



Remote Recreation

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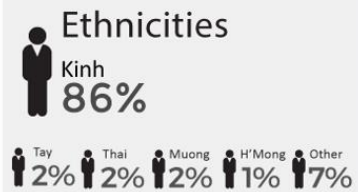


VIETNAM

LAND OF THE BLUE DRAGON



Currency
₫ = Dong
Currency can be exchanged at hotels, banks and authorized moneychangers, which typically provide the best rates.



Transportation

Taxis, are widely available, inexpensive, and usually use meters reliably. Bicycle rickshaws(Cyclo), and Motorcycle taxis (zay-ohm) are also very common, and will test your negotiating skills.
Tip: Keep your hotel business card with you, to show drivers.



Etiquette

Do

- ✓ Do beckon by using your whole hand, palm downward
- ✓ Do greet by pressing your palms together and bowing slightly
- ✓ Do use both hands to pass things
- ✓ Do dress conservatively, even in warm weather
- ✓ Do remove footwear when entering homes or religious sites

Don't

- ✗ Don't touch anyone on the head
- ✗ Don't point your feet towards an altar
- ✗ Don't cause another person to "lose face" (i.e. be embarrassed)
- ✗ Don't refuse an offer of tea at a reception or meeting
- ✗ Don't show public displays of affection

