fruit. Stay overnight at the house of a local to experience authentic Vietnamese hospitality.

### Day 4: Floating Markets

Continue your explorations cruising through the Cai Be

Floating Market, where you'll see boats piled high with colourful local produce. Explore the Delta city of My Tho and return to Saigon.

### Day 5: Cu Chi Tunnels

Confront the reality of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels. Return to Saigon.

### Day 6: Travel to seaside Nha Trang

Fly to Nha Trang, Vietnam's beach capital. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

### Day 7: Nha Trang cruise

Take to the turquoise waters for a cruise around the many small islands off Nha Trang's coast. There'll also be a visit to a local fishing village.

### Day 8: Travel to Hoi An

Fly to Danang and transfer to the beautiful UNESCO-listed town of Hoi An – a wonderfully laid-back and wilfully traditional town that has managed to retain the charms of a bygone era.

### Day 9: Tra Que village

Drive out into the countryside to Tra Que, a small farming community where you can enjoy

the lush, green countryside and stroll through the gardens to see the farmers at work. Later, take a walking tour of Hoi An, visiting a historical house, the elaborate Japanese Covered Bridge, a Chinese temple and the bustling market.

### Day 10: My Son

Explore the enchanting Cham ruins of My Son. Built in the 4th century, this complex of Hindu temples has been partially swallowed by the lush surrounding jungle. Return to Hoi An.

### Day 11: Hue's Imperial Citadel

Travel the scenic route to Hue over the Hai Van Pass. The epitome of Vietnam's dynastic past, Hue is a dignified and scholarly city. Visit the imposing Imperial Citadel, and Forbidden Purple City. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Tomb of Minh Mang and the Thien Mu Pagoda. Cruise on the Perfume River.

### Day 12: Fly to Hanoi

Fly to Hanoi. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### Day 13: Discover Hanoi

Hanoi combines all the charms of past with a modern buzz. Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, the Humble House on Stilts, One Pillar Pagoda, the Ethnology Museum and Temple of Literature, before a cyclo tour of the Old Quarter's atmospheric streets.

### Day 14: Duong Lam traditional village

Duong Lam is well known for its wonderfully preserved historic houses. Visit Mong Phu Temple and observe the daily life of the locals in traditional village surroundings before returning to Hanoi. In the evening see a performance of the famous Water Puppets.

### Days 15-16: Halong Bay

Spend time cruising amongst magnificent karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay. Spend the night on the boat. Tomorrow, return to Hanoi.

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### Day 17: Depart Hanoi

This morning is at leisure before you are transferred to Hanoi airport to board your overnight flight to Australia, arriving home the following day. Due to flight schedules, Perth passengers will arrive home on Day 17.

### Day 18: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

## EXTENSION



## SAPA EXTENSION 4 NIGHTS EXTRA

Add from \$750 per person ^ (twin share)

Add from \$1,790 ^ (sole traveller)

### Day 16: Overnight train to Sapa

Arrive in Hanoi and board an overnight soft sleeper train to the hill station of Sapa. (B,D)

### Days 17-18: Explore Sapa

Arrive in Sapa early in the morning. Spend the next two days discovering this verdant and beautiful area of rolling hills and rice terraces, with some light hiking through the surrounding valleys and villages. (B,L,D)

### Day 19: Mt. Fansipan

Ascend to the peak of Mt. Fansipan by cable car and take in the incredible views from the top of Vietnam's tallest mountain. This evening, board an overnight train for Hanoi. (B,L,D)

### Day 20: Depart Hanoi

Transfer to the airport. (B,L)

Based on shared 4 berth soft sleeper compartment.

Above pricing includes tipping of US\$20 per person (AU\$27)

^ Shoulder and high season surcharges apply.

## DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL

AIRFARES INCLUDED ✈

2017 DATES									
28 Jan - 14 Feb#	\$4,420	04 Mar - 21 Mar	\$4,380	01 Apr - 18 Apr	\$4,380	10 Jun - 27 Jun	\$3,980	30 Sep - 17 Oct	\$4,380
18 Feb - 07 Mar	\$4,380	18 Mar - 04 Apr	\$4,380	15 Apr - 02 May	\$4,260	02 Sep - 19 Sep	\$3,980	11 Nov - 28 Nov	\$3,980
2018 DATES									
27 Jan - 13 Feb#	\$4,520	03 Mar - 20 Mar	\$4,480	31 Mar - 17 Apr	\$4,480	09 Jun - 26 Jun	\$4,080	22 Sep - 09 Oct	\$4,480
17 Feb - 06 Mar	\$4,480	17 Mar - 03 Apr	\$4,480	14 Apr - 01 May	\$4,360	01 Sep - 18 Sep	\$4,080	10 Nov - 27 Nov	\$4,080

Important note:

VN - Above prices include tipping of US\$75 (AU\$101). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Vietnam.

SQ - Prices on page 32 include airline fuel surcharge of \$420 and tipping of US\$75 (AU\$101). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Vietnam.

# Departure coincides with TET celebrations and sightseeing may be affected.



# VIETNAM PANORAMA

Travel overland through the verdant south of Vietnam – from the riverside life of the Mekong to lush and fresh Dalat, then up the beautiful coastline to ancient Hue. Finish off by exploring colonial Hanoi and cruising on tranquil Halong Bay.

18 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$3,880 TWIN SHARE

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY & MELBOURNE

MODERATE

From price includes: tour cost \$3,765 and tipping \$115 (tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

## Price includes:

All meals (16 breakfasts, 15 lunches & 16 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

## Price guide

- 18 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$3,880 per person departing Sydney and Melbourne with Vietnam Airlines (VN)

From \$4,180 per person departing Brisbane, Adelaide and Canberra with Vietnam Airlines (VN)

From \$3,980 per person departing Perth with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$3,880 per person departing Darwin\* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$4,240 per person departing Cairns\* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

*\*Darwin and Cairns passengers may require stopovers in Singapore at an additional cost.*

- Single Hotel Room and Cruise Cabin Option from \$680
- Land Only (Saigon to Hanoi) 17 days from \$2,960 per person (includes tipping)

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▲ HOI AN



▲ IMPERIAL CITADEL, HUE

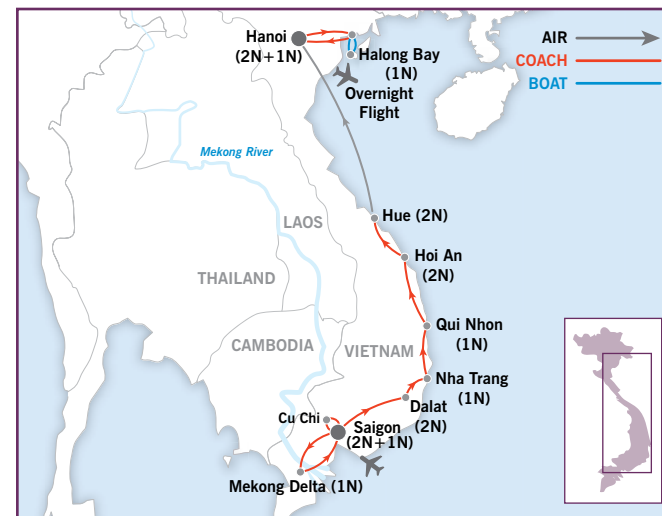


▲ HALONG BAY



▲ TEA PLANTATIONS, DALAT

FULLY INCLUSIVE  
CLASSIC TOUR – INDOCHINA



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Sightsee in Saigon
- Drift along the Mekong Delta
- Enjoy Dalat's cooler climate
- Relax on Nha Trang's beach
- Wake to a Halong Bay sunrise
- Stroll through old Hanoi

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Fly to Saigon

Fly with Vietnam Airlines to Saigon, Vietnam's most evocative city. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### Day 2: Cu Chi Tunnels

Confront the reality of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels before returning to Saigon. Seamlessly blending past and present, Saigon is the city that is driving Vietnam towards a brighter future. Visit Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office, both legacies of a colonial past. Spend time at the Reunification Palace and the chilling War Remnants Museum.

### Day 3: Mekong Delta cruise

Drive down to Ben Tre to take a cruise through the Mekong Delta, an area known as the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam'. Paddle through the maze of palm-lined canals, and enjoy a typical Mekong lunch. Travel to Can Tho for an overnight stay.

### Day 4: Cai Rang floating markets

Visit the Cai Rang floating markets to see the goods on sale and learn how vermicelli rice noodles are made. Return to Saigon.

### Day 5: Journey to Dalat

Head up into the cooler climate and wonderful scenery of the highlands to the colonial town of Dalat, stopping at Bao Loc tea plantation en route.

### Day 6: Explore Dalat

Visit the Domaine de Marie Church, the Flower Gardens and an embroidery workshop. Board an open-air train for a journey through fantastic scenery to Trai Mat hamlet. End the day with a local coffee by Xuan Huong lake.

### Day 7: Nha Trang coastal cruise

Travel down from the highlands and along the coast to Nha Trang, Vietnam's beach capital. Take to the turquoise waters for a cruise around the bay's many islands, including a stop to enjoy a swim in the refreshing waters.

### Day 8: Qui Nhon

Visit the Po Nagar Cham Towers and continue on to the coastal city of Qui Nhon.

### Day 9: Son My and Hoi An

Leave Qui Nhon this morning stopping at Son My to pay homage to the victims of the My Lai massacre before continuing on to Hoi An. The afternoon is at your leisure.

### Day 10: Explore Hoi An on foot

Take a morning walking tour of charming Hoi An – a wonderfully laid-back and wilfully traditional town that has managed to retain the charms of a bygone era. Visit a lovely old-style merchant's house, the Japanese Covered Bridge, a Chinese temple and the market.

### Day 11: Hue

Take the scenic route to Hue over the Hai Van Pass. The epitome of Vietnam's dynastic past, Hue is a dignified and scholarly city. Visit the Royal Tomb of Minh Mang.

### Day 12: Hue's Imperial Citadel

Take a drive to the imposing Imperial Citadel to explore. Cruise along the Perfume River Thien Mu Pagoda before heading to An Hien House.

### Day 13: Fly to Hanoi

Exuding a wonderfully exotic aura, Hanoi is the perfect combination of old Asia and new. Admire the collections at the Fine Arts Museum and take a cyclo through the atmospheric tangle of streets that make up the Old Quarter. Enjoy an evening performance of the traditional Water Puppets.

### Day 14: Discover Hanoi

Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, passing by Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, the Humble House on Stilts, One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature.

### Days 15-16: Halong Bay

Spend the day cruising through the awe-inspiring beauty of

Halong Bay. Enjoy a visit to Surprise Cave. The next day return to Hanoi.

### Day 17: Depart Hanoi

This morning is at leisure before you are transferred to Hanoi airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. *Due to flight schedules, Perth passengers will arrive home on Day 17.*

### Day 18: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY



SAPA SHORT STAY  
4 NIGHTS FROM \$480pp

Travel by overnight train to the town of Sapa, located in the Lao Cai province. Explore the different minority villages in the region and witness the life of the locals.

See page 90.

Price based on Twin Share. Additional charges may apply.



▲ CAI RANG FLOATING MARKET

## DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2016 DATE											
28 Nov - 15 Dec	\$4,080										
2017 DATES											
16 Jan - 02 Feb#	\$4,580	06 Mar - 23 Mar	\$4,280	27 Mar - 13 Apr	\$4,540	15 May - 01 Jun	\$3,980	04 Sep - 21 Sep	\$3,880	13 Nov - 30 Nov	\$4,180
13 Feb - 02 Mar	\$4,280	13 Mar - 30 Mar	\$4,280	03 Apr - 20 Apr	\$4,360	05 Jun - 22 Jun	\$4,480	25 Sep - 12 Oct	\$4,580	27 Nov - 14 Dec	\$3,980
27 Feb - 16 Mar	\$4,280	20 Mar - 06 Apr	\$4,280	01 May - 18 May	\$3,980	14 Aug - 31 Aug	\$3,880	16 Oct - 02 Nov	\$4,180		
2018 DATES											
15 Jan - 01 Feb#	\$4,680	26 Feb - 15 Mar	\$4,380	19 Mar - 05 Apr	\$4,380	16 Apr - 03 May	\$4,680	04 Jun - 21 Jun	\$3,980	24 Sep - 11 Oct	\$4,680
05 Feb - 22 Feb	\$4,680	02 Mar - 19 Mar	\$4,380	26 Mar - 12 Apr	\$4,640	30 Apr - 17 May	\$4,680	13 Aug - 30 Aug	\$3,980	15 Oct - 01 Nov	\$4,680
12 Feb - 01 Mar	\$4,380	12 Mar - 29 Mar	\$4,380	02 Apr - 19 Apr	\$4,460	14 May - 31 May	\$4,080	03 Sep - 20 Sep	\$4,080	12 Nov - 29 Nov	\$4,280

Important note:

VN - Above prices include tipping of US\$85 (AU\$115). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Vietnam.

SQ - Prices on page 34 include airline fuel surcharge of \$420 and tipping of US\$85 (AU\$115). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Vietnam.

# Departure coincides with TET celebrations and sightseeing may be affected.



# MEKONG ODYSSEY

Venture through Vietnam's cultural centres, natural wonders and fast-paced cities before a Pandaw cruise along the mighty Mekong. Finish up in the resilient land of Cambodia where the temples of Angkor await your discovery.

- 20

DAYS FROM
- PER PERSON

\$8,990

TWIN SHARE
- 

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY & MELBOURNE
- 

INCLUDES 7 NIGHT MEKONG CRUISE
- 

COMFORTABLE

From price includes: tour cost \$8,860, airline fuel surcharge \$42 and tipping \$88 (tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

## Price includes:

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All meals (18 breakfasts, 16 lunches & 18 dinners)
- International flights and current taxes
  - Domestic transportation
  - Accommodation
  - Main Deck cabin on Mekong Cruise
  - Touring with guides and entrance fees
  - Visa fees for Australian passport holders
  - Tipping (paid locally)

## Price guide

- 20 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$8,990 per person departing Sydney and Melbourne with Vietnam Airlines (VN)

From \$9,480 per person departing Brisbane, Adelaide and Canberra with Vietnam Airlines (VN)

From \$9,190 per person departing Perth with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$8,990 per person departing Darwin\* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$9,380 per person departing Cairns\* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

*\*Darwin and Cairns passengers may require stopovers in Singapore at an additional cost.*

- Single Hotel Room and Cruise Cabin Option from \$7,880
- Land Only (Hanoi to Siem Reap) 19 days from \$8,080 per person (includes tipping)



▲ MEKONG DELTA



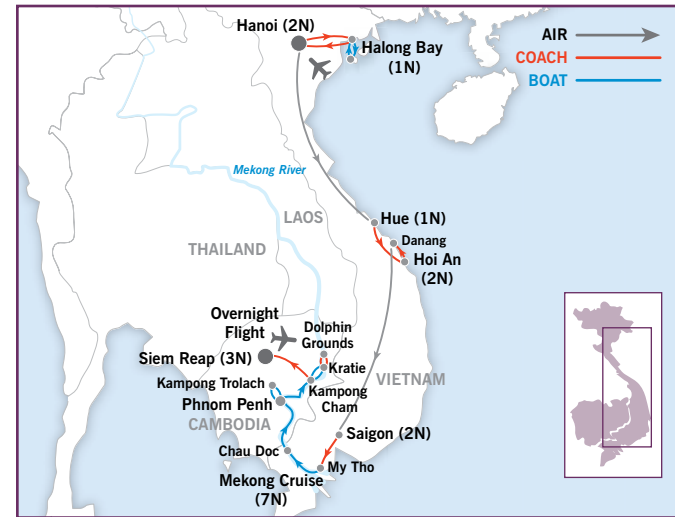
▲ HALONG BAY



▲ FLOATING MARKET



▲ IMPERIAL CITADEL, HUE



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Hanoi's Old Quarter
- Cruise the Mekong
- Spectacular Halong Bay
- Discover Angkor
- Charming Hoi An
- Visit Tonle Sap Lake

## ITINERARY

- Day 1: Fly to Hanoi**  
Fly to Vietnam's vibrant capital city, Hanoi, with Vietnam Airlines.
- Day 2: Explore Hanoi**  
Hanoi combines all the charms of the past with a modern buzz in one fast-paced yet refined city. Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, the Humble House on Stilts, One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature before taking a cyclo and walking tour around the Old Quarter to sample a range of local cuisine.
- Day 3: Cruise Halong Bay**  
Spend time cruising amongst magnificent karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay. Stay overnight on the boat.
- Day 4: Travel to Hue**  
Enjoy the sunrise over the bay before returning to Hanoi for your flight to Hue.
- Day 5: Hue's Imperial Citadel**  
The epitome of Vietnam's dynastic past, Hue is a dignified and scholarly city. This morning explore the Imperial Citadel and the Forbidden Purple City before visiting the Royal Tomb of Minh Mang and the Thien Mu Pagoda which overlooks the Perfume River. Continue by road to Hoi An.
- Day 6: Discover Hoi An**  
Purchase fresh ingredients at the market for a cookery class at a local restaurant, consuming your creations for lunch. This afternoon take a walking tour of Hoi An. A wonderfully laid-back and wilfully traditional place, the streets are a delight to wander – visit the elaborate Japanese Covered Bridge, the colourful market and a Chinese temple.
- Day 7: Discover Saigon**  
Transfer to Danang for your flight to Saigon. A seamless blend of past and present, Saigon offers a high-octane ride into Vietnam's ever brighter future. Experience Notre Dame Cathedral and the neoclassical Central Post Office designed by Gustave Eiffel; also visit the Reunification Palace and the chilling War Remnants Museum where the brutality of the war and its victims are well-documented. Finish up browsing through the lively Ben Thanh Market.
- Day 8: Cu Chi Tunnels**  
Confront the reality of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels, where you'll see the legendary tunnel network used by the Viet Cong to infiltrate South Vietnam during the war. Continue travel to Tay Ninh to attend the noon

service at the Cao Dai Temple. Return to Saigon.

- Day 9: Board your Mekong River Cruise**  
Transfer to My Tho, a city on the Mekong Delta, to board your elegant Pandaw cruise vessel. Sit on the sundeck and sip your welcome cocktail before dining on delicious local cuisine in the bistro-style restaurant. Later, retire to your comfortable stateroom for the night.
- Day 10: Sa Dec and Vinh Long**  
Enjoy a sampan cruise excursion through the canals of Sa Dec and Vinh Long.
- Day 11: Cham Tribal village and Chau Doc**  
Visit a Cham Tribal village and a catfish farm. Cruise through the Cambodian border, mooring overnight near Phnom Penh.
- Day 12: Phnom Penh**  
Cambodia's capital is a city of airy boulevards and colonial villas. Take a cyclo ride around the centre to see the main sights, including the dazzling Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda. This afternoon visit the harrowing Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng Museum.
- Day 13: Tonle Sap River**  
Travel up the Tonle Sap River by boat or road (depending on water levels) to Kampong Trolach, and Chong Koh Villages.
- Day 14: Countryside scenery**  
Enjoy a leisurely morning stroll at Angkor Ban. Continue sailing to the French colonial town of Kratie.
- Day 15: Dolphin watching near Kratie**  
Travel by local bus to the dolphin grounds, located in a national park protected area. This afternoon, visit the Monkey Temple before setting sail towards Kampong Cham for the night.
- Day 16: Siem Reap**  
Disembark from the cruise vessel and transfer to Siem Reap, the gateway to Angkor. This afternoon visit the captivating Banteay Srei – a richly-embellished rose-coloured sandstone temple, before

watching the sunset from the summit of Pre Rup.

- Day 17: Explore Angkor**  
Encompassing the seats of the Khmer Empire between the 9th and 15th centuries the Angkor Archaeological Park covers 400 square kilometres and includes over 1,000 temples. Rising early, the tour begins at Ta Prohm. Continue to the walled city of Angkor Thom, passing through the South Gate flanked by 54 stone figures. Reach the enigmatic Bayon, the Elephant Terrace and Leper King before dedicating your afternoon to Angkor Wat, an example of Khmer architecture and a monument to religious devotion.
- Day 18: Tonle Sap Lake High water season (Aug to Feb)**  
Enjoy a morning cruise on Tonle Sap Lake, visiting a floating village and observing the way of life of these lake communities. Back on dry land visit Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple overrun by jungle. Return to Siem Reap via Les Artisan D'Angkor, where disadvantaged youth are taught traditional Cambodian crafts.
- Low water season (Mar to Jul)**  
Visit Chong Kneas floating village before heading to Beng Mealea where you will explore this mysterious temple overrun by jungle. Return to Siem Reap via Les Artisan D'Angkor, where disadvantaged youth are taught traditional Cambodian crafts.

- Day 19: Depart Siem Reap**  
This morning is at leisure before you are transferred to Siem Reap airport to board your overnight flight to Australia.
- Day 20: Arrive Australia**  
Arrive home today.



▲ TA PROHM, SIEM REAP

## DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL

• AIRFARES INCLUDED • 

2017 DATES				2018 DATES			
03 Mar - 22 Mar	\$8,990	13 Oct - 01 Nov	\$9,980	10 Nov - 29 Nov	\$8,990	02 Feb - 21 Feb	\$10,380
						16 Mar - 04 Apr	\$9,540

**Important note:**  
**VN** - Above prices include tipping of US\$65 (AU\$88). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Vietnam.  
**SQ** - Prices on page 36 include airline fuel surcharge of \$420 and tipping of US\$65 (AU\$88). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Vietnam.  
**DEPOSIT:** The deposit for Mekong Odyssey is \$2,290 per person. See our Booking Conditions for more information.



# TREASURES OF VIETNAM & CHINA

This epic tour blends the charms of Vietnam with the fascinating history of China. Explore Saigon, cruise Halong Bay, view adorable Giant Pandas, see the Terracotta Warriors and walk the Great Wall on one memorable adventure.

26

DAYS FROM

PER PERSON

\$6,980

TWIN SHARE



FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY & MELBOURNE



MODERATE

From price includes: tour cost \$6,587, airline fuel surcharge \$170 and tipping \$223 (tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

Price includes:



All meals (24 breakfasts, 22 lunches & 24 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

Price guide

- 26 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$6,980 per person departing Sydney and Melbourne with Vietnam Airlines (VN)

From \$7,280 per person departing Brisbane, Adelaide and Canberra with Vietnam Airlines (VN)

From \$7,880 per person departing Perth with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$7,780 per person departing Darwin\* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$7,980 per person departing Cairns\* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

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- Land Only (Saigon to Shanghai) 25 days from \$6,480 per person (includes tipping)

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▲ GREAT WALL OF CHINA, BEIJING



▲ NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL, SAIGON



▲ SHANGHAI



▲ HALONG BAY



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Drift along the Mekong Delta
- Be charmed by Hoi An
- Cruise across Halong Bay
- Watch Giant Pandas play
- Face the Terracotta Army
- Stand on the Great Wall

## ITINERARY

**Day 1: Fly to Saigon**  
Fly with Vietnam Airlines to Saigon, Vietnam's most evocative and largest city.

**Day 2: Cu Chi Tunnels**  
Contemplate the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the astonishing Cu Chi Tunnels before returning to Saigon to see the Notre Dame Cathedral and Central Post Office – legacies of a colonial past and the War Remnants Museum.

**Day 3: Mekong Delta Cruise**  
Travel to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the Mekong. Called the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', get a glimpse of daily life on the Mekong Delta and lunch on delicious, typical Mekong dishes. Return to Saigon.

**Days 4-5: Historic Hoi An**  
Fly to Danang and transfer to the UNESCO-listed town of Hoi An. Take a walking tour of this charming town. A wonderfully laid-back and wilfully traditional place, the streets are a delight to wander around – visit an old merchant's house, the elaborate Japanese Covered Bridge and

the market. The next day, head out to Tra Que Village. Help with the cultivation of vegetables and enjoy a rejuvenating herbal foot bath. Eat lunch at a local family home and watch a cooking demonstration.

**Days 6-7: Imperial Hue**  
Travel to Hue. Visit the UNESCO-listed Royal Tomb of Minh Mang. The next day, float along the Perfume River to Thien Mu Pagoda before travelling to An Hien House. Finally, make your way to the imposing Imperial Citadel where you can fully explore the expansive grounds.

**Day 8: Colonial Hanoi**  
Fly to the capital city of Hanoi, dubbed the 'Paris of the Orient'. Visit the Fine Arts Museum, take a cyclo tour of the Old Quarter's atmospheric streets and watch a Water Puppet show.

**Days 9-10: Halong Bay**  
Cruise amongst karst peaks on the tranquil green waters of Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a vision of awe-inspiring beauty. Spend the night on board. Return to Hanoi the next day.

**Day 11: Discover Hanoi**  
Hanoi brings all the charms of the past with all the buzz of the future in one fast-paced yet refined city. Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, and visit Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, the Humble House on Stilts and One Pillar Pagoda. Also visit the Temple of Literature. The rest of the afternoon is free.

**Days 12-13: Pandas**  
Fly to Chengdu via Guangzhou. The next day, visit Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding where you can see China's celebrated icons up close. Wander through People's Park to see the fascinating Matchmaker's Corner and visit a traditional tea house. This evening, you can sample the delicious Sichuan cuisine.

**Day 14: Ronghu Lake**  
Take an early morning flight to Guilin. Stroll around Ronghu Lake, visiting the Sun and Moon Pagodas.

**Days 15-16: Li River Cruise and Yangshuo**  
Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to Yangshuo. The next morning, explore this unique rural location before taking the afternoon at leisure. In the evening, see the famous cormorant fishermen.

**Day 17: Reed Flute Cave**  
Travel to Guilin. Later, see the colourful formations of the Reed Flute Cave. Spend some time exploring the South China Pearl Museum.

**Day 18: Shui Jiao Dumplings**  
Fly to the ancient city of Xian. The start of the Silk Road, Xian is an incredible melting pot of religions and cultures. Stroll along the 14th-century ancient city wall. This evening indulge in traditional Shui Jiao dumplings followed by a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

**Day 19: Terracotta Warriors**  
The Terracotta Army of Emperor Qin Shi Huang has intrigued visitors for years. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks standing sentinel in their mysterious necropolis. Later, visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda.

**Day 20: Travel to Beijing**  
Board a bullet train to Beijing. The rest of the day is at leisure.

**Day 21: Imperial Beijing**  
Stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City where you'll find a complex full of imperial treasures. Also visit the lovely Temple of Heaven and wander through the adjacent park where you can watch, or participate in a session of Tai Chi.

**Day 22: The Great Wall**  
This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate its sheer magnificence. Savour the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace. Stroll along the Long Corridor, admire carefully cultivated gardens and wonder at the Marble Boat built under Empress Dowager Cixi. Round off the day with a Chinese acrobatic show.

**Days 23-24: Explore Shanghai**  
Fly to Shanghai and explore this cosmopolitan city. Start with a panoramic cruise on the Huangpu River. The next day, visits include the Yu Garden, the old town, Shanghai Museum and the colonial architecture of the Bund.

**Day 25: Depart Shanghai**  
This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Shanghai airport for your overnight flight to Australia.

**Day 26: Arrive Australia**  
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## DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL

2017 DATES											
25 Mar - 19 Apr	\$7,680	15 Apr - 10 May#	\$7,780	20 May - 14 Jun	\$7,280	02 Sep - 27 Sep	\$6,980	16 Sep - 11 Oct#	\$7,580	14 Oct - 08 Nov	\$7,380
2018 DATES											
24 Mar - 18 Apr	\$7,840	14 Apr - 09 May#	\$7,940	19 May - 13 Jun	\$7,440	25 Aug - 19 Sep	\$7,260	08 Sep - 03 Oct#	\$7,680	13 Oct - 07 Nov	\$7,460

**Important note:**  
**VN** - Above prices include airline fuel surcharge of \$170 and tipping of US\$165 (AU\$223). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Vietnam and China.  
**SQ** - Prices on page 38 include airline fuel surcharge of \$525 and tipping of US\$165 (AU\$223). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Vietnam and China.  
 # Departure coincides with Golden Week celebrations and sightseeing may be affected.



# GRAND TOUR OF INDOCHINA

Witness the traditions, scenery and sights of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. Stand astounded by the intricacies of Angkor, the majesty of Halong Bay and the tranquillity of Luang Prabang.

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From price includes: tour cost \$6,352, airline fuel surcharge \$112 and tipping \$216 (tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

## Price includes:

All meals (25 breakfasts, 24 lunches & 25 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

## Price guide

- 27 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$6,680 per person departing Sydney and Melbourne with Vietnam Airlines (VN)

From \$7,180 per person departing Brisbane, Adelaide and Canberra with Vietnam Airlines (VN)

From \$7,280 per person departing Perth with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

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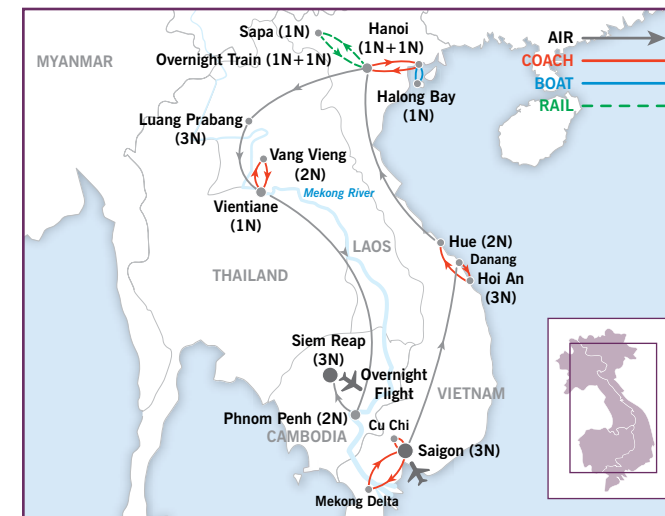
▲ MEKONG DELTA



▲ WAT XIENG THONG, LUANG PRABANG



▲ RICE TERRACES, SAPA



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Drift along the Mekong Delta
- Witness sacred Takbat
- Walk Sapa's rice terraces
- See Luang Prabang's temples
- Wake to a Halong Bay sunrise
- Stand captivated by Angkor

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Fly to Saigon

Fly with Vietnam Airlines to Saigon, Vietnam's most evocative city. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### Day 2: Discover Saigon

This morning, contemplate the horrors of guerrilla warfare at the Cu Chi Tunnels before returning to Saigon. Visit the colonial Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office, the Reunification Palace, and the chilling War Remnants Museum.

