



Grand Indochina Tour

\$6,989
for a 21 day
comprehensive tour of
Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos
to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon),
Ben Tre, Can Tho, Hue, Danang,
Hoi An, Halong Bay, Ninh Binh,
Hanoi, Luang Prabang, Pak Ou
Caves, Vientiane, Phnom
Penh & Siem Reap.

DAY 01: Arrival - HCMC (D)

Arrives into Ho Chi Minh City, formally called Saigon, the economic and commercial center of Vietnam.

Overnight in Saigon

DAY 02: Saigon - Ben tre/ Can Tho (B/L/D)

After checking out of your hotel, please leave your big luggage at the hotel and simply take an overnight bag with you. Enjoy a full day excursion to Ben Tre, 80 km south of Saigon, a peaceful town on the bank of the Mekong River. The Tour comprises of a cruise on the Mekong River, a visit to local homes & orchards, a taste of season fruit and honey tea, a performance of traditional southern singing, a horse drawn cart through the village paths and a sampan ride along palm- shaded creeks. Lunch is served as a Mekong specialty at a restaurant on the islet. Continue your journey to Can Tho (110km). Words simply cannot describe this surreal adventure. If time permits you can relax by the pool or take in a massage at the hotel spa on the banks of the Delta.

Overnight in Can Tho

DAY 03: Can Tho - Saigon (B/L/WD)

Enjoy an early morning boat ride along the Mekong River to the bustling Cai Rang floating market, thronged with buyers and sellers moving around in boats laden with produce. This is a journey you won't forget and is a "must see" to appreciate the simplicity of the lives and culture of the Vietnamese people. Return to the Hotel for a late breakfast and relax at the hotel.

After lunch return to Ho Chi Minh and check into your hotel. A buffet dinner is served tonight at your hotel.

Overnight in Saigon

DAY 04: Saigon (B/L/D)

This morning, we head out to Cu Chi, 70km north of Saigon, famous for its 200-kilometre-long tunnels

and it was a base of Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Returning to Ho Chi Minh city for lunch, then enjoy a city tour featuring the War Remnant Museum, Cho Ben Thanh Market, Thien Hau Temple and a lacquer workshop.

Overnight in Saigon

DAY 05: Saigon - Hue (B/L/D)

Depart for your morning flight to Hue. A light lunch is served on the way. Upon arrival in Hue, you visit the Imperial Citadel, which was built in 1804 on a site chosen in accordance with geomancy and the tomb of King Tu Duc (ruled 1848 – 1883). The monument, designed by the king himself, was also used as holiday retreat during his lifetime.

Overnight in Hue

DAY 06: Hue - Danang - Hoi An (B/L/D)

This morning is highlighted with a visit to the Dong Ba Market, famous for its best conical hats in Vietnam, Thien Mu Pagoda and King Khai Dinh (ruled 1916 – 1925) are the next places to experience the ancient Nguyen dynasty. After lunch, transfer to Danang (110km). Admire beautiful landscape along the road through the Hai Van Pass. Panoramic views of the clouds, the sea and the mountains around are unfolded at the scenic Lang Co lagoon. After arriving in Danang, visit the Cham Sculpture Museum, which boasts the finest collection of Cham sandstone sculptures in the world. Continue to Hoi An. After checking into your hotel, you are free to enjoy the magnificent beaches.

Overnight in Hoi An

DAY 07: Hoi An (B/L/D)

Today your guide will show you the ancient town. Hoi An, so called a 'living Museum City' because of its well-kept original historical buildings and ancient backstreets. Visit one of the three city's oldest homes, each built over 200 years ago and

still occupied by descendants of the families that originally built them; then tour to the Chinese Assembly Hall. You will also take a cruise along the river (1 hour); followed by a traditional visit to the unique Japanese Bridge. A la carte lunch served at local restaurant and dinner is served at the restaurant by the river.

Overnight in Hoi An

DAY 08: Hoi An (B/L/D)

Today is at leisure to explore more of Hoi An at your own pace, possibly to do shopping, get some tailor-made clothes or enjoy a rest on the beach. Dinner is served at your hotel.

Optional Red Bridge Cooking class (With Lunch) in Hoi An just for fun! The staff from the restaurant will show you around the market in the morning; then take you to the restaurant and teach you how to cook the simple and healthy Vietnamese food. You will enjoy your cooking, plus another two courses from the chef. Talk to your local guide and ask them to book this for you the first day when you arrive Hoi An. Please book before finalise the tour. This is subject to final confirmation, minimum 2 participants.

*Note: Meeting point - Hai Scout Café (98 Nguyen Thai Hoc Street, Hoi An Town)

Price: 75 per person in USD

Optional Half Day My Son Excursion (With Lunch):

This morning you are transferred to the Ruins of My Son to see Cham Holy See. Return Hoi An in the late afternoon. Please book before finalise the tour. This is subject to final confirmation, minimum 2 participants.

Price: 45 per person in USD

Overnight in Hoi An

DAY 09: Hoi An - Danang - Hanoi - Halong Bay (B/L/D)

Transfer to Danang Airport for your early morning

flight to Hanoi. Your tour guide will meet you at the airport and then drive to Halong Bay, 170km from Hanoi (it takes approximately 3 hours). You stopover at the ceramic and hand embroidery workshops en route. Board your deluxe Pelican Cruise for a beautiful cruise along Halong Bay, a world heritage site recognised by UNESCO in 1994. You will also visit some magical grottoes and relax in the best scenic beauty Vietnam has to offer.

Overnight on board

DAY 10: Halong Bay - Hanoi (B/L/D)

This morning continue to visit some of the caves on Ha Long Bay. After lunch which is served on board, you are transferred to Hanoi, Vietnam's capital city, with tree-lined streets and centuries-old temples. You will stay 2 nights in Hanoi.

