**15 Days Classic Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia**

**Small Group Tours**

**Day 1: Welcome to Hanoi!**

Flight: International flight on your own arrangement or upon request

Welcome to Vietnam! Upon arrival, our guide will greet you at the airport and escort you to Hotel for check in. then rest are at your leisure.

Overnight in Hanoi.

**Day 2 Hanoi – the 100 Year Old City (B)**

This morning see the Tran Quoc Pagoda. This 1,400 year old temple features ten tiers enclosed by gardens, including a bodhi tree grown from a cutting of the original Buddhist tree under which Buddha sat. Stroll around Hoan Kiem Lake where you’ll see the Tortoise Tower perched on the water. Enjoy a half hour cyclo tour through Hanoi’s the Old Quarter. The cyclo is a historic mode of transportation in the cities of Vietnam where a cyclist leads you while you sit in a canopied seat affixed to the front. Next, visit the One Pillar Pagoda, situated on a pillar made of a single stone, in the midst of a lotus pond. This pagoda was built by a 9th century emperor who saw it in a dream and regarded this as divine inspiration to recreate the structure in his vision.

You'll pass by the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum before visiting the highlight of this day - The Temple of Literature. This ancient university was erected almost a millennium ago and has hosted many of the most prominent scholars through Vietnamese history. The site features many gardens, pools, buildings, and ancient trees where Vietnam’s  best and brightest studied under the guidance of Confucius teachings.

**Overnight in Hanoi.**

**Day 3 Hanoi/Cruise along Halong Bay (B/L/D)**

After breakfast, travel to Halong Bay, one of the Wonders of the Orient (3 hr. drive). Your cruise across Halong Bay starts around noon on Tuan Chau Island at the doorstep of Vietnam's most fascinating wonder. As the boat sets sails, you will be greeted by the Paradise Crew and Cruise Manager who will aim throughout your stay at providing you with the highest standards of service for pure pleasure and utmost comfort onboard.

During the afternoon , discover some of the treasures spread across the Bay of the Descending Dragon:    fascinating caves, pristine beaches, picturesque floating villages, fantastic rock formations rising up out of emerald water. While onboard, you can take advantage at leisure of the Spa, Beauty & Massage services; surrounded by a stunning setting in motion, you can attend the chef's cooking demonstration and try your skills in the art of traditional Vietnamese cooking.

One of the highlights of your stay on board is the innovative and varied cuisine offered at Lunch and Dinner in the elegant dining-room, accompanied by a wide selection of wines and beverages from around the world.

**Overnight in Halong Bay.**

**Day 4 Halong Bay | Return to Hanoi | Flight to Danang (B)**

Flight: Domestic flight include and arranged by Bee Vietnam Travel

Wake up to Tai Chi exercises on the sun deck and continue cruising the bays. Breakfast buffet will be served in the restaurant, followed by a visit the limestone grotto. Disembark in Halong City around noon and transfer back to Hanoi airport and flight to Danang. upon arrive , you will escort to Hoi An for hotel check in.

Overnight in Hoi An.

**Day 5 Century Cham Ruins and Hoi An Ancient Port Town (B)**

In the morning, travel to the My Son Holy Land. Tucked in the mountains up winding roads with serene views, lie  the 4th century My Son Holy Land ruins. The surrounding mountains are strictly forbidden for living or development. The ruins lie in a beautiful mountainous landscape. Enter the temples to hear all about the history and stories of the Cham people and this holy site.

In the afternoon, continue on to the Ancient Capital of Hoi An, which features the 16th century port town in its preserved state. Visit the Museum of Trade Ceramics which houses art and pottery dating from the 1,500’s to the 1,700’s. Continue on a brief visit the Chua Ong Pagoda, a temple from the 17th century featuring China's influence in the region. Enter the Ancient Town as the streets take on a magic of their own with old lanterns, French-style houses, intricately carved wooden doors and more Take a walk through the Old Tam Ky House to see it's imperial styles meshed with French overtures. Continue on to stroll along the river and see traditional boats and locals on bicycles passing by. You'll then approach the Japanese Covered Bridge which for centuries connected the Chinese and Japanese sides of town over the waterway. The old wooden structure has shown amazing resilience for more than 400 years.