### Day 3: Mekong Delta

Travel to Ben Tre to take a cruise on the Mekong. This area is called the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam' – paddle through the maze of palm-lined canals and get a glimpse of daily life on the Mekong Delta. Lunch on typical Mekong fare. Return to Saigon.

### Days 4-5: Explore Hoi An

Fly to Danang and transfer to Hoi An. This afternoon take a walking tour of Hoi An, including the elaborate Japanese Covered Bridge. The next morning take a short bike ride to Tra Que Village.

### Day 6: Hoi An

Spend a day at leisure to explore and unwind in this lovely traditional town.

### Days 7-8: Imperial Hue

Travel the scenic route to Hue over the Hai Van Pass. Visit the UNESCO Royal Tomb of Minh Mang. The next day explore the imposing Imperial Citadel before seeing Thien Mu Pagoda and cruising along the Perfume River.

### Day 9: Journey to Hanoi

Fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's capital. Take an exciting cyclo tour of the Old Quarter before enjoying a performance of the traditional Water Puppets.

### Day 10: Hanoi

Spend the morning at leisure. Later, explore the Museum of Ethnology and Temple of Literature, before boarding an overnight train to Sapa.

### Days 11-12: Sapa countryside

Spend the next two days discovering this verdant and beautiful area of rolling hills and rice terraces exploring colourful markets, minority villages including Cat Cat and tribal architecture. Board the overnight train back to Hanoi.

### Days 13-14: Cruise Halong Bay

Arrive in Hanoi this morning. After some time to freshen up, continue to Halong Bay. Spend two days cruising amongst magnificent karst peaks on the tranquil green waters. Return to Hanoi.

### Day 15: Fly to Luang Prabang

Visit Hanoi's Ho Chi Minh Quarter, the Humble House on Stilts and One Pillar Pagoda, with the afternoon free to do a little shopping. Fly to Luang Prabang.

### Day 16: Takbat

Rise early to witness the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat. Ascend Phousi Hill for city views and visit Wat Xieng Thong. Take to the waters of the Mekong to visit the sacred caves of Pak Ou.

### Day 17: Kuang Si Waterfalls

This morning visit the National Museum. Marvel at the cascading turquoise waters of the enchanting Kuang Si Waterfalls before returning to Luang Prabang via Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre.

### Day 18: Travel to Vang Vieng

Fly to Vientiane and drive to Vang Vieng, a town beautifully set in a spectacular karst landscape. En route, stop at Nam Ngum Lake.

### Day 19: Explore Vang Vieng

Venture into the Tham Chang and Tham Loup caves before wandering through the dramatic limestone karst countryside beside the Nam Song River.

### Day 20: Discover Vientiane

Drive back to Vientiane. Nestled in a languid bend in the Mekong, Vientiane is more a friendly backwater than chaotic capital. Visit Wat Si Saket, Wat Phra Keo, That Luang Stupa, and the Patuxai Victory Monument. Enjoy dinner with a traditional Lao music and dance performance.

### Day 21: Royal Palace

Fly to Phnom Penh. A city of airy boulevards and colonial villas, it is a pleasurable place to be. Today's visits include the magnificent Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda. Later on, admire the artefacts of the National Museum.

### Day 22: Explore Phnom Penh

Visit the children of the Apsara Arts Association and the harrowing Tuol Sleng Museum, later exploring the Russian and Central markets.

### Day 23: Sunset from Pre Rup

Ascend to the hilltop Wat Phnom before transferring to the airport to fly to Siem Reap. Visit the captivating Banteay Srei – a richly-embellished rose-coloured sandstone temple, before watching the sun set from the summit of Pre Rup.

### Day 24: Explore Angkor

Beginning at Ta Prohm, continue to Angkor Thom and pass through the South Gate to reach the enigmatic Bayon, the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King. This afternoon is dedicated to the indescribable Angkor Wat.

### Day 25: Tonle Sap

#### High water season (Aug to Feb)

Enjoy a morning cruise on Tonle Sap Lake, visiting a floating village and observing the way of life of these lake communities. Back on dry land visit Beng Mealea, a mysterious temple overrun by jungle. Return to Siem Reap via Les Artisan D'Angkor, where disadvantaged youth are taught traditional Cambodian crafts.

#### Low water season (Mar to Jul)

Visit Chong Kneas floating village before heading to Beng Mealea where you will explore this mysterious temple overrun by jungle. Return to Siem Reap via Les Artisan D'Angkor, where disadvantaged youth are taught traditional Cambodian crafts.

### Day 26: Depart Siem Reap

This morning is at leisure before you are transferred to Siem Reap airport to board your overnight flight to Australia.

### Day 27: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

## DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL

AIRFARES INCLUDED ✈

2017 DATES											
22 Jan - 17 Feb#	\$7,860	26 Feb - 24 Mar	\$7,080	19 Mar - 14 Apr	\$6,780	02 Apr - 28 Apr	\$6,780	20 Aug - 15 Sep	\$7,040	24 Sep - 20 Oct	\$6,780
05 Feb - 03 Mar	\$7,080	12 Mar - 07 Apr	\$6,780	26 Mar - 21 Apr	\$6,780	30 Apr - 26 May	\$7,680	03 Sep - 29 Sep	\$7,040	15 Oct - 10 Nov	\$6,780
2018 DATES											
21 Jan - 16 Feb#	\$7,960	25 Feb - 23 Mar	\$7,280	18 Mar - 13 Apr	\$6,980	01 Apr - 27 Apr	\$6,980	06 May - 01 Jun	\$7,140	02 Sep - 28 Sep	\$7,140
04 Feb - 02 Mar	\$7,980	11 Mar - 06 Apr	\$6,980	25 Mar - 20 Apr	\$6,980	22 Apr - 18 May	\$7,980	19 Aug - 14 Sep	\$7,140	23 Sep - 19 Oct	\$6,940
										04 Nov - 30 Nov	\$6,880

### Important note:

VN - Above prices include airline fuel surcharge of \$112 and tipping of US\$160 (AU\$216). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Vietnam.

SQ - Prices on page 40 include airline fuel surcharge of \$420 and tipping of US\$160 (AU\$216). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Vietnam.

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# THAILAND TOURS

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# THAILAND HIGHLIGHTS

Thailand weaves a tapestry of glittering temples, lush jungle and golden sunshine, all entwined with a rich heritage that has remained staunchly unchanged for centuries. It is also fun-loving, friendly and exotic – discover more of Bangkok and the northern highlands.

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▲ TEA PLANTATIONS, MAE SALONG



▲ GRAND PALACE, BANGKOK



▲ WAT PHRA SINGH, CHIANG MAI

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## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- See Bangkok's Grand Palace
- Cross the historic River Kwai
- Explore Ayutthaya
- Meet minority hill tribes
- Discover Chiang Mai
- Prepare a local Thai meal

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Fly to Bangkok

Fly with Singapore Airlines to the vibrant city of Bangkok. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### Day 2: Discover Bangkok

Bangkok makes your senses come alive; it's a whirlwind of chaos, refinement and wonderful sights. A city of many faces, go from tranquil golden temples to forests of gleaming skyscrapers before experiencing authentic Asia on bustling streets. Explore Wat Pho and the dazzling Grand Palace. Take to the Chao Phraya River on a longboat for an alternative view of the city as you travel to the Pak Khlong Talaat Flower Market before strolling through Chinatown.

### Day 3: Bridge over the River Kwai

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market before heading out of Bangkok to Kanchanaburi. Stop at the famous bridge before visiting the Allied Cemetery and JEATH War Museum.

### Day 4: Explore Kanchanaburi

Drive to Hellfire Pass and visit the fascinating museum before a short walk through the pass. Hop on board an old locomotive to travel along a section of the notorious Death Railway

passing through the Kwai Gorge. Return to Bangkok in the afternoon. This evening enjoy a dinner accompanied by Thai classical dances.

### Day 5: Ayutthaya

A sacred city and former royal capital, Ayutthaya today is a crumbled kingdom that has retained its bygone splendour. Explore this impressive archaeological site, touring the principal sights including Bang Pa-In, the former royal summer residence. Return to Bangkok.

### Day 6: Fly to Chiang Rai

Fly to Chiang Rai, a city in Thailand's northern highlands. Transfer to the area known as the Golden Triangle – the point where the borders of Thailand, Laos and Myanmar meet. Take a boat ride on the Mekong over the border into Laos and visit Don Sao Island where you can take a leisurely stroll through the local market. Return to Chiang Rai.

### Day 7: Mae Salong

Travel to Mae Salong Mountain, an area well known for its tea plantations – you can sample some of the local brew whilst you are here. Enjoy a 'Yunnanese' lunch before meeting the Yao Tribe, taking a walk through an Akha village, and visiting a tea plantation.

### Day 8: White Temple

Explore the striking Buddhist White Temple before departing



▲ BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER KWAI, KANCHANABURI

Chiang Rai. Stop at a bustling local market to purchase fresh, local ingredients for this evening's dinner. Travel to the mountain village of Mae Kampong where you will immerse yourself in the local culture by spending the night with a family. Spend the afternoon exploring the village and the surrounding area before returning to your host family for dinner. Getting involved in preparing the evening meal is an excellent way to observe and get to know them and their way of life.

### Day 9: Travel to Chiang Mai

Depart Mae Kampong for Chiang Mai. Visit the ancient city of Wiang Kum Kam and spend the afternoon visiting Wat Chedi Luang and Wat Phra Singh. There'll also be time to examine the wares at a handicraft village.

### Day 10: Chiang Dao Elephant Park

Spend the day at the Chiang Dao Elephant Park. While here you'll also be able to take a relaxing cruise down the Ping River on a bamboo raft.

### Day 11: Cooking class

Discover the secrets of traditional Thai cooking with a morning cookery class. Ascend Wat Doi Suthep, perched on top of Doi Suthep. Later, browse through the wares of Talat Warorot, Chiang Mai's biggest market. This evening, sit down to a Thai Kantoke dinner, and be entertained by a selection of cultural performances.

### Day 12: Depart Chiang Mai

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to

Chiang Mai airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. Due to flight schedules, Perth passengers will arrive home on Day 12.

■ **Day 13: Arrive Australia**  
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▲ DAMNOEN SADUAK FLOATING MARKET

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2017 DATES				2018 DATES			
11 Feb - 23 Feb	\$3,680	11 Nov - 23 Nov	\$3,680	17 Feb - 01 Mar	\$3,940	10 Nov - 22 Nov	\$3,940

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## Price includes:

All meals (13 breakfasts, 12 lunches & 13 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders (visa is required for Laos only)
- Tipping (paid locally)

## Price guide

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From \$4,280 per person departing Perth with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

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▲ KUANG SI WATERFALLS, LUANG PRABANG



▲ PAK OU CAVES, LUANG PRABANG



▲ THAT LUANG STUPA, VIENTIANE



▲ H'MONG HILLTRIBES



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Admire the Grand Palace
- Discover Chiang Mai
- Stay in a hilltribe lodge
- Drift along the Mekong
- See Luang Prabang's temples
- Explore Vientiane

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### Day 3: Floating market

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market and experience the unique Maeklong Railway Market. Board an overnight train to Chiang Mai.

### Day 4: Explore Chiang Mai

The antithesis of Bangkok, Chiang Mai is a chilled out, nonchalant city in the foothills of Thailand's northern highlands. Take a cyclo tour of the city, admire Wat Chedi Luang, ascend to Wat Doi Suthep, perched on top of Doi

Suthep Mountain. This evening enjoy dinner and a performance of the ancient songs and dances of northern Thailand and wander through the buzzing night bazaar in search of bargains.

### Day 5: H'mong Hilltribe Lodge

Head up into the Suthep Pui Mountains to spend the night at the H'mong Hilltribe Lodge amidst the striking natural beauty of the region. This evening enjoy a barbecue dinner and a cultural show.

### Day 6: Elephant Park

Spend the day at an elephant park. Visit an orchid farm, then drive to Thaton and board a long-tail boat on Mae Kok River to Baan Pha Tai, where you'll continue by road to Chiang Rai. This evening, explore Chiang Rai's colourful night market.

### Day 7: Chiang Rai

Explore the laid-back, small town charm of Chiang Rai, visiting the eccentric White Temple and Doi Mae Salong, a hill village once at the heart of the area's opium trade.

### Day 8: Cruise the Mekong

Transfer to the Thai-Laos border and climb aboard a boat to cruise along the Mekong taking in the scenery as you go. Stop at Pakbeng with time to visit the village of Ban Houei Lumpene.

### Day 9: Cruise to Luang Prabang

Back on the river, continue your leisurely cruise down to the



▲ GRAND PALACE, BANGKOK

beautiful city of Luang Prabang, stopping at the fascinating Pak Ou Caves, a riverside cavern that is full of statues of Buddha that can no longer be used for worship.

### Day 10: Explore Luang Prabang

An enchanting city, Luang Prabang is the quintessential image of Laos – a place of vivid colours with an extremely rich heritage and French legacy. Take a city tour, visiting Wat Visoun and Wat Xieng Thong. After lunch, visit Ban Xang Khong craft village and spend some time at a local wat, chatting with the friendly monks who love to practice their English.

### Day 11: Kuang Si Waterfalls

Rise early this morning to witness the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat, when the monks of Luang Prabang's monastic communities collect alms from locals. These lines of silent saffron robe-clad monks will be a lasting image of your trip. After breakfast, ascend Phousi Hill for panoramic views over the town before heading out of town to enjoy the cascading turquoise waters of the enchanting Kuang Si Waterfalls. Return to Luang Prabang via Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre.

### Day 12: Fly to Vientiane

Spend the morning wandering around Luang Prabang's National Museum before catching a flight to Laos' capital city, Vientiane.

### Day 13: Discover Vientiane

Nestled in a languid bend of the Mekong, Vientiane is a delightfully quaint city, more a friendly backwater than a chaotic capital. Spend the day exploring with visits to the morning markets; Wat Si Saket; Wat Phra Keo, a former temple that now

houses a museum; That Luang Stupa; and the Patuxai Victory Monument, known as the Arc de Triomphe of Vientiane. Later, enjoy dinner and a traditional music and dance performance.

### Day 14: Depart Vientiane

Enjoy a free morning in Vientiane, making the most of the leisurely pace of life before your flight home via Bangkok and Singapore.

### Day 15: Arrive Australia

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2017 DATES				2018 DATES			
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**Important note:**  
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## Price includes:

**All meals (9 breakfasts, 8 lunches & 9 dinners)**

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

## Price guide

11 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$4,980 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide\* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$4,940 per person departing Perth with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$4,840 per person departing Darwin\* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$5,240 per person departing Canberra\* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$5,140 per person departing Cairns\* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

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- Single Hotel Room Option from \$680
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▲ MT. POPA



▲ MAHAMUNI PAGODA, MANDALAY



▲ SHWEZIGON PAGODA, BAGAN



▲ LEG ROWERS, INLE LAKE



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Admire dazzling Shwedagon
- Discover Bagan's temples
- Ascend Mt Popa
- Absorb Mandalay's culture
- Stroll on U Bein Bridge
- Watch the 'Leg Rowers'

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Fly to Yangon

Fly with Singapore Airlines to the vibrant city of Yangon for a two-night stay. Brisbane passengers may depart one day earlier.

### Day 2: Discover Yangon

Head downtown to the Central Post Office from where you will begin your walking tour. Encompassing colonial highlights and more traditional architecture, stroll along Strand Road and Pansodan Street before admiring the Sule Pagoda and City Hall. Visit the National Museum and browse the Bogyoke Market. Finally, explore Shwedagon Pagoda, with a huge golden stupa which dominates the city's skyline. This is Myanmar's most sacred Buddhist site and is purported to have four relics of former Buddhas enshrined within. Enjoy dinner with a cultural show this evening.

### Day 3: Fly to Bagan

Fly to Bagan. Upon arrival, visit Nyaung U Market and Shwezigon Pagoda, where a replica of Buddha's tooth is enshrined. Later, visit Htilominlo Temple, Ananda Temple and see craftsmen at work at a lacquerware workshop. Enjoy a spectacular sunset from Aureum Watch-Tower.

### Day 4: Mt Popa

Travel to Mt Popa, an extinct volcano where you will have the chance to ascend to its peak to explore the breathtaking Taung Kalat monastery that is perched there. Visit a toddy palm plantation and take a cruise on the Irrawaddy River to enjoy the sunset. Return to Bagan.

### Day 5: Mingun and Ava

Fly to Mandalay and transfer to Mahamuni Pagoda, the Golden Palace Monastery and Kuthodaw Pagoda. Set sail up the Irrawaddy River to Mingun to visit one of the world's largest bells, Hsinbyume Paya, and the imposing Mingun Pagoda. Visit a silk workshop and Kalaga tapestry workshop before finishing the day on Mandalay Hill.

### Day 6: Amarapura and Mandalay

Drive to Amarapura and visit Mahagandayon Temple, a place of monastic study and home to several thousand young monks. Travel on to Sagaing and pay a visit to the teak wood Bagaya Kyaung Monastery, before exploring amongst the multitude of temples and pagodas that scatter across the Sagaing Hills. Finally, proceed to the U Bein Bridge, the world's longest teak bridge. Watch the local people coming and going across the bridge as the sun goes down.

### Day 7: Inle Lake

Fly to Heho and drive to Inle Lake via Shwe Yan Pyay monastery. The lake is best known for the extraordinary Intha people, who live on and around the water, and their unique leg rowing technique. Out on the lake, see the floating gardens before visiting Nga Phe Monastery and Inpawkhon weaving village on its banks.

### Day 8: Explore Inle Lake

Transfer by boat to the western shore of the lake to explore the crumbling Shwe Indein Pagoda complex. Walk to a nearby village to see the locals farming with traditional techniques. Pass through the rice fields to Saema to meet the friendly villagers.

### Day 9: Yangon night markets

Return to Heho to fly to Yangon. Upon arrival visit Kaba Aye (World Peace) Pagoda, Botataung Pagoda and Nanthida Jetty. This evening, stroll around Chinatown, visiting a temple as you go, and through the lively night markets.

### Day 10: Depart Yangon

Enjoy the morning at your leisure before you are transferred to Yangon airport to board your overnight flight to Australia.

### Day 11: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY



### NGAPALI BEACH STAY 2 NIGHTS FROM \$230PP

Ngapali is one of the most beautiful beaches in Myanmar located in Rakhine State in the Bay of Bengal. Delight in the 3km of white sand and crystal clear water during your time here.

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## STOPOVER



### SINGAPORE 2 NIGHTS FROM \$355PP

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See pages 108-109. Price based on Twin Share. Additional charges may apply.

## DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL\*

**AIRFARES INCLUDED**

2017 DATES									
10 Feb - 20 Feb	\$4,980	10 Mar - 20 Mar	\$4,980	20 Oct - 30 Oct	\$4,980	10 Nov - 20 Nov	\$4,980		
2018 DATES									
09 Feb - 19 Feb	\$5,280	09 Mar - 19 Mar	\$5,280	19 Oct - 29 Oct	\$5,280	09 Nov - 19 Nov	\$5,280		

**Important note:**

Above prices include airline fuel surcharge of \$420 and tipping of US\$55 (AU\$74). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Myanmar.



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## MYANMAR & THE IRRAWADDY

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From price includes: tour cost \$5,551, airline fuel surcharge \$420 and tipping \$69 (tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

### Price includes:

All meals (12 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 12 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Main Deck cabin on Irrawaddy Cruise
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

### Price guide

- 14 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$6,040 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide\* and Cairns\* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$5,840 per person departing Perth with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$5,660 per person departing Darwin\* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$6,060 per person departing Canberra with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

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- Single Hotel Room Option from \$1,380
- Land Only (Yangon to Yangon) 13 days from \$4,840 per person (includes tipping)



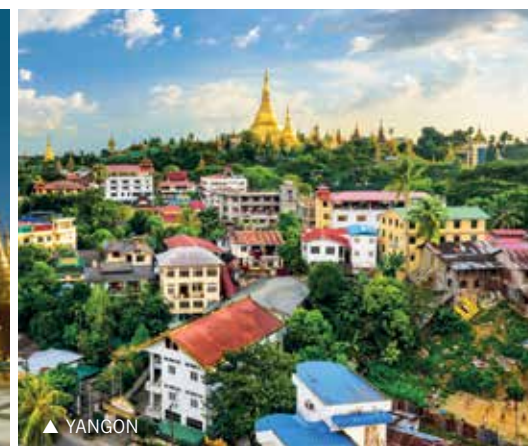
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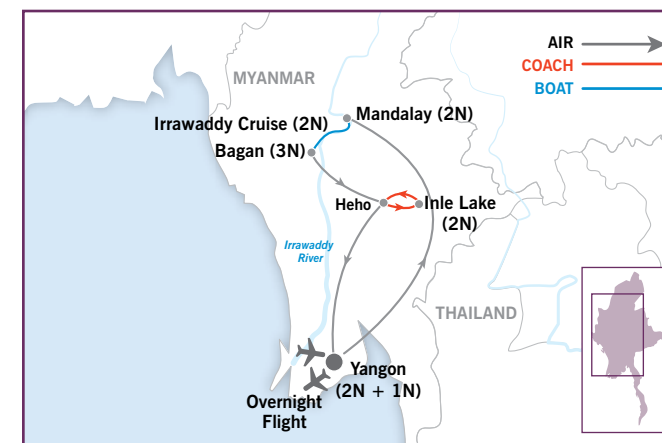


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▲ IRRAWADDY RIVER



### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Be dazzled by Shwedagon
- Cruise the Irrawaddy
- Explore Sagaing Hills
- Discover Bagan's temples
- Ascend Mt Popa
- Relax on Inle Lake

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1: Fly to Yangon

Fly with Singapore Airlines to the vibrant city of Yangon. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. *Brisbane passengers may depart one day earlier.*

#### Day 2: Explore Yangon

Yangon is the heart of Myanmar's spiritual life and a bustling city full of crumbling colonial charm. Stroll past the colonial buildings of Yangon's downtown, see the Independence Monument and the artefacts of the National Museum before browsing the wares of Bogyoke Market. Finally explore Shwedagon Pagoda. Purported to have four relics of former Buddhas enshrined within, the pagoda is Myanmar's most sacred Buddhist site. The complex's huge golden stupa dominates the city's skyline.

#### Day 3: Fly to Mandalay

Fly to Mandalay. Cruise upstream to Mingun to visit the Mingun Pagoda, Mya Thein Tan Pagoda and to explore the temple-filled Sagaing Hills. Travel to the U Bein Bridge, the world's longest teak wood bridge. Watch the local people coming and going across the bridge as the sun goes down.

#### Day 4: Explore Mandalay

Spend a full day soaking in the sights of Myanmar's cultural

capital, visiting the Mahamuni Pagoda, Shwenandaw Monastery and a gold hammering workshop and travelling to the old city of Amarapura and Mahagandayon Monastery, a place of monastic study and home to several thousand young monks.

#### Day 5: Irrawaddy River cruise

Board your river cruise vessel, on which you will spend the next two-nights. Set sail downriver, welcome cocktail in hand and watch the Irrawaddy panorama unfold before you. Stop at the colossal Mingun Pagoda, and see the famous Mingun bell.

#### Day 6: Yandabo

The cruise continues at a leisurely pace, passing through picturesque landscapes. Disembark to explore the hills around Sagaing, which are full of pagodas, temples and monasteries. This afternoon visit the village of Yandabo. The people here specialise in pot-making and you'll be able to see the villagers at work before browsing the local, handcrafted wares.

#### Day 7: Arrive in Bagan

Rise early to enjoy the sunrise over the river. Disembark in Bagan and begin your explorations. Myanmar's central plains are scattered with around 2,000 old structures, left from the golden age of kingdoms long passed. Visit some of these

numerous temples including Htilominlo and Dhammayangyi, before enjoying a spectacular sunset from the summit of Aureum Watch-Tower.

#### Day 8: Mt Popa

Begin the day browsing the wares of Nyaung Oo Market then travel to Mt Popa. An extinct volcano, ascend to its peak to explore the breathtaking Taung Kalat monastery that is perched there. Return to Bagan.

#### Day 9: Kyun Thiri river village

This morning, climb aboard a boat for a short sail to Kyun Thiri river village where you can visit a local monastery and partake in some local tea and snacks. The afternoon is free.

#### Day 10: Inle Lake

Fly to Heho and travel on to Inle Lake. The lake is best known for the extraordinary Intha people, who live on and around the water, and their unique leg rowing technique. Head out on the lake by boat to visit Nanpan, a traditional Inle village built on stilts. See traditional boat making and visit a cheroot making factory before continuing on to Phaungdaw U Pagoda and the ingenious floating gardens.

#### Day 11: Shwe Indein Pagodas

Browse the local produce at a morning market before transferring by boat to the western shore of the lake to explore the crumbling Shwe Indein Pagoda complex.

#### Day 12: Return to Yangon

Bid farewell to Inle Lake and return to Heho airport to fly to Yangon. The rest of the day is at leisure.

#### Day 13: Depart Yangon

Enjoy the day at your leisure before you are transferred to Yangon airport to board your overnight flight to Australia.

#### Day 14: Arrive Australia

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### EXTEND YOUR STAY



### MYSTERIOUS GOLDEN ROCK 1 NIGHT FROM \$560PP

The mysterious Golden Rock is an important Buddhist pilgrimage site. Visit this famous gravity defying rock, said to be perched on a single strand of Buddha's hair, and admire the panoramic views as the sun sets.

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### STOPOVER



### SINGAPORE 2 NIGHTS FROM \$355PP

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DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL\*, CNS\*

AIRFARES INCLUDED

2017 DATES				2018 DATES			
04 Oct - 17 Oct	\$6,040	01 Nov - 14 Nov	\$6,240	31 Jan - 13 Feb	\$6,780	21 Feb - 06 Mar	\$6,440

**Important note:** Above prices include airline fuel surcharge of \$420 and tipping of US\$51 (AU\$69). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Myanmar. **DEPOSIT:** The deposit for Myanmar & the Irrawaddy is \$1,550 per person. See our Booking Conditions for more information.



# HIDDEN TREASURES OF MYANMAR

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## Price includes:

**All meals (15 breakfasts, 14 lunches & 15 dinners)**

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
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- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

## Price guide

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From \$5,680 per person departing Perth with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

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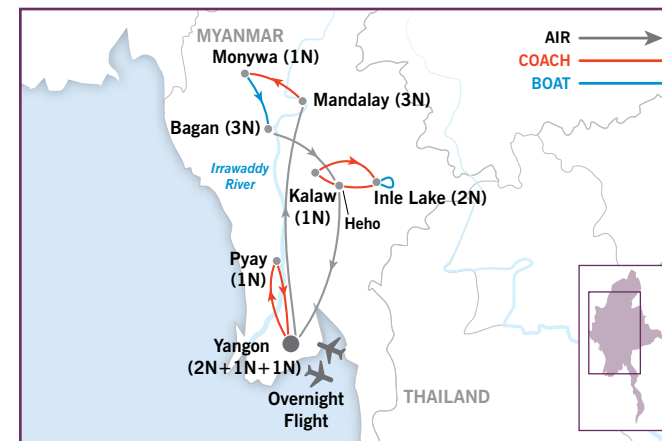
▲ SHWEDAGON PAGODA, YANGON



▲ U-BEIN BRIDGE, MANDALAY



▲ BAGAN



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Shwedagon Pagoda
- Discover Pyay by ox-cart
- Absorb Mandalay's culture
- Discover Bagan's temples
- Ascend Mt Popa
- Watch Inle's Leg Rowers

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Fly to Yangon

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### Day 2: Discover Yangon

Head downtown to the Central Post Office from where you will begin your walking tour. Encompassing the colonial highlights and more traditional architecture, stroll along Strand Road and Pansodan Street before admiring the Sule Pagoda and City Hall. Visit the National Museum and browse in the Bogyoke Market. Finally, explore Shwedagon Pagoda. This is Myanmar's most sacred Buddhist site and is purported to have four relics of former Buddhas enshrined within.

### Day 3: Explore Sri Ksetra

Drive to the lively port town of Pyay and transfer to the ancient city of Sri Ksetra. Travelling by ox-cart, explore the spectacular ruins of the Pyu Kingdom's former capital. Later, visit Hmawzar village to get a glimpse of local life.

### Day 4: Pyay market

Visit Pyay's colourful central market where you'll be able to see members of several of Myanmar's ethnic minorities. Continue to the dazzling Shwe

San Taw Pagoda and admire the wonderful views of the surrounding countryside before returning to Yangon.

### Day 5: Journey to Mandalay

Fly to Mandalay and transfer to Amarapura to visit Mahagandayon Temple, a place of monastic study and home to several thousand young monks. Continue to the U Bein Bridge, the world's longest teak wood bridge, and make your way across it, walking with the locals. Head to Sagaing, and explore the hills around the town which are dotted with temples and pagodas.

