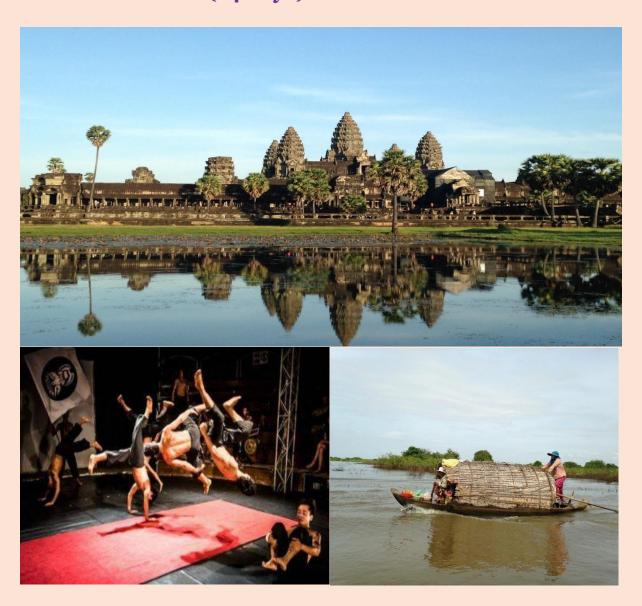




Enchanting South East Asia THAILAND – LAOS – CAMBODIA -VIETNAM (14 days) Flexible Dates





Chiang Mai- Luang Prabang- Siem Reap- Hanoi- Halong Bay

Journey Inclusions & Highlights:

- > Accommodation in 4 & 5 star hotels
- ➤ All Breakfasts
- ➤ Additional lunches & dinner as per program
- English speaking tour guides throughout
- ➤ Air-conditioned vehicles with driver
- ➤ Elephant Nature park
- ➤ Temple tour including Wat Doi Suthep
- ➤ Thai Cooking Lessons
- > Early morning alms giving ceremony
- > Traditional long boat cruise on the Mekong River
- Kuang Si Waterfalls
- Baci ceremony at local Family
- Angkor Wat Temple
- ➤ Cambodian Phare Circus
- ➤ Floating Village of Tonle Sap
- Breathtaking views on Halong Bay cruise
- > City tour of Hanoi
- ➤ Visit with local family to learn history and culture of Vietnam
- ➤ Water puppet show



Accommodations:

City	Accommodation	Star category	Room category	Night
Chiang Mai	<u>Kantaryhills</u>	4*	Studio Suite	2
Luang Prabang	<u>Souphattra</u>	4*	Deluxe	3
Siem Reap	FCC Angkor	4.5*	Deluxe	4
Halong	Orchid Trendy	4*	Deluxe Balcony	1
Hanoi	Paridot Grand	5*	Grand Deluxe	3

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DAY 1: CHIANG MAI ARRIVAL

Upon arrival at Chiang Mai International Airport, you will be welcomed by your private English-speaking guide who will escort you directly to the hotel for check-in.

• Standard check-in time is from 15:00. Complimentary early check-in is subject to the hotel's availability.

Overnight in Chiang Mai Kantary hills (Studio Suite)



DAY 2: CHIANG MAI (B-D)

Elephant Nature Park Experience. Witness the elephants' daily routines and social interactions from a respectable distance, ensuring their comfort and well-being.

Upon arrival, begin with a visit to a bustling local market, where you will learn about essential ingredients and select the freshest produce for your dishes. Back at **the Thai cooking school**, enjoy a hands-on experience as you prepare a variety of traditional Thai dishes, from aromatic curries to savory stir-fries.

Overnight in Chiang Mai (Kantary Hills / Studio Suite)





DAY 3: CHIANG MAI - FLIGHT TO LUANG PRABANG (B)

Breakfast at the hotel.

12:00 Transfer to Chiang Mai airport for the flight to Luang Prabang.

Flight: QV636 CNX LPQ 14:55 16:00

Upon arrival, meet your guide and transfer to the hotel for check-in.