When to go



JAN-FEB
TET Vietnamese Lunar New Year



JUN
Dao Pagoda Festival Dragon Boat Races

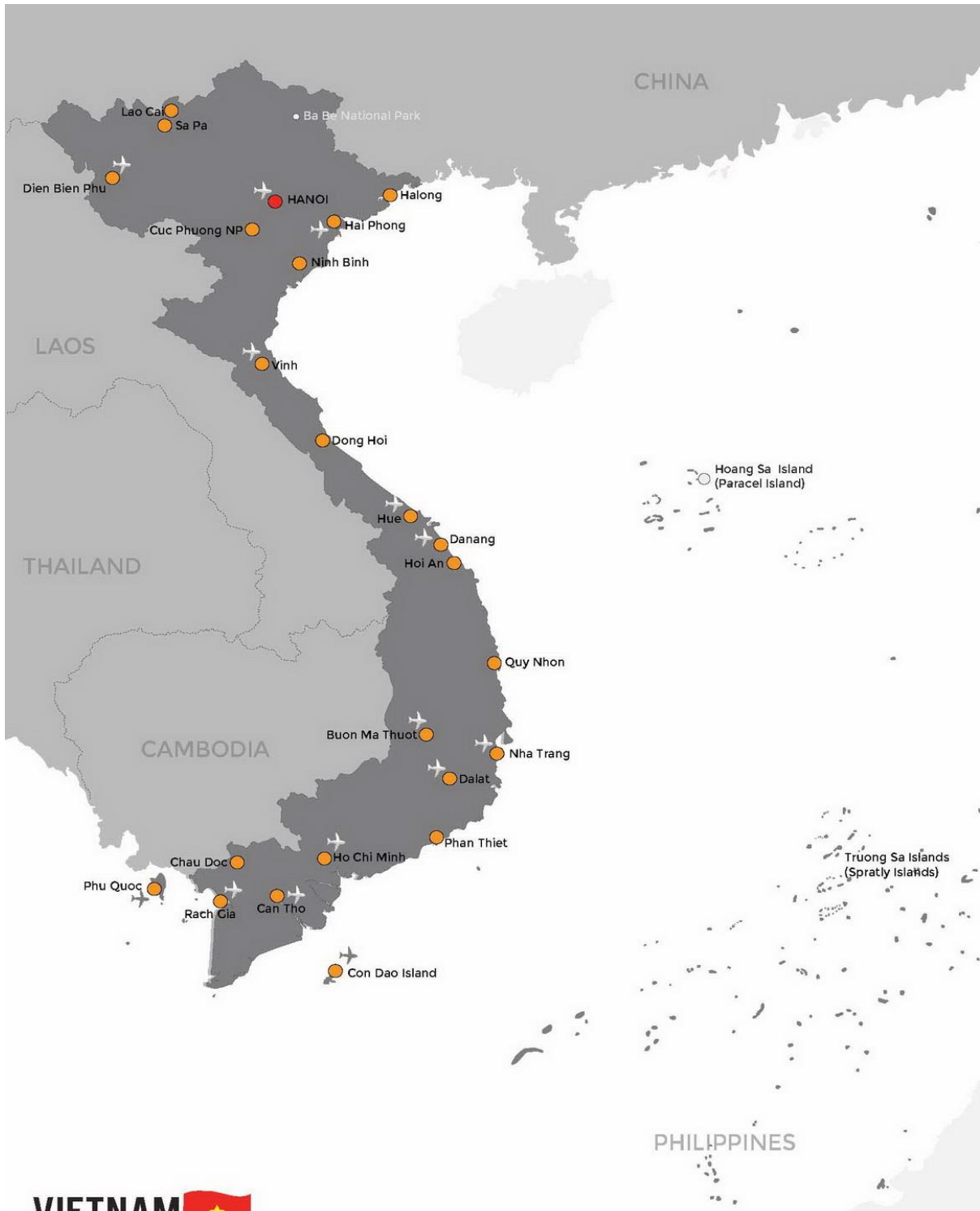


SEP-OCT
TET Trung Thu Children's Day & Mid - Autumn Festival



OCT
Kiep Bac Temple Festival

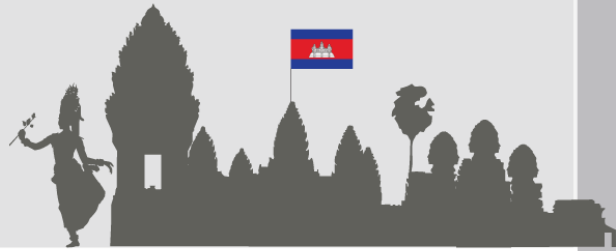




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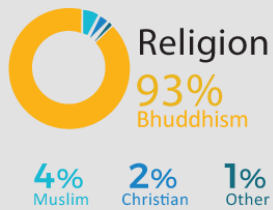


Hello = choum reap sor
Thank you = aw-koon



CAMBODIA

KINGDOM OF WONDER



Currency
R=Riel
Tip: US Dollars are widely accepted in Cambodia (you may receive change in Riel). In western Cambodia, Thai Baht is also common. **Tip:** Tipping is not expected, but is appreciated.



Transportation

Metered taxis are not common, but your hotel can arrange cars. Motorcycle taxis, remorks, and cyclos are a quick way to make short trips.
Tip: Negotiate fares in advance. Keep your hotel business card with you to show drivers.