### Day 6: Explore Mandalay

Mandalay is considered the epicentre of Myanmar's culture and so there is much to explore. Visit the Mahamuni Pagoda, Shwe Inbin Monastery, the Golden Palace Monastery and Kuthodaw Pagoda, home to the world's largest book – each page is inscribed in marble. Visit a traditional handloom silk workshop before finishing the day on Mandalay Hill.

### Day 7: Mingun

Set sail up the Irrawaddy River to Mingun to visit one of the world's largest bells, the Mingun Bell, and the Mingun Pagoda – had it been completed it would have been Myanmar's largest. Though incomplete, it is still a monumental structure – 50

metres-tall, 72 metres-wide and constructed entirely of brick. Return to Mandalay and spend the afternoon at leisure.

### Day 8: Bodhi Taung Buddha

Leave Mandalay for the Thanboddhay Pagoda, said to contain over half a million colourful images of Buddha. Continue to the Bodhi Taung where a thousand Buddha images rest at the feet of beautiful Banyan trees. In the afternoon see the Aung Setkya Pagoda and enjoy the views of the surrounding countryside, as you travel to Monywa.

### Day 9: Cruise the Irrawaddy

Take a boat trip across the Chindwin River to visit Pho Win Taung, a network of sandstone caves full of statues, carvings and murals of Buddha. Drive on to the port city of Pakokku. Visit the lively local market by traditional trishaw and observe the production process of cotton blankets. Continue by boat down the Irrawaddy to Bagan, arriving in time to catch the sunset.

### Day 10: Explore Bagan

Visit Nyaung U Market, Ananda Temple and Shwezigon Pagoda, the most important pagoda in Bagan. You'll also visit Htilominlo Pagoda. This afternoon, head to a lacquer workshop in the village of Myinkaba before enjoying a spectacular sunset over Bagan's temple strewn plains.

### Day 11: Mt Popa

Travel to Mt Popa, an extinct volcano, and visit Taung Kalat, the breathtaking Buddhist Monastery perched on its summit. Return to Bagan and discover more of its wonderful temples and pagodas. This evening travel on board a colourful ox-cart – a local method of transport to further explore temples.

### Day 12: Shwe U Min caves

Fly to Heho and transfer to Pindaya to visit the Shwe U Min limestone caves. The caves are a famous Buddhist pilgrimage site. Continue travel to Kalaw.

### Day 13: Inle Lake

Drive to Nyaung Shwe and take a boat trip to Inle Lake.

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The lake is best known for the extraordinary Intha people, who live on and around the water, and their unique rowing technique. Visit a local market and see the floating gardens, village life and magnificent scenery. See Phaungdaw Oo Pagoda, Nga Phe Chaung Monastery and the weaving village of Inpawkhon.

### Day 14: Shwe Insein Pagodas

Cruise on Inle Lake to the crumbling Shwe Insein Pagodas. Built in the 17th century, it is home to nearly one thousand stupas and pagodas. Walk through the rice paddies to Sae Ma village.

### Day 15: Yangon

Fly to Yangon and upon arrival visit Kaba Aye Pagoda. Later you'll visit Botataung Pagoda and Nanthida Jetty. In the evening stroll around Chinatown and through the night markets.

### Day 16: Depart Yangon

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Yangon airport to board your overnight flight to Australia.

### Day 17: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

## STOPOVER



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See pages 108-109.  
Price based on Twin Share.  
Additional charges may apply.

## DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL\*, CNS\*

**AIRFARES INCLUDED**

2017 DATES									
27 Jan - 12 Feb	\$6,280	10 Mar - 26 Mar	\$5,980	13 Oct - 29 Oct	\$6,580	27 Oct - 12 Nov	\$5,980	17 Nov - 03 Dec	\$5,880
2018 DATES									
26 Jan - 11 Feb	\$6,680	09 Mar - 25 Apr	\$6,340	12 Oct - 28 Oct	\$6,980	26 Oct - 11 Nov	\$6,440	16 Nov - 02 Dec	\$6,340

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### Hoi An by bicycle

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### Mekong Delta by boat and rickshaw

Wheel quietly through the verdant Mekong Delta on your own bicycle rickshaw (xeloi), passing peaceful villages and green fields, and get an insight into life in the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam'. Board your boat for a trip through the network of small canals.



### Trekking in Sapa

Hike through the lush rice paddies surrounding Sapa on a route that has been uniquely designed to give you the best views of the area's most breathtaking panoramas. Stop at ethnic minority villages en route, join a batik class led by a Black H'Mong lady and visit a family in their home.



### Hiking in remote Hoang Su Phi

Trek through rural Vietnam in the Hoang Su Phi mountainous area. You will pass by rice paddies and tea hills before stopping in an ethnic Red Yao village to learn more about the local culture and daily lives of the Red Yao people, and take lunch in the village.



### Take a Vespa through Saigon

Ride pillion with a driver on a vintage Vespa in classic Saigon style on this night street food adventure. Stop by Café Zoom to enjoy a cocktail and appetiser before venturing into a favourite local eating spot. Wind up your night in a lively bar for drinks and live music.



### Angkor Wat by Tuk Tuk

See the world-renowned Angkor Wat from the seat of a rickshaw, easily the most famous and best preserved of all temples within the Angkor complex. You will pass by ancient, lotus-like towers, dense jungle and visiting monks - possibly the best way to see this iconic edifice!

## GET INVOLVED



### Mines Advisory Group, Laos

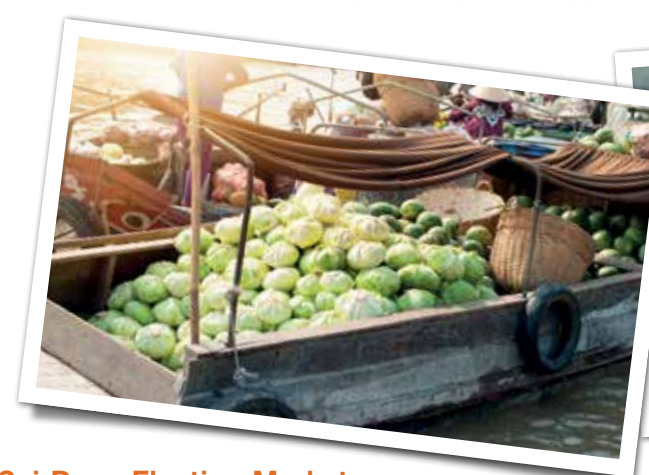
Millions of bombs were dropped on Laos between 1964 and 1973, with an estimated 30% of them not detonating. MAG works to clear the unexploded ordnance (UXO), to train locals to clear UXO and to educate children on UXO. Visit the MAG information centre and talk to the head of this essential project.

## LIVE LIKE A LOCAL



### Hanoi by night

Discover Hanoi's social and busy night life and experience dinner like the locals do! Begin at a local market to investigate the fresh produce on offer, then visit the Old Quarter to sample the many available types of cuisine such as Pho Cuon, Grilled Shrimp and Bun Cha.



### Cai Rang Floating Market

A morning visit to the Cai Rang floating market will give you the chance to experience an authentic Mekong Delta morning with the Can Tho residents. Take in the beautiful scenery and the daily activities of the locals who live along the Mekong canals.



### Vinh Long homestay

Experience the true beauty of Vinh Long and unwind in the rural charm of the Mekong Delta, with an overnight stay in an authentic Vietnamese homestay. Enjoy home cooked food and the simple way of life.



# HIGHLIGHTS OF LAOS

Laos has remained the most pristine and culturally-intact country in Indochina. Experience the old-fashioned charm of its cities, explore untouched landscapes, and meet the incredibly friendly people, who have faced adversity yet still maintain a smile.

14 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$4,860 TWIN SHARE

FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE & ADELAIDE

MODERATE

From price includes: tour cost \$4,737 and tipping \$123 (tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)



▲ THAT LUANG STUPA, VIENTIANE

## Price includes:

Most meals (12 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 8 dinners)

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

## Price guide

- 14 Days, Twin Share from \$4,860 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide with QANTAS Airways (QF)

From \$4,760 per person departing Perth with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

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*\*Darwin passengers may require one night pre-tour accommodation in Bangkok at an additional cost.*

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- Single Hotel Room Option from \$680
- Land Only (Bangkok to Bangkok) 13 days from \$3,580 per person (includes tipping)



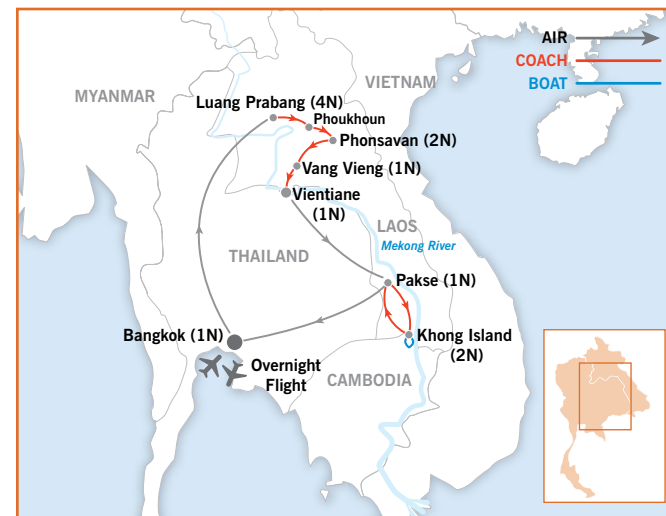
▲ THAM CHANG CAVE, VANG VIENG



▲ ALMSGIVING CEREMONY, LUANG PRABANG



▲ PLAIN OF JARS, PHONSAVAN



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience Luang Prabang
- Witness the Takbat ceremony
- Explore quaint Vientiane
- Relax in Si Phan Don
- Investigate the mysteries of the Plain of Jars

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Fly to Bangkok

Fly with QANTAS Airways to Bangkok where you will spend the night. (D)

### Day 2: Fly to Luang Prabang

Fly to Luang Prabang. On arrival you will have free time to start soaking up the local culture. An enchanting city, Luang Prabang is the quintessential image of Laos. At its core, lush greenery, golden temples and vivid-robed monks come together to create a colourful, rich heritage and French-colonial legacy. Take a walking tour around the vibrant night market, keeping an eye out for craft souvenirs from Laos' hill tribes as you go. (B,L,D)

### Day 3: Ban Na Ouane village

Rise early this morning to witness the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat, when the monks of Luang Prabang's monastic communities collect alms from locals. See Wat Sene and the National Museum. Visit the traditional H'mong village of Ban Na Ounae, before walking to the cascading turquoise waters of delightful Kuang Si Waterfalls for a picnic lunch and a swim. Stop at Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre on the return to Luang Prabang. (B,L)

### Day 4: Mekong River cruise

Explore Wat Xieng Thong, considered Luang Prabang's most beautiful temple. Board a boat to cruise the mighty Mekong up to the sacred caves of Pak Ou, known for the hundreds of miniature Buddha sculptures that reside within. Visit the local villages of Thin Hong and Ban Xang Khong to witness the daily life of the local people and their cottage industries. This evening enjoy a traditional music and dance performance. (B,L)

### Day 5: Phousi Hill

Climb Phousi Hill to admire the views down over the city before exploring Wat Mai, Wat Visoun and Wat Aham. Browse the wares at the lively hilltribe market before a free afternoon. (B,L)

### Day 6: Journey to Phonsavan

Drive to Phonsavan via Phoukhoun, stopping at Tham Phra Cave and Nong Tang Lake on the way. (B,L,D)

### Day 7: Plain of Jars

One of the most important prehistoric sites in Indochina, these mysterious clusters of giant jars are thought to be about 2,000 years old. You will visit Site 1 where there are over 200 jars, Site 2 which also allows you to admire the beautiful scenery of the region, and Site 3, situated



▲ PATUXAI VICTORY MONUMENT, VIENTIANE

in picturesque woodland. There will also be a visit to the office of the Mines Advisory Group (MAG), an organisation that helps clear unexploded ordnance that are a remnant of American raids during the Vietnam War. There is also an opportunity to speak with the head of the organisation. (B,L,D)

### Day 8: Tham Chang Cave

Depart Phonsavan for Vang Vieng. Stop en route at Pathang village, where you can enjoy dramatic views over the karst landscapes for which Vang Vieng is famous. On arrival, head into Tham Chang Cave to explore. The cave was used as a hideout for locals when marauding Yunnanese came to town in the early 19th century. (B,L,D)

### Day 9: Discover Vientiane

Drive to Vientiane, Laos' capital. Nestled in a languid bend in the Mekong, Vientiane is a delightfully quaint city, more friendly backwater than chaotic capital. Spend the rest of the day exploring with visits to Wat Si Saket, Wat Phra Keo, That Luang Stupa, and the Patuxai Victory Monument. (B,L)

### Day 10: Travel to Khong Island

Rise early for a morning flight to Pakse. On arrival drive to Khong Island, the largest island of the Si Phan Don archipelago in the Mekong River. (B,L,D)

### Day 11: Islands and waterfalls

Around Si Phan Don, meaning '4,000 islands', the pace of life is slow and easy and the river views are gorgeous. See the magnificent Khone Phapheng Waterfall,

## DISCOVERY TOUR

Indochina's largest, and pop over to Khong Island by speedboat to discover its charming colonial buildings and see Lphi Waterfall, nicknamed the Devil's Corridor. Depending on the season, you may see traditional fishing techniques in action. The rest of the day is free. (B,L,D)

### Day 12: Bolaven Plateau

Depart Khong Island for Pakse, stopping to admire Tad Yuang and Tad Fane waterfalls on the way. Continue on to the Bolaven Plateau to pay a visit to a coffee plantation and learn about the process of planting, harvesting and roasting the beans. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner back in Pakse. (B,L,D)

### Day 13: Fly to Bangkok

Transfer to Pakse airport for your flight to Australia via Bangkok. (B)

### Day 14: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

## STOPOVER



**BANGKOK CITY STAY**  
**3 NIGHTS FROM \$415pp**

Discover the dynamic city of Bangkok, full of contrasts of ancient and modern Thailand. Bargain at the markets, explore the city streets or marvel at the Grand Palace.

See page 110.  
Price based on Twin Share.  
Additional charges may apply.

## DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL

2017 DATES				2018 DATES			
22 Mar - 04 Apr	\$4,860	18 Oct - 31 Oct	\$4,860	21 Mar - 03 Apr	\$4,960	17 Oct - 30 Oct	\$4,960

**Important note:**

**QF** - Above prices include tipping of US\$91 (AU\$123). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Laos.

**SQ** - Prices on page 60 include airline fuel surcharge of \$420 and tipping of US\$91 (AU\$123). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Laos.

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •



# REFLECTIONS OF VIETNAM

An ever-changing country, born of external influences, Vietnam offers unsurpassed cultural experiences and natural sights. Cycle through lush countryside, taste beautifully spiced food and get to know the locals on the Mekong Delta.

**17 DAYS FROM**  
**PER PERSON \$4,280 TWIN SHARE**  
**FROM SYDNEY & MELBOURNE**  
**ACTIVE**

From price includes: tour cost \$4,172 and tipping \$108 (tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

**Price includes:**  
**Most meals (15 breakfasts, 13 lunches & 11 dinners)**  
 ■ International flights and current taxes  
 ■ Domestic transportation  
 ■ Accommodation  
 ■ Touring with guides and entrance fees  
 ■ Visa fees for Australian passport holders  
 ■ Tipping (paid locally)

**Price guide**  
 ■ 17 Days, Twin Share from \$4,280 per person departing Sydney and Melbourne with Vietnam Airlines (VN)

From \$4,680 per person departing Brisbane, Adelaide and Canberra with Vietnam Airlines (VN)

From \$4,080 per person departing Perth with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$3,940 per person departing Darwin\* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$4,280 per person departing Cairns\*\* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

\*Darwin passengers may require one night pre-tour accommodation in Hanoi and one night post-tour accommodation in Saigon at an additional cost.

\*\*Cairns passengers may require a stopover in Singapore at an additional cost.

■ Single Hotel Room and Cruise Cabin Option from \$540  
 ■ Land Only (Hanoi to Saigon) 16 days from \$3,720 per person (includes tipping)



▲ ANCIENT TOWN, HOI AN



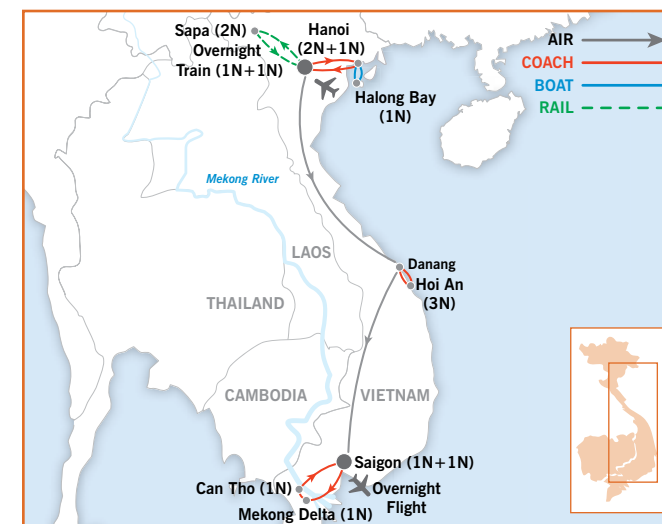
▲ MEKONG DELTA



▲ CHAM ISLAND



▲ RICE TERRACES, SAPA



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike Sapa's rice terraces
- Do Tai Chi on Halong Bay
- Cycle Hoi An's countryside
- Unwind on Cham Island
- Stay in a local village in the Mekong Delta

## ITINERARY

- **Day 1: Fly to Hanoi**  
 Fly with Vietnam Airlines to Hanoi, Vietnam's colonially influenced atmospheric capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. (D)
- **Day 2: Discover local Hanoi**  
 Start your day with a visit to the Ho Chi Minh complex and the Ethnology Museum to learn about the country's ethnic groups. Next, visit the home of a water puppet artist where you will have the chance to participate in the creation of the puppets and enjoy a private performance. Tonight, discover Hanoi's street-side night life and taste the varied flavours of Vietnamese street food such as Pho Cuon and Banh Xeo – a truly local way of eating dinner! (B,L,D)
- **Day 3: Temple of Literature and Lao Cai**  
 This morning rise early and pay a visit to the fabulous flower market in Quang Ba, and see the Tai Chi at Truc Bach Lake – an oasis of peace and daily life in the centre of Hanoi. Visit the Temple of Literature and the Old Quarter before boarding your overnight train to Lao Cai. (B,L,D)
- **Day 4: Sapa minority villages**  
 After an early morning arrival and breakfast, transfer to beautiful Sapa. Trek through lush, stepped rice paddies and hills visiting small villages to rest and meet the residents, ending your walk at Ham Rong Mountain. (B,L)
- **Day 5: Sapa trekking**  
 Your Sapa adventure continues today with approximately seven hours trekking through the rice terraces, visiting the H'Mong Village of Y Linh Ho and Cat Cat Village. Continue to Ta Van, and try your hand at batik painting. Sit down for a chat with a local Black H'mong family. (B,L)
- **Day 6: Train to Hanoi**  
 Take a free morning to soak up the views around Sapa. This afternoon trek between Hau Thao and Giang Ta Chai villages – at Giang Ta Chai, there is also an attractive waterfall. This evening we will board our overnight train back to Hanoi. (B,L,D)
- **Days 7-8: Cruise Halong Bay**  
 Arrive into Hanoi and depart for Halong Bay. Board your vessel for a serene and unforgettable cruise on the glassy, limestone-studded waters. You'll pass by quaint fishing towns, taste freshly caught seafood and admire the ever-changing vistas of the bay. There are many activities to take

part in while you're onboard – take a swim in the cool waters of the bay, explore stalagmite and stalactite-filled caves, including the magnificent Surprise Cave, and take to the waters yourself in a kayak. (B,L,D) Rise early to catch the sunrise over the karst peaks of the bay before returning to Hanoi. (B,D)

■ **Day 9: Hoi An walking tour**  
 Fly to Danang and drive to Hoi An, where you will spend an afternoon wandering the beautiful, charming, flower covered streets of this ancient town. Walk past Chinese traders' homes, visit local artists and walk over the 16th-century Japanese Covered Bridge. Arguably Vietnam's friendliest town, Hoi An is always a favourite for relaxed exploration. (B,L,D)

■ **Day 10: Rural Hoi An by bicycle**  
 Jump on your bike today and wheel through the scenic rice paddies outside Hoi An. Pay a visit to local farmers where you can try your hand at traditional farming techniques – look out for water buffalo! Enjoy a calming boat ride to a peaceful fishing village, where you can try fishing net making or paddling unique bamboo basket boats. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. (B,L)

■ **Day 11: Cham Island paradise**  
 Cruise a sapphire sea to the idyllic Cham Island. Arriving at Lang Village, you'll take a relaxed stroll and learn about the island's history. Enjoy amazing sea views on the way to Chong Village – if you're lucky the monkeys might make an appearance. There's time to take a swim in the sea, relax on the white sands and enjoy a seafood lunch before returning to Hoi An. (B,L)

■ **Day 12: Saigon walking tour**  
 Fly to dynamic Saigon, where modern high-rises rub shoulders with ancient temples. Take a tour of Saigon's busy streets, from the colonial Notre Dame Cathedral and Central Post Office, down former Rue Catinat to the Hotel Continental, made famous in the 'Quiet American' movie, before taking a final stop at the Caravelle Hotel's beautiful rooftop bar for panoramic views of the

city, something best enjoyed with a local beer in hand (own expense). (B,L,D)

■ **Day 13: Mekong Delta by rickshaw**  
 Head south to Ben Tre. Ride a rickshaw (xeloi) past quiet rural villages and verdant fields before boarding a boat to drift through small backwater canals. Drop into local workshops where you can chat to the locals before experiencing crispy rice paper and visiting the residence of a former Viet Cong Soldier who survived two years fighting the Khmer Rouge. Arrive at your homestay in the afternoon and take the time to wander around the village. (B,L,D)

■ **Day 14: Cycling in the Mekong**  
 After breakfast visit the colourful Cai Thia market, then cycle along small paths through orchards and thatched houses stopping to chat with local farmers on the way. Enjoy a garden lunch with fresh fruit, rice wine and traditional music, before transferring to Can Tho. (B,L,D)

■ **Day 15: Cai Rang floating market and cycling**  
 Pay a morning visit to the famous Cai Rang floating market, taking in the scenery and locals going about their daily business along the canals. Take a relaxed cycle through quiet and isolated countryside before returning to Saigon. (B,L,D)

■ **Day 16: Depart Saigon**  
 The day is at leisure before boarding your overnight flight to Australia. (B)

■ **Day 17: Arrive Australia**  
 Arrive home today.



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## DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2017 DATES				2018 DATES			
04 Feb - 20 Feb	\$4,680	09 Sep - 25 Sep	\$4,280	11 Nov - 27 Nov	\$4,480	03 Feb - 19 Feb	\$4,780
						08 Sep - 24 Sep	\$4,380
						10 Nov - 26 Nov	\$4,580

**Important note:**  
 VN - Above prices include tipping of US\$80 (AU\$108). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Vietnam.  
 SQ - Prices on page 62 include airline fuel surcharge of \$420 and tipping of US\$80 (AU\$108). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Vietnam.



# VIETNAM & CAMBODIA DISCOVERY

Discover two countries shaped by a fascinating past. Hike the rice terraces of Hoang Su Phi, sample street food in Hanoi. End by exploring the Angkor Wat complex by tuk tuk.

**20 DAYS FROM**  
**PER PERSON \$5,740** TWIN SHARE  
**FROM SYDNEY & MELBOURNE**  
**ACTIVE**

*From price includes: tour cost \$5,535, airline fuel surcharge \$83 and tipping \$122 (tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)*

## Price includes:

- Most meals (18 breakfasts, 15 lunches & 12 dinners)**
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

## Price guide

20 Days, Twin Share from \$5,740 per person departing Sydney and Melbourne with Vietnam Airlines (VN)

From \$6,040 per person departing Brisbane, Adelaide and Canberra with Vietnam Airlines (VN)

From \$5,240 per person departing Perth with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$4,840 per person departing Darwin\* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$5,040 per person departing Cairns\* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

*\*Darwin and Cairns passengers may require stopovers in Singapore at an additional cost.*

- Single Hotel Room and Cruise Cabin Option from \$680
- Land Only (Hanoi to Siem Reap) 19 days from \$4,950 per person (includes tipping)

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▲ STREET VENDOR, HANOI



▲ HOI AN



▲ HALONG BAY



▲ ANGKOR THOM, SIEM REAP

## DISCOVERY TOUR

### Day 9: Imperial Hue by bicycle

Cycle through Hue for a tour of the imperial sights. Start at the Imperial Citadel, then continue to Phu Mong Garden House, part of Hue's legacy from the Nguyen Dynasty. Stop by Thien Mu Pagoda overlooking the Perfume River before driving to Tu Duc Tomb. From here, take a cyclo tour along the banks of the perfume river. (B,L)

### Day 10: Charming Hoi An

Drive to Hoi An, stopping en route at the Museum of Cham Sculpture. Spend the afternoon wandering the beautiful, charming, flower covered streets of this ancient town. Walk past Chinese traders' homes, visit local artists and walk through the 16th-century Japanese Covered Bridge. Arguably Vietnam's friendliest town, Hoi An is always a favourite for relaxed exploration. (B,L)

### Day 11: Rural Hoi An by bicycle

Jump on your bike today and cycle through the scenic rice paddies outside Hoi An. Pay a visit to local farmers where you can try your hand at traditional farming techniques – look out for water buffalo! Enjoy a calming boat ride to a peaceful fishing village, where you can try fishing net making and paddling unique bamboo basket boats. (B,L,D)

### Day 12: Hoi An to Saigon

Enjoy some free time in this beautiful town before flying to Saigon in the late afternoon. (B,L,D)

### Day 13: Saigon old and new

This morning discover the amazing network of the Cu Chi Tunnels. Continue to Reunification Palace, the Central Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral and the War Remnants Museum. This evening take an exhilarating ride on the back of a vintage Vespa, classic Saigon pillion style. Stop for a cocktail before continuing to a favourite local eating spot. Wind up your night with drinks, accompanied by a live band. (B,L,D)

### Day 14: Ben Tre by bicycle

Drive to Ben Tre and set out on a boat trip through winding, forest lined canals. After lunch, cycle

through rice fields and coconut groves and visit the Cao Dai Temple, local markets and a flower and bonsai village. Spend the night in a local homestay. (B,L,D)

### Day 15: Return to Saigon

Take a relaxed morning cycle through the village, sampling freshly picked fruit. Drop by the local market and pay a visit to Cai Nhum Cathedral before returning to Saigon. (B,L)

### Day 16: Cambodian Circus

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Siem Reap. This a special treat that awaits in the form of a performance from the PHARE Cambodian Circus, an NGO which teaches street children to become internationally renowned circus artists. (B,L,D)

### Day 17: Angkor Wat by tuk tuk

What better way to see the world famous Angkor Wat complex than from the back of a traditional tuk tuk? You'll explore Angkor Wat, the centrepiece of Siem Reap's famous temples, before riding your tuk tuk to Angkor Thom and the Bayon Temple, a 12th-century masterpiece. Lastly, buried deep in the jungle, you will find Ta Prohm; a photogenic and atmospheric smorgasbord of trees wound through temple ruins. (B,L)

### Day 18: Kompong Kleang floating village

Visit Kompong Kleang, a settlement of over 20,000 people housed in wooden structures on stilts, suspended up to ten metres above the water. Glimpse Cambodia's countryside culture and easy going family lifestyle. *If water levels are high, village touring will be by boat. If water levels are low, this will be by ox-cart and on foot.* After lunch, head out into the dense forest and find the hidden temple of Beng Mealea, whose wonders lay undiscovered for centuries. (B,L,D)

### Day 19: Depart Siem Reap

The day is at leisure before boarding your overnight flight to Australia. (B)

### Day 20: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike lush rice terraces
- Tour Hanoi's best food spots
- Do Tai Chi on Halong Bay
- Cycle the Mekong Delta
- Explore Angkor's temples by rickshaw

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Fly to Hanoi

Fly with Vietnam Airlines to Hanoi, Vietnam's colonially influenced atmospheric capital. (D)

### Day 2: Discover local Hanoi

Start your day with a visit to the Ho Chi Minh complex and the Ethnology Museum to learn about the country's ethnic groups. Next stop at the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university, before taking a walking tour of the Old Quarter where you will witness Hanoi's rich cultural and artistic history. Take a relaxed stroll at Hoan Kiem Lake, a great spot for people-watching. (B,L)

### Day 3: Hoang Su Phi

After breakfast travel to Hoang Su Phi, an area of emerald green rice terraces. The rest of the day is at leisure to begin exploring. Stay in Hoang Su Phi for three-nights. (B,L,D)

### Days 4-5: Hike through the rice terraces

Take an unforgettable journey on foot through the epic rice terraces of Hoang Su Phi. As you turn every corner, a new view of this outstanding landscape of lush terraces will unfold in front of you, providing a plethora of

unreal photo opportunities. Stop en route at the Red Yao Village to learn about local life in the area, and meet the Long Tunic Yao people as you explore. (B,L,D)

### Day 6: Hanoi's street food

Travel back to Hanoi. This evening, take a walking tour of the city's unique street-side night life and food vendors. Taste the varied flavours of Vietnamese street food such as Pho Cuon and Banh Xeo – this is where the locals come to meet, dine and have a good time. (B,L,D)

### Days 7-8: Cruise Halong Bay

Arrive into Hanoi and depart for Halong Bay. Board your vessel for a serene and unforgettable cruise on the glassy, limestone-studded waters. You'll pass by quaint fishing towns, taste freshly caught seafood and admire the ever-changing vistas of the bay. There are many activities to take part in while you're onboard – take a swim in the cool waters of the bay, explore stalagmite and stalactite-filled caves, including the magnificent Surprise Cave, and take to the waters yourself in a kayak. (B,L,D) Rise early to catch the sunrise over the karst peaks of the bay. Return to Hanoi and fly to Hue. (B,D)

## DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL

• AIRFARES INCLUDED •

2017 DATES									
18 Feb - 09 Mar	\$5,740	11 Mar - 30 Mar	\$5,740	30 Sep - 19 Oct	\$6,640	21 Oct - 09 Nov	\$5,740	25 Nov - 14 Dec	\$5,740
2018 DATES									
17 Feb - 08 Mar	\$5,860	03 Mar - 22 Mar	\$5,860	17 Mar - 05 Apr	\$5,860	20 Oct - 08 Nov	\$5,860	24 Nov - 13 Dec	\$5,860

**Important note:**  
**VN** - Above prices include airline fuel surcharge of \$83 and tipping of US\$90 (AU\$122). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Vietnam.  
**SQ** - Prices on page 64 include airline fuel surcharge of \$420 and tipping of US\$90 (AU\$122). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Vietnam.



