

GLAMOUR OF INDOCHINA

14 Nights Hotel Stay VIETNAM – CAMBODIA - LAOS

(HANOI - HALONG BAY - LUANG PRABNG - SIEM REAP - HO CHI MINH - PHU QUOC ISLAND)



This 15-day "Glamour of Indochina" journey is specifically designed for couples to cherish precious honeymoon; or to celebrate a milestone of relationship. This exclusive package covers the very best of fascinating Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia, with a perfect combination of culture, beach relaxation and yet romantic moment & retreat. Ready for this Indochina journey as you will bring back home with lots of sweet memories that would last for a lifetime.

ITINERARY

Day 01. Arrive Hanoi (Vietnam)

The capital Ha Noi is the second most populous city in the country. Despite recent rapid development, the city has retained many of its cultural traditions. The city is traditional and refined, with its ochre-colored colonial buildings, tree-lined boulevards and scenic lakes. Ha Noi has a vibrant "street culture" where daily activities take place on cramped sidewalks.

Xin Chao! Welcome to Hanoi, the thousand-year-old capital city of Vietnam. Upon arrival, greeting by the guide then we transfer to your hotel. Relax after the long journey on the airplane. Overnight in Ha Noi. Overnight in Hanoi.

Day 02. Hanoi (B / Street – Food) (Vietnam)

Spend this morning exploring the charming city of Ha Noi. The complex dedicated to Ho Chi Minh, the Nation's founder, contains Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum and his house on stilts. This complex also comprises the One Pillar Pagoda, whose origins date back to the foundation of the city. Visit the Temple of Literature, the first university of Vietnam, which constitutes a rare example of well-preserved traditional Vietnamese architecture.

Two of the greatest pleasures of visiting Ha Noi are exploring its markets and sampling its legendary street food. Through this experience, you will discover the typical and authentic activity of Hanoian which is eating on the street.

Depart for a leisure walk with the foodie guide to the Old Quarter, get inside the most charming area of the city to find out how the locals make a living and their local lifestyle. Pass by roadside markets in the city such as Hang Be, or Dong Xuan market, where hundreds of fresh herbs and local ingredients are brought here since the very early morning by the farmers from the city outskirts to display along the street for sale, all make a colorful picture of Ha Noi lifestyle.

Personalized as a meal with appetizers, main course, deserts, the culinary journey takes you to popular food stalls to get a unique glimpse into daily life in this lovely city and discover some unforgettable cultural and historical attractions along with interesting and tasty street food. One of the highlights of the tour is sitting on very small chairs as is the special style of Ha Noi and taste egg coffee, hot coffee with condensed milk, topped with egg foam and cinnamon powder.

Heading off the Beer corner, known as "Hanoi Pub-street" to try a cold glass of Bia Hoi (local draft beer) and watch the local life moving around. A great place to conclude a great experience today.

Day 03. Hanoi – Halong Bay (B/L/D) (Vietnam)

After breakfast, we drive to Ha Long Bay, one of the World Natural Heritages recognized by UNESCO with thousands of spectacular limestone islands rising from the clear, emerald sea in the Gulf of Tonkin.

Upon arrival, greeting and boarding the overnight cruise. Enjoy a welcome drink while crew team give you a brief information about the itinerary and security. Having a delicious lunch in the dining room while enjoying the view and rocks formation pass by the window as cruising. There are several activities to join after lunch such as rowing boat trip, swimming on the bay; or just enjoy the rest of the afternoon on the cruise's sundeck for sun-bathing with one of your favorite books.

After the cooking demonstration, the dinner is served with either set menu or buffet.

The rest of evening is at leisure. Overnight on board.

Note: <u>Due to weather & operation condition, the boat cruise's itinerary subject to change without prior notice</u>.

Day 04. Halong Bay – Ho Noi - Luang Prabang (B/Brunch) (Laos)

On a clear day, get up a bit early today to find out the answer of why Halong has been known as one of the best spots for sunrise.

Enjoy this peaceful moment of the day before joining the Tai Chi session on the sundeck. There is an excursion to explore a cave after a light breakfast. Check-out your cabin later in this morning. Enjoy a brunch on board while cruising toward the pier for disembarking around noon.

Disembarkation, private transfer to the airport for your short flight to Luang Prabang in Laos.

Sabaidee! Welcome to Luang Prabang, this Heritage town is perhaps the best-preserved traditional city in Southeast Asia. The tranquility and charm of this town, with its splendid natural scenery and cultural sights, make it one of the most delightful places to visit in Laos. Landing in Luang Prabang, you will be met by the local guide and transferred to your hotel for check-in.

Leisure and overnight in Luang Prabang.

Day 05. Luang Prabang (B)

The UNESCO World Heritage city of Luang Prabang has a way of charming you from the get-go. Let experience the peaceful ambiance of this Heritage town by visiting most of its highlights today.