Etiquette

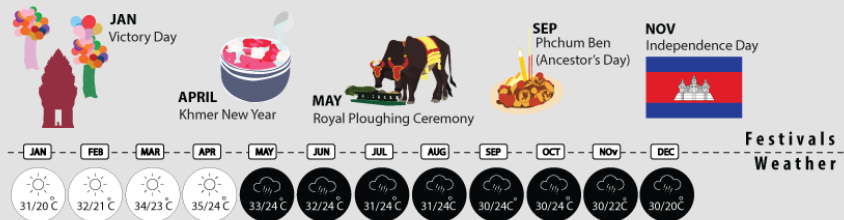
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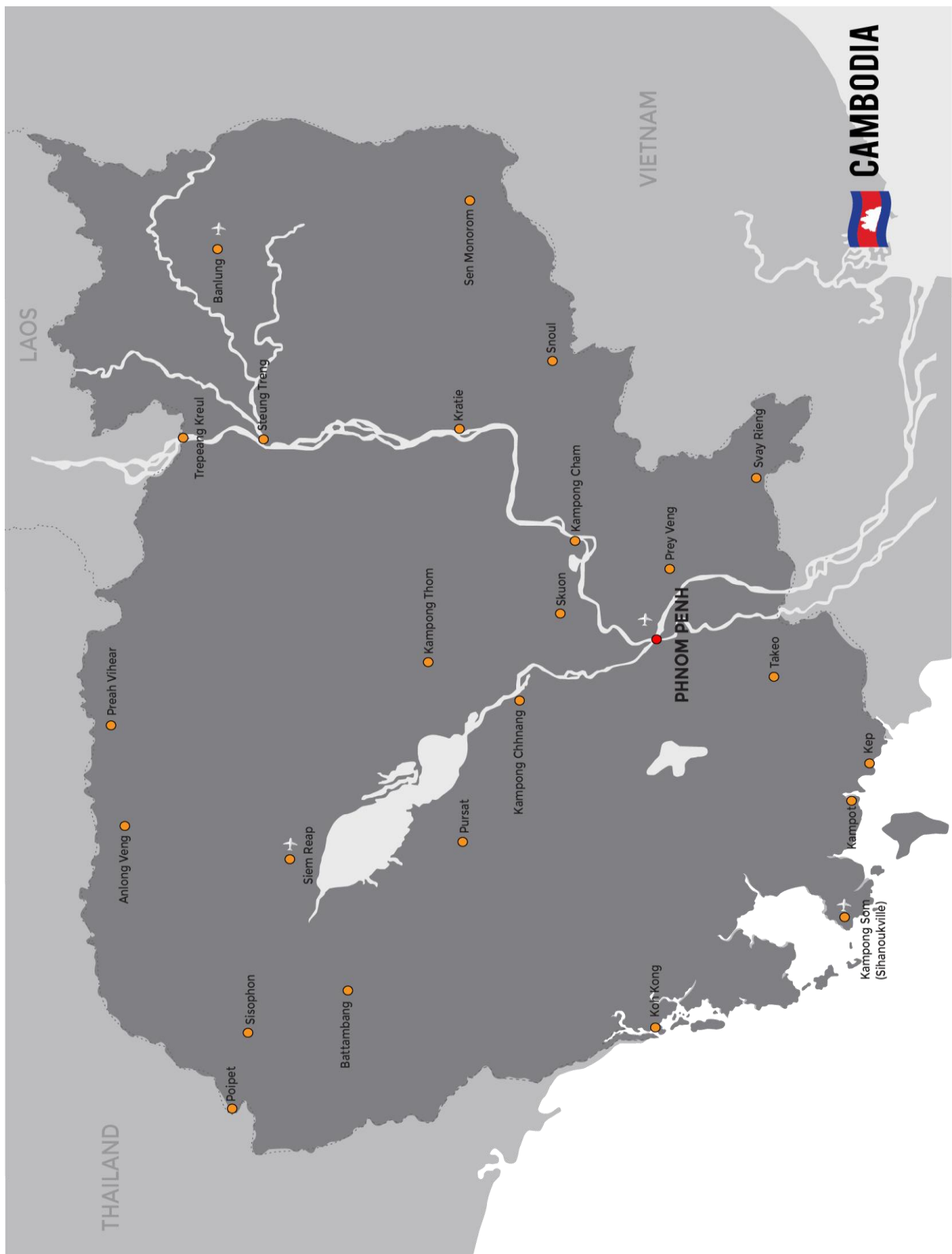
- ✓ Do remove shoes and hats before entering a temple
- ✓ Do greet by putting your hands together (with fingertips near the chin) and slightly bowing your head
- ✓ Do gesture with your right hand palm-up. Pointing with your index finger is considered rude
- ✓ Do dress modestly, covering shoulders and knees
- ✓ Do ask for permission before taking photos of people

Don't

- ✗ Don't touch anyone on the head, even children
- ✗ Don't use your feet to move anything
- ✗ Do gesture with your right hand palm-down. Pointing with your index finger is considered rude
- ✗ Don't raise your voice or show signs of aggression, as this is considered extremely rude
- ✗ Don't show affection in public

When to go







08-JAN-20 (WEDNESDAY): SAIGON

Arrival in Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City)

Upon clearing Customs and Immigration, your guide will present you with a welcome packet including all necessary documentation and vouchers and all contact information of your guide and local offices.