# ALONG THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL

Used during the Vietnam War by the North Vietnamese and the Viet Cong as a means of evading their enemies, the Ho Chi Minh Trail provides an exciting alternative route to the usual coastal path.

**24 DAYS FROM**  
**PER PERSON \$6,480** TWIN SHARE  
**FROM SYDNEY & MELBOURNE**  
**ACTIVE**

From price includes: tour cost \$6,252 and tipping \$218 (tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)

## Price includes:

- Most meals (22 breakfasts, 17 lunches & 19 dinners)
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

## Price guide

- 24 Days, Twin Share from \$6,480 per person departing Sydney and Melbourne with Vietnam Airlines (VN)

From \$6,780 per person departing Brisbane, Adelaide and Canberra with Vietnam Airlines (VN)

From \$6,380 per person departing Perth with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$6,080 per person departing Darwin\* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$6,480 per person departing Cairns\* with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

\*Darwin and Cairns passengers may require stopovers in Singapore at an additional cost.

- Single Hotel Room and Cruise Cabin Option from \$1,240
- Land Only (Hanoi to Hoi An) 23 days from \$5,480 per person (includes tipping)



▲ PERFUME RIVER, HUE



▲ RICE TERRACES, SAPA



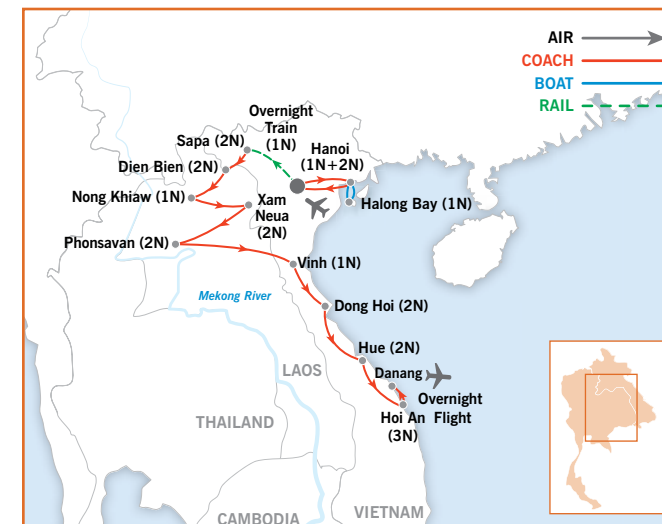
▲ MARKET, HOI AN



▲ HALONG BAY



▲ PLAIN OF JARS, PHONSAVAN



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover charming Hanoi
- Wake to a Halong Bay sunrise
- Hike Sapa's rice terraces
- Drive the Ho Chi Minh Trail
- Trek the 'Secret Route'
- Relax in Hoi An

## ITINERARY

**Day 1: Arrive Hanoi**  
 Fly with Vietnam Airlines to Hanoi for your overnight stay. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. (D)

**Days 2-3: Cruise Halong Bay**  
 Drive to Halong Bay and cruise around the spectacular limestone karst formations, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This afternoon, take a rowboat to discover some of the bay's many caves and partake in a traditional Vietnamese cooking demonstration back on board. (B,L,D) The next day rise early and practice Tai Chi as the sun rises. Transfer back to Hanoi. (B,D)

**Day 4: Discover Hanoi**  
 Visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and the Temple of Literature before weaving through a labyrinth of back alleys well off the tourist trail. Later enjoy a traditional Water Puppet show before taking a culinary adventure to sample street food in the Old Quarter. (B,L,D)

**Day 5: Hanoi to Sapa**  
 Today tour the Army Museum, Hoa Lo Prison and B52 Victory Museum. Enjoy a talk by a local historian before dinner. Transfer to the railway station for your overnight train to Sapa. (B,L,D)

**Day 6: Sapa Minority Villages**  
 Arrive this morning in Sapa. Walk to the busy villages of Cat Cat and Lao Chai, where you can learn the art of batik painting. The beautiful textiles of the Black H'mong are famous around the world. This afternoon head to a local homestay, where you will spend the night. Watch as the sun sets over the rice terraces and tuck into a delicious H'mong-style dinner. (B,L,D)

**Day 7: Sapa**  
 This morning set out along the Muong Hoa Valley towards Ta Van Village. Trek along the high road and take in the superb views. Arrive in the village of the Giay ethnic people. Transfer back to Sapa. (B,L,D)

**Day 8: Dien Bien**  
 Drive to Dien Bien and enjoy the photo opportunities of this remote area. (B,L,D)

**Day 9: Dien Bien war sites**  
 Visit the war sites of A1 Hill, the French Tunnel and Dien Bien Museum. (B,L,D)

**Day 10: Dien Bien to Nong Khiaw**  
 Farewell Vietnam and journey into Laos to Nong Khiaw via Tay Trang for an overnight stay. This town is beautifully rustic and positioned on the banks of the Nam Ou River, surrounded by limestone mountains. (B,L,D)

**Days 11-12: Xam Neua**  
 This morning drive to Xam Neua for a two-night stay. Visit the Standing Stones which are presumed to be related to burial rituals. The next day, transfer to Viengxay and explore the headquarters of Communist Pathet Lao, who were forced into the caves during their struggle with the Lao Royal Family in the time of the Vietnam-American War. (B,L,D)

**Days 13-14: Phonsavan**  
 Today will involve a full day of driving to Phonsavan, visiting Tam Cave en route. (B,L,D) In the morning take a trip to contemplate the mysteries of the Plain of Jars before visiting MAG, an organisation that was created to reduce the number of casualties caused by the unexploded ordnance (UXO) that still lie in much of Laos' land. (B)

**Day 15: Phonsavan to Vinh**  
 Today pass through Nong Het border reaching Nam Can border in Vinh, Vietnam. (B,L,D)

**Day 16: Vinh to Dong Hoi**  
 Visit the home of Uncle Ho then drive along the Ho Chi Minh Trail. Visit Dong Loc site and Truong Son Cemetery and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. (B,L,D)

**Day 17: Phong Nha trekking**  
 In the morning transfer to a trekking point in Phong Nha. Trek the 'Secret Route', a track used by soldiers that was hidden from the Americans. Enjoy a BBQ lunch before trekking back to the start via a different route. (B,L,D)

**Day 18: Dong Hoi to Hue**  
 Journey to Hue. Stop en route to visit Vinh Moc Tunnels and Khe Sanh Combat Base. Arrive in Hue in the late afternoon where the remainder of the day is at leisure. (B,L,D)

**Day 19: Hue**  
 In the morning visit the Imperial Citadel and the Imperial Tombs on the banks of the Perfume River, before taking a boat trip along the river. In the afternoon visit Thien Mu Pagoda. (B,L,D)

**Days 20-22: Hoi An**  
 Drive south to Hoi An over the scenic Hai Van Pass. (B,L,D) The next two days are at leisure to explore Hoi An. (B)

**Day 23: Depart Hoi An**  
 Transfer to Danang airport for your overnight flight home. (B) Due to flight schedules, Perth passengers may arrive home on Day 23.

**Day 24: Arrive Australia**  
 Arrive home today.



## EXTEND YOUR STAY

**SAIGON SHORT STAY 4 NIGHTS FROM \$525PP**  
 Spend your time here admiring the French Colonial architecture, visit the fascinating Mekong Delta and visit the Cu Chi Tunnels.  
 See page 88.  
 Price based on Twin Share.  
 Additional charges may apply.

## DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL

2017 DATES				2018 DATES			
22 Apr - 15 May	\$6,480	17 Nov - 10 Dec	\$6,540	21 Apr - 14 May	\$6,840	16 Nov - 09 Dec	\$7,040

**Important note:**  
 VN - Above prices include tipping of US\$161 (AU\$218). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Vietnam.  
 SQ - Prices on page 66 include airline fuel surcharge of \$420 and tipping of US\$161 (AU\$218). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Vietnam.



# DELUXE TOURS

Designed for the most discerning of travellers,  
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- Sightseeing with the experts
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- Most meals as indicated
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- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Specialist advice from our travel consultants
- All transportation in country of travel
- Mid-tour laundry service



# DELUXE TOUR EXPERIENCES

All of our Deluxe Tours include a range of unique experiences, designed to immerse you in some of the world's most iconic locations and to give you a greater insight into local culture and history.

## GET INVOLVED



### Dong Thuyen Pagoda lunch

Visit the Buddhist nuns of the hilltop Dong Thuyen Pagoda, who will cook you a delicious vegetarian lunch. You can watch your food being prepared over a wood burning stove, then sit down to eat with the nuns and talk with them about their way of life, Buddhism and Vietnam as a whole.



### Chinatown walking & cyclo tour

Wind your way through the hidden backstreets of Saigon's Chinatown on a cyclo, before wandering down a traditional herbal medicine street. You'll be immediately enveloped by exotic aromas of herbs, spices, tinctures and tonics; watch the herbalists creating their wares in the traditional way.



### Reaching Out Teahouse

The Reaching Out Teahouse is an oasis of peace in an atmospheric old house in the heart of Hoi An. Run by hearing and speech-impaired staff who serve you locally-sourced tea, coffee and cookies on crockery crafted by local disabled artisans, this place is about sitting back, relaxing and revelling in peace and quiet.

## FACE TO FACE WITH HISTORY



### Private Water Puppet Show

Originating from the villages of the Red River Delta in the 11th century, water puppetry was created by farmers to stave off boredom when their fields were flooded. Visit the home of a water puppet artist in Hanoi where you can discuss this traditional art, participate in the puppet-making process and enjoy a private puppet show.



### Cambodian Circus

A theatrical spectacular, the Cambodian Circus, based in Siem Reap is run by an NGO, Phare Ponleap Selpak, who give under-privileged youth an education in the arts and then a place to earn a wage. Performances mix theatre, music, dance and acrobatics whilst addressing the big issues in Cambodian society.



### A O Show, Saigon

Staged in the opulent surroundings of the Saigon Opera House, the A O Show is an extravaganza of music, dance and acrobatics. Combining choreography with colourful optical illusions the show tells the story of how a rural Vietnamese community has to adapt to urbanisation. Sit back in the plush seats of the opera house and enjoy.

## AUTHENTIC TRAVEL



▲ MEKONG DELTA



### Deluxe cruise on the Mekong Delta

The Mekong Delta is a treasure trove of greenery, agriculture and rurality, earning the area the nickname the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam'. Cruise through secluded waterways on the traditional Indochinese Cai Be Princess, stopping at floating markets, at local cottage industries and a lush island where you can have lunch in a beautiful old colonial building.



### Siem Reap spa treatment

After a day exploring the magnificent temples of Angkor, your temple-weary feet deserve some attention! Sit back and let the aches melt away with an hour-long massage, that focuses on your feet – let the essential oils invigorate your senses and prepare you for another day of exploration.



### Champagne sunset

A ruined temple complex hidden away on the summit of a hill just outside Siem Reap, Phnom Krom offers a tranquil, undiscovered spot for sunset. The temple itself is pre-Angkorian, built in the late 9th/early 10th century, and whilst little remains, the atmospheric ruins and breathtaking views over Tonle Sap as the sun goes down are the perfect complement to a cold glass of Champagne.



### Lady Hau cruise

Cruise gently along the Saigon River, admiring the views of the city's skyline as the sun sets and the bright lights flicker on. Your vessel is a beautifully restored rice barge from the Mekong Delta, the Lady Hau, a little piece of traditional and uniquely Vietnamese design. On board you'll be served a hearty selection of delicious Vietnamese flavours prepared by one of Saigon's top chefs.



# DELUXE HOTELS

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## OUR HOTELS



### La Residence Hotel, Hue

La Residence Hotel incorporates the splendour of colonial decadence with early 20th-century art deco and traditional Vietnamese influences. During your stay, enjoy the award-winning spa, saltwater swimming pool and on-site tennis court, or perhaps just sit back and soak in your lavish surroundings with a cocktail in Le Gouverneur Bar.



### Sofitel, Phnom Penh

The Sofitel, Phnom Penh epitomises the elegance and charm for which this city is famous. Located in the sophisticated embassy district, the Sofitel offers enviable riverside views. Accompanied by free wi-fi, first-rate service and a myriad of dining experiences, the Sofitel transports you back to the French colonial period of luxury.



### Victoria Xiangthong Palace, Luang Prabang

Located in the very centre of Luang Prabang, next to the breathtaking Wat Xieng Thong temple. The boutique Xiangthong Palace was the last residence of the Laos Royal Family. Rooms elegantly capture the spirit of Laos and there is a spa, outdoor pool, bar and restaurant.



### Sunrise Hotel, Nha Trang

Set in the heart of downtown Nha Trang, the Sunrise Hotel is a stunning colonial-inspired deluxe hotel located within walking distance of the beaches' golden sand. Take a dip in the Roman-inspired swimming pool or take in panoramic vistas from the Sky Lounge before retiring to your sea view room for unobstructed views of glistening Nha Trang Bay.



### Sokha Angkor Resort, Siem Reap

The Sokha is perfectly located a short walk from Siem Reap's centre and is a quick drive from the temples of Angkor. Wander in the tropical, frangipani-filled gardens or take a refreshing dip in the saltwater pool before retiring to your spacious Khmer-styled room, with marble bathroom. The restaurant serves a fantastic range of cuisines.



▲ TA PROHM, SIEM REAP



▲ SAIGON



### Caravelle Hotel, Saigon

A stylish mixture of French and Vietnamese design, feel at home in the soothing tones of the Caravelle's elegantly decorated bedrooms. This eco-friendly hotel has free wi-fi throughout, an outdoor pool with sun terrace, a lively rooftop bar with a bird's eye view of the city and is located in the heart of Saigon.



### Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort and Spa

Experience an idyllic blend of beach and river side relaxation and Asian comfort at the Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort and Spa. Spend time in the expansive pool, take a sidecar trip into nearby Hoi An, or unwind in one of three bars. There are also plenty of activities to choose from including complimentary mountain bikes and beach sports.



### Hotel de l'Opera, Hanoi

Centrally located close to the Old Quarter, the Hotel de l'Opera is an iconic Hanoi hotel, offering a taste of 19th-century France in its stylish interiors. Contemporary rooms offer luxurious comfort whilst the public spaces are perfectly elegant. Facilities include an open air terrace, indoor pool, gym, sauna and several excellent restaurants.



### RV Jahan Cruises

The most opulent boat on the Mekong, the Jahan accommodates just 48 passengers, in spacious cabins with private balcony. Choose between dining venues and sip a nightcap in the atmospheric East India Club, relax in the pool deck Jacuzzi or unwind with a spa treatment; on board the Jahan, you can step back into a time of leisurely elegance.



### Paradise Luxury Cruise

Built to traditional Vietnamese design, the Paradise cruise ships offer the chance to explore Halong Bay in luxury. Spacious cabins are classic dark wood throughout, the restaurant is stylish and the private lounge stocks a selection of wine and cigars. Spend your day on the sun terrace soaking in the views before making time for the spa and sauna.



▲ HALONG BAY



# JEWELS OF VIETNAM

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▲ JAPANESE COVERED BRIDGE, HOI AN



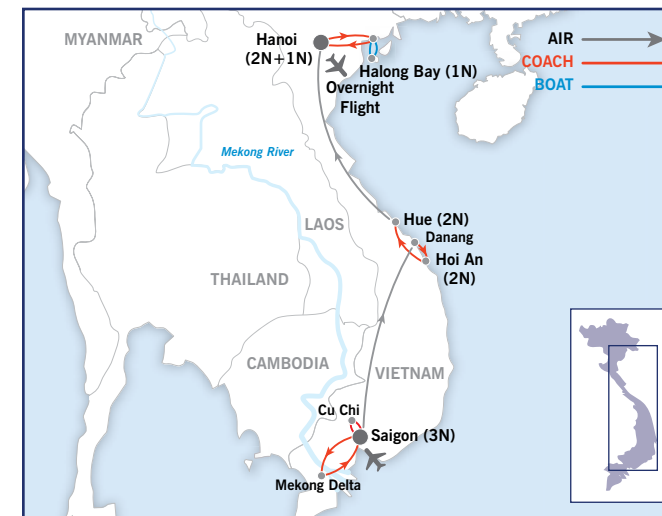
▲ TEMPLE OF LITERATURE, HANOI



▲ MEKONG DELTA



▲ HALONG BAY



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise through the verdant Mekong Delta
- Visit the Imperial Citadel of Hue
- Enjoy free time in Hoi An
- Watch sunrise on Halong Bay

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### Day 6: Hoi An to Hue

Enjoy a morning at leisure in Hoi An where you can further explore, relax by the pool or take a trip to the beach. Depart for Hue, travelling over the Hai Van Pass. Later, cruise along the Perfume River to the picturesque Thien Mu Pagoda. (B,L,D)

### Day 7: Discover Imperial Hue

Long considered a seat of culture and learning, Hue is dominated by its immense Imperial Citadel, home to emperors from 1802 to 1945. A cyclo will deliver you to its grandiose entrance and you'll be able to explore before heading to Minh Mang's tomb. Lunch will be vegetarian dishes prepared by the nuns of Dong Thuyen Pagoda, before you try your hand at making paper flowers, in a village that is known for the art. Later, admire the regal surroundings of the Tha Om Garden House – the owner, Mr Vinh, is a descendant from royalty. (B,L)

### Day 8: Fly to Hanoi

Travel to the airport to fly to Hanoi. Visit the Thanh Chuong Viet Palace. (B,L)

### Day 9: Explore Hanoi

Hanoi, Vietnam's capital, evokes the days when Asia was at its most chic, a heady mix of the exotic and European elegance. Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter and learn about the life of 'Uncle Ho'. Visit the revered Temple of Literature and meet a water puppeteer who will introduce you to this traditional 11th century art and put on a private water puppet show. You will also be able to get involved in creating the puppets. (B,L,D)

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Rise early to see the sun rise over the bay and savour the serenity of the early morning.

Head back to the wharf where there'll be time for brunch before disembarking and returning to Hanoi by road. Sit down to a sumptuous farewell dinner this evening. (B,D)

### Day 12: Depart Hanoi

Enjoy the morning at your leisure before you are transferred to Hanoi airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. (B) *Due to flight schedules, Perth passengers will arrive home on Day 12.*

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## EXTEND YOUR STAY



## SAPA SHORT STAY 4 NIGHTS FROM \$895pp

Travel by overnight train to the town of Sapa, located in the Lao Cai province. Explore the different minority villages in the region and witness the life of the locals.

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2017 DATES				2018 DATES			
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▲ HALONG BAY



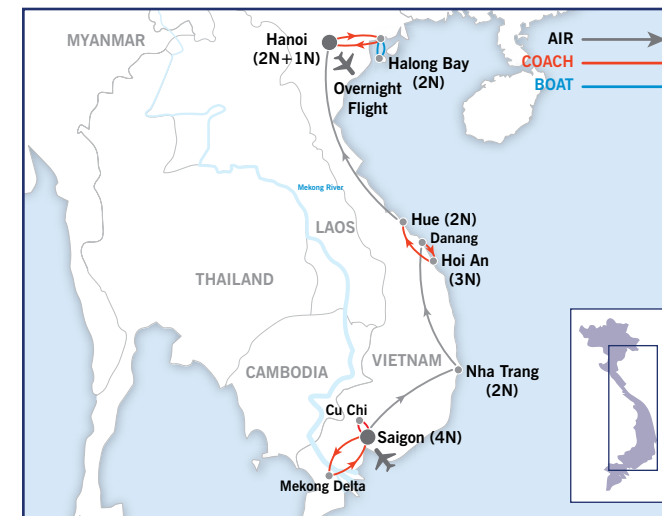
▲ CENTRAL POST OFFICE, SAIGON



▲ HOI AN



▲ HUE



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the beauty of the Mekong Delta
- Cruise amongst Nha Trang's tropical islands
- Admire Hue's Imperial City
- Watch sunrise on Halong Bay

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Fly to Saigon

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### Day 5: Travel to Nha Trang

Transfer to the airport to fly to Nha Trang. This is Vietnam's top beach resort destination, a sweep of yellow sand lapped by cool waters and backed by a relaxed urban centre. This afternoon explore the Po Nagar Cham Towers, still used for worship today. (B,L,D)

### Day 6: Nha Trang cruise

Spend the day cruising the clear waters and islands off the coast of Nha Trang Bay. Stops will be made at Mun Island and a local fishing village and there may be time for you to take a dip in the cool waters. (B,L)

### Day 7: Journey to Hoi An

Fly to Danang and transfer to the charming town of Hoi An. Once an influential port on the Silk

Road, Hoi An is a rich fusion of Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese and European styles – its narrow streets retaining a quirky, old world charm. (B,L,D)

### Day 8: Explore Hoi An

This morning wander the old streets, visiting Hoi An market, the Chua Ong Pagoda and the elaborate Japanese Covered Bridge before taking tea at the Reaching Out Teahouse, a peaceful place, run by hearing and speech impaired locals, to savour the flavours of local produce. This evening, sip cocktails and dine on freshly prepared cuisine as you discover Hoi An's river culture with a sunset cruise along the Thu Bon River. (B,L,D)

### Day 9: Hoi An at leisure

Enjoy a day at leisure in Hoi An where you can further explore, relax by the pool or take a trip to the beach. (B)

### Day 10: Hoi An to Hue

Taking the scenic Hai Van Pass, travel to the imperial city of Hue. Long considered a seat of culture and learning, Hue is dominated by its immense Imperial Citadel, home of emperors from 1802 to 1945. Cruise on the Perfume River down to the picturesque Thien Mu Pagoda and take part in a Truc Chi workshop, where you'll learn to create art with bamboo paper. (B,L,D)

### Day 11: Explore Hue

Visit the extravagant Royal Tomb of Minh Mang, an emperor whose reign is remembered for his opposition to French rule. Head to Thanh Tien village to learn about, and create, your own paper flowers before visiting the regal surroundings of the Tha Om Garden House. (B,L)

### Day 12: Journey to Hanoi

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### Day 13: Explore Hanoi

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Stilts and the One Pillar Pagoda. This evening take a walking tour of the Old Quarter, catching a glimpse of everyday life in the bustling streets and alleyways as you go. (B,L,D)

### Days 14-15: Halong Bay

Halong Bay's thousands of limestone islets project from the tranquil depths of emerald waters creating a vision of beauty to which little compares. Spend two-nights cruising amongst the karst pinnacles, stopping to explore mysterious caves, taking part in cooking demonstrations and rising early to catch spectacular sunrises and practice Tai Chi. (B,L,D)

### Day 16: Water Puppets

Awake to the beauty of Halong Bay one final time. Continue cruising through the bay, heading back to the wharf where there'll be time for brunch before disembarking. Back in Hanoi, enjoy a performance of the famous Water Puppets, a centuries old art developed by farmers of the Red River Delta. Sit down to a sumptuous farewell dinner this evening. (B,D)

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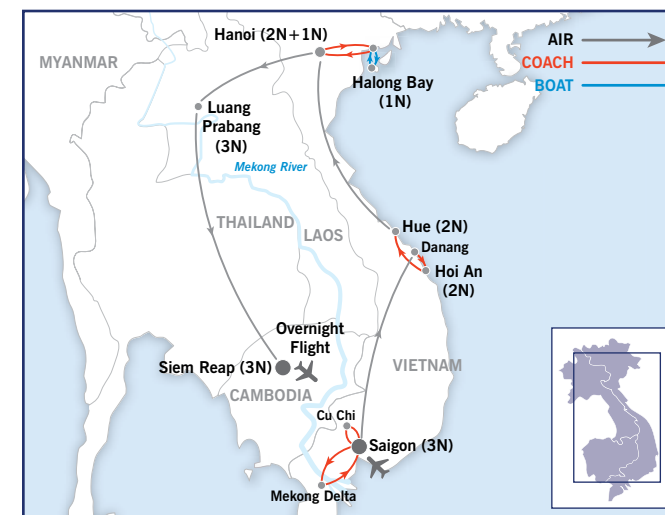
▲ TONLE SAP LAKE, SIEM REAP



▲ BAYON, SIEM REAP



▲ HOI AN



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- See Luang Prabang's temples
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### Day 10: Halong Bay

Thousands of limestone islets dot the emerald waters of Halong Bay creating a vision of beauty to which very little compares. Voyage the bay aboard your comfortable cruise boat stopping to explore the sights as you go. Spend the night anchored amongst glorious scenery. (B,L,D)

### Day 11: Sunrise over Halong Bay

Rise early to see the sun rise over the karst-scapes of the bay and savour the serenity of the early morning. Continue cruising through the bay, heading back to the wharf where there's time for a tasty buffet before disembarking. Return to Hanoi. (B,D)

### Day 12: Travel to Luang Prabang

Enjoy the morning free in Hanoi before catching an afternoon flight to Luang Prabang. Nestled amongst green mountains, the city is Laos' cultural heart, an oasis of calm antiquity and rich heritage. (B)

### Day 13: Takbat

Rise early to observe the ceremony of Takbat. Watch the monks, swathed in their vibrant robes, collecting alms from the locals. Ascend Phousi Hill for views over the town and visit Wat Xieng Thong, Luang Prabang's most glittering temple. Take to the languid waters of the Mekong to

visit the Pak Ou caves, renowned for the hundreds of carved Buddha statues that reside within. (B,L)

### Day 14: Explore Luang Prabang

Get to grips with Laotian history at the National Museum before heading to the picturesque Kuang Si Waterfalls. This evening you are invited to a local home to participate in a Baci Ceremony, an integral part of Laos' culture. (B,L)

### Day 15: Discover Siem Reap

After a free morning in Luang Prabang, fly to Siem Reap. This evening enjoy an exciting performance of the Phare Circus, run by an NGO that teaches street kids circus skills and performs shows that address the issues in Cambodian society. (B,L)

### Day 16: Explore Angkor

Spend the day discovering the magnificent Angkor complex. Stand before the splendour of incredible Angkor Wat, the magnum opus of the Khmer Empire. Next pass through the South Gate of Angkor Thom, the last capital of the Khmer Empire, to visit Ta Prohm and the Bayon. Ascend to Phnom Krom, located on a high hill top, where you will sip champagne as the sun sets over Tonle Sap. (B,L,D)

### Day 17: Floating villages

**High water season (Aug to Feb)** Visit Kampong Kleang, a floating village on Tonle Sap Lake, meeting the locals and glimpsing a fascinating way of life. Continue to Beng Mealea. Drop in on the excellent Les Artisan D'Angkor, an organisation working to revive Khmer arts and crafts, before rejuvenating your temple-weary feet with a spa treatment. (B,L)

### Low water season (Mar to Jul)

Visit a village to meet some of the locals and pop into Khapor High School to learn about the library project. Explore the exquisite temples of Banteay Srei and Banteay Samre. Drop in on the excellent Les Artisan D'Angkor, before a rejuvenating spa treatment.

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2017 DATES				2018 DATES			
04 Mar - 22 Mar	\$8,940	04 Nov - 22 Nov	\$8,940	03 Mar - 21 Mar	\$9,140	03 Nov - 21 Nov	\$9,140

**Important note:** Above prices include airline fuel surcharge of \$420 and tipping of US\$126 (AU\$170). Correct as at 14 July 2016 and subject to change. Tipping is payable on arrival in Vietnam.



Uncover your inner explorer amongst the jungle-wreathed temples of Angkor before embarking on an outstanding itinerary encompassing captivating Cambodia and vibrant Vietnam.

*From price includes: tour cost \$7,980, airline fuel surcharge \$420 and tipping \$180 (tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)*

**Most meals (18 breakfasts, 15 lunches & 7 dinners)**

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tipping (paid locally)

- 20 Days, Twin Share from \$8,580 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$8,360 per person departing Perth  
with Singapore Airlines (SQ)

From \$8,180 per person departing Darwin\*  
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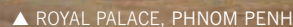
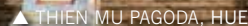
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Canberra\* and Cairns\* with Singapore  
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- Single Hotel Room and Cruise Cabin Option from \$2,640
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Would you like to travel on a different date or personalise touring to suit your needs?

**Call us for a quote to arrange this itinerary as a private tour.**



- Explore Angkor's temples
- Taste Saigon's street fare
- Cruise the Mekong
- Be charmed by Hoi An
- Stroll through old Hanoi
- Watch sunrise on Halong Bay

■ **Day 1: Fly to Siem Reap**  
Fly with Singapore Airlines to Siem Reap for a three-night stay.

