

Angkor to the Bay

From \$4,999 - 17 Days - Fully Inclusive From New Zealand

Are you intrigued with history? Are you fascinated by ancient sites and yearn to learn more about your world's incredible past? If so, this is the tour for you. Your tour starts at the fortified city of Angkor Thom. Built as a square, the sides run exactly north to south and east to west. In the middle of this square is the remarkable Bayon Temple. It represents the intersection of heaven and earth. You will also visit the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King.

The magnificent temples of Angkor will astound you. Built by the Khmer civilization between 802 and 1220AD, it represents one of man's most incredible and long lasting architectural achievements. You will visit Banteay Srei, a Hindu Temple and the fabulous Ta Prohm Temple, which is regarded as the most atmospheric ruin at Angkor. You will be amazed to see that it has been left to be swallowed up by the surrounding jungle. Phnom Penh will delight you with its harmonious blend of oriental and colonial architecture. You will tour the incredibly interesting and emotional National Museum and the Tuol Sleng Museum of Genocidal Crimes.

Saigon will fascinate you. This rather fast paced city is home to the imposing Notre Dame Cathedral, the former Presidential Palace and the beautiful Thien Hau Pagoda. For those wishing to partake in the many bargains on offer at Ben Thanh Markets, you will be pleased to know that there is time set aside to introduce you to shopping in Vietnam. The Mekong Delta will bring a refreshing diversion to your tour as you cruise the waters of this incredible water system. You will soon learn what life is all about as you visit the floating markets and villages. For some the Cu Chi Tunnels will deliver a sense of wonder. This amazing underground tunnel system was the home to many during the war. If you are brave enough you may even want to crawl through one of the tunnels. Hoi An is rather charming. Here you will enjoy a walking tour of this ancient town and also visit an old merchant's home, the Japanese Bridge and a Chinese pagoda. The drive to Hue is quite breathtaking. Your journey takes you over the Hai Van Pass and along the way you will see some beautiful scenery. Your time in Hue will be spent visiting the Imperial Citadel which was modelled on the Forbidden City in Beijing. You will adore Hanoi. It is a richly historic city and some call it the 'Paris of the Orient' due to its enchanting colonial past.

As your tour draws to an end you will take a beautiful cruise on the UNESCO World Heritage listed Halong Bay. You will spend the night on a junk boat, relaxing and reflecting! You will wake up to the most beautiful gems - the many karst islands that are dotted around these magnificent waters. Your last day is spent learning a little about Ho Chi Minh at the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and visiting the fascinating Temple of Literature. You will love this tour for it captures not only the history of these incredible lands but the tremendous spirit of their people.

Day 1: New Zealand to Siem Reap

Fly with Singapore Airlines to Siem Reap for 3 nights.

Day 2: Siem Reap

Drive to the fortified city of Angkor Thom. Start at the Southern Gate, continue on to the Bayon, Elephant Terrace and Terrace of the Leper King. In the afternoon visit the magnificent Angkor Wat.

Day 3: Siem Reap

Today we visit Banteay Srei, Srah Srang, Banteay Kdei, Kravan, Ta Keo and Ta Prohm Temples. Later this afternoon we climb to the summit of Pre Rup Temple to enjoy the spectacular views over the surrounding landscape and watch the sunset.

Day 4: Siem Reap to Phnom Penh

Fly to Phnom Penh. This afternoon visit the majestic Silver Pagoda, Emerald Buddha, National Museum and Tuol Sleng Museum of Genocidal Crimes.

Day 5: Phnom Penh to Saigon

Bid farewell to Cambodia and fly to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, commonly known by its former name, Saigon. This afternoon we visit Ben Thanh Market, for some shopping.

Day 6: Saigon

Visit the former Presidential Palace, War Remnants Museum, Notre Dame Cathedral, Central Post Office, Cholon, (Chinatown) where we see the Binh Tay Wholesale Market and Thien Hau Pagoda.

Day 7: Saigon

Explore the Mekong Delta, the heart of south Vietnam dotted with rice paddies and fruit plantations. Take various boat trips to visit local floating markets, villages, home industries and plantations.

Day 8: Saigon

Today we explore the Cu Chi Tunnels. Continue to Tay Ninh to experience the midday service at the head temple of the unique Cao Dai religion, practiced mainly in the Mekong Delta.

