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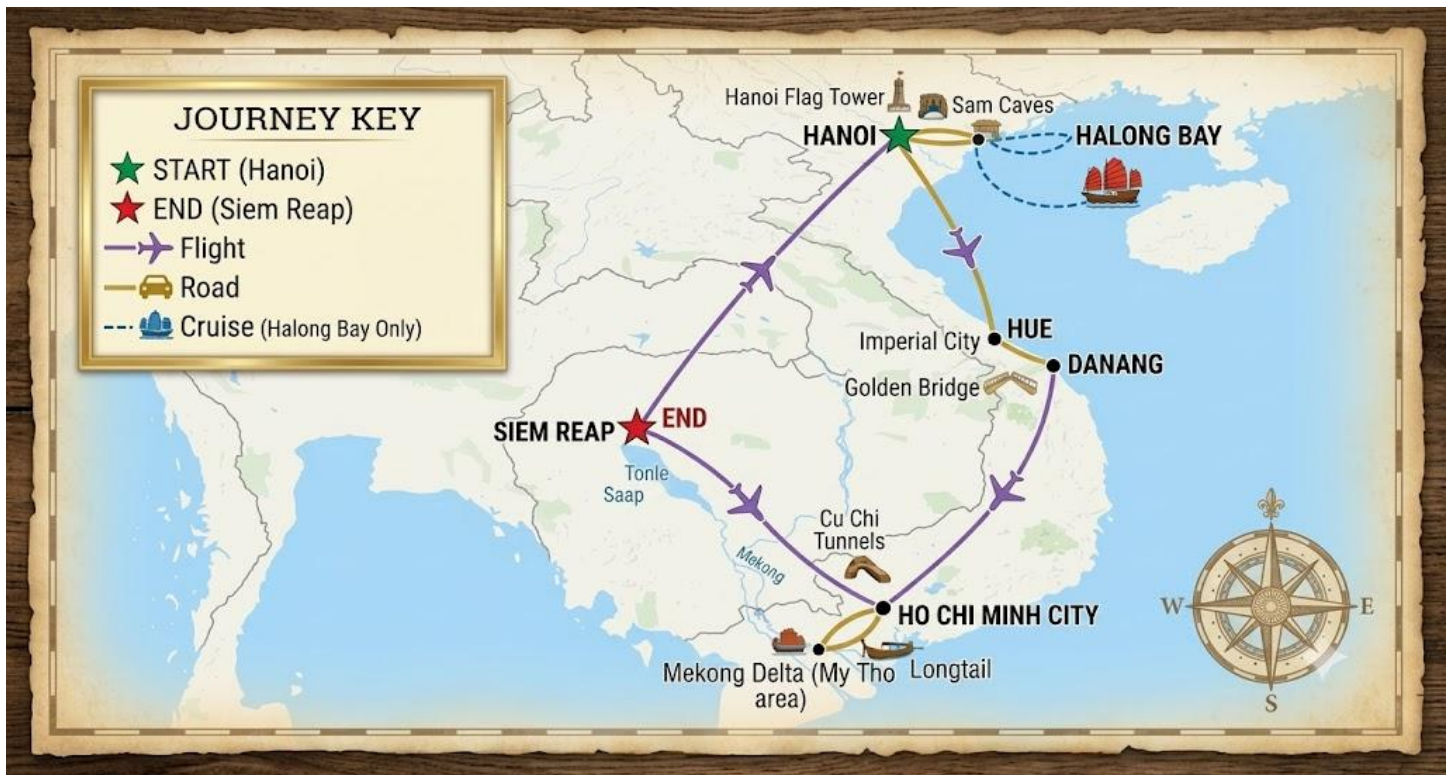


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The Spirit of Vietnam & Cambodia – 13 Days / 12 Nights 16 November – 28 November

Your Vietnam & Cambodia journey moves in a warm, unfolding rhythm — beginning in Hanoi's old-world charm, drifting through emerald bays and lantern-lit towns, deepening in the Mekong's gentle waterways, and rising into Cambodia's ancient majesty. Each destination carries you forward, from Vietnam's vibrant streets and coastal serenity to Cambodia's sacred temples and Khmer legacy. Every day flows into the next, guiding you through two nations shaped by history, spirituality, and the quiet beauty of everyday life.

