

## South Vietnam – Cambodia Tour – 10 Days

(Saigon – Mekong Delta – Chau Doc – Phnom Penh – Siem Reap)

### Itinerary Overview

Day	Destinations/Activities	Meals
Day 1	SAIGON ARRIVAL	--
Day 2	SAIGON CITY & CU CHI TUNNELS TOUR	B
Day 3	SAIGON – CAI BE – SA DEC	B/L/D
Day 4	SA DEC – LONG XUYEN	B/L/D
Day 5	LONG XUYEN – CHAU DOC – TRA SU SANCTUARY	B/L
Day 6	CHAU DOC – PHNOM PENH CITY TOUR	B
Day 7	PHNOM PENH – KILLING FIELDS – SIEM REAP	B
Day 8	SIEM REAP – ANGKOR	B
Day 9	SIEM REAP FREE DAY	B
Day 10	SIEM REAP DEPARTURE	B

**Note\*:** B: Breakfast / L: Lunch / D: Dinner

## TRAVEL MAP



## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 1

### SAIGON ARRIVAL

Arrive in Saigon. Greeted by your driver at the airport. Transfer to your hotel in the city centre for check-in and at leisure in the rest of the day.

**Note\*:**

- The hotel room will be available at 2:00pm, and in case that you would like to secure an early-check in, an additional charge will be applied.
- Please be advised that both international and domestic might be crowded at sometimes during the day, so in case that you arrive and cannot find our representatives, please contact us, so

we could easily search for you.

**Meals:** N/A

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Saigon

## Day 2

### SAIGON CITY & CU CHI TUNNELS TOUR

Pickup at the hotel at 7:40 for half day city tour. Our city tour will help you to see the best of Saigon. We visit the historic Reunification palace and War Remnants Museum, followed by the architectural treats of French colonial Notre Dame Cathedral and the post Office.

In the afternoon afternoon, we head out of town to visit the Cu Chi Tunnels, which is an extensive underground network of approximately 200 kilometers of tunnels dug initially by the Viet Minh and then expanded by the Viet Cong. Here contains hospitals, plus accommodation and schools, and were used extensively for refuge and storage and also utilized as a military base for the Viet Cong close to Saigon.

Come back to Saigon in late afternoon.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Saigon

## Day 3

### SAIGON – CAI BE – SA DEC

Pickup at the hotel in the morning for private transfer to Caibe. Your cruise trip starts from Phu An Jetty at 10:00 am. After lunch at Le Longanier Restaurant, the crew welcomes you on board the Song Xanh sampan with chilled towels and a refreshing drink as the boat begins its leisurely cruise on the river.

Head ashore at local cottage industries that utilize products from the Delta like rice and coconuts to make tasty snacks including puffed rice and chewy coconut candy.

Visit a traditional brick factory where everything is made by hand.

Visit the historic house of “The Lover”, a real-life character in the acclaimed novel and film by Marguerite Duras.

Enjoy your night on board your Song Xanh sampan as it moors on the Mekong River.

**Meal:** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

**Accommodation:** Song Xanh Sampan

**Day 4**

**SA DEC – LONG XUYEN**

Rising up early for another nice day. We contemplate sunrise while having breakfast on Song Xanh Sampan.

Visit of a brickyard at the entrance of the Sa Dec city. Then, we continue to the lively Sa Dec market followed by a pleasant stroll in the direction of the old house of Mr. L'Amant, the school of Trưng Vương where the mother of Marguerite Duras was a teacher.

Discover the temple of Caodaism and the gardens of flowers and bonsai where you will find many kinds of flowers and bonsai planted in Sa Dec "garden of Cochinchine in the 19th century".

Breakfast is served on board as you cruise towards Long Xuyen along narrow canals past several rustic monkey bridges and pristine countryside scenes.

Arrive in Long Xuyen to visit Tiger Island, birthplace of Vietnam's second president.

Back on the Song Xanh sampan, dinner is served as the boat makes its way to Chau Doc, close to the border with Cambodia. Settle down for your second night on the river.

**Meal:** Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

**Accommodation:** Private Song Xanh Sampan

**Day 5**

**LONG XUYEN – CHAU DOC – TRA SU SANCTUARY**

Breakfast is served on board while your sampan cruises towards Chau Doc. Disembark upon arriving Chau Doc.

We continue the tour to visit Tra Su Sanctuary, cruising smoothly with small boats to discover the arrays of splendid canals deep into the forest, watching storks, cranes and other tropical birds. Back to the Chau Doc Town, hotel check in.