Day 9: Saigon to Hoi An via Danang

Fly to Danang, visit the Cham Museum, Marble Mountains and China Beach before continuing on to the UNESCO World Heritage listed town of Hoi An.



Day 10: Hoi An

Enjoy a walking tour of Hoi An. Visit an old merchant's home, the Japanese Bridge, Hoi An Market and a local Chinese pagoda. This afternoon visit the tailors and soak up the charming atmosphere of Hoi An at one of the many riverside cafes along the Thu Bon River.

Day 11: Hoi An to Hue

Drive over the Hai Van Pass to Hue. Take a cyclo ride to the Imperial Citadel, continue by coach to Thien Mu Pagoda and enjoy a boat trip on the Perfume River. This evening, partake in a cooking class.

Day 12: Hue to Hanoi

Start the day with a visit to the Tu Duc and Khai Dinh Royal tombs. Fly to Hanoi and enjoy a Water Puppets performance this evening.

Day 13: Hanoi to Halong Bay

Travel to Halong Bay and commence our overnight cruise on a junk boat, relaxing and watching the sunset over Halong Bay.

Day 14: Halong Bay to Hanoi

Continue cruising this morning. After lunch onboard, we drive back to Hanoi.

Day 15: Hanoi

Visit Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum (closed Sep-Dec) followed by Hoan Kiem Lake, One Pillar Pagoda, Ho Chi Minh's Museum, Stilt House and the Temple of Literature.

Day 16-17: Depart Hanoi / Arrive New Zealand

After a morning at leisure we transfer to the airport for our flight back to New Zealand. Arrive home the following morning.

Inclusions

International airfares, all transportation in Vietnam and Cambodia, accommodation, all meals, entrance fees, guides and daily tours, New Zealand and Vietnam departure taxes (where included in air tickets)

Price Guide

17 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share

- ✈ From \$4,999 per person - Departing Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch with Singapore Airlines
- 🏠 Single Hotel Supplement - From \$795
- 🚢 Single Junk Cabin Supplement - From \$93
- 🚗 Land Only (Siem Reap to Hanoi) - From \$3,009
- ★★ Medium Paced Tour (see page 2)
- 💰 Compulsory Tipping: Approx US\$80 per person - see page 30

Due to flight schedules, Christchurch passengers need to depart New Zealand one day earlier and take a Singapore stopover on the way to Siem Reap, at their own expense. This will extend the itinerary to 18 days



Local - Hoi An

Departures

Tour Code	Depart New Zealand	Arrive New Zealand	Twin Share Price
2010			
V7071*	30 Jan	15 Feb	\$5,225
V7072*	13 Feb	01 Mar	\$4,999
V707201	20 Feb	08 Mar	\$4,999
V707402	20 Mar	04 Apr	\$4,999
V7076	17 Apr	03 May	\$4,999
V7077	24 Apr	10 May	\$4,999
V7078	08 May	24 May	\$4,999
V707801	15 May	31 May	\$4,999
V707802	22 May	07 Jun	\$4,999
V7079	12 Jun	28 Jun	\$4,999
V70710	17 Jul	02 Aug	\$4,999
V70711	07 Aug	23 Aug	\$4,999
V70712	04 Sep	20 Sep	\$4,999
V7071201	18 Sep	04 Oct	\$4,999
V70713	09 Oct	25 Oct	\$4,999
V7071301	16 Oct	01 Nov	\$4,999
V70714	23 Oct	08 Nov	\$4,999
V70715	06 Nov	22 Nov	\$4,999
V70716	20 Nov	06 Dec	\$4,999
2011			
V7081*	29 Jan	14 Feb	\$5,225
V7082	12 Feb	28 Feb	\$4,999
V7083	26 Feb	14 Mar	\$4,999
V7084	05 Mar	21 Mar	\$4,999
V7085	12 Mar	28 Mar	\$4,999
V7086	26 Mar	11 Apr	\$4,999
V7087	16 Apr	02 May	\$4,999
V7088	23 Apr	09 May	\$4,999
V7089	07 May	23 May	\$4,999

* Departure coincides with Tet New Year celebrations and sightseeing may be affected due to public holiday closures (see page 4)



Halong Bay

