

## 18 Days

# Odyssey of Indochina with Bangkok

A complete tour to discover the natural beauty and cultures of Vietnam, Angkor Wat and Bangkok

#### Trip Code: TP18ID

16 Nights30 Meals

✓ Air Included

- Escorted Tour
- 🔄 Daily Sightseeing
  - 📃 Coach, Cruise
- ⊨ 4-5 Stars Hotels 🥼 🕾 Small Group (Avg. 26 pax)

### WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

A complete Indochina program to discover the natural beauty, intriguing history, friendly people, rich ethnic and cultural diversity, awe-inspiring temples, villages and world heritage sites unchanged for centuries.

- Start from the heart and soul of Vietnam, the bustling city Ho Chi Minh City
- ✓ Discover the secret tunnel system of Cu Chi Tunnel
- Ride in a hand-rowed sampan under the shadow of the water coconut trees at Mekong Delta and experience local Vietnamese's life in local village
- Stroll through the poetic Hue Citadel and wander around or bike in the UNESCO ancient city Hoi An
- Explore the color and activity of Hanoi's fascinating Old Quarter and enjoy the world-famous Water Puppet Show
- Enjoy the 5-star cruise and sail on Halong Bay, one of the most breathtaking places on the planet.
- Stand in awe of the architectural achievement of Angkor Wat of Khmer Empire and amazed by the romantic sunrise
- Indulge in a spectacular vacation of your dreams at Thailand's stunning city Bangkok and visit the famous temples and palaces



Was \$7,229

Day 1: North America – Ho Chi Minh City Day 2: Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City Day 3: Ho Chi Minh city tour – Cu Chi Tunnel Day 4: Ho Chi Minh City – Mekong Delta Day 5: Ho Chi Minh City – Danang – Hoian Day 6: Hoian Day 7: Hoian – Danang – Hue Dav 8: Hue – Hanoi Day 9: Hanoi Day 10: Hanoi – Halong Bay Day 11: Halong Bay – Hanoi Day 12: Hanoi – Siem Reap Day 13: Siem Reap – Angkor Tours Day 14: Siem Reap Day 15: Siem Reap - Bangkok Day 16: Bangkok Day 17: Bangkok Day 18: Bangkok - North America



#### Day 1: North America -Ho Chi Minh City

Depart for Ho Chi Minh City from North America.

#### Day 2: Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City

Welcome to Vietnam's financial hub Ho Chi Minh City. Transfer to the hotel and have a good rest. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

#### Day 3: Ho Chi Minh city tour -Cu Chi Tunnel

After breakfast, drive northwest to the Cu Chi tunnels. This tunnel complex was dug in 1948 for the guerrillas to hide from French air and ground sweeps. Have lunch at local restaurant. In the afternoon, participate in a guided tour in Ho Chi Minh City, which includes the neo-Romanesque Notre Dame Cathedral, the Central Post Office with its French style architecture, City Hall, and the magnificent Saigon Opera House. Then we will visit the War Remnants Museum, which primarily contains exhibits relating to the American phase of the Vietnam War. In the evening, join the optional dinner cruise on traditional wooden boat on Saigon River (USD\$49/person). Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### Day 4: Ho Chi Minh City -**Mekong Delta**

Have a breakfast at hotel, we travel from Saigon to My Tho. Cruising a boat trip along Mekong river and around fishing village and islands for sight-seeing. Crossing Mekong river, keeping on taking a boat trip along a small canal, named Vam Xep to see daily life of local inhabitants in Ben Tre province (called coconut village), visiting Quoi An tourist spot for bee farm and handicraft workshop to enjoy some honey-tea and see how people make things from coconut wood.

Taking horse-carts along country road to visit fruit orchards, enjoy seasonal tropical fruits and listen to traditional music by local inhabitants. Taking small sampans along small canal to come back the big boat, leaving boat for coconut candy workshop and tasting this speciality in coconut village. Return to Ho Chi Minh City in the afternoon.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### Day 5: Ho Chi Minh City -Danang – Hoian

Today we take the morning flight to Danang. Upon arrival, pick up and transfer to the restaurant for lunch. In the afternoon, you will take Hoi An sightseeing of Japanese style covered bridge, Handicraft workshops, Tan Ky old house, Fujian assembly hall and the 15th century Chuc Thanh Pagoda. In the evening, you may take the optional Relaxing Dinner Cruise on Thu Bon River (USD\$69/person). Overnight in Hoian.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch

#### Day 6: Hoian

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy your free time to enjoy the beachside relaxation or join our optional tour to My Son with lunch. (USD\$69/person, Min. 4 people) Your tour guide will pick you up and drive to visit My Son sanctuary, an ancient religious center of the Cham people in the past, 40km to the South West of Hoi An town, another World Cultural Heritage. Return to Hoi An after lunch then enjoy a free afternoon. Overnight in Hoi An. Meal: Breakfast

#### Day 7: Hoian – Danana – Hue

After breakfast at the hotel, check out and transfer to Hue. On the way, you will visit the fascinating Cham Museum and the Marble Mountains.