- Day 2: Explore Angkor**  
Spend the day discovering magnificent temples of Angkor. Start by admiring the splendour of Angkor Wat, the magnum opus of the Khmer Empire, pass through the South Gateway of Angkor Thom to visit the enigmatic Bayon and jungle-wreathed Ta Prohm. Ascend to Phnom Krom, located on a high hilltop, where you will sip champagne as the sun sets over Tonle Sap. (B,L,D)

- Day 3: Kampong Kleang**  
**High water season (Aug to Feb)**  
Visit Kampong Kleang, a floating village on Tonle Sap Lake, meeting the lovely locals and glimpsing a fascinating way of life. Continue to Beng Mealea, a temple lost to the jungle. (B,L)

**Low water season (Mar to Jul)**  
Visit a village to meet some of the locals and pop into Khapor High School to learn about the library project. Explore the exquisite temples of Banteay Srei and Banteay Samre.

- **Day 4: Fly to Phnom Penh**  
Rejuvenate your temple weary feet with a foot spa treatment this morning. Later fly to Phnom Penh. The 'Pearl of Asia' until

it was ravaged by war, Phnom Penh has emerged once again as a captivating city and a cosmopolitan capital. (B.L)

- Day 5: Discover Phnom Penh**  
See the glittering Royal Palace, the sacred Silver Pagoda and the National Museum – housed in a beautiful traditional-style Khmer building, the relics held within are fascinating. Ascend to hilltop Wat Phnom for views over the city and the Mekong River, and visit Tuol Sleng Museum, a humbling reminder of the atrocities committed by the Khmer Rouge. (B,L)

- Day 6: Journey to Saigon**  
Enjoy a relaxed morning in Phnom Penh before flying to Saigon. This evening enjoy an exquisite dining experience before sitting down to the cultural extravaganza that is the A O Show, staged at the magnificent Saigon Opera House. (B,L,D)

- Day 7: Discover Saigon**  
Saigon has evolved from war torn city to thriving metropolis, the powerhouse driving Vietnam towards its ever brighter future. This morning see the French-built Central Post Office; the Reunification Palace; and the harrowing War Remnants Museum. This afternoon, embark on a cyclo tour through the streets of Chinatown before enjoying

a walking tour of a traditional herbal medicine street, learning about herbs, spices and healing concoctions as you go. Later this afternoon enjoy a cocktail and sunset views at the sky deck of the Bitexco Tower. Finally drift gently down the Saigon River, dining on delicious cuisine as you soak up the night time views. (B,L,D)

- Day 8: Mekong Delta Cruise**  
Set sail through the palm-lined canals of the Mekong Delta in a traditional sampan, passing sleepy towns and stopping to explore markets bursting with fresh produce and innovative home industries. Visit a 19th-century house, a home that produces coconut candy and puffed rice before enjoying lunch served in a colonial-style villa set in a lush garden by the river. Return to Saigon. (B,L)

- Day 9: Cu Chi Tunnels**  
Travel to the Cu Chi Tunnels, part of an elaborate network of excavations used by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. For those feeling brave, you can attempt a section of the tunnels for yourself. Return to Saigon before flying to Danang and travelling on to Hoi An. (B,L)

- Day 10: Explore Hoi An**  
Once an influential port on the Silk Road, Hoi An is a rich fusion of styles – its narrow streets retaining a quirky, old world charm. This morning wander the old streets, visiting Hoi An market, the Chua Ong Pagoda and the elaborate Japanese Covered Bridge before taking tea at the Reaching Out Teahouse. This evening, sip cocktails and dine on freshly prepared cuisine as you discover Hoi An's river culture with a sunset cruise along the Thu Bon River. (B,L,D)

- **Day 11: Hoi An at leisure**  
Enjoy a day at leisure in Hoi An to further explore the ancient towns cobbled streets. (B)

- Day 12: Hoi An to Hue**  
Travel to Hue. Long considered a seat of culture, Hue is dominated by its immense Imperial Citadel, home of emperors from 1802 to 1945. Take a cruise on the Perfume River to the beautiful Thien Mu Pagoda, and take part in a Truc Chi workshop, where

you'll learn to create art with bamboo paper. (B,L)

- Day 13: Discover Imperial Hue**  
Visit Minh Mang's tomb before enjoying a vegetarian lunch prepared by the nuns of Dong Thuyen Pagoda. Try your hand at making paper flowers in a nearby village that is known for the art. Later, admire the regal surroundings of the Tha Om Garden House – the owner, Mr Vinh, is a descendant from royalty. (B,L)

- Day 14: Travel to Hanoi**  
Fly to Hanoi. Take a walking tour through the bustling alleys of the Old Quarter before meeting a water puppeteer who will introduce you to this 11th-century art and put on a private performance. You can also help create the puppets. (B,L)

- Day 15: Explore Hanoi**  
Hanoi evokes the days when Asia was at its most chic, a heady mix of the exotic and European elegance. Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter and learn about the life of 'Uncle Ho'. Visit the revered Temple of Literature and One Pillar Pagoda. Stop for lunch at Home restaurant, where you'll be served with the enchanting flavours of authentic local cuisine. (B,L)

- **Day 16: Halong Bay**  
Halong Bay is a vision of beauty to which very little compares. Sail on emerald waters amongst karst peaks, spending two-nights on the water. (B,L,D)

- Day 17: Tai Chi at sunrise**  
Rise early to practice Tai Chi on the deck at sunrise, explore Cat Ba Island, swim off hidden beaches and see the very best of this unique area. (B,L,D)

- **Day 18: Halong Bay to Hanoi**  
Return to the wharf and travel back to Hanoi. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. (B,D)

- Day 19: Depart Hanoi**  
Enjoy the morning at your leisure before you are transferred to Hanoi airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. (B)  
*Due to flight schedules, Perth passengers will arrive home on Day 19.*

- **Day 20: Arrive Australia**  
Arrive home today.

## DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL

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# THE MAJESTIC MEKONG

Venture through Vietnam's cultural centres, natural wonders and fast-paced cities before cruising the mighty Mekong on the RV Jahan. Finish on a high exploring the magnificent temples of Angkor.

**22 DAYS FROM**

**PER PERSON \$10,980** TWIN SHARE

**FROM**  
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE,  
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**INCLUDES 3 NIGHT**  
**MEKONG CRUISE**

**COMFORTABLE**

*From price includes: tour cost \$10,333 airline fuel surcharge \$420 and tipping \$227 (tipping subject to change: tipping is paid on arrival)*

## Price includes:

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- International flights and current taxes
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## Price guide

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- Single Hotel Room and Cruise Cabin Option from \$7,380
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▲ THIEN MU PAGODA, HUE



▲ HALONG BAY



▲ ANGKOR WAT, SIEM REAP

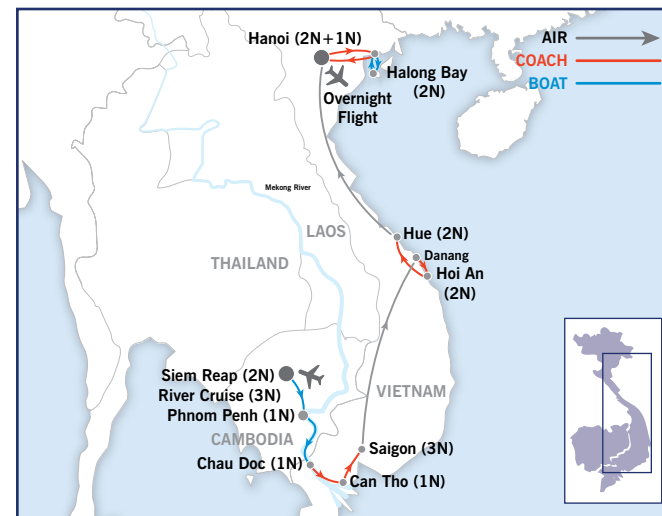


▲ RV JAHAN SUNDECK



▲ MEKONG DELTA

## DELUXE TOUR



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Be captivated by Angkor
- Three-night Mekong cruise
- Explore Tonle Sap's wetlands
- Sightsee in Saigon
- Be charmed by Hoi An
- Stroll through old Hanoi

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Fly to Siem Reap

Fly with Singapore Airlines to Siem Reap for a two-night stay.

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### Day 3: Mekong cruise

Board your boutique river cruise vessel, the RV Jahan, your home for the next three-nights. Sit on the sundeck and sip your welcome drink as you cast off. Spend the afternoon gliding lazily downstream. Dine on local cuisine in the elegant dining hall and retire to your comfortable stateroom for the night. (B,L,D)

### Day 4: Tonle Sap

As the sun starts to peek over the horizon, take part in an invigorating session of Tai Chi. Continue cruising, exploring the wetlands and floating houses of Kampong Cham. Further down river, take part in an ox-cart rally. (B,L,D)

### Day 5: Wat Hanchey

This morning, journey to the pre-Angkorian temple of Wat Hanchey – the view from its hilltop perch is spectacular. Return to the ship for a blessing ceremony performed by local monks. Cruising on downriver pay a visit to Wat Nokor. (B,L,D)

### Day 6: Phnom Penh

Farewell the RV Jahan, disembarking in Cambodia's capital Phnom Penh, a city of airy boulevards and colonial villas. Visit the dazzling Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda, Central Market and the National Museum. (B,L)

### Day 7: Mekong by speedboat

Enjoy a morning at leisure. This afternoon ride in a speedboat downriver into the heart of the Mekong Delta, over the border into Vietnam, to the Victoria Chau Doc Resort. Arrive at the resort and spend the rest of the day enjoying the facilities. (B)

### Day 8: Tra Su Sanctuary Forest

This morning, explore the Tra Su Sanctuary Forest by traditional sampan boat, floating along the endless waterways lined with mangrove trees. Meet the locals in an ethnic Khmer village and take some time to chat with the monks at a local monastery. (B)

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### Day 11: Cu Chi Tunnels

Travel to the Cu Chi Tunnels, part of an elaborate network of excavations used by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Return to Saigon. (B,L)

### Day 12: Discover Hoi An

Fly to Danang and transfer to Hoi An. This afternoon take a walking tour of this charming town. A wonderfully laidback place, the streets are a delight to wander – visit the elaborate Japanese Covered Bridge, the colourful market and a Chinese temple, before taking tea at the Reaching Out Teahouse. (B,L)

### Day 13: Hoi An cooking class

Wander through the market this morning browsing the fresh produce, picking up ingredients for your cooking class, where you will learn to prepare delicious Vietnamese cuisine. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. (B,L)

### Day 14: Perfume River

Travel from Hoi An to Hue, crossing the scenic Hai Van Pass. Long considered Vietnam's seat

of culture and learning, Hue is dominated by its immense Imperial Citadel, home to emperors from 1802 to 1945. Take a cruise along the scenic Perfume River to the picturesque Thien Mu Pagoda, which you will have time to visit. (B,L)

### Day 15: Imperial Hue

Start the day with a stroll through the grandiose entrance of the Imperial Citadel to explore the complex, before heading out, along the river, into Hue's lush surroundings to see Minh Mang's tomb. Lunch will be vegetarian dishes prepared by the nuns of Dong Thuyen Pagoda, before you try your hand at making paper flowers in a village that is known for the art. Admire the regal surroundings of the Tha Om Garden House – the owner, Mr Vinh, is a descendant from royalty. (B,L)

### Day 16: Fly to Hanoi

Transfer to the airport and fly to Vietnam's capital Hanoi. (B)

### Day 17: Explore Hanoi

Spend the morning exploring the Ho Chi Minh Quarter and learning about the life of 'Uncle Ho'. Visit the revered Temple of Literature. Later, take a walking tour of the Old Quarter before meeting a water puppeteer who will put on a private water puppet show. (B,L)

### Days 18-19: Halong Bay

Halong Bay is a vision of beauty to which very little compares. Sail on emerald waters amongst karst peaks, spending two-nights on the water. Rise early to practice Tai Chi on deck as the sun rises. Explore Cat Ba Island and swim off hidden beaches. (B,L,D)

### Day 20: Halong Bay to Hanoi

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### Day 21: Depart Hanoi

Transfer to the airport to board your overnight flight to Australia. (B) *Due to flight schedules, Perth passengers will arrive home on Day 21.*

### Day 22: Arrive Australia

Arrive home today.

DEPARTURES – per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL, CBR\*, CNS\* **AIRFARES INCLUDED**

2017 DATE			2018 DATE		
9 Nov - 30 Nov	\$10,980		29 Mar - 19 Apr	\$11,280	

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# INDEPENDENT TRAVEL

If you are the type of person who enjoys the comfort and independence of travelling at your own pace, then our selection of independent packages are perfect for you.

## Our Independent Travel Short Stays include:

- Accommodation in lead-in rooms
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- Comprehensive daily tours
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Some transfers



# SELECT YOUR STYLE OF INDEPENDENT TRAVEL

In addition to the extensive group tours we have on offer, we also have a selection of independent travel options if a group tour is not the style of travel you're looking for. Our team are here to assist you in creating a tailor-made itinerary to turn your dream holiday into a reality!

## INDEPENDENT TRAVEL MADE EASY

Travelling independently gives you the flexibility to travel wherever you want and when you want. You can pick your flights, level of accommodation and all other inclusions such as meals, guides and touring to meet your personal preferences.

Our dedicated tailor-made experts will help design a unique itinerary or tweak one of our group tours or short stay packages to ensure a holiday that fits all your wants and needs. We can arrange a fun-filled family holiday, organise a special group tour for your school or social club and add independent arrangements before or after an existing group tour.

### 1 PRIVATE TOURS

Do you like one of our group tour itineraries but wish to travel independently or on a different date? We can arrange most of our Classic, Discovery and Deluxe itineraries as a Private Tour and in your preferred accommodation level. They are the perfect choice for couples who prefer to travel independently, families and customers with special requirements. Also a great option for groups of friends wishing to travel on an exclusive tour.



▲ ANGKOR WAT, SIEM REAP

### 2 TAILOR-MADE TOURS

We don't all like to stick to the trail, some people like ultimate flexibility when they travel. Others like to indulge their interests in a new, exciting way and with a tailor-made tour you can do just that. Use our range of group tours and independent packages as inspiration or let us help you create your own bespoke journey from scratch.



▲ RICE TERRACES, SAPA



▲ RICE PADDIES

### 4 FAMILY FRIENDLY HOLIDAYS

Introduce your children to a different world by travelling together to one of our exciting destinations. We can provide you with detailed information relating to travelling with children, including inspiring educational family-friendly activities. Wendy Wu Tours can tailor-make an experience to suit your specific needs and requirements. Your family holiday can be as flexible as you like, featuring the very best each of our destinations has to offer.



▲ INLE LAKE

### 6 PRE AND POST-TOUR AND STOPOVER ARRANGEMENTS

Would you like some additional time to explore or simply relax before or after your group tour? Speak with our team to add in pre or post-tour accommodation and additional sightseeing. A stopover package is also a good way to break up your flight journey, giving you the opportunity to explore more of Asia's vibrant cities such as Singapore or Bangkok.

### 3 SHORT STAYS

Our range of short stays can be combined to design your very own custom itinerary, or added to the beginning or end of your Wendy Wu group tour if you wish to extend your time in Asia. Perhaps you want to add a stopover en route to your travels to another part of the world. A selection of short stays appear on the following pages and additional options can be found on our website at [wendywutours.com.au/independent-travel](http://wendywutours.com.au/independent-travel).



▲ BAGAN

### 5 SPECIAL GROUPS

Want to organise a group tour for your local club or society? We can create bespoke holidays around your special interest including sports themed tours, photography, gardening, art and history to name just a few. Perhaps you have a group of friends and family and want to create a specific itinerary, or travel on one of our existing tours as your own group.

With more than 20 years' experience in organising group travel to Asia, we have the local knowledge and expertise to ensure the tour is precisely tailored to your needs.



▲ MT POPA



# SAIGON SHORT STAY

5 DAYS

Also known as Ho Chi Minh City, Saigon is Vietnam's largest city. Spend your time here admiring the French Colonial architecture, visit the fascinating Mekong Delta and the Cu Chi Tunnels.

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$525	\$955
Superior	\$615	\$1,130
Deluxe	\$875	\$1,665
Premium Deluxe	\$1,685	\$3,280

\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 4 nights accommodation
- Private touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL, SAIGON

Day 1: Arrive Saigon

Make your own way to your Saigon hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

Day 2: Saigon

Enjoy a city tour around Saigon. Visit the Central Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Reunification Palace and the War Remnants Museum. Enjoy some free time at Ben Thanh Market. (B,L)

Day 3: Saigon – Mekong Delta

Travel south to the Mekong Delta province of Ben Tre. Cruise the Mekong River, paddle

through palm-lined canals and walk through small villages before returning to Saigon. (B,L)

Day 4: Saigon – Cu Chi & Tay Ninh

Explore the amazing network of the Cu Chi Tunnels, which once housed entire underground villages during the American War in Vietnam. Later, travel to Tay Ninh to experience the midday service at the colourful head temple of the unique Cao Dai religion. (B,L)

Day 5: Depart Saigon

Your arrangements end after check-out this morning. (B)

# VETERANS' RETURN

3 DAYS

During the American War in Vietnam, Vung Tau was home to the Australian Army and was a popular spot for R&R. The Long Tan Cross commemorates the Australian soldiers who lost their lives during the battle between the Australian and Viet Cong forces in 1966.

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$470	\$880
Superior	\$495	\$940
Deluxe	\$670	\$1,285

\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 2 nights accommodation
- Private transfers and touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ THE RECLINING BUDDHA, VUNG TAU

Day 1: Saigon to Vung Tau

This morning you will be met at your Saigon hotel and transferred to Vung Tau. Enjoy a half-day city tour, visiting Bach Dinh and the Reclining Buddha. (L)

Day 2: Vung Tau – Nui Dat & Long Tan

Visit the former Australian Army Base of Nui Dat and the Long Tan Battlefield, where you will see the commemorative Long Tan Cross. (B,L)

Day 3: Vung Tai to Saigon

After check-out this morning you will be transferred back to your Saigon hotel where your arrangements end. (B)

WHY NOT?

Wish to learn the history of central Vietnam? Why not add our Historical Heart of Vietnam package? See page 91 for details.

**NOTE:** Additional fees and taxes may apply.

# VETERANS' PATH

9 DAYS

Visit the sites from the American War in Vietnam, including former battlefields, army bases, and locations where Australian soldiers were based.

▲ ROYAL TOMB OF KHAI DINH, HUE

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$2,580	\$4,185
Superior	\$2,855	\$4,740
Deluxe	\$3,220	\$5,470

\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 8 nights accommodation
- Economy-class flights from Saigon to Hue, Danang to Buon Me Thuot and Quy Nhon to Saigon
- Private transfers and touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ LONG TAN MEMORIAL



▲ REUNIFICATION PALACE, SAIGON

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Nui Dat Army Base
- Long Tan Battlefield
- Demilitarised Zone
- Bahnar Highland village

## ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive Saigon

Upon arrival at Saigon airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy a half-day tour of the city this afternoon, visiting the Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office. Later, tour the emotionally charged War Remnants Museum and the Reunification Palace.

Day 2: Saigon – Nui Dat & Long Tan

See the former Australian Army Base of Nui Dat. Visit the Long Tan Battlefield, Long Tan Cross, Long Phuoc Tunnel and Horse-Shoe Hill. Return to Saigon this afternoon. (B,L)

Day 3: Saigon – Mekong Delta to Hue

Start your day with a half-day morning tour of the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam', the Mekong Delta. See the former base of the 9th US Division and Riverine Units. Visit Ap Bac Village and cruise along the Mekong River's canals, stopping at tropical fruit orchards and craft villages along the way. After lunch, transfer to Saigon airport for your flight to Hue. Upon arrival check into your hotel. (B,L)

Day 4: Hue – DMZ

Visit sites around the Demilitarised Zone (DMZ), including the Rock Pile, Camp Carroll, Tacon Airfields, Dakrong Bridge (now a suspension bridge) and Lang Vei Special Forces Camp. After lunch visit Truong Son

Cemetery, the McNamara Wall and Ben Hai River. (B,L)

Day 5: Hue to Hoi An

Embark on a tour around Hue this morning. Visit the Imperial Citadel, the Forbidden Purple City and the Royal Tomb of Khai Dinh. Later, travel to the UNESCO World Heritage listed town of Hoi An, via the Hai Van Pass. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore this charming town. (B,L)

Day 6: Hoi An to Buon Me Thuot

Transfer to Danang airport this morning and fly to Buon Me Thuot. Upon arrival, we visit the Ethnographic Museum and visit Ede Village. Stay overnight in Buon Me Thuot. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Buon Me Thuot to Pleiku

This morning travel to Pleiku visiting a rubber plantation enroute. Continue to Ham Rong Pass and the site of Camp Enari, before stopping for lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch visit a Cacteka plantation and the site of Bau Can, the former operational areas of the 4th Division. (B,L,D)

Day 8: Pleiku to Quy Nhon

Visit Dak To this morning, where you will visit the former airbase of the 4th Division; the site of heavy fighting between NVA units and the 4th Division. You will also visit Charlie Hill and swap stories with local Bahnar people in their remote village. After lunch, visit the Montagnard in Kon Tum and continue to Quy Nhon. (B,L,D)

Day 9: Quy Nhon to Saigon

After check-out, transfer to the airport and fly to Saigon, where upon arrival your arrangements end. (B)



# HANOI SHORT STAY

3 DAYS

Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam, is a fascinating blend of east and west, giving it the name, ‘Paris of the Orient’. Visit historic sites in the city, including the Ho Chi Minh Complex and the Temple of Literature.

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$260	\$415
Superior	\$265	\$490
Deluxe	\$430	\$820
Premium Deluxe	\$715	\$1,375

\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 2 nights accommodation
- Private touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ TEMPLE OF LITERATURE, HANOI

■ Day 1: Arrive Hanoi

Make your own way to your Hanoi hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

■ Day 2: Hanoi

Enjoy a full-day city tour, visiting the Ho Chi Minh Complex, where you will pass Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum and visit the Humble House on Stilts and One Pillar Pagoda. Continue to the serene Temple of Literature,

Hoan Kiem Lake and tour the Ethnology Museum. Wander through the Old Quarter before enjoying a performance of the Water Puppets. (B,L)

■ Day 3: Depart Hanoi

Your arrangements end after check-out this morning. (B)

# SAPA SHORT STAY

5 DAYS

Travel by overnight train to the town of Sapa, located in the Lao Cai province. Explore the different minority villages in the region.

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard**	\$480	\$650
Superior**	\$715	\$1,240
Deluxe ^	\$895	\$1,350
Premiun Deluxe ^	\$1,080	\$1,530

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\*\* Standard carriage on Sapa train

^ Victoria carriage on Sapa train

Price includes:

- 2 nights hotel accommodation
- 2 nights on board a soft sleeper train in a shared 4-berth compartment from Hanoi to Lao Cai return
- Private transfers and touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ SAPA

■ Day 1: Hanoi to Sapa

This evening you will be met at your Hanoi hotel and transferred to the railway station to board your overnight soft sleeper train to Lao Cai. *Late check-out at your hotel is not included.*

■ Day 2: Sapa

Early this morning arrive at Lao Cai railway station and travel to Sapa for breakfast. Spend the afternoon hiking in this dramatic region, visiting ethnic villages on the way. Return to Sapa this afternoon. (B,L)

■ Day 3: Sapa

Enjoy further light hikes in the verdant Sapa hills. (B,L)

■ Day 4: Sapa to Hanoi

This morning is at your leisure. After lunch, explore more of the ethnic villages. Later this evening you will be transferred to Lao Cai railway station to board your overnight soft sleeper train back to Hanoi. (B,L)

■ Day 5: Depart Hanoi

Arrive at Hanoi railway station early this morning and transfer to your Hanoi hotel where your arrangements end. *Accommodation in Hanoi is not included.*

**NOTE:** It is recommended that travellers to Sapa have a good level of fitness.

# HISTORICAL HEART OF VIETNAM

6 DAYS

Venture into the heart of Vietnam. Wander through the streets of the charming town of Hoi An and learn the history of past emperors in the imperial city of Hue.

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$650	\$1,170
Superior	\$715	\$1,290
Deluxe	\$1,115	\$2,095

\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 5 nights accommodation
- Private transfers and touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ IMPERIAL CITY, HUE

■ Day 1: Danang to Hoi An

Upon arrival at Danang airport you will be met and transferred to the UNESCO World Heritage listed town of Hoi An, stopping at the Marble Mountains en route. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

■ Day 2: Hoi An

Tour Hoi An on foot, visiting an old merchant's home, the Japanese Covered Bridge, Hoi An Market and a local Chinese temple. Enjoy the afternoon at your leisure. (B)

■ Day 3: Hoi An

Enjoy the day at your leisure to explore the town at your own pace or simply relax. (B)

■ Day 4: Hoi An to Hue

Drive over the scenic Hai Van Pass to Hue. This afternoon visit the Royal Tombs of Tu Duc and Khai Dinh. (B,L)

■ Day 5: Hue

Ride a cyclo to visit the Imperial Citadel and the Forbidden Purple City. Continue by road to Thien Mu Pagoda and enjoy a boat cruise along the Perfume River. Later, visit Dong Ba Market. (B,L)

■ Day 6: Depart Hue

After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Hue airport where your arrangements end. (B)

# HOI AN BEACH STAY

4 DAYS

The UNESCO world heritage listed town of Hoi An is well-known for its traditional streets and authentic cuisine. For those who like to wind down and relax, it is also popular for its beautiful, white sand beaches located a five-minute drive out of town.

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$260	\$515
Superior	\$290	\$570
Deluxe	\$420	\$830

\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 3 nights accommodation
- Private transfers and touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ HOI AN

■ Day 1: Danang to Hoi An

Upon arrival at Danang airport you will be met and transferred to your Hoi An hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

■ Day 2: Hoi An

This morning you will enjoy a walking tour of Hoi An, visiting an old merchant's home, the Japanese Covered Bridge, Hoi An Market and a local Chinese temple. This afternoon is free to relax at the beach. (B)

■ Day 3: Hoi An

Enjoy the day at your leisure to relax at the beach or further explore the winding streets of the Old Town. (B)

■ Day 4: Depart Hoi An

After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Danang airport where your arrangements end. (B)



# SIEM REAP IN FOCUS

3 DAYS

Siem Reap is home to the incredible temples of Angkor. Explore the magnificent remains of Angkor Wat and Angkor Thom as well as the other well-known temples during your stay.

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$415	\$660
Superior	\$455	\$760
Deluxe	\$815	\$1,455

\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 2 nights accommodation
- Private touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ PRE RUP, SIEM REAP

Day 1: Arrive Siem Reap

Make your own way to your Siem Reap hotel. This afternoon you will climb to the summit of Pre Rup in time to watch the sun set over the Cambodian rice fields.

Day 2: Siem Reap

Rise early this morning to watch the sun rise over Angkor Wat. Continue to Angkor Thom, starting at the South Gate, followed by the Bayon, Elephant Terrace and Terrace of the Leper King. This afternoon visit Ta Prohm, undoubtedly the most distinctive ruin in the Angkor complex. Return to Angkor Wat in time for sunset. (B,L)

Day 3: Depart Siem Reap

Explore the Grand Circuit of temples including Preah Khan, Neak Pean, Ta Som and East Mebon. Return to your Siem Reap hotel this afternoon where your arrangements end. (B)

WHY NOT?

Wish to further explore the fascinating countryside of Cambodia? Why not add our Battambang Escape after your time in Siem Reap? See [wendywtours.com.au](http://wendywtours.com.au) for details.

**NOTE:** Additional fees and taxes may apply.

# TEMPLES IN DEPTH

4 DAYS

Apart from the magnificent sites of Angkor Wat and Angkor Thom, Siem Reap also offers a number of less-visited temples that are equally fascinating. The Roluos group of temples are said to be some of the earliest temples built during the ancient Khmer civilisation.

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$570	\$955
Superior	\$655	\$1,120
Deluxe	\$1,165	\$2,145

\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 3 nights accommodation
- Private touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ BAYON, SIEM REAP

Day 1: Arrive Siem Reap

Make your own way to your Siem Reap hotel. This afternoon visit the Roluos group of temples including Prasat Preah Ko, Bakong and Lolei.

Day 2: Siem Reap

Rise early this morning to watch the sun rise over Angkor Wat. Continue to Angkor Thom, starting at the South Gate, followed by the Bayon, Elephant Terrace and Terrace of the Leper King. This afternoon visit Ta Prohm, which has been left to be swallowed by the

jungle. Return to Angkor Wat in time for sunset. (B,L)

Day 3: Siem Reap

Travel by boat to see the floating villages, schools and restaurants along Tonle Sap. After lunch, explore the Small Circuit of Temples. (B,L)

Day 4: Depart Siem Reap

Visit Banteay Srei and the Grand Circuit of Temples. This afternoon return to your Siem Reap hotel where your arrangements end. (B)

# LAOS EXPLORER

7 DAYS

With a landscape dominated by lush forests, pristine waterfalls and the mighty Mekong River, Laos is one of the hidden treasures of Indochina.