**Meal:** Breakfast/Lunch

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Chau Doc

Day 6

CHAU DOC – PHNOM PENH CITY TOUR

Pickup at 7:00 to transfer to the jetty for speedy boat to Phnom Penh.

Arrive Phnom Penh at about 1pm. A city tour acquaints us with some major sights of Phnom Penh. The private quarters of the Royal Palace are now home to the royal family and are therefore very close to the public.

At the northern area of the palace grounds is Silver Pagoda, the most sacred shrine in the country. We visit both structures as well as the legendary temple of Wat Phnom, which provides an interesting view over the environs. The next stop of our trip is the National Museum, exclusively dedicated to Khmer art and sculpture. The majority of the exhibits are from the Angkor period from 9th to 15th centuries, but some date from as early as the 4th century.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Phnom Penh

Day 7

PHNOM PENH – KILLING FIELDS – SIEM REAP

Pickup at the hotel to take a tour of the killing fields at Choeung Ek and learn about the horrors that took place there. Visit the large memorial that was built to commemorate the 17,000 Cambodians who died at the site under the hands of the cruel Khmer Rouge.

After the tour, drive to the airport for the flight to Siem Reap. Arrive Siem Reap in the late afternoon.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Siem Reap

Day 8

SIEM REAP – ANGKOR

08:00 We drive to South Gate of Angkor Thom, the famous Bayon temple – a unique for its 54 towers decorated with over 200 smiling faces of Avolokitesvara, Baphoun, the Terrace of Temple, Elephants and Terrace of the Leper King.

15:00 The tour start with the visiting to the famous temple: Angkor Wat. Angkor Wat is a World Heritage Site since 1992, famous for its beauty and splendor. Angkor Wat features the longest continuous bas-relief in the world, which runs along the outer gallery walls and narrates stories from Hindu mythology. After that, visit Bakheng Temple and enjoy a romantic sun set view form Bakheng

hill.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Siem Reap

## Day 9 SIEM REAP FREE DAY

Enjoy your free day to explore Siem Reap.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Siem Reap

## Day 10 SIEM REAP DEPARTURE

In the morning, enjoy your free time to relax and explore Siem Reap.

In the afternoon, airport transfer for departure flight. Trip ends.

**Note\*:** depending on your flight schedule, we will arrange airport transfer accordingly (2.5 hours for domestic flight/ 3.5 hours for international flights)

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** n/a

## Inclusions & Exclusions

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Overnights in selected hotels or similar</li> <li>➤ 3 days package by private Song Sampan Cruise</li> <li>➤ All in-tour stationed local English speaking guide.</li> <li>➤ Entrance fees for sightseeing mentioned in</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Meals and services other than those noted in the itinerary</li> <li>➤ Visa fee</li> <li>➤ International flights pre/post tour</li> <li>➤ Laundry, telephone calls, and personal expenditures</li> </ul>

**Note\*:** this is a copy of the itinerary on Indochina Treks Travel Official Website and not the final itinerary.

<p>the itinerary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Excursions as mentioned in the itinerary</li> <li>➤ Transfers as mentioned by air-conditioned vehicles (including airport pick up &amp; see off)</li> <li>➤ Meals as indicated in the itinerary</li> <li>➤ 1 Internal flight (Phnom Penh – Siem Reap)</li> <li>➤ Chau Doc – Phnom Penh by speedy boat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Gratuities for guides, drivers, porters, boat crew, and personal, non-itinerary services</li> </ul>
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## Important Information

### Emergency Contact

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call the travel consultant whom you deal with and then our hot line contacts. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please send us a detailed message and contact information by email to the agent and to [info@indochinatreks.com](mailto:info@indochinatreks.com), we may check and return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

Our all travel consultants use WhatApps. Please ensure that you have the contact number. It's best to buy a local sim-card upon arrival. Most hotels offer free wifi. So it's very easy to contact in urgent case.

Emergency contact numbers

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### Combo Trip

If you book small group tour option, please note that the tour combines with our other tours. As such, some travel companions on your tour may have previously been travelling together with us. Likewise, some travel companions may be continuing together on another tour after your trip concludes.

You can start the tour on any date (please contact our consultant in advance to avoid peak dates or holidays) and customize itinerary with extra days/activities at any destination.

### Internal Flights

For all internal flights, we would use Vietnamairlines, Vietjesair, Jestar, Cambodia Angkorair or Laos Airlines. Most domestic flights in Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar, airlines would use small 70 seat ATR72 for short distances. Most airlines in Vietnam use the Airbus A321. 20kg for checkin luggage and 7kg for hand-bag is included in the price.