Transfer

Overnight in Saigon

09-JAN-20 (THURSDAY): SAIGON (BREAKFAST)

Sightseeing in Saigon and Cholon (Chinatown) (8 hours)

A vibrant metropolis, Saigon teems with energy, activity and motion. Everywhere you look, you see the convergence of traditional and modern life. Begin with a tour of the historic centre, strolling along Dong Khoi Street, formerly known as the Rue Catinat, the main shopping thoroughfare and heart of old colonial Saigon. Pass by classic European-style landmarks such as the ornate City Hall (Hotel De Ville), the old Opera House (both may only be viewed from the outside), and pay a quick visit to the neo-Romanesque Notre Dame Cathedral (currently under-renovation, visit outside only) and the Central Post Office. Afterwards dive into modern history with a tour of the Reunification Palace. Formerly the Independence Palace of the South Vietnamese president, this 60s style building was famously stormed by tanks on April 30, 1975 signifying the fall of South Vietnam. It has been preserved in its original state, and the original tanks remain on display near the entrance gates. Then visit the Emperor of Jade Pagoda, one of Saigon's most interesting pagodas. In the afternoon, head out to Cholon (Chinatown). Explore the highlights of this fascinating area, beginning with the walking through the small hustle and bustle streets around China Town where many generations of Chinese living and running the business on the most busy area of Saigon. Continue to Thien Hau Pagoda, built by the Cantonese congregation and dedicated to the heavenly goddess. End the tour at the central Ben Thanh Market, where vendors display a vast array of goods and handicrafts, appealing to every taste.

You will have a chance to join with locals to enjoy one of the specialties of Saigoneses with the strong and flavourful Vietnamese coffee makes converts as quickly as it raises pulses. French colonists might have introduced coffee to Vietnam, but the morning cup of ca phe soon became a local habit. With variations that make use of yogurt, eggs and even fruit, Vietnamese coffee has developed a style of its own.

Overnight in Saigon



10-JAN-20 (FRIDAY): SAIGON (BREAKFAST - LUNCH)

Excursion by speedboat to Cu Chi Tunnels (Sic) (6 hours)

Embark and take a scenic 40-minute boat trip to Lai Thieu while enjoying the nature and Vietnamese lifestyle along the river bank. From there continue on to Cu Chi (Ben Dinh) and spend some time exploring the Cu Chi Tunnels. Board the boat and set off back to Saigon stopping en route at local restaurant for lunch before returning to town.

Restaurant : Meals incl. in itinerary (Vietnam)(Lunch),

Overnight in Saigon

11-JAN-20 (SATURDAY): SAIGON - CRUISE (BREAKFAST - LUNCH - DINNER)

Transfer from hotel in Saigon (city) to hotel in Saigon (city)

Cruise aboard Rv Mekong Pandaw from Saigon to Siem Reap (English speaking guide is included)

Transfer from the InterContinental Asiana Saigon Hotel to the port of My Tho by coach to embark cruise.

Restaurant : Meals incl. in itinerary (Vietnam)(Lunch), and Meals incl. in itinerary (Vietnam)(Dinner),

Overnight in Cruise



12-JAN-20 (SUNDAY): CRUISE - CRUISE (BREAKFAST - LUNCH - DINNER)

Cruise aboard Rv Mekong Pandaw from Saigon to Siem Reap (English speaking guide is included) (No ICS guide)

In the morning passengers will visit Cai Be and its colorful floating market. In the afternoon take an exciting Sampan boat excursion to Sa Dec via Vinh Long, along canals and backwaters and see the local market and the ancient house of Mr, Huynh Thuy Le, the 'lover' of Marguerite Duras, a famous French novelist.