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,850	\$2,880
Superior	\$1,960	\$3,095
Deluxe	\$2,395	\$3,980

\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 6 nights accommodation
- Economy-class flights from Vientiane to Pakse and Pakse to Luang Prabang
- Private transfers and touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ WAT XIENG THONG, LUANG PRABANG

Day 1: Arrive Vientiane

Upon arrival at Vientiane airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Tour the city this afternoon, visiting Wat Si Saket, Vientiane's oldest temple; That Luang Stupa, the most revered shrine; Patuxai Victory Monument and the Laos Revolutionary Museum. (L)

Day 2: Vientiane to Khong Island

After an early breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Pakse. Upon arrival travel by road to the Khmer ruins of Wat Phou and the local museum before continuing to picturesque Khong Island. (B,L)

Day 3: Khong Island to Pakse

Take a short stroll to see the colonial buildings on the island. Continue to the Lphi Waterfalls and after lunch, drive to view Khone Phapheng Waterfall. Return to Pakse. (B,L)

Day 4: Pakse to Luang Prabang

Fly to Luang Prabang (via Vientiane). Transfer to your hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure. (B)

Day 5: Luang Prabang

Rise early this morning to view the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat. Visit Wat Xieng Thong and cruise along the Mekong River to visit the Pak Ou Caves. Return to Luang Prabang, stopping at local villages en route. Watch a Ramayana performance this evening. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Luang Prabang

Visit the morning market, the National Museum (closed Tuesdays) and Wat Mai. Travel to the Kuang Si Waterfalls, visiting a local market en route. Take a short walk through the forest to the waterfall and enjoy the scenery before returning to Luang Prabang. This afternoon, climb Phousi Hill for panoramic views over the city. (B)

Day 7: Depart Luang Prabang

After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Luang Prabang airport where your arrangements end. (B)

# LAOS IN FOCUS

5 DAYS

Discover the unparalleled charm and rustic beauty of Laos in this adventure as you travel through the kingdom formerly known as Lang Xang: 'the Land of a Million Elephants'.

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$935	\$1,565
Superior	\$1,095	\$1,895
Deluxe	\$1,470	\$2,630

\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 4 nights accommodation
- Economy-class flight from Luang Prabang to Vientiane
- Private transfers and touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ KUANG SI WATERFALLS, LUANG PRABANG

Day 1: Arrive Luang Prabang

Upon arrival at Luang Prabang airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Day 2: Luang Prabang

Enjoy a walking tour through the Old Town. Later travel to Kuang Si Waterfalls, stopping at a H'mong village en route. After relaxing at the waterfalls, visit the Khmu Village in Ban Thapene on your return to Luang Prabang. (B,L)

Day 3: Luang Prabang

Rise early to view the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat. Cruise along the Mekong River to the sacred Buddha caves at Pak Ou. Return to

Luang Prabang, stopping en route at Ban Xieng Lek and Xang Khong villages. This evening watch a Ramayana performance. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Luang Prabang to Vientiane

Visit the National Museum (closed Tuesdays) and Wat Mai before flying to Vientiane. This afternoon visit Wat Si Saket, Wat Phra Keo, That Luang Stupa and the Patuxai Victory Monument. (B)

Day 5: Depart Vientiane

After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Vientiane airport where your arrangements end. (B)



# BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER KWAI

3 DAYS

The Bridge over the River Kwai was built by Prisoners of War during World War II. Travel over the Death Railway and explore the Hellfire Pass, both built to connect Myanmar and Thailand during the war.

Prices are from per person, based on low season*		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$640	\$1,170

\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 2 nights accommodation
- Third-class train fare from Bangkok to Kanchanaburi
- Private transfers and touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER KWAI, KANCHANABURI

Day 1: Bangkok to Kanchanaburi

Early this morning you will be met at your Bangkok hotel and transferred to the railway station for your train journey to Kanchanaburi. Stop at the Bridge over the River Kwai followed by a visit to the Allied Cemetery and the War Museum. (L)

Day 2: Kanchanaburi

Travel to the Hellfire Pass, where you can explore the museum and hike down the

pass. After lunch visit the nearby Saiyoke Noi Waterfall where you can go for a swim (conditions permitting). (B,L)  
*Due to the lack of water in dry season, you may not have the chance to swim at Saiyoke Noi Waterfall.*

Day 3: Kanchanaburi to Bangkok

After check-out this morning you will be transferred by road to your Bangkok hotel where your arrangements end. (B)

# CHIANG RAI & HILLTRIBE STAY

4 DAYS

Travel to the 'Gateway of the Golden Triangle' and immerse yourself in the unique culture of the hilltribes in Chiang Rai.

Prices are from per person, based on low season*		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$920	\$1,755

\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 3 nights accommodation
- Private touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ MAE SALONG

Day 1: Arrive Chiang Rai

Make your own way to your Chiang Rai hotel. This afternoon visit Wat Phra Kaew, the Hilltribe Museum and a local handicrafts centre.

Day 2: Chiang Rai to Mae Salong

Enjoy a half-day tour to Mae Salong, visiting a tea plantation, a Yao Tribe and an Akha village known as Ban Lorcha. This afternoon return to Chiang Rai and enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure. (B,L)

Day 3: Chiang Rai to the H'mong Hilltribe

Travel to the H'mong Hilltribe Lodge, passing forests, farms and villages along the way. This evening enjoy a local BBQ for dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 4: H'mong Hilltribe to Chiang Rai

Drive to Thaton and board a longtail boat to Baan Pha Tai, then continue to Chiang Rai by road. Upon arrival you will be transferred to your Chiang Rai hotel where your arrangements end. (B)

# YANGON HIGHLIGHTS

3 DAYS

As the former capital of Myanmar, Yangon is a bustling city featuring colonial architecture and ancient pagodas.

Prices are from per person, based on low season*		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$315	\$555
Superior	\$370	\$695
Deluxe	\$590	\$1,130

\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 2 nights accommodation
- Private touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ YANGON

Day 1: Arrive Yangon

Make your own way to your Yangon hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

Day 2: Yangon

Visit Chaukhtatkyi Pagoda, which houses the fourth largest colossal reclining Buddha. Take a photo stop at Sule Pagoda, and continue to Maha Bandoolla Park with Independence Monument, City Hall and High Court. Later, wander through the Bogyoke Marke and visit the magnificent Shwedagon Pagoda, one of the holiest shrines in Myanmar. (B,L)

Day 3: Depart Yangon

Your arrangements end after check-out this morning. (B)

WHY NOT?

Interested in cruising the Irrawaddy River? Why not combine this package with The Golden Land? See page 107.

**NOTE:** Additional fees and taxes may apply.

# MANDALAY CITY STAY

4 DAYS

Mandalay is the second largest city in Myanmar. The city is rich in culture and history and home to thousands of young monks. Visit the world's longest teak bridge in Amarapura, the world's largest bell in Mingun and the world's largest book at Kuthodaw Pagoda.

Prices are from per person, based on low season*		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$480	\$865
Superior	\$715	\$1,340
Deluxe	\$955	\$1,815

\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 3 nights accommodation
- Private touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ KUTHODAW PAGODA, MANDALAY

Day 1: Arrive Mandalay

Make your own way to your Mandalay hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

Day 2: Mandalay

This morning, you will travel to Amarapura where you will walk along the longest teak bridge in the world, U Bein Bridge. Afterwards visit Mahaghandayon Monastery, which is home to thousands of young monks. Later, visit Kuthodaw Pagoda followed by a drive in an open top vehicle to the top of Mandalay Hill for panoramic views as the sun sets. (B,L)

Day 3: Mandalay – Mingun

Early this morning take a boat ride to the small town of Mingun where you will see the Mingun Mantara Pagoda and the world's largest bell. In the afternoon, travel to Ava and take a horse-drawn carriage to visit Bagaya Monastery and the remains of the Royal Palace. Later, explore Sagaing Hill to view the white pagodas and monasteries before returning to Mandalay. (B,L)

Day 4: Depart Mandalay

Your arrangements end after check-out this morning. (B)



# MALAYSIA & BORNEO

The Federation of Malaysia is comprised of two regions; Peninsula Malaysia and the island of Borneo, which is home to the states of Sabah and Sarawak.

▲ SEMENGGOH WILDLIFE CENTRE, BORNEO



## KUALA LUMPUR CITY STAY

3 DAYS

Kuala Lumpur is the capital city of Malaysia and its financial and economic centre. It has an interesting mixture of ancient traditions and culture.

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$415	\$815
Superior	\$475	\$920
Deluxe	\$585	\$1,160

\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

### Price includes:

- 2 nights accommodation
- Private transfers and touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ KUALA LUMPUR

### Day 1: Arrive Kuala Lumpur

Upon arrival at Kuala Lumpur airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

### Day 2: Kuala Lumpur

Enjoy a half-day tour visiting the King's Palace, surrounded by green lawns and ponds, the National Monument at the Lake Gardens, and the National Mosque. Stop at Independence Square, Chinatown and view the Petronas Twin Towers (outside visit only). (B)

### Day 3: Depart Kuala Lumpur

After check-out this morning you will be transferred to the airport where your arrangements end. (B)

### WHY NOT?

After touring the fast-paced city of Kuala Lumpur, why not relax on an island paradise? See below for our Langkawi Beach Stay.

**NOTE:** Additional fees and taxes may apply.

## LANGKAWI BEACH STAY

3 DAYS

Langkawi is an archipelago in the Andaman Sea on Malaysia's west coast. Surrounded by turquoise waters, it is ideal for relaxing and exploring the natural scenery.

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$395	\$715
Superior	\$520	\$1,075
Deluxe	\$555	\$1,115

\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

### Price includes:

- 2 nights accommodation
- Private transfers
- Boat safari tour (join-in-basis)
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



▲ LANGKAWI BEACH

### Day 1: Arrive Langkawi

Upon arrival at Langkawi airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

### Day 2: Langkawi – Mangrove Safari

Enjoy a boat safari (join-in-basis) through the Langkawi Geopark, renowned for its unique ecosystem. On your journey around the limestone cliffs and caves, look out for

monkeys, kingfishers, lizards, mud crabs and langkawi eagles. After lunch at a fish farm, return to your hotel. The rest of the afternoon is at your leisure. (B,L)

### Day 3: Depart Langkawi

After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Langkawi airport where your arrangements end. (B)



# GUNUNG MULU NATIONAL PARK ESCAPE

4 DAYS

Gunung Mulu National Park was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2001 and is famous for its high biodiversity and karst formations.

Prices are from per person, based on low season*		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$670	\$1,030
Superior	\$1,015	\$1,575

\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

- Price includes:
- 3 nights accommodation
  - Seat-in-coach transfers
  - Touring as specified (join-in-basis)
  - Local English-speaking guide
  - Entrance fees
  - Meals as listed



▲ GUNUNG MULU NATIONAL PARK

Day 1: Arrive Mulu

Upon arrival at Mulu airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure. (L,D)

Day 2: Mulu

This afternoon proceed to the Mulu Canopy Skywalk and commence a walking tour along one of the longest tree-based walkways in the world (join-in-basis). Later enjoy a private tour on a scenic plankwalk through the rainforest to Deer Cave. You will also visit Lang's Cave, then witness the amazing sight of an exodus of bats exiting the caves. Return by torchlight and travel back to your hotel. (B,L,D)

Day 3: Mulu

Cruise upstream by longboat to Wind Cave with its impressive 'King's Chamber', where stalactites and stalagmites are found in abundance. Enjoy a picnic lunch at Clearwater Cave. Relax, swim or further explore the caves before returning to your hotel. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Depart Mulu

After check-out this morning, you will be transferred to Mulu airport where your arrangements end. (B)

# KUCHING ADVENTURE

6 DAYS

Visit Borneo's charming and revered orang-utans, and discover cultural hospitality like no other.

Prices are from per person, based on low season*		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,480	\$2,365
Superior	\$1,615	\$2,745
Deluxe	\$1,695	\$2,915

\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

- Price includes:
- 5 nights accommodation
  - Private transfers and touring as specified
  - Seat-in-coach transfers and join-in-basis touring on days 3-4
  - Local English-speaking guide
  - Entrance fees
  - Meals as listed



▲ SEMENGGOH WILDLIFE CENTRE

Day 1: Arrive Kuching

Upon arrival at Kuching airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The afternoon is at your leisure.

Day 2: Kuching

Drive to Semenggoh Wildlife Centre, where you will have the opportunity to spot orang-utans. After lunch, discover the charms of this riverside city established by the first White Rajah of Sarawak, Sir James Brooke, including Sarawak Museum, which houses a collection of ethnological and archaeological artefacts. (B,L)

Day 3: Kuching to Batang Ai Reservoir

Leave Kuching and travel to Batang Ai Reservoir, travelling through rural Sarawak,

passing pepper farms, cocoa and rubber plantations. Upon arrival travel by boat to your hotel. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Batang Ai Reservoir

Visit Menyang Tais longhouse and experience Iban hospitality and cuisine by having lunch with one of the families in their private quarters. (B,L,D)

Day 5: Batang Ai Reservoir to Kuching

Return to Kuching, stopping at a pottery factory en route. (B,L)

Day 6: Depart Kuching

After check-out this morning, you will be transferred to Kuching airport where your arrangements end. (B)

# KOTA KINABALU CITY STAY

4 DAYS

Discover Sabah's fascinating state capital, Kota Kinabalu. Explore a thriving, multicultural city, tribal villages and a stunning natural countryside.

Prices are from per person, based on low season*		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,155	\$2,115
Superior	\$1,315	\$2,420
Deluxe	\$1,355	\$2,515

\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

- Price includes:
- 3 nights accommodation
  - Private transfers and touring as specified
  - Local English-speaking guide
  - Entrance fees
  - Meals as listed



▲ KINABALU NATIONAL PARK

Day 1: Arrive Kota Kinabalu

Upon arrival at Kota Kinabalu airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The afternoon is at your leisure.

Day 2: Kota Kinabalu

Transfer to Mari-Mari Cultural Village. View demonstration huts featuring the varied lifestyles of the tribal people of Sabah and see daily activities come to life such as blowpipe-making and tattooing. Return to Kota Kinabalu and enjoy a city tour. Highlights include a view of the Yayasan Sabah (Sabah Foundation) building, the Phu Thou Se Chinese Temple, the Sabah State Mosque (closed Fridays) and the Sabah Museum. (B,L)

Day 3: Kota Kinabalu – Kinabalu National Park

Drive to Poring Hot Springs, stopping en route to visit Nabal Village to sample local fruit and browse handicrafts. Upon arrival walk along the canopy walkway and enjoy a swim in the hot mineral springs. Continue to Kinabalu National Park and explore the park's botanical garden before returning to Kota Kinabalu. (B,L)

Day 4: Depart Kota Kinabalu

After check-out this morning, you will be transferred to Kota Kinabalu airport where your arrangements end. (B)

# WILDLIFE ADVENTURE

5 DAYS

Borneo's diverse wildlife is not to be missed. You'll see turtles, orang-utans, bears and monkeys all within five days!

Prices are from per person, based on low season*		
CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Standard	\$1,895	\$3,065
Superior	\$1,990	\$3,235
Deluxe	\$2,015	\$3,275

\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

- Price includes:
- 4 nights accommodation
  - Return economy-class flights from Kota Kinabalu to Sandakan
  - Seat-in-coach transfers and join-in-basis touring
  - Local English-speaking guide
  - Entrance fees
  - Meals as listed



▲ SELINGAN TURTLE ISLAND

Day 1: Arrive Kota Kinabalu

Upon arrival at Kota Kinabalu airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The afternoon is at your leisure.

Day 2: Kota Kinabalu to Selingan Turtle Island

Fly to Sandakan and transfer by speedboat to Selingan Turtle Island. Enjoy the afternoon relaxing or enjoying the island's activities, such as bird watching or snorkelling (at your own expense). In the evening, you will be escorted by a park ranger to watch one of the green turtles who have come ashore to lay their eggs. (B,L,D)

Day 3: Selingan Turtle Island to Sukau  
Return to Sandakan by boat and visit the Sepilok Orang-Utan Rehabilitation Centre and

the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre (BSBCC). Travel to Sukau by boat up the Lower Kinabatangan River, passing mangrove forests and searching for wildlife. This evening, enjoy a river cruise up the Kinabatangan River to the Menanggal River in further search of proboscis monkeys, birds and other wildlife. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Sukau to Kota Kinabalu

Cruise downstream to Sandakan. Visit the Puh Jih Syh Chinese Buddhist Temple and the Australian War Memorial before you are transferred to the airport for your flight back to Kota Kinabalu. (B,L)

Day 5: Depart Kota Kinabalu

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Kota Kinabalu airport where your arrangements end. (B)



# INDOCHINA CRUISING

Enjoy the freedom of cruising in Indochina with Wendy Wu Tours' range of carefully selected cruising holidays. Relax on board while taking in the sights of Indochina and relishing the convenience of an all-inclusive holiday on board. The range of shore excursions will allow you to discover the hidden beauty of these fascinating countries.

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This luxury cruise company offers a unique two night itinerary to majestic Halong Bay
- **BHAYA CRUISES**  
Offers an authentic experience travelling along less crowded routes of Halong Bay
- **LERNIDEE RIVER CRUISE**  
Explore a region of the Mekong River through Thailand and Laos, on boutique-style river vessel
- **PANDAW RIVER EXPEDITIONS**  
Cruise along the Mekong River in Vietnam and Cambodia, and the Irrawaddy River in Myanmar on replicas of colonial river steamers



# AU CO CRUISES – HALONG BAY

The Au Co Cruises interiors are based on modern Asian and French design and have state-of-the-art safety features. Au Co Cruises are proud to support sustainable tourism and strive to have as little impact as possible on the environment in Halong Bay.

Au Co Cruises has established a green farm in Viet Hai Village, which farms organic, high-quality agricultural produce for use on the on board menu. The farm also provides employment to the local village of Viet Hai and encourages the community to become more self-sufficient by growing their own vegetables instead of importing them.



▲ AU CO CRUISE, HALONG BAY

CABINS:

The Au Co Cruises has a selection of 32 spaciouly designed cabins, ranging from deluxe cabins to suites, each with luxurious bathrooms and panoramic balconies. All cabins have a private ensuite bathroom, telephone, natural hardwood floors, hairdryer, fridge, tea/coffee making facilities, air conditioning/heating and complimentary drinking water.

BAR AND DINING:

The Au Co Cruises ship has an elegant restaurant where you can enjoy a great variety of fresh dishes. Relax on the deck of the semi-open bar and enjoy a pre-dinner cocktail while watching the sun set over Halong Bay.

EXCURSIONS AND DAILY SCHEDULES:

Au Co Cruises offer daily group excursions ashore to visit the main sightseeing attractions and highlights that Halong Bay has to offer. *Your itinerary will list the stops and excursions that you will be enjoying during your cruise, however please note that all itineraries and scheduled stops will depend on weather conditions and will be subject to change.*



▲ DELUXE CABIN



▲ HALONG BAY

## HALONG BAY IN FOCUS

3 DAYS

Relax and explore Halong Bay over two-nights on board your Au Co Cruise.

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Deluxe Cabin	\$935	\$1,465

\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 2 nights accommodation on board a deluxe cruise ship (join-in-basis)
- Return private transfers with driver only
- Touring (join-in-basis) as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed

■ Day 1: Hanoi to Halong Bay

This morning you will be met at your Hanoi hotel and transferred to Halong Bay. Upon arrival you will board your Au Co Cruise ship for a two-night stay. Cruise around the 3,000 islets that rise out of the clear emerald waters of the Gulf of Tonkin. (L,D)

■ Day 2: Halong Bay

Start the day with a Tai Chi class on the sundeck or marvel at the breathtaking views of the bay. Enjoy a guided kayak tour or a swim in the Vung Ha area, before cruising to Lan Ha Bay and Cat Ba Island. Visit the Au Co organic farm. (B,L,D)

■ Day 3: Halong Bay to Hanoi

Rise early this morning and visit Vung Vieng floating fishing village by traditional bamboo boat. After a farewell brunch, disembark in Tuan Chau where you will be met and transferred back to your Hanoi hotel where your arrangements end. (B)

**NOTE:** Itinerary is subject to change according to local conditions. Visas for Vietnam are required for Australian passport holders, the cost of which is not included in the above prices. Your visas can be arranged by Wendy Wu Tours at an additional cost.

# BHAYA CRUISES – HALONG BAY

Combining traditional Vietnamese aesthetics and traditions with western comfort and style, Bhaya Cruises promote sustainable tourism and strive to minimise the environmental impact on Halong Bay. Bhaya Cruises use local suppliers from the Halong Bay communities to provide employment opportunities and the boats follow carefully planned routes, to avoid the more crowded areas of Halong Bay.

CABINS:

Bhaya Cruises offers a luxurious cruising experience. Each cabin has a picture window designed to frame the vistas of Halong Bay, air conditioning, private ensuite bathroom, minibar and telephone.

All boats feature two accommodation decks, a lounge deck with dining room and bar, sundeck, massage and spa area and a library.

BAR AND DINING:

The dining room is located on the third floor of the boat and provides great views of the bay while you are enjoying your dining experience. The menu offers a fusion of Vietnamese-western cuisine and varies from three-course dining to sumptuous buffets.

EXCURSIONS AND DAILY SCHEDULES:

The cruise itineraries have been selected to offer opportunities to meet the local people and experience the local Vietnamese culture.

*Your itinerary will list the stops and excursions that you will be enjoying during your cruise, however please note that all itineraries and scheduled stops will depend on weather conditions and will be subject to change.*



▲ DELUXE CABIN



▲ BHAYA CRUISE SHIPS, HALONG BAY



▲ HALONG BAY

## DISCOVER HALONG BAY

2 DAYS

Discover true relaxation on board your overnight Bhaya Cruise boat.

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Deluxe Cabin	\$485	\$915

\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

Price includes:

- 1 night accommodation on board a cruise boat (join-in-basis)
- Return private transfers with driver only
- Touring (join-in-basis) as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed

■ Day 1: Hanoi to Halong Bay

Early this morning you will be met at your Hanoi hotel and transferred to the area that is regarded as the 'Jewel in the crown of Vietnam', Halong Bay. Upon arrival, board your boat at Tuan Chau Marina for an overnight stay. Spend the afternoon cruising around the 3,000 islets that rise from the clear emerald waters of the Gulf of Tonkin. (L,D)

■ Day 2: Halong Bay to Hanoi

Start your day with a Tai Chi class on the sundeck or enjoy breathtaking views of the bay. After breakfast, climb more than 100 steps to explore Surprise Cave. Return to the marina around midday where you will be transferred back to your Hanoi hotel where your arrangements end. (B)

**NOTE:** Itinerary is subject to change according to local conditions. Visas for Vietnam are required for Australian passport holders, the cost of which is not included in the above prices. Your visas can be arranged by Wendy Wu Tours at an additional cost.

*This package also sails with other cruise companies. Please speak with our Travel Consultants for further details.*



NEW

## THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE

Take a relaxed cruise through the pristine and enchanting beauty of northern Laos onboard a boutique Lernidee river vessel. Casting off in Thailand's Golden Triangle, sail through the breathtaking landscapes and remote communities of Laos to reach Luang Prabang and Vientiane.

**11 DAYS FROM**  
**\$6,815** PER PERSON TWIN SHARE  
**LAND & CRUISE CONTENT ONLY**

▲ MEKONG RIVER

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

DECK	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Main	\$6,815	\$8,425
Upper	\$8,055	\$10,485

Cruise departs Downstream (Chiang Rai to Vientiane) as per itinerary. Cruise also departs Upstream (Vientiane to Chiang Rai). Call us for information.

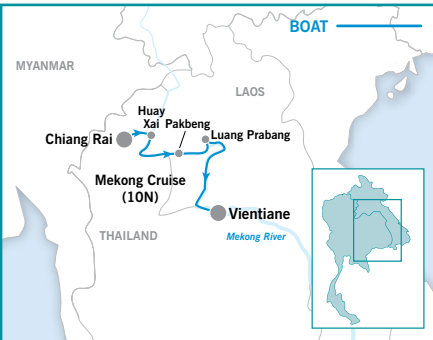
\* Shoulder and high season surcharges apply.

### Price includes:

- 10 nights accommodation in a twin cabin
- Excursions as per itinerary
- Seat-in-coach transfers between the meeting and drop-off point and the ship
- Local English-speaking guides
- Meals as listed

**DEPOSIT PAYMENT:** A deposit of 20% of total tour cost is required.

**NOTE:** Visas for Laos are required for Australian passport holders, the cost of which is not included in the above prices. Your visas can be arranged by Wendy Wu Tours at an additional cost.



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- See rural Laos
- Explore Luang Prabang
- Witness Takbat
- Discover Vientiane

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Depart Chiang Rai

Spend some time exploring the notorious Golden Triangle region. Board your boutique cruise vessel and enjoy a welcome reception. (D)

### Day 2: Huay Xay to Pak Tha

Cruise over the Thailand-Laos border. Continue to Pak Tha, where you'll board longtail-boats on the Namtha River to visit a Khmu village. (B,L,D)

### Day 3: Pakbeng

Relax onboard and watch the lush landscapes and life on the river and its banks go by. Stop in the market town of Pakbeng. (B,L,D)

### Day 4: Pak Ou Caves

Stop at a riverside village to visit their small distillery. From here you can either take a short jungle trek to the Pak Ou Caves, or arrive by boat. This evening, enjoy a barbecue dinner. (B,L,D)

### Days 5-6: Luang Prabang

Arrive in Luang Prabang, a UNESCO-World Heritage town, and Laos' cultural and spiritual heart. Spend today exploring its enchanting sights. (B,L) The next day is free for you to explore independently. (B,D)

### Day 7: Kuang Si Falls

Rise early to witness the dawn almsgiving ceremony, Takbat, before setting sail downriver. Disembark to visit the Kuang Si Falls. (B,L,D)

### Day 8: Tha Deua to Pak Lay

Pass by the Sayaboury dam construction project and enjoy a presentation by the cruise director on the future of the Mekong. Visit the riverside community of Pak Lay. (B,L,D)

### Day 9: Thai-Laos border

Spend the day watching the ever evolving nature along the mighty Mekong as the river joins the borders of Thailand and Laos. (B,L,D)

### Day 10: Vientiane

Continue the relaxed cruising and arrive in Laos' capital, Vientiane, where you will embark on a city tour. This evening there will be a farewell dinner onboard. (B,L,D)

### Day 11: Disembark

Say goodbye to the crew and disembark your Lernidee ship this morning in Vientiane. Here your arrangements end. (B)

**NOTE:** Please provide your arrival and departure flight details to our Travel Consultants at the time of booking.

### LERNIDEE MEKONG SUN



The Mekong Sun has just 14 stylish cabins, each with large windows, French balcony and bathroom. Relax on the sun deck or in the lounge bar before dining on a selection of Asian and European cuisine.

## PANDAW RIVER EXPEDITIONS

The Pandaw ships originate from the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company, which had a fleet of over 650 steamers, all of which were destroyed during World War II.

The first Pandaw ship was revived in 1995. With almost 20 years' experience in cruising, Pandaw is the largest river cruise company in Asia, with 13 deluxe ships all designed as replicas of the colonial river steamers. Pandaw offers its passengers an adventurous experience with daily shore excursions and immense comfort on board accompanied by fine dining and outstanding service.

▲ PANDAW CRUISE SHIP

### PANDAW STATE ROOM:

One of the prime features of the Pandaw ships is the state rooms, which are the same on board each ship. The main and upper decks feature spacious 15.6sqm cabins, all with private facilities. All cabins have air conditioning, in-room safe, storage space for your luggage, a wardrobe, writing desk and amenities such as a hairdryer and slippers. The cabins do not have minibars, TVs or phones. The RV Mekong Pandaw offers iPads in your cabin and free wi-fi throughout the vessel. All main and upper deck cabins have French sliding doors, which open to the promenade deck with their own deck space outside the cabin.

### BAR AND DINING:

The Pandaw ships offer a great choice of local cuisine with breakfast served as buffet-style and lunch and dinner served à la carte (your choice from a set menu). Water is provided with all meals as well as complimentary local soft drinks, beers and spirits, depending on availability. Tea and coffee is also complimentary and available from 6am throughout the day on the Sun Deck. Local mineral water is provided daily in your cabin.

### EXCURSIONS AND DAILY SCHEDULES:

Pandaw offers daily group excursions ashore to visit the main sites and cultural attractions of the area, as well as remote villages and communities along the way. Your itinerary will list the main stops of your river expedition; however, these depend on the river conditions and other local factors. A detailed daily schedule will be posted on the ship's notice board.



▲ PANDAW CABINS

### MEKONG RIVER

The Mekong is the 12th longest river in the world. Originating from the mountains of Tibet, it flows through China, Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam before flowing into the South China Sea. As you cruise along the Mekong River you will experience the contrast between the tranquility and rich countryside of Cambodia and the endless array of waterways and floating villages of the bustling Mekong Delta in Vietnam.



▲ IRRAWADDY RIVER

### PANDAW SHIPS

The newly refitted RV Mekong Pandaw has 24 cabins on board and cruises the Classic Mekong route between Siem Reap and Saigon (V.V). The Pandaw II (24 cabins) and Katha Pandaw (16 cabins) are used for The Golden Land route between Mandalay and Yangon.



▲ MEKONG RIVER

### IRRAWADDY RIVER

One of the best ways to see Myanmar is to travel along the Irrawaddy River in the comfort of a Pandaw ship. The river flows from the north to the south of Myanmar, ending in the Andaman Sea. It is the lifeline of the country, forming a system of transportation, irrigation and rich fishing grounds. Along the river you will witness life away from the main tourist trails, giving you an insight to the lives of the local people.



# CLASSIC MEKONG DOWNSTREAM

Follow the course of the Mekong, from the glorious temples of Angkor in Cambodia to Vietnam's verdant delta, getting a taste of authentic Indochina as you go.