At dusk, enjoy walking along the riverside as colorful lanterns light up the town. Then return to your hotel for an evening of relaxation.

**Overnight in Hoi An.**

**Day 6 Flight to Saigon (B)**

**Flight: Domestic flight include and arranged by Bee Vietnam Travel**

Take a flight to Saigon. Upon arrival, guide will meet at the airport and lead you to the hotel. Then you can have a rest.

**Overnight in Saigon.**

**Day 7 Best of Saigon (B)**

This morning, escort to visit the Cu Chi Tunnels. Discover these amazing systems developed by the guerrillas fighting in the Vietnam War. You'll have an opportunity to see the various weapons used in the war on display. Then learn about the innovative ways the guerrillas survived and fought back in the war. The impressive underground system they built remains to tell the story of the Vietnam War.

In the afternoon, see the highlights of Saigon and learn the history of these iconic landmarks.

You’ll explore some of the most important sights in Ho Chi Minh. Start by visiting the Notre Dame Cathedral. Constructed by French colonists during their settlement, discover its significance as the largest cathedral in Southeast Asia. Across the road is the Old Saigon Post Office, a neoclassical architectural building considered one of the main attractions in the city. Visit the Reunification Palace, home of South Vietnam’s President during the war. Then stop is Cholon, the Chinatown in Ho Chi Minh. Explore the thickly settled district rife with tea-houses and pagodas, and the famous Binh Tay Market.  Finish the afternoon with a visit to the Emperor Jade Pagoda. Also known as the Tortoise pagoda, this figurine-filled place of worship is considered by many to be Saigon's finest.

**Overnight in Saigon.**

**Day 8 Saigon - My Tho Mekong Delta Discovery (B)**

Today we take an excursion to My Tho. We will be traveling past miles of flat rice fields, along a bustling High way. On arrival at My Tho, we board a Mekong cruise boat to Thoi Son Island where we will be entertained with traditional music.

We will then change to a paddle boat to cruise through the narrow canals and visit home grown industries like coconut candy and rice-wine making. We next travel by motorized boat to another Mekong Island to visit a bee farm and try tea with fresh honey from the beehives and enjoy fresh seasonal fruits. As we return to My Tho there will be a visit to the Vinh Trang Pagoda. Then, transfer back to Ho Chi Minh City.

**Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.**

**Day 9 Flight to Saigon (B)**

**Flight: International flight on your own arrangement or upon request**

Rise early in the morning for breakfast at your hotel where your private guide and driver will meet you to escort you to Saigon airport to take flight to Siem Reap.

Upon arrival, you will meet your local guide there and transfer to hotel check in and rest of the time at your leisure.

**Overnight in Siem Reap**

**Day 10 Angkor Thom Ancient Capital | Apsara Dancing Show (B/D)**

**Meals: B / D**

After breakfast, begin your explorations of the remains of an ancient civilization that once ruled much of Southeast Asia. Today, visit the ancient capital city of Angkor Thom. First on the agenda is Ta Prohm. Worn by time, rain, and overpowered by the jungle, this immaculate structure hidden under a canopy will leave you feeling as if you’d stepped into an adventure movie set.

Then visit Banteay Kdei ("Citadel of Chambers”). Continue on to the Victory Gate, the Terrace of the Leper King, the Royal Palace, and Baphuon and Bayon. Bayon sets itself apart with its almost 200 smiling faces, sure to make you feel welcomed on your second day to the Kingdom of Wonders. With its winding tunnels, chambers, and daring climbs, Bayon offers many picturesque moments to keep your camera busy.

In the afternoon, be prepared today for one of the Seven Wonders of the World: Angkor Wat.

Enter Angkor Wat and to view its amazing architecture and history. Angkor Wat possesses some of the longest and most intricate stone carving. This complex is four times the size of the Vatican City making it the largest religious site in the world. Spend the morning exploring through the many passages, levels, and chambers that once housed many treasures of the ancient world.