Restaurant : Meals incl. in itinerary (Vietnam)(Lunch), and Meals incl. in itinerary (Vietnam)(Dinner),

Overnight in Cruise

13-JAN-20 (MONDAY): CRUISE - CRUISE (BREAKFAST - LUNCH - DINNER)

Cruise aboard Rv Mekong Pandaw from Saigon to Siem Reap (English speaking guide is included) (No ICS guide)

Visit a Cham tribal village and a cat fish farm in Chau Doc. Return to the ship by boat for lunch and cast off for the Cambodian border for the usual formalities.

Restaurant : Meals incl. in itinerary (Vietnam)(Lunch), and Meals incl. in itinerary (Vietnam)(Dinner),

Overnight in Cruise



14-JAN-20 (TUESDAY): CRUISE - CRUISE (BREAKFAST - LUNCH - DINNER)

Cruise aboard Rv Mekong Pandaw from Saigon to Siem Reap (English speaking guide is included)
Passengers will visit Phnom Penh and will be provided with their own private cyclo*. The Cyclo Centre Phnom Penh which provides the cyclos is a charity that provides basic welfare and medical services to cyclo drivers. In the afternoon, optional excursion (by coach) to the Killing Fields and the Khmer Rouge's grim Tuol Sleng or S21 detention centre. This tour is included in the cost of your cruise but must be requested at the time of booking in the comments box.

Restaurant : Meals incl. in itinerary (Vietnam)(Lunch), and Meals incl. in itinerary (Vietnam)(Dinner),

Overnight in Cruise

15-JAN-20 (WEDNESDAY): CRUISE - CRUISE (BREAKFAST - LUNCH - DINNER)

Cruise aboard Rv Mekong Pandaw from Saigon to Siem Reap (English speaking guide is included) (No ICS guide)

Excursion up the Tonle River to Kampong Chhnang either by ship or by coach depending on water levels. Beyond Kampong Chhnang travel by the Pandaw Explorer to discover the vast wetlands around the mouth of the river. Here many fishtraps may be seen.

Restaurant : Meals incl. in itinerary (Cambodia)(Lunch), and Meals incl. in itinerary (Cambodia)(Dinner),

Overnight in Cruise



16-JAN-20 (THURSDAY): CRUISE - CRUISE (BREAKFAST - LUNCH - DINNER)

Cruise aboard Rv Mekong Pandaw from Saigon to Siem Reap (English speaking guide is included) We stop at the little-known Chong Koh silk-weaving village for a morning walk at leisure. In the afternoon we stop at Peam Chi Kang village to visit the wat or monastery and school. In the wat the splendid village racing boats are stored.

Restaurant : Meals incl. in itinerary (Cambodia)(Lunch), and Meals incl. in itinerary (Cambodia)(Dinner),

Overnight in Cruise

17-JAN-20 (FRIDAY): CRUISE - CRUISE (BREAKFAST - LUNCH - DINNER)

Cruise aboard Rv Mekong Pandaw from Saigon to Siem Reap (English speaking guide is included) (No ICS guide)

Passengers visit the hilltop temple of Wat Hanchey in the morning. In the afternoon, travel by bus to visit the Twin Holy mountains of Phnom Pros and Phnom Srey (Man and Woman Hill). Continuation to the ecotourism village of Choeungkok supported by the French-Cambodian Ngo Amica.

Restaurant : Meals incl. in itinerary (Cambodia)(Lunch), and Meals incl. in itinerary (Cambodia)(Dinner),

Overnight in Cruise



18-JAN-20 (SATURDAY): CRUISE - SIEM REAP (BREAKFAST - LUNCH)

Cruise aboard Rv Mekong Pandaw from Saigon to Siem Reap (English speaking guide is included) Early morning coach transfer to the Victoria Angkor Resort & Spa in Siem Reap. Refreshments will be provided and we will stop at Kampong Thom along the way. Arrive at Siem Reap mid afternoon. Transfer by coach from Kampong Cham to Siem Reap takes approx 5 hours.

Arrival in Siem Reap

Upon clearing Customs and Immigration, your guide will present you with a welcome packet including all necessary documentation and vouchers and all contact information of your guide and local offices.