Journey Highlights



- ❖ Drift through Halong Bay's emerald seascape, shaped by quiet waters and rising limestone pillars.
- ❖ Rise into Ba Na Hills' cool mountain air, crossing the Golden Bridge suspended above the clouds.
- ❖ Trace Vietnam's heritage arc from imperial Hue to coastal Danang and the Mekong's living waterways.
- ❖ Conclude in Cambodia's sacred realm, moving through Angkor's monumental temples and timeless Khmer legacy.

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 – NOV 16: ARRIVAL

WELCOME TO HANOI, VIETNAM

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Your journey begins as you arrive at Hanoi's Noi Bai International Airport. Upon landing, you proceed to clear customs and immigration formalities. Then, after collecting your luggage from the baggage carousel, you walk into the arrivals hall where your representative awaits, ready to escort you to your air-conditioned vehicle for a comfortable transfer into the city (approx. 45–60 minutes).

After checking in, the remainder of your day is at leisure to relax and unwind from your travels.

This evening, enjoy a delightful dinner curated at an Indian restaurant. Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 02 — NOV 17: Hanoi → Ninh Binh → Hanoi

ANCIENT CAPITAL

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This morning after breakfast, at approximately 8:00 a.m., you meet your guide in the hotel lobby and begin your journey toward the peaceful countryside of Ninh Binh (approx. 2 hours). As you travel through scenic rural landscapes, you arrive at Hoa Lu, where you visit the historic temple grounds dedicated to the 10th-century Dinh and Le Dynasties — the birthplace of Vietnam's first centralized kingdom.

Then, after enjoying lunch at an Indian restaurant, the afternoon unfolds with a serene Tam Coc sampan boat ride. Here you drift along a calm river, passing emerald rice fields and gliding through three natural limestone caves, considered one of the most tranquil experiences in Northern Vietnam.

Upon conclusion, you return to Hanoi (approx. 2 hours) for dinner at an Indian restaurant before heading back to your accommodation. Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 03 — NOV 18: HANOI

HERITAGE, HISTORY & LOCAL CHARM

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Today after breakfast, you meet your guide and driver in the hotel lobby at around 9:00 a.m. to commence a full-day exploration of Hanoi.

Your morning begins at Ba Dinh Square and the Ho Chi Minh Complex, where you see the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum from the outside (entry not included). You then visit the peaceful gardens surrounding his stilt house and admire the iconic One Pillar Pagoda — a symbol of Vietnam's cultural heritage.

Note: The Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum is closed on Mondays, Fridays, and all afternoons.

From here, you continue to visit Hoa Lo Prison, a powerful historic site offering insight into Vietnam's struggles during French colonial rule and the Vietnam War.

Then after lunch at an Indian restaurant, your afternoon moves to visit the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university. Later, you experience a traditional cyclo ride weaving through the Old

Quarter's craft-named streets, followed by a brief stop to see Hoan Kiem Lake — a calm centerpiece of the city.

As the day transitions into evening, you attend the enchanting Water Puppet Show (standard ticket included), a cherished Vietnamese art form. Dinner is enjoyed at an Indian restaurant before returning to your accommodation. Overnight in Hanoi

DAY 04 — NOV 19: HANOI → HALONG BAY

CRUISE THROUGH ICONIC SEASCAE

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This morning after breakfast, you depart Hanoi and travel east toward Halong Bay (approx. 2.5–3 hours). Upon arrival at the jetty around midday, you check in and board your cruise, where a warm welcome awaits. As the boat begins gliding into the emerald waters and towering limestone formations, lunch is served on board.

Then, throughout the afternoon, you follow the cruise's scheduled activities — each designed to showcase Halong Bay's natural beauty. You may visit select islets or caves depending on the vessel's program or simply relax on deck as the bay shifts through soft light and sculpted silhouettes.

As sunset settles over the karsts, the boat anchors for the night, creating a peaceful setting for dinner on board. Overnight on the cruise.

Important Notes:

- ❖ Indian meals are not available on the cruise; local cuisine is served (no pork/no beef; vegetarian options available).
- ❖ Cruise itineraries may adjust slightly depending on weather and tide conditions.
- ❖ Wi-Fi may be limited due to the bay's geography.
- ❖ Your guide does not accompany you onboard; you share an English-speaking guide provided by the cruise.
- ❖ Drinks are at your own expense.

DAY 5– NOV 20: HALONG BAY → HANOI → HUE

IMPERIAL EVENINGS

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This morning begins early as the sun rises over Halong Bay. You may join a peaceful Tai Chi session on the top deck or simply enjoy coffee or tea as the bay awakens. After breakfast, a gentle rowboat excursion allows you to visit nearby islets and quiet corners of the bay.