8

DAYS FROM

PER PERSON

\$3,755

TWIN SHARE

LAND & CRUISE  
CONTENT ONLY

▲ RV MEKONG

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

DECK	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Main	\$3,755	\$6,645
Upper	\$4,130	\$7,695

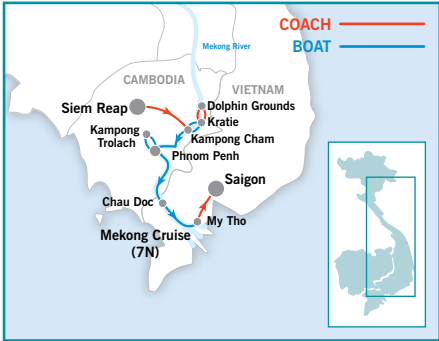
Cruise departs Downstream (Siem Reap to Saigon) as per itinerary. Cruise also departs Upstream (Saigon to Siem Reap). Call us for information.

\* Shoulder and high season surcharges apply.

- Price includes:**
- 7 nights accommodation in a twin cabin
  - Excursions as per itinerary
  - Seat-in-coach transfers between the meeting and drop-off point and the ship
  - Local English-speaking guides
  - Meals as listed
  - Locally made soft drinks and alcoholic beverages
  - Pandaw crew gratuities

**DEPOSIT PAYMENT:** A deposit of 20% of total tour cost is required.

**NOTE:** Visas for Cambodia and Vietnam are required for Australian passport holders, the cost of which is not included in the above prices. Your visas can be arranged by Wendy Wu Tours at an additional cost.



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Dolphin excursion
- Tonle Sap River
- Mekong Delta
- Cham Tribal village

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Depart Siem Reap

This morning transfer from the meeting point in Siem Reap to Kampong Cham and embark your Pandaw cruise ship for the next seven-nights. (L,D)

### Day 2: Kratie

Sail to the French colonial town of Kratie. Travel by local bus to the dolphin grounds, located in a national park protected area. (B,L,D)

### Day 3: Wat Hanchey

Continue down river stopping to visit the Monkey Temple, Wat Hanchey, followed by a leisurely stroll at Angkor Ban. (B,L,D)

### Day 4: Phnom Penh

Tour Phnom Penh by cyclo, provided by a company that supplies basic welfare and medical services to cyclo drivers. Admire the mix of traditional Khmer and French architecture and explore fascinating sites such as the Grand Palace and the Silver Pagoda. (B,L,D)

**NOTE:** In the afternoon you have the option of an excursion by coach to the Killing Fields of Cheung Ek and the Tuol Sleng Museum. This excursion is included in the cost of your cruise; however, it must be requested at the time of booking. Please advise our Travel Consultants.

### Day 5: Tonle Sap River

Travel up the Tonle Sap River by boat or road (depending on water levels) to Kampong Trolach, and Chong Koh Villages. (B,L,D)

### Day 6: Cruising

Spend the day cruising in the Mekong channel at the Vietnamese border crossing, where passports and visa documentation will be checked. (B,L,D)

### Day 7: Chau Doc

Visit a Cham tribal village and a catfish farm. Explore Chau Doc, a town that has retained a French-style charm with many old colonial buildings. This afternoon excursion through the canals by sampan to Sa Dec via Vinh Long to see the local market and the ancient house of the 'lover' of Marguerite Duras, a famous French novelist. (B,L,D)

### Day 8: Cai Be to My Tho

Disembark your Pandaw cruise ship early this morning and transfer to the Saigon drop-off point. Arrive at Saigon late-morning where your arrangements end. (B)

**NOTE:** Please provide your arrival and departure flight details to our Travel Consultants at the time of booking.

**ITINERARY:** This itinerary is an indication only and subject to change at Pandaw's discretion and due to water levels, according to the time of year and rainfall. A daily programme for the following day will be posted on the ships notice board each day.

# THE GOLDEN LAND DOWNSTREAM

Board a traditional ship and cruise along the languid Irrawaddy River, still Myanmar's main highway, passing the unforgettable sights and rural scenes of the cultural heartlands of old Myanmar.

11

DAYS FROM

PER PERSON

\$7,735

TWIN SHARE

LAND & CRUISE  
CONTENT ONLY

▲ PANDAW CRUISE SHIP

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

DECK	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Main	\$7,735	\$9,635
Upper	\$8,975	\$11,190

Cruise departs Downstream (Mandalay to Yangon) as per itinerary. Cruise also departs Upstream (Yangon to Mandalay). Call us for information.

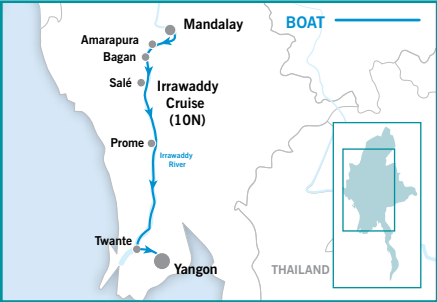
\* Shoulder and high season surcharges apply.

- Price includes:**
- 10 nights accommodation in a twin cabin
  - Excursions as per itinerary
  - Local English-speaking guides
  - Meals as listed
  - Locally made soft drinks and alcoholic beverages
  - Pandaw crew gratuities

**DEPOSIT PAYMENT:** A deposit of 20% of total tour cost is required.

**NOTE:** A visa for Myanmar is required for Australian passport holders, the cost of which is not included in the above prices. Your visa can be arranged by Wendy Wu Tours at an additional cost.

**Itinerary:** This itinerary is an indication only and subject to change at Pandaw's discretion and due to water levels, according to the time of year and rainfall. A daily programme for the following day will be posted on the ships notice board each day.



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Colonial Mandalay
- Temples of Bagan
- Akauk Taung cliffs
- Irrawaddy Delta

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Depart Mandalay

Embark your Pandaw cruise ship at Shwe Kyet Yet Jetty in Mandalay. Explore central Mandalay, including the Mahamuni Pagoda, one of the most important pilgrimage sites in Myanmar, and the Shwe In Bin teak carved monastery. Afterwards, discover the ancient capital Amarapura. Here you will visit the teak wood monastery of Bagaya Kyaung and walk along U Bein Bridge. (L,D)

### Day 2: Yandabo

Explore the ancient capital of Ava. Cruise downstream and wander the small village of Yandabo, which specialises in pottery making, in the late afternoon. Next, visit the Pandaw School developed through the donations of Pandaw passengers. (B,L,D)

### Day 3: Bagan

Tour the ancient city of Bagan, formerly known as Pagan, to see a selection of the 3,000 temples and pagodas found here. Bagan is well-known as the centre for the manufacture of lacquerware and you will have the opportunity to visit a number of local workshops this afternoon. (B,L,D)

### Day 4: Bagan

Ascend Tan Kyi Taung Mountain to view the sunrise (optional WWII jeep to the top available). In Salé you will see the Youtsauk-kyauing and explore the colonial-style houses. (B,L,D)

### Day 5: Magwe

Climb the riverbank and wander through passages to reach the Mya Thalon Pagoda, constructed using solid gold bricks. (B,L,D)

### Day 6: Minhla

Visit the Italian-built fort of Minhla, constructed to keep the British at bay. View the colonial-style houses of Thayetmyo, explore a local market and take a horse-drawn cart ride through the countryside. (B,L,D)

### Day 7: Pyay (Prome)

Visit the former centre of the Pyu civilisation known as Thiri Ya Kittiya, an archaeological site, and view the Buddhist artefacts and sculptures at the museum. (B,L,D)

### Day 8: Akauk Taung

Stop at the famous cliffs of Akauk Taung to view the stone carvings which are carved into the rocks along the riverbank. (B,L,D)

### Day 9: Danuphyu

This morning you explore the Irrawaddy Delta creeks. Stop to visit Danuphyu, a little known town with a busy port and a bustling local market. (B,L,D)

### Day 10: Twante

Sail through the Yangon River and enter the Twante Canal, which connects the Yangon River with the Irrawaddy Delta. Stop en route to visit Twante, in the afternoon. (B,L,D)

### Day 11: Yangon

Disembark your Pandaw cruise ship early this morning at Botahtaung Jetty in Yangon, where your arrangements end. (B)

**NOTE:** Please provide your arrival and departure flight details to our Travel Consultants at the time of booking.



# SINGAPORE STOPOVER

Located at the southern tip of the Malaysian Peninsula, Singapore is a perfect blend of the east and the west. With a unique tapestry of Chinese, Malay and Indian traditions, visitors can sample a variety of cuisines in the local neighbourhoods of Little India and Chinatown. Experience world-class shopping along Orchard Road. Escape the hustle and bustle to the awe-inspiring Gardens by the Bay. Meet a family of orang-utans during breakfast at Singapore Zoo.

▲ MERLION PARK, SINGAPORE

## SINGAPORE HOTELS



### PENINSULA EXCELSIOR ★★★★★

Positioned in the heart of Singapore, this hotel houses 600 guest rooms and suites with wi-fi. The hotel also has two swimming pools.



### HOTEL ROYAL @ QUEENS ★★★★★

Positioned near the CBD and conveniently located near an MTR station, this property has 231 well-appointed guest rooms with contemporary decor.



### YORK HOTEL ★★★★★

York Hotel is located just a five minute walk to Orchard Road. The hotel boasts a fitness centre, an outdoor pool and sophisticated guest rooms.



### NOVOTEL SINGAPORE CLARKE QUAY ★★★★★

Situated within the entertainment precinct of Clarke Quay, the guest rooms have views of the Singapore River, city skyline or Fort Canning Park.



### CONCORDE HOTEL SINGAPORE ★★★★★

With shopping on Orchard Road at your doorstep, this property has modern guest rooms, complimentary wi-fi and a swimming pool.



### GRAND PARK ORCHARD ★★★★★

This well-located property has rooms equipped with a complimentary smartphone offering free unlimited 3G internet. Facilities include two bars, a pool and a spa.



### MANDARIN ORCHARD SINGAPORE ★★★★★

A deluxe hotel located on Orchard Road, this hotel houses three restaurants, a café and bar. Next door is Mandarin Gallery with over 100 deluxe brand stores.



### ORCHARD HOTEL SINGAPORE ★★★★★

Conveniently located, this hotel has an award-winning café and restaurant. It is equipped with a fitness centre, outdoor pool and modern guest rooms.



### SHANGRI-LA HOTEL ★★★★★

This deluxe hotel is a short walk to shopping and dining districts. Guest rooms have complimentary internet access. Hotel facilities include a spa and pool.

## SINGAPORE SHORT STAY

### 3 DAYS

■ **Day 1: Arrive Singapore**  
Upon arrival at Singapore airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

■ **Day 2: Singapore**  
Enjoy a half-day seat-in-coach tour around Singapore, visiting Merlion Park, Thian

Hock Keng, which is one of Singapore's oldest Buddhist-Taoist temples, a handicraft centre, the National Orchid Garden and Little India. (B)

■ **Day 3: Depart Singapore**  
After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Singapore airport where your arrangements end. (B)

**NOTE:** Surcharges apply for after hours transfers. Seat-in-coach tours require a minimum of two participants. Pick-up is from most city hotels.



▲ NATIONAL ORCHID GARDEN

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Hotel Royal @ Queens	\$355	\$665
Orchard Hotel Singapore	\$460	\$875
Grand Park Orchard	\$495	\$945

\* Contact reservations for shoulder and high season pricing. Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

#### Price includes:

- 2 nights accommodation
- Seat-in-coach transfers
- Touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed

## GARDENS BY THE BAY

### 3 DAYS

■ **Day 1: Arrive Singapore**  
Upon arrival at Singapore airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

■ **Day 2: Singapore**  
This morning you'll be transferred to Gardens by the Bay. It offers breathtaking waterfront views and spans 101 hectares and houses

more than 500,000 plants. Spend the day wandering through the two cooled conservatories – Flower Dome and Cloud Forest. Make your own way back to your hotel. (B)

■ **Day 3: Depart Singapore**  
After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Singapore airport where your arrangements end. (B)

**NOTE:** Surcharges apply for after hours transfers. Seat-in-coach tours require a minimum of two participants. Pick-up is from most city hotels.



▲ GARDENS BY THE BAY

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
Hotel Royal @ Queens	\$355	\$665
York Hotel	\$435	\$820
Grand Park Orchard	\$495	\$945

\* Contact reservations for shoulder and high season pricing. Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

#### Price includes:

- 2 nights accommodation
- Seat-in-coach transfers
- Touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees to two conservatories
- Meals as listed

## FAMILY FAVOURITES

### 4 DAYS

■ **Day 1: Arrive Singapore**  
Upon arrival at Singapore airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

■ **Days 2: Singapore**  
Enjoy a half-day seat-in-coach tour around Singapore, visiting Merlion Park, Thian Hock Keng, a handicraft centre, the National Orchid Garden and Little India. Make your own way back to your hotel. (B)

■ **Day 3: Singapore**  
This morning you will be met and transferred to Singapore Zoo. Meet a family of orang-utans during your 'Jungle Breakfast'. Explore the zoo at your leisure and make your own way back to your hotel. (B)

■ **Day 4: Depart Singapore**  
After check-out this morning you will be transferred to Singapore airport where your arrangements end. (B)

**NOTE:** Surcharges apply for after hours transfers. Seat-in-coach tours require a minimum of two participants. Pick-up is from most city hotels.



▲ ORANG-UTANS AT SINGAPORE ZOO

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*\*

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER	CHILD*
Concorde Hotel, Singapore	\$750	\$1,380	\$460
Grand Park Orchard	\$770	\$1,420	\$560
Novotel Singapore Clarke Quay	\$820	\$1,520	\$460

\* Child prices are based on one child aged 3-11 years, sharing a room with two adults and using existing bedding.

\*\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

#### Price includes:

- 3 nights accommodation
- Seat-in-coach transfers
- Touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed



BANGKOK  
STOPOVER

Bangkok, Thailand's capital, is a modern-day metropolis. It is a city of contrasts; from soaring skyscrapers to ancient intricate temples. Explore this culturally diverse city and the hustle and bustle of daily life. There is something for everyone to enjoy.



▲ GRAND PALACE, BANGKOK

## BANGKOK CITY STAY

4 DAYS

## ■ Day 1: Arrive Bangkok

Make your own way to your Bangkok hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

Flower Market. This evening watch a traditional dance performance while enjoying dinner. (B,D)

## ■ Day 2: Bangkok

Embark on a city tour, visiting Wat Pho and the Grand Palace. Take a longtail boat ride on the Chao Phraya River to the Pak Khlong Talat

## ■ Day 3: Bangkok

Enjoy the day at leisure to explore Bangkok further. (B)

## ■ Day 4: Depart Bangkok

Your arrangements end after check-out this morning. (B)



▲ WAT PHO, BANGKOK

Prices are from per person, based on low season\*

HOTEL	TWIN SHARE	SOLE TRAVELLER
I Residence Silom Hotel	\$415	\$735
Furama Silom Bangkok	\$480	\$895
Pullman Bangkok Hotel G	\$660	\$1,255

\* Shoulder and high season, Christmas and New Year's Eve dinner surcharges apply.

## Price includes:

- 3 nights accommodation
- Private touring as specified
- Local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals as listed

## BANGKOK HOTELS



## I RESIDENCE SILOM HOTEL ★★★★★

Equipped with a fitness centre, swimming pool, restaurant and bar, this hotel is within walking distance to many attractions and BTS stations.



## FURAMA SILOM BANGKOK ★★★★★

This business hotel is located in the heart of Silom. Enjoy the magnificent city skyline view from the rooftop pool and Sky Garden Rooftop Restaurant.



## PULLMAN BANGKOK HOTEL G ★★★★★

This deluxe hotel features luxurious guest room interiors with all the necessary amenities, a fitness centre, sauna and spa, outside pool and several dining and bar options.

## AIRLINES

Your flights are an important part of your Wendy Wu Tours experience.

We only work with airlines with the best reputations for service, reliability and punctuality. We use reputable domestic airlines for internal routes.

We include return international economy-class flights as part of our Fully Inclusive Classic Tours, Discovery Tours and Deluxe Tours.

## PREFERRED AIRLINES

The airlines offered have the finest reputations for service and reliability on their international and domestic routes. Wendy Wu Tours works closely with our preferred airlines to ensure you travel to and from your destination conveniently and in comfort. We choose to fly with Vietnam Airlines, Singapore Airlines and QANTAS Airways to the destinations outlined in this brochure. Singapore Airlines connecting flights are with code-share partners SilkAir.



As the national carrier of Vietnam for over 50 years, Vietnam Airlines operates 84 routes to 20 domestic and 27 international destinations with more than 300 flights daily. Vietnam Airlines is part of SkyTeam, the world's second largest global airline alliance. The airline's extensive flight routes within Asia also make it the perfect option to allow you to explore interesting destinations beyond Vietnam, including Cambodia, Laos and China.



Singapore Airlines is dedicated to providing the highest quality travelling experience with one of the youngest, most modern and comfortable fleets in the world. Singapore Airlines flies from Australia to more than 60 cities in over 30 countries around the world. Within Asia, passengers can connect to over 40 cities serviced by SilkAir, the regional wing of Singapore Airlines. All around the world, Singapore Airlines is a great way to fly.



QANTAS Airways is one of the most recognised brands in Australia. QANTAS Airways continues to provide outstanding service to its customers and is at the forefront of the international civil aviation industry, as well as being a Oneworld airline partner offering direct flights between Sydney and Bangkok. QANTAS Airways is the perfect choice for travellers to Thailand.

## JOINING YOUR TOUR

For tours flying with Vietnam Airlines, passengers from Brisbane, Adelaide and Canberra will fly to either Sydney or Melbourne with QANTAS Airways or Virgin Australia before travelling onwards to Vietnam with Vietnam Airlines. These domestic flights are included in the cost of your tour. When flying with Vietnam Airlines your international flight to and from Hanoi and Siem Reap are via Saigon.

Passengers travelling from Perth, Darwin and Cairns will fly with Singapore Airlines and SilkAir due to better flight connections.

For tours flying with QANTAS Airways, passengers from Adelaide may require an overnight stop in Sydney (at their own expense) due to flight schedules.

Limited flight schedules out of Darwin mean that on some tours, Darwin passengers will need to make their own way to another capital city to join the tour.

For tours flying with Singapore Airlines, Adelaide passengers may wish to fly into/out of Melbourne at their own expense to avoid an overnight stop in Singapore.

Due to constantly changing airline schedules some travellers may require pre or post-tour accommodation, an overnight stopover or have a lengthy transit en route to their destination. Any cost for accommodation, transportation or meals incurred will be at the passengers' own expense. Although Wendy Wu Tours makes every effort to use the airlines noted on each tour page, an alternative airline may be used due to flight schedule changes or lack of availability.

Normally, frequent flyer miles are not accrued on our packaged group fares and this is at the discretion of each airline.



# HOTELS

Your accommodation is selected for convenience of location, comfort or character and can range from a business hotel in one city to a family run guesthouse in a smaller town.

## Hanoi



### ▲ Hanoi Larossa Hotel

This hotel is conveniently positioned a five-minute walk to the Temple of Literature and a ten-minute walk to Hoan Kiem Lake and the Old Quarter.



### ▲ Muong Thanh Hanoi Centre

An elegant property located among the atmospheric streets surrounding Hoan Kiem Lake, complete with spa, bar and tranquil, comfortable guest rooms.

## Hoi An



### ▲ EMM Hoi An

A quick stroll from Hoi An's Old Town and set in private gardens, the EMM offers both colonial and local-style architecture.

## Saigon



### ▲ Muong Thanh Saigon Hotel

Close to Saigon's colonial sites, the Muong Saigon is a modern property with spa centre and sauna. Rooms have a cosy seating area for extra comfort.

## Hue



### ▲ Mondial Hue

A five-minute walk from Hue's museum and market, the Mondial offers city, pool or mountain views from its spacious rooms.

## Phnom Penh



### ▲ Town View Hotel Khan Daun Penh

Centrally located in the heart of city and walking distance to shopping and entertainment.



### ▲ Riverhome Hotel

With its rooftop pool and sky bar, the Riverhome is perfectly located just a five-minute walk from the Royal Palace and the city's lively waterfront.

## Siem Reap



### ▲ Angkor Paradise Hotel

This resort-style hotel is centrally located just a few minutes from the town's shopping district and offers a bar and swimming pool.



### ▲ Regency Angkor Hotel

Located between Siem Reap and the Angkor complex, the rooms at the Regency feature a private balcony with views over lush, tropical gardens.

## Sihanoukville



### ▲ Moon Julie

Located an easy five-minute walk from the beach, Moon Julie has a sun terrace and outdoor pool to enjoy.

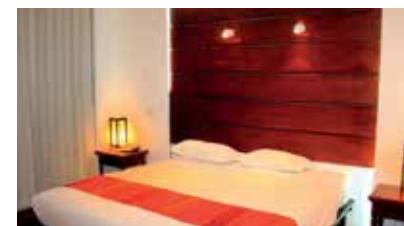
## Vientiane



### ▲ Mercure Vientiane

The Mercure is close to the riverfront with a range of facilities including pool, fitness centre and tennis courts.

## Luang Prabang



### ▲ Chitchareune Moungluang

Within reach of all of Luang Prabang's beautiful temples, this hotel has a pool, spa treatments and rooms with private balconies with garden, pool or mountains views.

## Bangkok



### ▲ Furama Silom Bangkok

Located on Silom Road, this hotel is within walking distance of Patpong. All rooms are well-appointed and spacious.

## Chiang Mai



### ▲ Duangtawan Hotel

At the heart of the city, the Duangtawan has a fitness centre and pool and guest rooms with views over the city.

## Yangon



### ▲ Summit Parkview Hotel

Conveniently located only five-minutes walk from Shwedagon Pagoda, this property has a swimming pool and complimentary wi-fi.



### ▲ Inya Lake Hotel

Relax in cool and simple rooms with balconies at this colonial-style hotel that sits in 37 acres of lush gardens.

## Mandalay



### ▲ Hotel Yadanarbon

Situated in the heart of Mandalay, near Mandalay Railway Station, this property is close to several shopping malls.

## Bagan



### ▲ Bagan Umbra Hotel

With easy access to the Bagan temples, this hotel has an outdoor pool and simple air-conditioned rooms with TVs.

## Inle Lake



### ▲ Inle Resort

Located on the shores of the Inle Lake, this unique boutique eco resort has a traditional native-style architecture.

*Hotels on our group tours are generally rated as local three to four-star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality may exist between Australia and Indochina.*

**Hotels are subject to change and will be confirmed with your final documents.**



# YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

## THE BOOKING PROCESS

**Q. When will my booking be confirmed?**

**A.** Once we receive your deposit, your place on tour will be confirmed. We will also confirm any additional arrangements such as pre and post-tour accommodation. This usually takes 3-5 days and can vary depending on the destination and if there are any holiday periods. We will then send you an updated invoice showing your deposit payment, along with a Visa Application Form and Medical Information Form to be completed (if appropriate). These forms can also be accessed via our website. Passenger names must be provided exactly as per passport at the time of booking.

**Q. Where do I find more details about my tour?**

**A.** You can access detailed information about your tour and travel destinations on our website at [www.wendywutours.com.au/pre-departure-info](http://www.wendywutours.com.au/pre-departure-info). It is essential that you read the relevant Tour Dossier prior to booking. If there are any particular challenges such as the length of time spent on your feet, journey times or accommodation standards, they will be explained in the Tour Dossier. If you cannot access our website, please phone us and we will send the information to you.

**Q. Can special requests be arranged?**

**A.** We will do our best to accommodate your special request. Please advise us of any medical requirements, special meal requests, special needs, or mobility impairment at time of booking.

**Q. What do I need to know about your NEW group tours?**

**A.** Wendy Wu Tours is proud to present some new tour options in 2017. While we have carefully researched the itineraries, this is the first time these tours have operated and it should be remembered that unforeseen changes or surprises may occur. Although these unexpected occurrences may add to the enjoyment of the tour, if this is a concern for you, we suggest waiting until a later departure before travelling with us on your selected tour.

**Q. When will I receive my tour documentation?**

**A.** Two weeks before you travel you will receive your final documentation, including a detailed day-by-day itinerary, hotel list, travel guide and phrasebook, as well as a suggested packing list. You will also receive your passport back, complete with the relevant visas.

**Q. When should I arrange travel insurance?**

**A.** It is strongly recommended that you are adequately covered by insurance for the duration of your travel arrangements. We recommend that you take out a policy as soon as you pay your deposit. For advice from

the Australian Government regarding travel insurance, please visit <http://smartraveller.gov.au/guide/all-travellers/insurance>. We can arrange a policy for you or you can choose your own. Please phone us or contact your travel agent for further information.

**Q. Which hotels are used by Wendy Wu Tours?**

**A.** Hotel details will be sent with your final documentation. Note that these may be subject to change. Accommodation is generally 3-4 star standard. In some remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard and may not have all Western amenities. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure they will meet your needs. See pages 112-113 for examples of hotels we usually use.

**Q. Do I need a visa?**

**A. Fully Inclusive Classic Tours, Discovery and Deluxe Group Tours:** Visas are required for most of Wendy Wu Tours' destinations. Visa fees are included in your tour price for our Fully Inclusive Classic Tours, Discovery Tours and Deluxe Tours for

Australian passport holders. Additional fees may apply for non-Australian passport holders.

For Land Only bookings, visas are not included but can be arranged for an additional fee – please ask at time of booking.

All passports must be valid for at least six months beyond the duration of your tour and should be sent to Wendy Wu Tours along with your visa application forms at least 60 days prior to departure. Some visas take longer to process (Myanmar and multi-country tours take 90 days) and we will notify you of this at the time of booking. We will submit your passport and visa application to the relevant consulate on your behalf for processing. Your passport will be returned to you with your final documentation approximately two weeks prior to departure.

**Independent travel:**

If you are travelling on one of our Independent Private Tours, visa fees are not included in your tour cost and it is your responsibility to arrange all necessary visas.

## HEALTH & TOUR GRADINGS

**Q. Are there any health precautions or vaccinations that I need?**

**A.** We recommend you see your doctor at least six weeks prior to travel for advice and to allow time for any necessary vaccinations. Please remember to take your Tour Dossier with you.

To make the most of your trip it may also be helpful to contact a travel and vaccination clinic such as:

[www.smartraveller.gov.au](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au)  
Tel: 1300 555 135

[www.traveldoctor.com.au](http://www.traveldoctor.com.au)  
Tel: 1300 658 844

[www.travelvax.com.au](http://www.travelvax.com.au)  
Tel: 1300 360 164

**Q. How fit do I need to be?**

**A.** We want you to have the best tour experience possible, so you should be in reasonably good health and be able to participate in all activities unaided. Some of our itineraries include difficult conditions which can make physical activities challenging.

Each group tour is graded to reflect the level of fitness required to assist you in making the best choice. You can also find detailed information in each Tour Dossier, available on our website.

**Comfortable**  
Accessible to most people with an average level of fitness and average mobility. These tours may involve sightseeing on foot, some climbing of stairs and getting on and off boats.

**Moderate**  
Not strenuous, but these tours require a higher level of fitness and may include climbing of stairs and getting on and off boats as well as longer periods of sightseeing on foot/driving. Easy walking, areas of high altitude and overnight train journeys may feature.

**Active**  
Require a good level of fitness, as these tours are physically more demanding. In addition to activities featured in the comfortable and moderate tours, they may also involve hiking, and some travel to remote, high altitude areas where tourist facilities are less developed.

If you are unsure about the suitability of a particular itinerary, please contact us for advice. Our range of private tours and independent travel are more flexible and may better cater for individual needs. Please contact us if you require any advice.

## TRANSPORTATION

**Q. What sort of transport do you use?**

The modes of transport included in our tours have been chosen with variety, comfort and enjoyment in mind. On tour, you may travel by coach, boat, trains, plane and even rickshaw, all of which will give you a unique Asia travel experience.



**International flights:** All of our Fully Inclusive Classic Tours, Discovery and Deluxe Group Tours include international flights. Due to varied flight schedules, some tours may include overnight flights, and some passengers may arrive or depart on different days of the tour.

**Domestic flights:** Internal flights on tour are based on economy class with reputable airlines. Please note that flight schedules, delays and stopovers are outside of the control of Wendy Wu Tours, however we will do our best to ensure the smooth running of your tour in case of any delays.



**Road:** All coach travel is in comfortable, air conditioned vehicles. Generally there are no toilets on board the coaches; however we take comfort stops when possible.



**Boats:** Some tours include a cruise as part of the sightseeing. Depending on the location, the type and size of the boat used will vary. Tours which have an overnight stay on Halong Bay will include accommodation in twin share Cabins with a private en suite.

## ON TOUR

**Q. Will I have a guide?**

**A. Group Tours:** Every group tour that has 10 or more passengers travelling will be accompanied by a National Escort from the moment you exit the airport, to when you depart. On multi-country tours, a different National Escort is used in each country. Extensions and stopovers are not accompanied by a National Escort; however you will have the benefit of our knowledgeable Local Guides. Transfers and flights to and from optional extension destinations are not escorted.

**Independent Travel:** Private tours are not accompanied by a National Escort, but will be accompanied by knowledgeable Local Guides in each location.

Please see pages 10-11 for further information on our guides.

**Q. Do you run guaranteed departures?**

**A.** All tours are guaranteed at the listed price operating with a National Escort, providing a minimum of 10 travellers are booked to travel on that departure.

**Q. Who will be in my group?**

**A.** Your group will be made up of travellers from diverse backgrounds and will be varied in age. Our groups generally mix well due to a shared interest in travel and eagerness to explore all that Asia has to offer.