Transfer (6 kms)

Restaurant : Meals incl. in itinerary (Cambodia)(Lunch),

Overnight in Siem Reap

19-JAN-20 (SUNDAY): SIEM REAP (BREAKFAST)

Sightseeing in Angkor (9 hours)

The crowning jewel of Khmer architecture, Angkor Wat is the national symbol and the highlight of any visit to Cambodia. The largest, best preserved, and most religiously significant of the Angkor temples, Angkor impresses visitors both by its sheer scale and beautifully proportioned layout, as well as the delicate artistry of its carvings. To approach the temple, first cross the vast moat, continuing along a broad causeway lined with naga balustrades. After entering the main building, ascend through a series of galleries and courtyards before reaching the central sanctuary, which offers beautiful views back over the causeway and across the surrounding countryside. On the way, stop to enjoy the intricate stone carvings that adorn nearly every surface, with some 1,700 Apsaras, or celestial dancers, sculpted into the walls. Along the outer gallery walls run the longest continuous bas-relief in the world, which narrates stories from Hindu mythology, including the famous Churning of the Ocean of Milk. Angkor Wat is stunning at any time of the day, but sunrise and sunset are especially beautiful times to watch the play of light on the stones.

The fortified city of Angkor Thom covers an area of 10 square km. Enclosed by the walls and wide moat, the city includes many of Angkor's most popular sights. Enter by the monumental South Gate over a causeway lined on either side by statues of demons and gods, each carrying a giant naga. Continue to the Terrace of the Elephants and the Terrace of the Leper Kings, former spaces for public ceremonies, both adorned with dramatic bas-reliefs. Visit the ruined Baphuon, Royal Enclosure and Phimeanakas before continuing to the mysterious Bayon Temple. In this temple, one of the most popular and compelling in Angkor, explore the galleries of beautifully preserved bas reliefs and ascend narrow stairs to reach the central sanctuary, where you will find giant stone faces smiling enigmatically down at you from every angle.

Visit Ta Prohm, one of the most popular attractions of Angkor as much of the jungle has not been cleared and it looks very much as most of the Angkor monuments would have appeared when European explorers first stumbled across them.

Watch the sunset over the Cambodian countryside from the upper terraces of an ancient Angkorian temple.

Overnight in Siem Reap



20-JAN-20 (MONDAY): SIEM REAP (BREAKFAST)

Excursion by boat to Chong Kneas floating village and visit Phsar Chah (Old Market) (4 hours)
Take a boat ride to Chong Kneas Village to view the scenery and day to day life of the communities living around the lake. Visit Psah Chah Market, originally destroyed by the Khmer Rouge in 1975 and reopened in 1996. It has many interesting food stalls and souvenir shops.

Afternoon at leisure

Transfer to/from Show (15 kms)

Circus performance Seat-A (1 hour)

After having performed in many countries around the world, the young and talented artistes from the famous Phare Ponleu Selpak in Battambang have now brought their exciting and energetic circus show to Siem Reap. Watch this unique show which combines traditional and modern theatre, music, dance, acrobatics, juggling and contortion. The beautifully choreographed and energetically performed show tells a story about Cambodian contemporary life in an ever changing society.

Overnight in Siem Reap

21-JAN-20 (TUESDAY): SIEM REAP - HANOI (BREAKFAST)

Transfer (6 kms)

Flight from Siem Reap to Hanoi

Arrival in Hanoi

Upon clearing Customs and Immigration, your guide will present you with a welcome packet including all necessary documentation and vouchers and all contact information of your guide and local offices.