Overnight in Luang Prabang **Souphattra** (Deluxe)

DAY 4: LUANG PRABANG (B)

Depart in the morning early (05:30 AM) **Observe Alms ceremony**. Monks leaving their pagodas and walking barefoot along the streets collecting alms. It is a beautiful, serene ceremony that highlights the spirituality of the Lao people.

Return to the hotel for breakfast after.

Next, tour the National Museum which used to be the Royal Palace. Visit Wat Mai. Board a traditional long boat for a cruise on the Mekong river. Continue on to Pak Ou, visit. Tham Ting and Tham Theung caves. On the way back, visit the village of Ban Xang Khong, famous for homemade Saa Paper.

Overnight in Luang Prabang (Souphattra / Deluxe)



DAY 5: LUANG PRABANG (B)

After breakfast at the hotel, visit Wat Xieng Thong, located on the bank of the Mekong River. It is one of the most elegant and best-preserved examples of 16th century Luang Prabang temple architecture.

Then drive through beautiful rice fields, hills and villages to Kuang Si Waterfalls (1 hour drive) relax, or walk up to the top of the waterfall for a spectacular view.



Start the afternoon visiting a fascinating **Lao Buffalo dairy farm** that produces cheese and a range of delicious dairy products. Learn how to milk a Buffalo and try some incredible ice cream.

End your day with a private Baci ceremony at local Family for good luck and blessings.

Overnight in Luang Prabang (Souphattra / Deluxe)

DAY 6: LUANG PRABANG - FLIGHT TO SIEM REAP (B) Breakfast at the hotel.

12:00 Transfer to the airport for the flight to Siem Reap **Flight: VN931 LPQ SAI 14:55 16:10**

Upon arrival, meet your guide and transfer to the hotel for check-in.

Overnight in Siem Reap FCC Angkor by Avani (Deluxe)

DAY 7: SIEM REAP (B)

After breakfast, depart for **Angkor Wat**. Built during the reign of King Suryavarman II in the early 12th century, Angkor Wat is the best-preserved temple in the entire complex and has remained a significant religious center since its foundation. Constructed in the classical style of Khmer architecture, it has become a symbol of Cambodia.



In the afternoon, visit Angkor Thom, the last capital of the Khmer Empire under the reign of Jayavarman VII. Enter the area through the impressive ancient South Gate carved out of stone and see the four giant faces of the Bayon Temple in its center.

Overnight in Siem Reap (FCC Angkor by Avani / Deluxe)



DAY 8: SIEM REAP (B)

After breakfast, visit Neak Pean and Preah Khan. These temples were built at the time of King Jayavarman VII during the late 12th century as a royal residence during the construction of Angkor Thom. Finally visit Ta Prohm temple, founded by King Jayavarman VII as a Mahayana Buddhist monastery.

Relax for the afternoon.

In the evening, experience famous **Phare circus** show of Cambodia

Time: 19:15 - 21:00

Show starts at 20:00 to 21:00

No entrance to the big top after 20:00.

Please be at Phare at least 30 minutes before the show starts to exchange ticket at ticket booth.

Overnight in Siem Reap (FCC Angkor by Avani / Deluxe)

DAY 9: SIEM REAP (B-L)

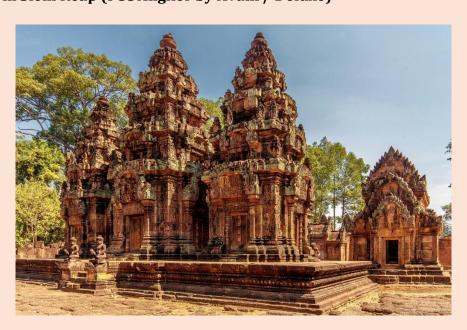
After breakfast, drive to the North of the Angkor area and visit the temples of Banteay Srei and Banteay Samre carved in pink sandstone.

On the way back to Siem Reap, stop at a village to observe how to do the rice field and how to collect sugar palm

In the afternoon, drive to Kbal Spean, a carved riverbed set deep in the jungle to the northeast of Angkor – it is commonly known as "The River of a Thousand Lingas".