(Laos)

Visit the National Museum at the former Royal Palace, which displays a lovely collection of artifacts reflecting the richness of Lao culture dating from the days of the early kings right through the last sovereign. Continue to visit the impressive stupa of Wat Mai and Wat Xieng Thong with its roofs sweeping low to the ground, which represent classical Luang Prabang temple architecture.

In the afternoon, we head out to a peaceful and tranquil temple which is an ideal place for a facilitated meditation session. Have a discussion about spiritual meditation with the monk and how it forms part of his day. It is in this tranquil setting that you will learn the best breathing techniques and physical flexibility. Breathe in the peaceful fresh air. Let your mind be free. After achieving total relaxation, you may wish to place a traditional Lao-style alter offering at the temple.

Be ready for a downstream Mekong River cruise on beautiful private boat, just for the two of you. The Mekong River plays an important role in everyday life for those living along its shores. Enjoy the cool breeze off the water with a refreshing soft drink and canapés served by your private butler while observing rural village life unfold along the tree-lined banks of the river. As we sail to the rhythm of the river, try to get the best photos of the magical sunset and sweet moments together. This romantic sunset cruise is truly another highlight of Luang Prabang.

DÍA 06. Luang Prabang – MandaLao Elephant Conservation (B/L) (Laos)

This morning, we transfer out of town and heading to the MandaLao Elephant Conservation.

Upon arrival, get an in-depth introduction about elephant behavior and communication. After that, meet the elephants as you cross the river for "the first introduction" to the elephants. Elephants and Mahouts will interact and continue their on-going bonding in the river, while you watch them and enjoy the majestic elephants during bath-time. Begin the trek as you pass the beautiful Lao gardens before exploring the jungle-covered Huay Nok stream. After some final treats for the elephants, say goodbyes to the elephant and begin the trek back to MandaLao. Here, a lunch is served with traditional Lao cuisine made primarily from the own organic produce. Having some rest before heading back to Luang Prabang.

Afternoon is your free time. You might want to climb to the top of Mount Phousi for a beautiful sunset view over the city and the Mekong River; or explore the Street Night Bazaar, where you can find a lovely variety of textiles handmade by local and hill tribe people surrounding Luang Prabang...

Overnight in Luang Prabang.

Notes:

- The trek is ~2.5Km and takes about 1.5Hour
- Trekking condition: flat and shaded most of the way
- Travel distance between Luang Prabang MandaLao: ~ 1h30'

DÍA 07. Luang Prabang (B) – Siem Reap

(Cambodia)

Early risers may join a very special dawn visit to watch the monks collecting alms. As the sun begins to rise, long lines of orange-robed monks leave their pagodas and walk barefoot down the streets collecting offerings from Luang Prabang residents. It is a beautiful, serene ceremony that highlights the spiritualism of the Laos people. Before returning to the hotel, you will visit the morning market where you can find all ingredients for local food.

Later, we transfer to the airport for an afternoon flight to Siem Reap, Cambodia.

Susadei; Welcome to Siem Reap! Located in northwestern Cambodia, this charming town is defined by a cluster of Khmer villages, French-colonial architecture, especially gateway to the ancient temple ruins of Angkor. This vast complex of intricate stone buildings includes the well-preserved Angkor Wat, the main temple, which is pictured on Cambodia's flag. Giant, mysterious faces are carved into the Bayon Temple at Angkor Thom. Other highlights include the Buddhist temple of Ta Prohm, which was not restored and looks just as it did when French explorers stumbled upon it in the 1860s. Many of the temples are covered with fantastic carvings depicting religious stories and scenes from daily life.

Upon arrival at Siem Reap International Airport, welcomed by guide and transferred to your hotel in the town for check-in.

Rest of the day at leisure and overnight in Siem Reap.

DÍA 08. Siem Reap (B/D) (Cambodia)

Angkor Wat is designated as World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1992, famous for its beauty and splendor. Get up early today to enjoy the stunning sunrise over this famous temple and getting inside for further visit before it is getting crowded. Heading back to the hotel for breakfast and rest. Today, we explore some of Angkor's most beautiful temples. You will visit the West Gate of Angkor Thom – undiscovered by mass tourist. Continue to visit Angkor Thom, the ancient royal city of the Khmer Empire with its center piece; the Bayon temple. Continue to the Terrace of the Elephants, which served as a platform from where the King could welcome back his victorious army and the Terrace of the Leper King, which holds perfect carvings winding along a narrow passageway that leads to the Baphuon complex. Continue to Ta Prohm, considered to be one of Angkor's jewels with is overgrown fig trees, giving a haunting yet exotic atmosphere.

