

19 days / 16 nights

# Grand Indochina Laos Vietnam & Cambodia

Bangkok - Luang Prabang - Vientiane - Hanoi - Halong - Hue -  
Danang - Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh - Phnom Penh - Siem Reap

from  
**\$5699**  
Per Person Twin Share

Every Wednesday from November 4<sup>th</sup> 2009 – March 31<sup>st</sup> 2010

**Day 01 Wed Canada – Hong Kong**

Depart Canada to Bangkok via Hong Kong with Cathay Pacific Airways.

**Day 02 Thu Hong Kong – Bangkok**

Transit Hong Kong and fly to Bangkok, connect flight to Bangkok. Free for the day.

**Day 03 Fri Bangkok (B)**

Morning half-day Grand Palace & Emerald Buddha Temple tour.

**Day 04 Sat Bangkok – Luang Prabang (B/L)**

Morning fly to Luang Prabang and starts for the city tour – In 1995 UNESCO voted Luang Prabang as a World Heritage City. After lunch visit the National Museum, climb Vat Phousi Hill for an outstanding view over the city. Continue to visit Vat Visoun, That Makmo, Vat Aham. Sunset at Vat Prabaht Tai located along the Mekong River.

**Day 05 Sun Luang Prabang (B/L)**

Visit **Vat Xieng Thong** temple. The main sanctuary represents the classic Luang Prabang temple architecture with roofs that sweep low to the ground. Then board a traditional boat for a trip upstream the Mekong River to visit the famous caves of **Pak Ou** housing thousands of statues representing Lord Buddha. Picnic lunch at a bamboo cottage. Return to Luang Prabang by boat and continue by car to visit **Ban Xang Khong**, a weaving village where traditional Sa paper is also produced.

**Day 06 Mon Luang Prabang (B/L)**

Morning transfer to boat pier and board a riverboat for trip down the Mekong River. Visit the pottery village of Ban Chan, then down to the Lao Loum Village of Ban Sing, where you will continue by road to the **Khuang Xi Waterfalls**, the waterfalls tumble over multi-tiered limestone formations into cool, clear pools ideal for swimming and relaxation. Picnic lunch nearby the waterfalls. Drive back to Luang Prabang, with the remainder of the afternoon free to explore the Night Bazaar (if desired).

**Day 07 Tue Luang Prabang – Vientiane (B/L)**

Early morning (5am) to witness the age-old tradition of alms giving and visit Morning Market. After breakfast visit the **Traditional Arts & Ethnology Centre**, which exhibits ethnic clothing, household objects, religious artifacts and handicrafts. After lunch transfer to the airport for flight to Vientiane. Upon arrival, transfer and check-in at hotel. Afternoon visit **Vat Sisaket**, the oldest original temple in Vientiane. Nearby is **Ho Phra Keo**, once the royal temple of Lao monarchy, built in 1565. One of the most photographed images of Vientiane is **Patousay**, the victory gate also known as Anousavari. Another famous Vientiane landmark is the **That Luang Stupa**. King Seththathirat built this great sacred stupa, considered the national symbol.

**Day 08 Wed Vientiane – Hanoi (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel. If time permits, visit the **Morning Market**, known for its superior silk weaving, metal work, and woodcarving. Then transfer to the airport for your flight to Hanoi. Meet on arrival at **Hanoi** & transfer to hotel for check in.

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### Single Supplement \$1299

**Package Price Includes:**

- Return economy class air ticket from Vancouver to Bangkok via Hong Kong with Cathay Pacific Airways.
- Intra Asia air ticket, Bangkok – Luang Prabang – Vientiane- Hanoi- Danang//Hue-Ho Chi Minh - Phnom Penh-Siem Reap - Bangkok
- Accommodation with twin share:  
Bangkok – Majestic Grande Hotel; Luang Prabang – Santi Resort; Vientiane – Lao Plaza; Hanoi – Horison; Halong – Dream; Hoi An – Riverside; Hue – Saigon Morin; Ho Chi Minh – Windsor Plaza; Phnom Penh – Sunway & Siem Reap – Prince D’Angkor (or similar).
- Daily Breakfast at hotel & meals as indicated.
- Airport – hotel – airport transfers on coach service.
- Sightseeing tour with English speaking guide as indicated.

**Package Price Excludes:**

- Insurance;
- Visa fee for Laos, Vietnam & Cambodia;
- All personal expenses;
- Tips for local guide, driver & porter, suggested US10 per day per tour member, please pay locally.
- Departure taxes for Laos & Cambodia.

**Add-On fares and taxes from other Canadian cities:**

Victoria / Kelowna / Kamloops	\$130 + 75
Calgary / Edmonton	\$190 + 90
Regina / Saskatoon / Winnipeg	\$325 + 175
Toronto (via Toronto)	\$315
Ottawa / Montreal (via Toronto)	\$400 + 100
Quebec (via Toronto)	\$565 + 90

**Air Surcharge:**

01-10Dec	\$350
11-23Dec	\$750

**Hotel Surcharge & Compulsory Gala Dinners:** TBA

**No operation on Feb 3 due to Lunar New Year**

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### Day 09 Thu Hanoi – Halong Bay (B/L)

We visit **Ho Chi Minh's former residence and mausoleum** (the Mausoleum closed during Oct-Nov), the **One Pillar Pagoda** & the **Temple of Literature** and enjoy a **cyclo ride** through the old quarter past the Hoan Kiem Lake and **Ngoc Son temple** to a local restaurant for lunch. Visit the **History Museum** and drive to **Halong Bay** (165 km east of Hanoi), a World Heritage Area of outstanding natural beauty, more than 1,500 limestone islets rising from the sea, many of them containing beautiful grottoes.

