

Essential Cambodia & Vietnam 11 nights



#### Summary

A wide ranging adventure showcasing the region's natural wonders and fascinating cultures, this 17day trip offers a combination of guided excursions and free time to explore beaches, ruins, urban culture, and awe-inspiring landscapes. Cruise the Mekong for a day and overnight on a traditional sailing junk boat in Halong Bay. Witness the heights of Cambodia's past at Angkor Wat, and contemplate its lows by walking the infamous Killing Fields. Although many activities are included, there is still plenty of time to explore on your own and create the ultimate adventure.

# Overview

Interest: group-family-couple Level of Comfort: 3/5 Minimum # of passengers: 2 Maximum # of passengers: none

# Wild Discovery Advantages

- A proven expertise in organizing successful holidays
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
- High quality service & strong commitment to customer satisfaction
- Permanent assistance from Wild Discovery Head Office at any moment
- Attention to details that make the difference

# Information about the destination

- Currency: Riel Cambodia Dong, Vietnam
- Language: Khmer Vietnamese
- Dialing Code: 855
- Recommended vaccine : None
- Banks & currency exchange: Currency can be exchanged at major banks, exchange offices or authorized hotels

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# Day 1: Arrival – Phnom Penh

Upon arrival in Phnom Penh, meet and transfer to the hotel for check in. In the afternoon, discover the most remarkable sights of Phnom Penh in a Cyclo, a very fun way to explore this lively city. First, head to the royal palace, Continue to the national museum. In addition, the roof space is home to a large bat colony! End your tour at Wat Phnom, a hilltop pagoda and the birthplace of the city

## Day 2: Phnom Penh – Siem Reap

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Siem Reap. On arrival in siem reap, meet and transfer to the hotel for check in

This afternoon, start your visits by Tuk Tuk at the ancient city of Angkor Thom. From here, continue to Bayon temple in the center of the city Also visit the terrace of the elephants and the terrace of the leper king

Return to the hotel

## Day 3: Siem Reap – Tour

In the morning, explore the temples of the small circuit. Start your tour with a visit to Ta Prohm temple, Your visit will also include Banteay Kdei, a buddhist monastery. Return to the hotel for a relaxing break during the midday heat. In the afternoon, depart on a very special sightseeing tour of the famous Angkor Wat Return to the hotel

# Day 4: Siem Reap – Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)

Morning at leisure till transfer to the airport for departure flight to ho chi minh (Saigon). Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City and transfer to hotel The rest of the day is at leisure

## Day 5: Ho Chi Minh City

Depart your hotel at for a full day tour of Ho Chi Minh City. Head to Cholon, the city's Chinatown district Discover the markets and shops of the area, and also The Cantonese Thien Hau Pagoda - dedicated to the goddess of the sea, Vietnam's first traditional medicine museum and the Fito museum Head back into the centre of the city to visit Ben Thanh market. Visit the war remnants or the history

museum, or the former presidential palace

From there stroll to the major sights of colonial Ho Chi Minh City: The old Saigon post office, dong Khoi Street, continental hotel,Opera house and city hall

At the end of the afternoon head back to your hotel

# Day 6: Ho Chi Minh City – Mekong delta – Ho Chi Minh City

Leave bustling Ho Chi Minh for the 2-hour drive to the delta town of Cai Be. On arrival board your boat for a cruise of Cai Be floating market

After visiting the market continue to a factory of pop-rice', rice paper and coconut candies. Return to the boat for the cruise to dong Hoa Hiep island

Along the way admire the scenery and the daily life of the local villagers

Lunch will be local Mekong style serving specialties of the area

Following your cruise drive back to Ho Chi Minh City

## Day 7: Ho Chi Minh City - Danang - Hoi An

Transfer to tan son nhat airport for the short flight to Danang. On arrival in Danang transfer to Hoi An, a major asian trading port, take a walking tour of the ancient town centre to visit: The former merchants' homes, the 400 year-old japanese covered bridge and the colorful market

In the afternoon take a three-hour cruise on the Thu Bon river with stops at: Thanh ha pottery village, kim bong carpenters' village and the shipbuilding yard

The remainder of this afternoon is at leisure

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# Day 8: Hoi An – Hue

Leave Hoi An of danang for Hue, the former imperial capital of Vietnam. You will stop for a visit at the Cham musuem, climb over the pass of ocean clouds and dropping down to the wonderfully photogenic fishing village of Lang Co

Upon arrival in Hue, visit the imperial citadel after exploring the ruins of this wonderful monument, take a cyclo ride along the leafy side streets then return to your hotel for the remainder of this afternoon at leisure

# Day 9: Hue – Hanoi

Start your day with a visit to the city's vibrant Dong Ba Market, then take a cyclo through the "Old City "to Tinh Tam Lake where the Emperors used to come to relax. Continue to former emperor Minh Mang's tomb, then to Khai Dinh's Tomb

Later on, transfer to the airport for a 1 hour flight to Hanoi

## Day 10: Hanoi – Halong Bay

Leave Hanoi for an overnight boat trip on Halong bay. Board your traditional wooden junk or the emeraude; En-route lunch will be served

Towards the end of the day set anchor for the night. As the sun sets over the bay dinner is served on board with: Fresh seafood, salads, and fruits

#### Day 11: Halong Bay - Hanoi

On your return to Halong city enjoy a wholesome brunch as your boat weaves through strange-shaped limestone rock formations. Upon disembarkation your driver will meet you for the transfer back to Hanoi In Hanoi, in the afternoon visit the fascinating Museum, a research center and public museum exhibiting the ethnic groups of Vietnam

Later on, visit Hanoi's old Quarter and take a walking tour through charming Hang Be Market and around Hoan Kiem Lake

Finish the day with a water puppet show

## Day 12: Hanoi – Departure

In the morning, leave your hotel for the Temple of Literature. Later on, visit the One Pillar Pagoda, one of Vietnam's most iconic temples

Continue to picturesque West Lake and the sixth century Tran Quoc Buddhist Pagoda, then transfer to the nearby Taosit temple of Quan Thanh dedicated to Tran Vu, one of the principal deities in Taoism At a proper time, transfer to the airport for departure flight

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