International flights before/after the tour must be booked by yourself before travelling date.

## Accommodation

We would use different hotel categories and you can select any basing on your budget. So your travel companions would not stay at your hotel. A Hotel Voucher will be provided once your tour is confirmed with all hotel details.

## Packing List

### Conservative Dress

- Modest clothing that covers knees and shoulders (Long pants, long skirts, shirts that cover shoulders)
- Shawl or scarf (for temple visits)

Note\*: Please pack clothing for the season in which you will be travelling. From Dec-Feb weather can be cold, so please pack warm clothing. From May-Nov it is the wet season, so please bring waterproof clothing.

### Documents

- All tickets (required)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Required visas
- Hotel & Tour Vouchers
- Meeting sign (with your names and flight details that we will use for transfers)

## Train Travel

Train travel in Vietnam is very basic and train cleanliness is often not a priority for train staff. Sleeper trains normally have 4 seats per compartment, which convert into sleeping bunks (two upper and two lower). A sheet, pillow and blanket are provided, although many people prefer to bring their own sleeping sheet. At times, passengers of different genders may be required to share a sleeper train berth and/or share a compartment with people not travelling in your group. For short distance - 3 hours (as Hue to Danang or vv), you will do the trip on soft/hard seat carriage.

Simple food is available on the train but many people like to stock up on freshly baked bread, cheese and fruit prior to departure. Water should also be bought before the journey.

Train journeys in Vietnam are an experience and allow you to get a real taste of Vietnam.

## Airport transfers

All airport transfers are included in the tour price. You should provide us your arrival/departure flight details and we will arrange things basing on the information. A meeting sign with your name and all flight details will be sent to you. Please be ready at the lobby at pointed time for pickup.

Driver/guide should always be present at the airport before your arrival time. If you could not find the driver, please contact your travel consultant who you deal with. For any reason that airport transfer could not be arranged, please take the taxi to the hotel. We will refund the money then.

## Travel insurance



Travel insurance is not included in our tour price. When travelling with us, you are suggested to buy insurance that covers all medical coverage, cancellation, personal liability, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects.

### **Trip Specific Safety**

We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage.

Be aware that petty theft can be an issue in some towns and cities especially late at night. A common tactic is opportunists on motorbikes that drive by and snatch bags. Please always leave valuables and passports etc in your hotel in safety boxes if available and only carry with you enough cash to spend for the day. Bags should always be carried over the neck and not left to sit on your shoulder.

### **Warning**

Please do not buy gems unless you know what you are doing. Even if genuine you should not expect to be able to sell them at home. If you fall victim to a gem scam, we are unable to assist you.

### **Visas and Entry Requirements**

Please note that visas for Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos are the responsibility of the individual traveller. The visa requirements for your trip vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. For the most up to date information please check your Governments Foreign Ministry website or with your travel agent as rules do change.

CAMBODIA - Visas can be obtained at the Cambodian border or Siem Reap Airport for approx. \$35 USD very easily. Please have *at least* 2 passport photos with you as well.

VIETNAM - As of March 2017, a select 80 nationalities are now eligible to enter Vietnam with an E-Visa. Please contact your Foreign Ministry or Vietnamese consulate to see if your nationality is eligible. Please note that you should **ONLY** apply for a Vietnam E-Visa if you are entering Vietnam by international airport - either Noi Bai International Airport (Hanoi) or Tan Son Nhat International Airport (Ho Chi Minh City).

If you are entering Vietnam by land border, please apply for a regular visa for Vietnam. Many of the land borders we travel through do not accept the Vietnam E-Visa. Please view this link to apply E-Visa: <https://evisa.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn/web/guest/trang-chu-ttdt>

LAOS - Visas are issued upon arrival in Laos. You will need two passport size photographs and approx \$35. Tourists are generally admitted to Laos for 15 days with a visa on arrival or for 30 days with a visa issued at a Lao embassy. Please bring visa photos with you.

Please be aware that you will require four clean pages (minimum) in your passport and at least six months validity.

## **Tipping**

It is customary in Asia to tip service providers such as waiters, at approximately 10%, depending on the service. Tipping is expected - though not compulsory - and shows an expression of satisfaction with the people who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides or drivers we use. Recommendations for tipping drivers and local guides would range from \$3-\$5 USD per person per day depending on the quality and length of the service.

## **Electricity**

Indochina Countries use 220V, and a mixture of flat 2-pin, round 2-pin or 3 pin plugs. It is recommended to bring a universal plug adapter.