This evening, immerse yourself in a relaxing dinner and get a real taste of local countryside life, away from the hustle and bustle of the city center. Dine in style under the stars as the sun sets over the lush rice fields. As the light fades, candles and torch lights beam around you, as the countryside comes alive with the evening chorus of nature. It is a memorable dining experience, and the service staffs are on hand to photograph the unique moments for you, as their only guests. Relax and take in the tranquil feeling being surrounded by rice fields and rural countryside.

DÍA 09. Siem Reap (B/L) (Cambodia)

Siem Reap is by an increasing number of social projects and initiatives to support for sustainable development of the local community. Hop on your private tuk-tuk to experience a culinary journey for a significant reason for tasting local food and supporting the local community. There are several restaurants, café, educational hospitality training centers in Siem Reap which aims to help local young or disabled people gain valuable work skills and employment opportunities. This special culinary journey covers the stops at a local café, a restaurant where each appetizer, main course, dessert will be well-prepared. While savoring the local tasty foods, you might have the opportunity to meet and talk with local staff to understand more about their life as well as their future dreams.

Tasty food & social mission, you are not only travelling but also doing the meaningful thing for the locals.

Enjoy the remainder of day at leisure. Overnight in Siem Reap.

Day 10. Siem Reap – Ho Chi Minh City (B)

(Vietnam)

Boarding a short flight to Ho Chi Minh city, formerly known as Saigon.

Later today, you will explore this bustling city. Visiting the historical War Remnants Museum, Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral, and the Old Central Post Office. Stop at the Ben Thanh market, enjoy some coffee at a local coffee shop. All of these will give you a complete insight of the vibrant Saigon city. Return to the hotel and be free at leisure.

Day 11. Ho Chi Minh City – Mekong Delta – Ho Chi Minh City (B/L) (Vietnam)

Morning departure from Ho Chi Minh City for a scenic 2-hour drive to Ben Tre, the gateway to Mekong Delta, passing through lush rice paddies and fruit farms. On arrival, board your private Apricot Cruise, a newly tradition-inspired river barge designed open on all sides to allow the river breezes to flow freely. Meandering down the Mekong, you will have a chance to observe from the comfort of the Apricot Cruise as local life plays out on the riverbanks: the people and stunning landscapes, while your attentive crew serves cold drinks and seasonal fruit. We visit local factory to learn the traditional methods used to make coal from the coconut hard-shell, relaxing bike ride on the lush, peaceful villages to meet friendly locals and experience a rowing boat through the crisscrossing canals to observe the slow pace of Mekong Delta life.

Lunch is served with Mekong specialties at Apricot Riverside Restaurant. Relax and enjoy the tranquil atmosphere before boat transfers us back to the pier and then drive back to Ho Chi Minh City.

Day 12. Ho Chi Minh City – Phu Quoc Island (B) (Vietnam)

Transfer to the airport for your short flight to Phu Quoc Island, well-known for its amazing landscapes of rubber plantation, pepper farms, palm fringed and white sandy beaches. This largest island of Vietnam is made from nearly 30 islands; most of them has yet to be planned for development. In Phu Quoc, you can find the history, the beach town's vibrancy & fun, a lots of exciting water activities, mouth-watering foods and much more.

Upon arrival, welcomed and transferred to your beach resort. On the way enjoy fresh cool air. Check-in your room and enjoy the remainder of day for beach rest & relax.

Overnight in Phu Quoc.

Day 13 & 14. Phu Quoc Island (B)

(Vietnam)

Leisurely breakfast at the hotel. Spend these two days for beach rest and relax, sunbathing, reading some of your favorite books and sipping a fresh cocktail. Overnight in Phu Quoc.

In an afternoon, you will join a half-day excursion of Snorkeling & Sunset BBQ Dinner on Islet. Pick up at your hotel and head out to the pier for a boat trip to Buom Island and May Rut islets. Enjoy a cool breeze and relax while on the boat. Explore the colorful, diverse sea life with a variety of coral and fish while swimming and snorkeling, or just relax and sip a refreshing cocktail at the beach bar. A BBQ dinner is served on the islet before returning to the harbor and transferring to your hotel.

Note: In case of weather condition, some islands will be changed to another islands.

DÍA 15. Phu Quoc Island – Ho Chi Minh City – Departure (B)

Leisurely breakfast at the hotel. At a good time, we transfer to the airport for your flight to Ho Chi Minh city, where you will connect with your homebound flight.

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Important Note >

- 1. Please consult suitable month for this itinerary.
- 2. The tour can be modified as per your wishes and requirements.
- 3. The schedule, programmes are subject to change for any reason.
- 4. Before traveling, always verify the current Covid19 protocol. 7
- 5. The official check out time is 11 am & check in time 14h
- 6. We suggest reaching airport 3-4h prior to departure.
- 7. For reservation & queries please mail us at: info@angloindiago.com