### Day 10 Fri Halong Bay – Hanoi (B/L)

Enjoy a 4 hours boat trip through Halong Bay with a fresh seafood lunch served on board. Cruise around the islands, relaxing and swimming before returning to Hanoi. Evening attend a **performance of water puppetry**.

### Day 11 Sat Hanoi – Danang – Hoi An (B/-/D)

Transfer to airport for flight to Danang in the early afternoon. From Danang we drive the short distance south past famous China Beach onto the enchanting town of **Hoi An**. Take a walking tour to discover Hoi An, the UNESCO World Heritage listed Ancient town, visiting 300 year old **Tan Ky** and **Phuc Kien houses**, the **Japanese Covered Bridge** and **Hoi An market**.

### Day 12 Sun Hoi An – Danang – Hue (B/L)

After breakfast drive to visit **Marble Mountains** with lunch at local restaurant and then transfer to Hue, over the most spectacular Hai Van Pass and onto Vietnam's former imperial capital and charming town set on the banks of the Perfume River. Overnight in Hue.

### Day 13 Mon Hue – Ho Chi Minh (B/L)

Boat trip on the Perfume River to visit **Thien Mu Pagoda** and then transfer to visit **Imperial Citadel** of Hue, **Dong Ba market**. Lunch at local restaurant and then continue to visit **Tu Duc mausoleum**. Transfer to Phu Bai airport for flight to Ho Chi Minh City for overnight.

### Day 14 Tue Ho Chi Minh – Cu Chi Tunnels – Ho Chi Minh (B/L)

Morning drive to Cu Chi district to visit the underground tunnels at **Cu Chi**. There are more than 200 km of underground tunnels. You have the chance to crawl through this system of tunnels before returning to Saigon for Lunch. Afternoon walking tour start from the Saigon River past the **Opera House**, **Town Hall & Notre Dame Cathedral**. Visit **Reunification Palace** (museum) and the famous **Ben Thanh Market**.

### Day 15 Wed Ho Chi Minh – Phnom Penh (B/L)

Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to the airport and fly to Phnom Penh. Upon arrival, transfer to hotel for check in and lunch. Afternoon **Phnom Penh city tour** including **Victory Monument** and the **National Museum** which contains a collection of Khmer art - notably sculptures - throughout the ages. Visit the **Royal Palace**, built by King Norodom in 1866 on the site of the old town, and the **Silver Pagoda**. End your afternoon with the visit of the **Wat Phnom Temple**, Phnom Penh's namesake, from where you can enjoy views over the tree-lined avenues of Phnom Penh during sunset.

### Day 16 Thu Phnom Penh – Siem Reap (B/L)

Transfer to airport and fly to Siem Reap. Upon arrival, meet and transfer to hotel. Morning, visit **Victory Gate**, the twin temples of **Thommanon** and **Chau Say Tevoda**, **Takeo** and **Ta Prohm**. Continue your tour at **Banteay Kdei**, surrounded by four concentric walls, **Srah Srang**, undoubtedly used in the past for ritual bathing and **Prasat Kravan** temple with its unique brick sculptures. Afternoon, visit the **North Gate of Angkor Thom**. Continue your tour at **Preah Khan temple**, built by the King Jayavarman VII and, like Ta Prohm, Visit **Neak Pean**, a fountain built in the middle of a pool and representing the paradisiacal Himalayan mountain-lake, **Ta Som**, **Mebon Oriental**, guarded at its corner by stone figures of harnessed elephants, some of which are still in a reasonable the "Mountain Temple" and state of preservation and **Pre Rup** until sunset.

### Day 17 Fri Siem Reap (B/L)

For early birds: Sunrise from **Phnom Bakheng**, one of the two hills dominating the plain of Angkor, from where you will have a spectacular view of the Western Baray and the surrounding plain. Return to the hotel. After breakfast, visit the most famous of all temples on the plain of Angkor: **Angkor Wat**. The temple complex covers 81 hectares and is comparable in size to the Imperial Palace in Beijing. Afternoon, visit the ancient capital of **Angkor Thom**, the South Gate with its huge statues depicting the churning of the ocean of milk, the **Bayon Temple**, unique for its 54 towers decorated with over 200 smiling faces of Avolokitesvara, the **Phimeanakas**, the **Royal Enclosure**, the **Elephants Terrace**, and the **Terrace of the Leper King**. Enjoy the sunset at Angkor Wat.

### Day 18 Sat Siem Reap – Hong Kong (B)

Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to Siem Reap airport for flight to Hong Kong via Bangkok.

### Day 19 Sun Hong Kong – Canada

Connect midnight flight from Hong Kong to home.



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