We will cross Hai Van Pass where you will have a magnificent view of the East Sea. Check-in hotel on arrival in Hue. In the evening, You may take the optional royal dinner with the live traditional music dance performance (USD\$49/person, Min. 4 people). Overnight in Hue. Meal: Breakfast, Lunch

#### Day 8: Hue – Hanoi

After breakfast, you will take a morning boat trip on the Perfume River to visit Thien Mu pagoda and Ming Mang Emperor's mausoleum. Have lunch at a local restaurant then you will visit the Imperial Citadel, Flag Tower, Noon Gate, Nine Dynasty Urns, Nine Holy Cannons, and Thai Hoa Palace. Enjoy some free time shopping in Dong Ba market. Next, transfer to the airport to catch the departure flight to Hanoi. Once arrival, the local guide meets up at the airport and transfers to the hotel. Overnight in Hanoi. Meal: Breakfast, Lunch

#### Dav 9: Hanoi

After breakfast at the hotel, drive to the historic complex of Ba Dinh. Visit Ba Dinh Square, Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and continue to the One Pillar Pagoda, the must-see monument in Hanoi, Tran Quoc Pagoda, Quan Thanh Temple. Visit Temple of Literature - The first Imperial school in Vietnam was built in 1070 during the dynasty of King Ly. Have lunch at a local restaurant. This afternoon visit a complex of the Hoan Kiem Lake, Ngoc Son Temple (Jade mountain Temple), But Tower (Pen shaped tower), Dai Nghien (Ink Stand), and the red-painted wooden The Huc bridge....Take a pedicab trip around with 36 streets of Hanoi's old guarter. Enjoy the special Vietnam traditional Water Puppet show. Overnight in Hanoi.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 10: Hanoi – Halong Bay

You will take a morning depart for Halong bay, we ao through the scenic countryside. The wondrous Halong bay is truly one of Vietnam's most impressive scenic sights. Heading out of the town we embark on a boat for an exploration of the legendary Ha Long bay. This exciting five-hour cruise will provide us with a fantastic view of the picturesque scenery blending with the sky and some 3,000 limestone islands rising amazingly from the clear and emerald water. The limestone karst formations are littered with beaches. arottoes, and beautiful caves. Alona the way, we will anchor for a leisurely swim in a secluded cove and an enjoyable visit to one of the many hidden grottoes beneath towering cliffs.

Stay overnight on the Junk Cruise. **Meal:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 11: Halong Bay – Hanoi

Waking up and having breakfast served onboard. Continue cruising around the bay. Take sampan to visit Luon Cave and come back to the boat. Have brunch before disembarking and the van will pick you up at the pier. Then transfer back to the hotel in Hanoi. Check-in and free at leisure. Overnight in Hanoi **Meal:** Breakfast, Lunch

#### Day 12: Hanoi – Siem Reap

Free until transfer to the airport to catch the departure flight to Siem Reap. Upon arrival, pick up and transfer to hotel. Today you may join the optional dinner at a local restaurant with a traditional Apsara dance show (USD\$49/person). Overnight in Siem Reap. **Meal:** Breakfast

#### Day 13: Siem Reap – Angkor Tours

In the morning, we start with the most famous of all the temples on the plain of Angkor: Angkor Wat, the most wonderful remains of a disappeared civilization, which between the 8th and 13th century built the splendid city Angkor, with the famed Angkor Wat (Temple of the Capital. Angkor Wat is a big attraction in Cambodia, but is well-known all over the world. Then we visit the jungle-entwined temple, Ta Prohm. Dawn is one of the most beautiful and haunting times to visit the temples, whose ancient sandstone blocks are ailded by the early morning rays. Return to the hotel for breakfast and then free leisure time. In the afternoon we will continue our discovery with Anakor Thom (the Great City) including the Southern Gate, Bayon temple, Baphuon temple, Terrace of Elephants, Terrace of the Leper King & Phimean Akas: "Celestial Palace", dedicated to Hindu deities, and then enjoy a romantic sunset at Phnom Bakeng hill top. Overnight in Siem Reap. Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 14: Siem Reap