**Q. I am a solo traveller – do I have to pay a single supplement?**

**A.** At Wendy Wu Tours we understand that some solo travellers would happily share a room on tour to avoid paying an additional supplement. If you are a solo traveller who is willing to share, and you book outside of 75 days prior to departure, Wendy Wu Tours will match you up with another solo traveller of the same gender on your tour and neither of you will pay the Single Hotel Room Option. If we are unable to find another solo traveller who is willing to share, we will waive the Single Hotel Room Option. If you are a solo traveller and prefer to have a private room during your group tour, you can pay a Single Hotel Room Option. This covers hotel nights only. Separate supplements apply for rail and cruise nights. Please contact us for further details.

**\*\*Halong Bay Cruise Boats:** On some of our Vietnam tours there are cruises on Halong Bay. If you are willing to share a cabin, you will initially need to pay a Single Cruise Cabin Option, which is then refunded if you are matched up with another Wendy Wu Tours customer. The cabin allocation will be communally based and you may be matched up with a passenger from another group or of the opposite gender if there are other passengers on board. If there are no other passengers who are willing to share, the Single Cruise Cabin Option you have paid will cover sole use of a twin cabin.



**Rail:** All overnight train journeys are first class, using four berth, soft sleeper cabins (excluding Thailand, where second class is used). Due to booking regulations, sole use of overnight sleeper compartments is not available during our Treasures of Vietnam & China tour. We will always endeavour to keep group members together in the same compartment; however, there may be times where this is not possible. In these circumstances, you may find yourself sharing with other travellers. Shared cabins may combine male and female travellers. Facilities on board are basic with both western and Asian-style toilets. A 2nd-class soft seat is booked for daytime journeys by train. There is limited space for storing luggage. While our guides are there to assist, you will need to load and unload your own luggage on and off the train. Day trains only stop for several minutes at each stop, so you must be ready to leave the train when your guide instructs.

**\*\*Deluxe Tours:** Please note willing to share is not available on our Deluxe Tours and a Single Supplement applies for all solo travellers.

**Q. When is the best time to visit Indochina?**

**A.** Indochina is a year-round destination and the climate varies from north to south. Please refer to our website for detailed climate information for each country.

**Q. When are the public holidays in Indochina?**

**A.** Lunar New Year Festival (Vietnam) runs from 27th January to 31st January 2017. Laos New Year (Laos) runs from 14th April to 16th April 2017. Khmer New Year (Cambodia) runs from 13th April to 17th April 2017. Celebrations last for several days and during this time some businesses will be closed.

**Q. What should I expect when travelling in Asia?**

**A.** We plan our tours to ensure that your holiday is safe and trouble free and we are continually working with our local partners to maintain and improve health and safety standards. Overseas travel brings new experiences and varied environments and sometimes this means different safety and hygiene standards to those we are used to in Australia. We therefore ask that you take care; pay attention at all times and use your common sense. You are also requested to refer to notices and follow advice from your National Escort or Local Guide.



ON TOUR

**Q. Do you allow children on your tours?**

**A.** We allow children 12 years and over on our group tours. For families travelling with children, our Private Tours or Independent Travel packages offer greater flexibility and are suitable for any age group.

**Q. What is the daily tour schedule?**

**A.** Timings vary from group to group and are dependent on local conditions. Your guide will provide you with daily updates.

**Q. Are meals included?**

**A.** On our Fully Inclusive Classic Group Tours, all meals (excluding beverages) are included unless specifically stated otherwise. Discovering new cuisine is a highlight of travel to Asia and your Local Guide will give you tips on local specialities to try. You will sample a range of local cuisine with occasional western meals, and meals are usually taken at local restaurants. In remote areas, some meals may be basic or repetitive.

On Independent Private Tours, Discovery Tours and Deluxe Tours, some meals are included however we have also included several free evenings, offering flexibility for those who wish to explore local restaurants. Please check your day-by-day tour itinerary for details of which meals are included. B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner.

Q. Is Tipping Compulsory?

**A.** Tipping is a firm and expected element in the tourism industry in Asia. Due to pricing regulations in Australia, a nominated tipping amount is included in all group tour pricing, however it is not collected in your final payment received by Wendy Wu Tours. This is so that it can be paid directly to your National Escort who will then distribute the tips among your main service providers – guides and drivers – on your behalf.

Any other tipping, such as tips for bathroom attendants, hotel porters or river guides is at your discretion based on satisfaction of services received, as are gratuities for requested additional services. For tours which include a Pandaw or Lernidee River cruise, tipping will need to be paid in US Dollars directly to the crew. The final tipping amounts in each currency will be outlined in your final documentation.

**Q. Are there any optional excursions?**

**A.** All excursions on our Indochina group tours are included.

**Q. Are there shopping opportunities on tour?**

**A.** Indochina has an array of shopping opportunities for those who love to seek out a bargain; from hand-carved marble statues in Danang, woven products in Inle Lake and gold leaf designs in Mandalay. We encourage all passengers to enjoy their local shopping expeditions but to take care and be wise when purchasing.



We Care

The enjoyment of your holiday is our highest priority. We are determined to ensure your experience is hassle free and our 'We Care' programme strives to ensure just that. We are proactive in our approach by ensuring that hotels used on our group tours regularly undergo comprehensive fire safety, security and hygiene audits. These audits are carried out by staff members, ground partners and our health and safety consultants to ensure that high standards are maintained.

Global Support

Our tours would not be as successful as they are without our solid working relationship with our

local partners in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand and Myanmar, as well as the professionalism of our own offices in Sydney, Auckland, China, London and New York. With years of experience operating tours throughout their respective areas, you can be assured that their local knowledge in operations, touring, guides and transport means our tours operate efficiently and smoothly. In addition, they ensure that Wendy Wu Tours has a reliable presence on which you can always depend. Our local partners have an experienced team dedicated to the provision of personal service to all Wendy Wu Tours customers throughout their network of offices.

INDOCHINA FOR ALL SEASONS

Our tours cover the length and breadth of Asia. Depending on the time of year and where you travel, you may experience two or more seasons as you journey through the region.

HANOI			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	15	19	21
Feb	15	20	28
Mar	18	23	46
Apr	21	26	91
May	24	31	180
Jun	25	32	230
Jul	25	33	240
Aug	26	32	280
Sep	25	31	250
Oct	22	28	140
Nov	19	24	46
Dec	15	21	15

SAIGON			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	22	31	10
Feb	22	32	10
Mar	24	33	10
Apr	26	33	50
May	26	33	210
Jun	25	30	300
Jul	25	31	290
Aug	25	31	270
Sep	24	31	340
Oct	24	30	260
Nov	23	29	110
Dec	22	28	40

HOI AN			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	19	24	100
Feb	20	25	30
Mar	22	27	30
Apr	23	30	30
May	25	31	60
Jun	26	32	75
Jul	26	33	90
Aug	26	32	100
Sep	25	31	290
Oct	23	28	530
Nov	22	26	330
Dec	20	23	220

SIEM REAP			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	19	25	5
Feb	21	26	10
Mar	23	28	20
Apr	24	29	60
May	24	28	140
Jun	24	28	170
Jul	23	27	200
Aug	23	27	200
Sep	23	26	240
Oct	22	26	230
Nov	21	25	80
Dec	19	24	10

LUANG PRABANG			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	13	27	10
Feb	14	31	10
Mar	17	33	30
Apr	20	35	100
May	22	35	160
Jun	24	33	150
Jul	23	32	230
Aug	23	32	290
Sep	22	32	160
Oct	20	31	70
Nov	18	29	30
Dec	15	27	10

BANGKOK			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	21	31	10
Feb	23	32	20
Mar	25	33	30
Apr	26	34	70
May	26	33	190
Jun	26	32	150
Jul	25	32	150
Aug	25	32	180
Sep	25	31	320
Oct	25	31	230
Nov	24	31	50
Dec	21	30	10

PHUKET			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	22	31	20
Feb	23	32	30
Mar	23	32	30
Apr	25	32	150
May	25	31	320
Jun	25	30	200
Jul	25	30	250
Aug	25	30	260
Sep	24	29	400
Oct	24	29	300
Nov	23	30	190
Dec	23	30	40

YANGON			
	Min Temp °C	Max Temp °C	Rainfall mm
Jan	18	31	30
Feb	19	34	35
Mar	20	36	40
Apr	24	37	40
May	25	34	42
Jun	25	30	38
Jul	24	29	38
Aug	24	30	36
Sep	25	30	37
Oct	23	31	38
Nov	22	30	37
Dec	19	28	33

Hanoi

Situated in the north of Vietnam, Hanoi experiences cold and dry winters and hot and humid summers. Spring and autumn are the most ideal times to visit with warmer temperatures and lower humidity.

Saigon

Tropical Saigon is usually warm all year round and dry during the winter and spring months. Popular times to visit are October to December. Saigon's rainy season falls in the summer months, but these rain spells often clear quickly.

Hoi An

Hoi An has two distinct seasons. Summer is very dry and warm, making this the ideal time to visit. Winter months are cooler with heavier rainfall. Hoi An's tropical climate still make this stunning city warm year round.

Siem Reap

Siem Reap is warm throughout the year. From May to October Siem Reap has its highest rainfall, but temperatures still remain warm. October to April is when Siem Reap is at its driest period.

Luang Prabang

Luang Prabang is located along the Mekong River and has two typical seasons. During the winter months Luang Prabang is hot and dry and during the summer months it is warm but with higher rainfall than the winter months.

Bangkok

With its typical tropical climate, Bangkok is warm year round and at its hottest between March and June. Humidity levels are higher during this time, but this vibrant city cools down a little between July and October with occasional showers.

Phuket

Phuket enjoys mild weather year round. The hottest period falls between April and May. The rainy season is during the months of September and October, the rest of the year is largely dry.

Yangon

Yangon's summers are hot and humid with heavier rainfall. Between November and February the conditions are more comfortable as the temperature cools slightly and it is dryer. During the spring it becomes much hotter.



# BOOKING YOUR TOUR

Planning your holiday should be simple, straightforward and most importantly, exciting! Wendy Wu Tours is committed to supporting you every step of the way; from initial planning to booking, right through until your return home.

## BOOKING MADE EASY

### 1. Choose your experience

Get a taste of the tours in this brochure. Visit our website for more details, including interactive maps, destination information, photos, videos, reviews, updates and detailed tour dossiers.

Choose the style of trip that suits you:

- **Fully Inclusive Classic Group Tours**
- **Discovery Tours**
- **Deluxe Tours**
- **Flexible Private Tours**
- **Bespoke Tailor-Made Holidays**

**Still not sure?** Contact our experienced Travel Consultants to talk through your options.

### 2. Check availability

Speak to our expert Travel Consultants, or your preferred Travel Agent, and we will check the tour availability, find the best flights and confirm your full package price.

### 3. Booking & deposit

Group Tour places can usually be confirmed immediately upon payment of a deposit of \$300 per person. Private Touring arrangements can usually be confirmed within 48 hours.

Once your booking arrangements are confirmed, we will send you confirmation by email. By making a booking you are confirming that you have read the tour dossier, are fit enough to fully participate in your tour, will travel with adequate travel insurance and agree to the booking conditions at the back of the brochure.

### 4. Final payment

The balance of your payment is due 75 days before departure and you will be issued with your travel tickets and documentation approximately two weeks before travel.

### Regional flights and upgrades

We work with a network of preferred partner airlines between Australia and Asia providing the best connecting routes for ease and comfort.

All of our tour prices are based on flying Economy Class, but if you fancy a little bit of luxury and more legroom, you can choose to upgrade to Premium Economy or Business Class. Depending on your budget you can upgrade one way or for the entire return trip. Contact our experienced Travel Consultants to discuss upgrade options.

### Stopovers & Extensions

Why not take the opportunity to enhance your travel experience by adding in a stopover? World class destinations such as Singapore and Bangkok are stopover options between Australia and Indochina. We are able to book your hotel, transfers and touring and add it to your trip or for convenience we have already pre-packaged the best of these stopover cities. For inspiration for these cities see pages 108-110.

If you wish to stay longer in Saigon, Hanoi or wherever your trip starts or finishes, we are able to add extra nights onto your trip for a small supplement.



### Thank you for your loyalty

Many of our customers enjoy the Wendy Wu Tours experience so much that they travel with us again and again. What's more, they also recommend us to their friends and family. We really appreciate this loyalty and want to reward you for it.

#### ■ Loyalty discount

After completing your tour, we hope that you will return to travel with us again. As a member of the Wendy Wu Tours family and a loyal customer, you will be eligible for savings each time you return to travel with us on a group tour. Savings apply to Classic, Deluxe and Discovery group tours and are not applicable for tailor-made itineraries, independent travel or special groups.

#### ■ Refer a friend

If you refer a new friend to Wendy Wu Tours, and they book a group tour with us (and quote your details), you will receive a delicious hamper delivered to your door. Please refer to our website for further details.

#### ■ Subscribe

Subscribe to our newsletter to receive inspiring stories, regular updates and be first to receive our offers. To subscribe visit: [wendywu tours.com.au/subscribe](http://wendywu tours.com.au/subscribe)

#### ■ Keep in touch

As a loyal customer, you will enjoy other benefits including a subscription to our quarterly magazine, Chinese Whispers, notification of specials and updates on new tours. Keep in touch with Wendy Wu Tours by 'liking' our Facebook page, and by following us on Twitter and Instagram.

*Conditions apply. Refer to our website for full details.*



## WENDY WU TOURS BOOKING CONDITIONS

It is important that you read and understand the following conditions before making your booking.

**RESERVATION AND DEPOSIT** Prices are subject to airline availability at the time of booking. Please forward a deposit of \$300 per person to Wendy Wu Tours or your travel agent to arrive within three days of receiving confirmation that the company is holding space for you. Passenger names must be provided exactly as per passport at the time of booking. Any spelling corrections made after a deposit is paid must be sent in writing and will incur additional fees, including any ticket re-issue fees. Note that our Mekong Odyssey and Myanmar & the Irrawaddy tours (booked in partnership with Pandaw River Expeditions) and The Majestic Mekong (booked in partnership with Heritage Line) require a higher deposit to arrive within three days of receiving confirmation that the company is holding space for you. The deposit for Mekong Odyssey is \$2,290 per person, Myanmar & the Irrawaddy is \$1,550 per person and The Majestic Mekong is \$1,400 per person. Independent Travel bookings with Pandaw River Expeditions and Lemidee require a 20% deposit. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to correct any errors in rates quoted or calculated, or any omissions made at any time during your booking. Any verbal quote given is an indication only of the final price and is subject to confirmation in writing.

**RECEIPT OF DEPOSIT** By sending a deposit the client agrees to be bound by the terms, conditions and responsibilities set forth in this brochure. The client also agrees that:

- All persons are fit and physically able to partake unaided in their chosen group tour as per the itinerary outlined in the Tour Dossier.
- All persons travelling on a Independent Tour are fit and physically able to partake unaided in their chosen itinerary.
- All parties acknowledge the physical demands and hazards involved in the tour they will be undertaking and have chosen to participate at their own risk.
- All parties understand that any medical or dietary information provided to Wendy Wu Tours does not, under any circumstances, make Wendy Wu Tours liable if a particular condition exacerbates while on tour or affects their ability to participate in any portion of the tour.

**BALANCE OF PAYMENT** The final balance of the travel arrangements is due at Wendy Wu Tours no later than 75 days prior to the confirmed tour departure date as confirmed by acceptance of the booking. Failure to pay in full by the due date may result in additional costs which will be passed on as a late payment fee of no less than \$30 per booking or cancellation at the discretion of the company. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to request a partial payment of the final balance more than 75 days prior to departure (eg: airfare portion) in the event that airline tickets need to be issued by our office or by our operators overseas due to airline ticketing time limits. Payments by credit cards will incur a fee.

**LATE BOOKINGS** Bookings made less than 75 days prior to departure will incur a late booking fee of no less than \$30 per booking which is payable along with the final payment. Payment must be made in full within three days after the company confirms that it is holding space. If payment is not so made, Wendy Wu Tours shall have the right to cancel the booking at its discretion. The bookings may also incur additional fees including any applicable urgent visa processing fees. Bookings made less than 30 days prior to departure will incur a late booking fee of \$50 per booking and must be paid along with the final payment at the time of booking. These bookings may also incur additional fees. Wendy Wu Tours does not process visa applications for bookings made less than 30 days prior to departure but customers are entitled to apply for their own visas.

**FEES AND CHARGES** Fully Inclusive Classic Tour, Discovery Tour and Deluxe Tour prices indicated in the brochure are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary may incur additional airline ticket costs plus a Breakaway Fee of \$100 per person. Arrangements such as transfers, accommodation etc. outside the set group arrangements/dates are at an additional cost and are not covered by the Breakaway Fee.

**AIRLINE FUEL LEVY SURCHARGE** Since 2004 all airlines servicing flights to Asia have been charging a fuel levy surcharge, on top of the normal airline ticket price, in order to cover the increased cost of aviation fuel. As fuel prices have fluctuated, so too has the amount the airlines charge for this levy. At time of pricing Vietnam Airlines and QANTAS Airways fuel surcharge is included in the cost of the fare, however this is subject to change. This amount is detailed against every tour featured in this brochure where applicable and will also be advised to you at the time of your booking and is subject to change until your airline ticket is issued.

**AMENDMENT & BOOKING FEES** The following fees will apply: Amendments to confirmed and deposited itineraries outside of 30 days prior to departure where the value of the booking is decreased - \$25 per change (a change to the booking that increases the value will incur no fee). Amendments within 30 days of departure - \$50 per change.

Transferring between tours (outside 75 days) - \$100 per person plus any additional amendment costs that may be applicable. Transfer fees must be paid at the time of change.

Transferring between tours (within 75 days) - See 'Cancellation by Customer' for applicable fees and details.

Reissue of airline tickets - From \$100 per person (other fees may apply).

Bookings of only 3 nights accommodation or less - \$30 per booking.

Rail tickets and passes only - \$50 per booking.

Once a booking is confirmed name transfers are not permitted as this will be regarded as a cancellation.

**CANCELLATION BY CUSTOMER** All cancellations must be made in writing to Wendy Wu Tours and will be subject to the following cancellation charges from the date the written cancellation is received:

1. If airline tickets are issued, 100% of the airfare.
2. More than 75 days prior to departure; loss of deposit plus any administration fees.
3. Between 74 and 59 days prior to departure; 25% of total cost
4. Between 58 and 46 days prior to departure; 50% of total cost
5. 45 days or less prior to departure 100% of total cost
6. Any 'no show'; 100% of total cost

In the event of a cancellation any refunds will be less administration fees including visa, transfer fees, fuel surcharge and any other airline

cancellation fees and any applicable amendment fees. Regrettably cancellation charges and fees cannot be waived. There can be no exceptions. No refund will be made for any unused portions of the holiday after the departure date. Please note that employees of any overseas company or staff of Wendy Wu Tours outside Australia are not authorised to give any guarantees or agreements to customers in respect of refunds or any other matters.

**CANCELLATION BY WENDY WU TOURS** Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to cancel or vary a tour prior to departure due to insufficient numbers. In such an event alternative guaranteed travel dates will be offered. Should these options not be acceptable Wendy Wu Tours will refund the full price paid, less visa cost. If a tour is cancelled or varied prior to departure due to unforeseeable circumstances such as, but not restricted to, severe weather conditions or force majeure, Wendy Wu Tours will refund all monies prior to departure less visa cost, fuel surcharge and any other cancellation fees levied by airlines and other third parties. Unforeseeable circumstances such as force majeure, adverse weather, flight rescheduling, hotel overbooking and faults with transportation or road conditions may also have an effect on the tour itinerary after the commencement date. Any decision made in respect of tour services by independent operators or airlines to re-route or amend the itinerary due to any of the above or similar circumstances is at the discretion of the tour service provider and Wendy Wu Tours shall not be liable for any claim whatsoever arising from such events.

**REFUSAL OF CARRIAGE** Wendy Wu Tours retains the right to remove customers from our group tours for reasons that impact on the enjoyment or safety of other tour members, such as, but not limited to, the physical, medical or mental inability of customers to undertake the arrangements of the tour, unsocial or unruly behaviour, or the carriage of prohibited substances and materials.

**HOTEL DESCRIPTIONS, MAPS & PICTURES** Hotel descriptions featured in this brochure are based on current hotel guides provided by suppliers and contractual agreements. Any facilities described are subject to change at any time. Maps and photographs are included for general information only and may not necessarily reflect actual routings, location or services. Wendy Wu Tours has made reasonable enquiries to verify that the descriptions and details are accurate but does not warrant that they are.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE** It is strongly recommended that all customers travelling with Wendy Wu Tours are adequately covered by insurance for the duration of their travel arrangements. Wendy Wu Tours cannot in any way be made liable for any additional cost incurred by the customer on any tour.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** All customers are required to familiarise themselves with any health requirements specific to the countries being visited. All customers are given a link to download a copy of the Tour Dossier with their quote or deposit documents. All customers will also receive a link to the Pre-Registration Form once a deposit has been received on file. Customers must specify any medical/dietary conditions that fit the criteria set out on the Pre-Registration Form and submit this to our office. All customers should visit their doctor for these aforementioned purposes and/or to confirm that they are physically able to undertake the day-to-day requirements of the tour. Should any ailments either exist at the time of booking, or arise before their departure from Australia, the customer must inform Wendy Wu Tours in writing.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS** A passport with a minimum of six months validity is required for customers travelling to all countries in our programme. Visa fees are included for Australian passport holders in all Fully Inclusive Classic Tours, Discovery Tours and Deluxe Tours.. Non-Australian passport holders will incur additional fees. If passports are not received by Wendy Wu Tours 75 days prior to departure, the customer will be required to pay an urgent visa processing fee. Unless otherwise requested your passport will be returned with final documentation approximately two weeks prior to your departure date. If the customer requests the passports to be returned prior to this, an additional fee will be incurred. Responsibility for documentation accuracy, passport validity and dispatch of documents rests with the customer. Wendy Wu Tours accepts no responsibility for any failure in this respect. If you choose to process your own visa, you are responsible for the accuracy and timely processing of the visa. Wendy Wu Tours accepts no responsibility for errors or delays in this respect. Wendy Wu Tours does not issue foreign visas. We only submit passports and application forms for visas to be issued by the relevant authorities. Wendy Wu Tours cannot guarantee that any visa will be issued by the relevant authority and accepts no responsibility if a visa application is refused. Any cancellation fees or other expenses incurred by the customer due to the refusal of a visa will be entirely the customer's liability.

**CONSULAR ADVICE** We recommend that you review information provided by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade prior to making your booking by calling 1300 555 135, or by visiting their website [www.dfat.gov.au](http://www.dfat.gov.au) for the latest information. We strongly recommend that you familiarise yourself with the latest Government Consular advice and information.

**SINGLE TRAVELLERS** When booking more than 75 days prior to departure, single travellers on Fully Inclusive Classic Tours and Discovery Tours may avoid paying the Single Hotel Room Option by opting to travel on a 'willing to share' basis. Wendy Wu Tours will endeavour to match a single traveller with another single traveller of the same gender. In the event that we are unable to confirm a share partner, Wendy Wu Tours will confirm a single room at all hotel accommodation and waive the Single Hotel Room Option. Single Cruise Cabin Option fees are applicable for sole use for any cruise component and cannot be waived. Single Rail Compartment Option fees are applicable for sole use for any rail component and cannot be waived. Due to rail booking regulations, sole use of overnight soft sleeper compartments on rail journeys is no longer available on our Treasures of Vietnam & China tour. The 'willing to share' option is not available on Deluxe Tours.

**TIPPING** Tipping is a firm and expected element in the tourism industry today and Indochina is no exception. The nominated tipping amount is to be given to your National Escort/Local Guide at the beginning of your group tour upon arrival at your destination and they will do all necessary tipping on your behalf throughout your tour. Participation in the tipping

scheme is a necessary component of travelling on our Fully Inclusive Classic Tours, Discovery Tours and Deluxe Tours. The amount payable for each group tour is shown in the tour price based on a minimum of 10 passengers travelling. Wendy Wu Tours will advise the exact amount required per person in each currency in your final documentation. Tipping amounts will range from US\$50 to US\$160 per person based on the tour itinerary and length and are subject to change at any time. Tipping for independent travel is not compulsory and is at the customers' own discretion. However, independent guides and drivers do expect a tip where good service has been provided and as such we will provide you with appropriate estimates in your final documentation.

**SHOPPING** Shopping can be fun and entertaining, especially in local markets, where many copies of international brand names can be purchased for next to nothing. However, Wendy Wu Tours, its staff and employees are neither qualified nor permitted to ensure or guarantee the quality or value of any goods purchased or the suitability of any retail outlets visited and the security of using a credit card to purchase such goods. In all cases the purchasing of goods and the use of a credit card for those transactions is entirely at the customer's own risk and at all times the customer must use their own discretion.

**RESPONSIBILITY** Wendy Wu Tours (herewith called the Company) acts as a co-ordinator for all persons taking these tours in the making of all arrangements for transportation, sightseeing and hotel accommodation. The Company does not own, manage, control or operate any transportation vehicle, any hotel or restaurant or any other supplier of services. All receipts and tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by the supplier and all services are subject to the laws of the country where the services are provided. The Company acts only as an agent for the owners, contractors and suppliers of transportation and/or other related travel services provided and assumes no responsibility for the loss, theft or damage to baggage or property or for any injury, illness or death or for any damages or claims whatsoever caused arising directly or indirectly from accidents, loss, theft or damage to person or property, delays, transport failure, strikes, wars and uprisings or acts of God etc. over which the Company has no control. We strongly urge all customers to undertake a high level of personal responsibility in order to ensure that possessions, equipment and personal documents are closely monitored and protected at all times.

**SEATBELTS** Please note that seatbelts are not compulsory by law in the destinations featured in this brochure and therefore the local people largely choose not to wear them. For this reason local operators may or may not have seatbelts in vehicles or they may be hidden underneath protective seat covers. It is recommended that where seatbelts are available customers must use them and remain seated at all times while the vehicle is moving. As such, customers acknowledge that seatbelts may not be available and therefore travel at their own risk. Customers warrant that they shall not make any claim whatsoever arising for injury or damage in respect of, arising from or contributed to by the absence of seatbelts and hereby release Wendy Wu Tours from all such claims.

**PROCEDURES FOR LODGING COMPLAINTS OR CLAIMS** At Wendy Wu Tours we are committed to ensuring that we deal with complaints effectively and efficiently. Should the customer not be satisfied with any aspect of their arrangements they must immediately inform the National Escort or Local Guide who will endeavour to resolve the issue at the time. If this is not possible and you wish to lodge a complaint or claim this must be done in writing to Wendy Wu Tours in Sydney (or by email to [customerrelations@wendywu tours.com.au](mailto:customerrelations@wendywu tours.com.au)) within 30 days of the date of the completion of your Wendy Wu Tours arrangements. Relevant receipts and substantiating evidence must be attached to the letter of claim. Our complaints handling policy is available on our website [wendywu tours.com.au](http://wendywu tours.com.au) or upon request.

**AIRLINES** Airlines featured in this brochure do not by virtue of their endorsement represent themselves either as contracting with any purchaser of a holiday from Wendy Wu Tours, or as having any legal relationship with such a purchaser. Frequent flyer miles may not be accrued on some packaged fares. For details, contact our office. Due to scheduling, airlines can downgrade at any given time. It is at the discretion of the airline to what compensation will be offered. Please retain your boarding pass and forward through to Wendy Wu Tours on your return to enable us to approach the airline on your behalf for any compensation. Schedule changes or flight cancellations are subject to the airlines policy and are outside Wendy Wu Tours control.

**PRIVACY** We are collecting your personal information so that we can process your booking. We will also keep you up to date with other Wendy Wu Tours' offers and product information which may be of interest to you if you have consented to this. You can opt out of receiving information at any time if you choose to do so. Any personal information you provide will be managed in accordance with Wendy Wu Tours' privacy policy which can be viewed at [wendywu tours.com.au](http://wendywu tours.com.au).

**BROCHURE VALIDITY** Tour itineraries and prices in this brochure are accurate at the time of printing and prices are based on exchange rates as at 14 July 2016. Once a customer has paid the deposit, the standard regular price of the tour is guaranteed, subject to any increase in fuel surcharge, tipping, tax changes or levies imposed by any government or their agencies or any airline. Prices are subject to change without notice. Departure dates of tours are subject to change due to future airline schedules. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to make alterations to itineraries, departure dates and prices due to circumstances beyond their control.

**AGENT RESPONSIBILITIES** It is the travel agents' responsibility to ensure that all invoice and itinerary details and documentation issued by Wendy Wu Tours are correct and that the customer is aware of amendment and cancellation conditions and other clauses in these Booking Conditions.

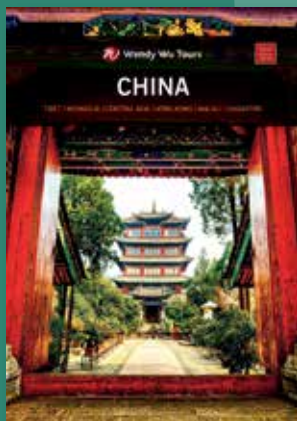
**LAW OF CONTRACT** This contract is governed by the laws of the state of New South Wales and any legal action arising therefrom shall be litigated only in the appropriate court in that state having jurisdiction in that claim.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Changes in operator land costs, airfares, taxes, fuel surcharges and currency exchange rates may affect the price of particular group tours. For these reasons, it is essential that the agent/customer reconfirms all arrangements at the time of booking and prior to paying the final payment.



# WHY BOOK WITH WENDY WU TOURS

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- Unrivalled knowledge and expertise
- Comprehensive range of Fully Inclusive Classic Tours, Discovery Tours, Deluxe Tours, private and tailor-made holidays
- Fully inclusive prices with no hidden extras
- Exciting epic journeys and unique, rarely visited destinations
- Expert National Escorts and Local Guides
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