Optional: Apsara Dance show with dinner \$25 pp

Overnight in Siem Reap (FCC Angkor by Avani / Deluxe)





10: SIEM REAP - FLIGHT TO HANOI (B)

After breakfast, head out for a boat trip on lake Tonle Sap. Enjoy a picturesque cruise along the lake. See the village houses on stilts and learn about the daily life of the local community. Moving from place to place depending on the water levels.

Later visit the Local Market, Theam's House and Les Senteurs d'Angkor before transferring to the airport for the onward flight to Hanoi.

Flight: VN836 SAI HAN 17:55 19:40

Upon arrival, meet and transfer to a hotel.

Overnight in Hanoi Paridot Grand (Grand Deluxe)

DAY 11: HANOI (B)

You will be picked up from your hotel in the morning, and the tour will take you through the famous capital city of Hanoi. Visit temple of Literature. This was Vietnams first national university and dates back to 1070. Dong Xuan market. The market is the Old Quarter's largest market. Following, you will make the **visit a local Family in private home to learn about their family's life and history**. In the afternoon, visit Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum (outside visit) and his personal residence, the One Pillar Pagoda. **Enjoy a water puppet show** in the early evening.

Overnight in Hanoi (Peridot Grand / Grand Deluxe)



DAY 12: HANOI - HALONG (B-L-D)

After breakfast, at **08:30** depart for the 2.5-hour drive to Halong Bay.

Board 2 day 1 night cruise to Halong Bay



Lunch on board the cruise to Lan Ha Bay - one of the New Seven Wonders of Nature

Evening a fusion dinner made with the freshest ingredients in a sophisticated space with elegant French neoclassical style and traditional oriental touches.

Enjoy various stops and activities offered by the cruise

Marvel the beauty of the night on the bay, our bar on the sundeck.

- Bar's drinks and massage services at own expense.
- No private guide escorts on cruise. Local guide/s will be replaced.

Overnight on Halong Bay Orchid Trendy (Deluxe Balcony)

DAY 13: HALONG (B-L-D)

It is a perfect time to refresh and indulge yourself in the peaceful beauty of the bay with a tai chi session on the sundeck. If you want to hunt for dawn, get up from 5:30 to 6:00 depending on the season, and consult our sailors.

Enjoy kayaking activities atf Ha Long - Lan Ha Bay

Enjoy a delightful brunch at our restaurant prior to Disembarkation

Relax for the rest of the day.

Overnight in Hanoi Paridot Grand (Grand Deluxe)

DAY 14: HALONG - HANOI (B-BR)

Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to the airport for a departing flight.

End of Services

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(14 Days) November- March

PRICE INCLUSIONS:

- Accommodation for 13 nights in 4 & 5* hotels
- Meals as specified in the itinerary Breakfast on all days
- Transportation using an air-conditioned vehicle with driver
- Domestic bottled mineral water in the vehicles during transfers
- Assistance at airport/railway station and for check in/check out at all locations
- Services of a local English speaking guide
- All entrances and activities as per the program (single visit)
- Domestic airfare on economy class
- All currently applicable taxes

PRICE EXCLUSIONS:

- International airfare, visa fees, airport tax or any kind of insurance cover
- Any meals other than in inclusions
- Drinks of any nature, any other meals than those mentioned in the itinerary
- Tips or gratuities of any sort.
- Any car arrangements on free days
- Still and video camera fee at monuments
- Items of personal nature like drinks, laundry, telephone calls, tips, camera fees etc
- Liability for change in itinerary due to reasons beyond our control like change in flight and train schedule; cancellation of flights, political disturbances, natural phenomenon,
- Any other item not specifically mentioned above as 'INCLUDED'
- Any increase to current government GST

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

- The prices are on Per Person basis in US\$
- Check-in time is 1400hrs and Check-Out time is 1100hrs
- All prices are subject to any revision of tax and tariff structure
- Itinerary based on current air schedules, may be subject to change
- Domestic flights allow 15 kgs check in and 7 kgs hand baggage only
- Program is subject to change without prior notice due to unexpected changes in airline schedule or flight cancellations.

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