After breakfast, we drive out of town to the rural village of Pour Krom and walk through this lovely village to see the local life. We enjoy an ox cart ride before transferring to Chong Knies village to take a traditional wooden boat for a ride on the Tonle Sap Lake, the "Great Lake" of Cambodia, one of the largest in Asia, where you can find schools, restaurants, and hospitals and much more on the areat lake of Tonle Sap. Next, visit Les Artisans D'Angkor shopping. Back to the town to explore the PsarChass, also known as the "Old Market". Enjoy delicious dinner in a local restaurant. Overnight in Siem Reap. Meal: Breakfast, Dinner

#### Day 15: Siem Reap - Bangkok

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Bangkok. Overnight in Bangkok. **Meal:** Breakfast

#### Day 16: Bangkok

Have breakfast and travel to Wat Phu Khao Thong (the Golden Mount Temple). Here we will enjoy the spectacular view of Bangkok. The golden stupa houses a Buddha relic and welcomes worshippers all year round. And then we visit the Reclining Buddha, a signature sight representing Buddhism. The last stop is Wat Arun, the Temple of Dawn, one of Thailand's best-known landmarks built in the 17th century by King Taksin. Spend your evening at leisure, or enjoy an evening on this River of King Dinner Cruise(US\$65/person) over the beautiful Chao Phraya River in Bangkok. Meal: Breakfast, Lunch

#### Day 17: Bangkok

Enjoy the day at leisure or join our optional Bangkok Day Tour with lunch & Boat Ride along the River of the King (US\$85/person, Pre-book min 4 people). We travel to the Grand Palace and the temple of the Emerald Buddha. It is regarded as the most sacred site and spiritual heart of the Thai Kinadom. It is a complex of buildinas featuring the fusion of traditional Thai architecture and the 19-th century European style. The temple buildings are decorated with gilt and colored glass mosaics that reflect the sunlight and then we see the temple glow. The Emerald Buddha in the temple is the main attraction. The revered figurine is made from a solid piece of green jade. Have lunch and take a Canal tour to explore the Bangkok old waterways and see the way of life of people in canal communities. Return to the hotel. Meals: Breakfast

#### Day 18: Bangkok – North America

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and board your flight home. **Meals:** Breakfast



#### **Package Includes**

- Return international airfares from Vancouver in economy class (Add-on \$400 for departing from Toronto)
- All intra flights (Ho Chi Ming City Da Nang; Hue - Hanoi; Hanoi - Siem Reap; Siem Reap - Bangkok)
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- 4-5 Star hotel accommodation
- Deluxe Halong Bay Cruise in twin share
- Entrance fees to scenic attractions as indicated
- Services of English-speaking tour guides
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern airconditioned motor coach
- All transportation in the destination
- Meals as indicated in the program

#### **Package Does Not Includes**

- Visa fees
- Insurance of any kind
- Gratuities: Prepaid tipping
- 18 Days: US\$216/person (includes gratuities for tour guides, drivers etc.)
- Personal expenditure such as laundry service, souvenirs and telephone calls





### **Featured Hotels**



 Silk Path Grand Hue Hotel

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### **Halong Bay Cruise**



 Empress Resident Resort

 or equivalent

 Siem Reap



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The ship effortlessly blends all that's great about the liners past – wood detailing and brass fixtures, for example – with modern comfort and luxury. She features luxury down to the smallest detail, from the ornately decorated paintings of Vietnamese queens in the restaurant to the wood-paneled library, La Regina Legend's beauty lies within her features.

### **Optional Tours**

Bangkok full day tour with lunch	US \$85/p (Minimum 4 people)			
The River of King Dinner Cruise	US \$65/p			
Apsara Dance Show with Dinner	US \$49/p			
Royal Dinner with Dance performance in H	Hue US \$49/p (Minimum 4 people)			
• My Son half-day tour with lunch	US \$69/p (Minimum 4 people)			
Thu Bon River Dinner Cruise	US \$69/p			
Saigon River Dinner Cruise	US \$49/p			

#### 2024 Departure Dates

Depart	17-Jan	07-Feb	06-Mar
03-Apr	08-May	19-Sep	10-Oct
24-Oct	07-Nov	21-Nov	

#### **Price Notes**

- Prices are per person based on twin share accommodation. Single room supplement fee: 18 Days: \$1,399
- Add on airfare from other cities: Toronto from \$400, Calgary, Edmonton, Victoria from \$500, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City from \$500, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Halifax, St. John and other cities from \$600
- Tour prices are subject to change without prior notice.