Then, returning to the cruise, you enjoy brunch on board as the vessel makes its way back toward the pier. Disembarkation takes place around 11:00 a.m.

From here, your guide and driver meet you for a direct transfer to Hanoi Airport (approx. 3 hours). A packed lunch is provided to enjoy during the drive.

Upon arrival at the airport, you check in for your flight:

VJ565 · Hanoi → Hue · 19:05 / 20:20 (flight cost not included)

After landing in Hue, you are met by your local guide and transferred to an Indian restaurant for dinner before proceeding to your accommodation for a relaxed evening. Overnight in Hue.

DAY 6 – NOV 21: HUE

IMPERIAL HERITAGE & TIMELESS TRADITIONS

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This morning after breakfast, you meet your guide and begin a full-day exploration of Hue's imperial legacy. Your day opens at Thien Mu Pagoda, where you visit one of Vietnam's most recognizable landmarks perched along the Perfume River.

Then, continuing along scenic roads, you arrive at the Tomb of King Tu Duc, where you visit an exquisite complex of pavilions, lakes, and landscaped gardens reflecting the emperor's poetic spirit. A brief stop follows at a traditional incense-making village to see local craftsmanship.

After lunch at an Indian restaurant, your afternoon unfolds at the Imperial Citadel — a UNESCO-listed treasure. Here you visit grand gates, royal halls, courtyards, and temples that reveal the Nguyen Dynasty's rich heritage.

Later, you enjoy some free time to browse and see the vibrant atmosphere of Dong Ba Market before dinner at an Indian restaurant. Overnight in Hue.

DAY 7 – NOV 22: HUE → BA NA HILLS → DANANG

CLOUD KISSED VIEWS

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After breakfast, you check out and begin your scenic journey toward Ba Na Hills (approx. 2.5 hours). Upon arrival, you ascend the mountain by cable car, entering a cool highland retreat with sweeping views.

Your visit continues at the iconic Golden Bridge, where you walk along a stunning structure seemingly held aloft by two giant stone hands rising from the mountainside — one of Vietnam's most photographed landmarks.

Then, after enjoying a buffet lunch on Ba Na Hills, you explore its European-inspired villages, flower gardens, pagodas, and entertainment areas. Optional activities such as the Debay Wine Cellar, Alpine Coaster, and Fantasy Park coin games are available at your own expense.

Later in the afternoon, you descend by cable car and continue your transfer to Danang (approx. 45 minutes). Dinner is arranged at an Indian restaurant. Overnight in Danang.

DAY 8 – NOV 23: DANANG → HO CHI MINH CITY

SOUTHERN HIGHLIGHTS

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This morning after breakfast, you transfer to the airport for your flight:

VJ641 · Danang → Ho Chi Minh City · 10:55 / 12:20 (flight cost not included)

Upon arrival, your guide meets you and transfers you to an Indian restaurant for lunch. Then, your exploration of Ho Chi Minh City begins at the Reunification Palace, where you visit the former residence of the President of South Vietnam before 1975.

Next, you continue to see the elegant Notre Dame Cathedral — one of the city’s most iconic landmarks — followed by time at Ben Thanh Market, where you may browse handicrafts, souvenirs, and local specialties (shopping at your own expense).

Dinner is arranged at an Indian restaurant before returning to your accommodation. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 9 – NOV 24: MEKONG DELTA

ISLANDS & CANALS

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After breakfast, you depart Ho Chi Minh City and travel to My Tho (approx. 1.5 hours). Upon arrival, you board a motorboat along the upper Mekong (Tien River), where you see the scenic beauty of Dragon, Phoenix, Unicorn, and Turtle Islands.

Lunch is enjoyed at an Indian restaurant.

In the afternoon, your journey continues to Unicorn Island, where you visit traditional Nam Bo houses, wander through fruit gardens, and sample seasonal fruits while listening to Southern Vietnamese folk music. You visit orchards and bee farms to taste fresh honey and honey wine, then glide through serene canals lined with coconut palms on a rowing boat.

A stop at a coconut candy workshop allows you to see the production process and enjoy a sweet treat before returning to the port.

Your excursion concludes with a visit to Vinh Trang Pagoda before returning to Ho Chi Minh City for dinner. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 10 – NOV 25: CU CHI TUNNELS → SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA

WHERE HISTORY BREATHES

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This morning after breakfast, you check out and meet your guide for a journey to the Cu Chi Tunnels (approx. 1.5 hours). Here you visit an incredible underground network constructed by Vietnamese fighters during wartime. You explore passageways, learn about tunnel life, and gain insight into the remarkable resilience of the Vietnamese people. (Optional shooting range experience is available at your own expense.)