Transfer (35 kms)

Overnight in Hanoi



22-JAN-20 (WEDNESDAY): HANOI (BREAKFAST)

Sightseeing in Hanoi (9 hours)

Although it is the modern-day capital of Vietnam, Hanoi still retains the mystery and charm of past centuries, with its narrow lanes and traditional shop houses. Begin with an exploration of the Museum of Ethnology (closed on Mondays - alternative to visit Vietnamese Women's Museum). This museum showcases art, traditional clothing and reconstructions of traditional longhouses from 54 different ethnic groups. Afterwards head to the Temple of Literature with its walled courtyards and graceful gateways. Founded in 1070 and dedicated to Confucius, this was also the site of Vietnam's first university. Continue to visit Ho Chi Minh Memorial Complex where the Vietnamese people honour the country Great Father. Visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (outside only) which contains the embalmed body of Ho Chi Minh; and Ho Chi Minh's Stilt House where Ho Chi Minh lived from 1958 until his final days in 1969. Preserved in the same condition as during his life, it may be viewed through the windows. Following by the miniature 11th century One Pillar Pagoda which was rebuilt after being destroyed by the French in 1954. In the late afternoon, visit Hoan Kiem Lake which contains an islet with the tiny Tortoise Pagoda and enjoy the coffee. Take the green electric buggy to the Old Quarter.

Overnight in Hanoi

23-JAN-20 (THURSDAY): HANOI (BREAKFAST)

Foodies afoot in Hanoi (3 hours)

Enjoy a taste of local Hanoian life as you explore a local market and some of the city's best street food stalls. Meet your guide at the bustling Hom market, one of the biggest and most popular markets in Hanoi. Wander through the narrow alleyways passing colourful stalls piled high with a vast array of fruit, vegetables, sweets and elaborate temple offerings. Take photos of the vibrant colors and breathe in the aromas of the tropical fruits. If you're feeling brave, venture to the exotic section to see kicking frogs, silkworms and wriggling eels. The entire market is alive with the buzz and excitement of the locals bartering and haggling for the freshest ingredients at the best prices. Your guide will take you to popular street food stalls where you can sample some of the city's signature dishes. Stop at a local coffee shop to taste this rich and flavorful drink then continue your culinary exploration with a stroll through the maze of bustling streets that make up the Old Quarter of Hanoi. Join the locals and pull up a plastic stool at a pavement stall to try Vietnamese snacks and a cup of iced tea, followed by a sweet dessert of fresh fruit and condensed milk. End the tour with a cold draught beer at a sidewalk stall popular with locals.

Overnight in Hanoi



24-JAN-20 (FRIDAY): HANOI (BREAKFAST)

Transfer

End of Services

Hotels

Accommodation is subject to availability. If the listed properties are fully booked, alternatives will be offered.

Location	Var. A
Saigon	Harmony Saigon Hotel4* <i>Premier Deluxe</i>
Cruise	RV Mekong Pandaw - VNCruise* <i>Main Deck/ 8D7N SGN-REP</i>
Cruise	RV Mekong Pandaw - CMBCruise* <i>Additional Night</i>
Siem Reap	Angkor Village Hotel4* <i>Garden View</i>
Hanoi	Boss Legend Hotel4* <i>Royal Deluxe with city view</i>

Included Services

- English-speaking guide.
- Accommodation in hotels as mentioned above or equivalent.
- Meals according to itinerary / Breakfast box in lieu of ABF when early morning flight
- Flight ticket(s) as mentioned in the itinerary.
 - Flight from Siem Reap to Hanoi
- Current fuel surcharges are included, however, these are subject to change prior to tour start date.
- Boat ticket(s) according to the itinerary.
- Ground transportation in private A/C vehicle.
- 1 complimentary bottle of drinking water and 1 cold towel per person per half day tour/ 2 bottles of water and 2 cold towels per person per full day tour.

- Sightseeing incl. admission fees according to itinerary.
- International and domestic airport taxes included in ticket.

Excluded Services

- Visa fees, drinks, personal expenses.
[Vietnam](#) [Cambodia](#)

Special Conditions Applying to this Itinerary

- Flight ticket penalties may apply if changes or cancellations are made outside of 31 days prior to arrival date. You will be advised of ticket issuance deadlines if any are outside of our cancellation policy time frame.
- Special conditions apply to Vietnam Airlines flight bookings. Please go to <http://www.is-intl.com/html/vnairflightpolicy.htm> for details.