Overnight in Hanoi

DAY 11: Hanoi (B/L/D)

This morning's sightseeing tour features both cultural and historical highlights, comprising of Ho Chi Minh's Former Residence, the West Lake, the Temple of Literature, the Ethnology Museum, Lake Hoan Kiem, the old quarters and a downtown pedicab ride (1 hour). Evening show includes the famous Water Puppets (1st class seats).

Overnight in Hanoi

DAY 12: Hanoi - Ninh Binh Excursion (Tam Coc Cave) (B/L/D)

Today you will take full-day excursion to Ninh Binh. Boat ride to Tam Coc Caves which are considered the inland Ha Long Bay. Lunch with Vietnamese food served at local restaurant. Visit to Dinh and Le Dynasty Temples at Hoa Lu, the former capital of Vietnam under Dinh dynasty (ruled from 968 to 980) and the early Le dynasty (ruled from 980 to 1009). Return to Ha Noi.

Overnight in Hanoi

DAY 13: Hanoi - Luang Prabang (B/L/D)

Transfer to the airport for your flight to the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage City of Luang Prabang, which is perhaps the best-preserved traditional city in Southeast Asia with a huge amount of tranquillity and charm. On arrival, your guide will lead you up the steps to the top of Mount Phousi for an enjoyable exploration of the sacred, gilded stupa as well as viewing a beautiful and panoramic sunset over the ancient city and the Mekong River. This evening you can visit the Night Market, which is great for local textiles and local art.

Overnight in Luang Prabang

DAY 14: Luang Prabang - Pak Ou Caves (B/L/D)

After breakfast, we board a cruise upstream along the Mekong River, which gives a panoramic view of the tranquil countryside as well as an interesting visit to the mysterious Pak Ou Caves. These are two linked caves crammed with thousands of gold lacquered Buddha statues of various shapes and sizes left by pilgrims. Along the way, we stop at the village of Ban Xang Hai, to experience how the local people make the rice wine. On our way back, we pass the local villages at Ban Xiengmene and Ban Chan, then continue to see the royal temple at Wat Longkhoun. We cross the city and take a short drive to Ban Phanom, a village well known for its hand weaving.

Overnight in Luang Prabang

DAY 15: Luang Prabang - Vientiane (B/L/D)

After breakfast, we take a short tour to the city's oldest stupa of Wat Visoun, the shrines of Wat Aham, Wat Mai, Wat Sene and the magnificent Wat Xiengthong. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Vientiane where upon arrival you are picked up

and transferred to your hotel, set on a bend of the Mekong river, Vientiane is a fascinating capital, with a fusion of Lao, Thai, Chinese, Vietnamese, French, and American influences. This charming and easy-going city will provide a smooth introduction to Laos. After a short rest, an orientation walk of Lao Capital is a pleasant way to spend the day, strolling around some of the city's most historical sites and seeing some of the French colonial architecture. The perfect way to finish the day is to enjoy a drink and a meal at one of the riverside restaurants on the Mekong taking in the sunset.

Overnight in Vientiane

DAY 16: Vientiane (B/L/D)

An optional early start gives you the fantastic opportunity to participate in the daily morning rituals of saffron-clad monks collecting offerings of Alms from the faithful residents. This tradition is very unique in Laos, being the only Buddhist nation still preserving the procession. This is a real highlight of the tour.

You will be picked up from your hotel this morning and enjoy a city tour of the capital, including the oldest Wat Sisaket with thousands of miniature Buddha statues and the former royal temple of Wat Prakeo, which previously housed the famous Emerald Buddha Image. On the way to the famous and sacred structure of That Luang Stupa, we will stop to take some pictures of the imposing Patuxay Monument, well known as Vientiane's own Arc de Triumph. From there, we visit the central market or 'Morning Market' which is a great place for antiques, handmade textiles and gifts. After lunch we visit the National Museum which exhibits artifacts, photos and legends of Laos's history fighters and leaders from the ancient times to the new revolution period.

Overnight in Vientiane

DAY 17: Vientiane - Phnom Penh (B/L/D)

This morning is at leisure, until your transfer to the airport for your flight to Phnom Penh. Upon arrival, you are met and transferred to your hotel for 2 nights

Overnight in Phnom Penh

DAY 18: Phnom Penh (B/L/D)

Today you will visit the city including Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda, National Museum, the Battle Fields and enjoy a Sunset dinner cruise along the Mekong River. Dinner is served on the cruise.

Overnight in Phnom Penh

DAY 19: Phnom Penh - Siem Reap (B/L/D)

Fly to Siem Reap in the morning. After lunch, take an elephant ride from South Gate in Angkor Park to Bayon Temple and visit the Bayon Temple, Elephant Terrace Temple and other attractions. Dinner is served at a city restaurant with traditional dance show performance.

Overnight in Siem Reap

DAY 20: Siem Reap (B/L/D)

Sunrise is at Angkor Wat, to watch the sun rise over the Angkor Temple to reveal the natural beauty. This afternoon take an excursion by boat to visit the fishing and floating village on Tonle Sap Lake. Free time in the city before dinner is served at Nest Angkor Café Bar.

Overnight in Hanoi

DAY 21: Siem Reap - Departure (B)

Free time till your transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

End of services.

PRICE

Land only:\$6,989

The Price Includes:

- 4 star hotel accomodation base on twin or double sharing with breakfast
- Sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary
- All transfers by private air-conditioned vehicle and boat fees as per itinerary
- Meals as per itinerary
- Professional English-speaking local guides
- Vietnam domestic airfares

The Price Excludes:

- International airfare
- Visa fee
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Gratuities
- Any additional tour or service not mentioned in the itinerary