Then after lunch at an Indian restaurant, you transfer to the airport for your flight:

VN815 · Ho Chi Minh City → Siem Reap · 19:30 / 20:30 (flight cost not included)

Upon arrival in Siem Reap, you are met by your guide and transferred to your accommodation. Dinner is arranged at a local Indian restaurant. Overnight in Siem Reap.

DAY 11 – NOV 26: SIEM REAP

ANGKOR’S ICONIC WONDERS

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After breakfast, your day begins with a full exploration of the Angkor temple complex. You enter Angkor Thom, where you visit the Bayon Temple with its iconic smiling faces, the grand Baphuon, the Royal Enclosure, Phimeanakas, and the Terraces of the Elephants and the Leper King.

Lunch is enjoyed at an Indian restaurant.

In the afternoon, you continue to visit Ta Prohm — one of Angkor’s most atmospheric temples — where massive fig and silk-cotton trees wrap themselves around ancient stone blocks, creating a haunting “lost city” ambiance.

Your day concludes at Angkor Wat, where you visit Cambodia’s most celebrated temple, exploring its vast courtyards, galleries, and iconic towers.

Visitor Code of Conduct:

- ❖ Dress code: Shoulders and knees must be covered inside sacred temples.
- ❖ Smoking: Strictly prohibited inside temple areas.
- ❖ Bakan Tower: Closed on Buddhist Sabbath and religious days (four days each month).

Dinner is arranged at an Indian restaurant. Overnight in Siem Reap.

DAY 12 – NOV 27: SIEM REAP → HANOI

TONLE SAP FLOATING VILLAGE

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This morning after breakfast, you begin your exploration of Chong Kneas Floating Village on Tonle Sap Lake. Here you see floating homes, schools, a hospital, a church, fishing farms, crocodile farms, and small family-run shops that form this remarkable community.

Returning to town, you visit Artisans d’Angkor, a renowned carving school preserving traditional Khmer craftsmanship. Then you continue to see Siem Reap’s Old Market, known for its wide selection of souvenirs and handicrafts.

Lunch is enjoyed at an Indian restaurant.

Later, you transfer to the airport for your flight:

VJ914 · Siem Reap → Hanoi · 19:05 / 20:50 (flight cost not included)

Upon arrival in Hanoi, a suggested Indian dinner box is recommended for convenience. Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 13 – NOV 28: HANOI

DEPARTURE

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This morning after breakfast, you check out and transfer to the airport. Upon arrival, you are assisted with check-in formalities for your homebound flight, concluding your journey through Vietnam and Cambodia.

Accommodation

CITY	NIGHT	HOTEL
HANOI	3	The Ann Hotel or Similar
HA LONG BAY	1	L'Amour Cruise or Similar
HUE	2	Huong Giang Hotel Resort or Similar
DANANG	1	Golden Lotus Hotel or Similar
HO CHI MINH	2	Palace Saigon Hotel or Similar
SIEM REAP	2	Prince D'Angkor Hotel or Similar
HANOI	1	Fortuna Hotel or Similar

Pricing

Group Size	Price (USD) Per Person	Internal Flight	International Airfare
20-24 guests	\$ 1,949.00	\$ 550 - \$ 600	\$ 1150 - \$ 1300

INCLUSIONS

- Deluxe Accommodations
- Daily Breakfast
- Tours and Transfers as per itinerary
- Private AC coach
- English-speaking tour manager throughout
- English-speaking guide at each city.
- All Entrance fees and tickets as per itinerary
- 2 x 500 ml water bottles per person per day
- Indian Lunches & Dinners as per itinerary
- 1 Boxed Luch and 1 Boxed Dinner
- 1N/2D Halong Cruise Package

EXCLUSIONS

- Airfares (international and domestic)
- Meals (other than those mentioned in the program)
- Optional excursions and activities
- Additional transfer required due to any emergency.
- Items of personal items (Phone calls, laundry, beverages...)
- Anything not mentioned in Inclusions
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Porter Service at Airport and Hotels (USD 4 per person per bag)
- Tips (USD 6 per person per day)
- Early check-in / late check-out

NOTES

- Itinerary subject to change based on flight schedules and local conditions.
- Services confirmed upon deposit
- Pricing valid for Nov 2026
- This is just an itinerary and we are not holding any reservations