In the evening , you will enjoy a dinner with Khmer traditional Apsara Dancing Show.

**Overnight in Siem Reap.**

**Day 11 Banteay Srei , Tonle Sap Lake, Kompong Phluk (B)**

In the morning, continue on to the remote temple of Banteay Srei: set deep in the jungle. The Citadel of Women, Banteay Srei was carved from red sandstone, a medium that lends itself to elaborate decorative wall carvings, which are well preserved to this day. The buildings themselves are miniature in scale in comparison to the other colossal temples around Siem Reap, unusually so when measured by the standards of Angkorian construction. This temple is considered the jewel of Khmer art.

In the afternoon, a half-day excursion to the biggest Southeast Asia’s largest freshwater lake - Tonle Sap Lake. Continue on a boat trip to enjoy the beautiful lake views and mangrove forests. Spend the rest of this afternoon at Kompong Phluk, the largest village on the lake, to discover the fascinating daily lifestyle of the local people who live on the water. Rest of your own leisure.

**Overnight in Siem Reap.**

**Day 12 Flight to Luang Prabang | Hotel Check In (B)**

**Flight: International Flight will be on your own arrangement or Upon Request**

Today, enjoying your free morning until transfer to airport for flight to Luang Prabang. upon arrive , guide will meet and escort you to check in. Rest of your own leisure.

**Overnight in Luang Prabang**

**Day 13 Luang Prabang: Buddhist Ancient City and Temples**

Your full day city tour begins after breakfast, with a visit to the Royal Palace Museum (closed on Tuesday), which hosts a range of interesting artifacts. See the city’s oldest temple of Wat Sene and the magnificent Wat Xiengthong with its roofs sweeping low to the ground and representing classical Laotian architecture. Visit the impressive stupa of Wat Visoun and the shrine of Wat Aham.

In the afternoon, Visit the Arts and Ethnology Centre to learn about Laos’ many ethnic cultures before heading  out of town to see the weaving villages of Ban Xiengkhong and Ban Xienglek. Later this afternoon return to the city for a visit to Wat Mai. Finally climb to the top of Mount Phousi to explore the sacred, gilded stupa and a sunset view of the city and the Mekong River. Finally visit the famous Night Market, where you’ll find handmade textiles made by local and hill tribe peoplesliving in the surroundings.

**Overnight in Luang Prabang.**

**Day 14 Boat Trip to Pak Ou Caves / Khouang Si Waterfall (B)**

This morning, embark on a cruise upstream on the Mekong River. Along the way, stop at the village of Ban Xanghai, where Laos rice wine and rice whiskey is produced. . You'll be able to try some and learn about the process used to make it. Then on to the mysterious Pak Ou Caves, two linked caves filled with thousands of gold lacquered Buddha statues of various shapes and sizes left by pilgrims.

Lunch will be served near the caves. You'll have the opportunity to try a local dish called "Orlam" which is a soup with vegetables and features a spicy wood that is partially edible. On return, disembark to visit the traditional weaving village of Ban Phanom, famous for its hand woven textiles.

Continue to explore the beautiful Khouang Si Waterfall where you can cool off with a refreshing swim in the pools or walk along the forest trails.

**Overnight in Luang Prabang.**

**Day 15 Farewell from Luang Prabang! (B)**

**Flight: International flight on your own arrangement or upon request**

**Meals: B**

Today transfer to the airport for your flight home.

**INCLUDED**

Meals: All meals listed on the above itinerary;

Transportation: All transportation listed on the above itinerary;

Domestic flights from Hanoi to Danang and from Danang to Saigon;

Accommodation : 3-star hotels, twin-sharing room basis;

Included Activities: All activities included on the above itinerary;

**NOT INCLUDED**

International Flights:

* Flight from Saigon to Siem Reap;
* Flight from Siem Reap to Luang Prabang;

Tour programs not listed in itinerary;

Meals: Meals not listed in itinerary;

Personal expense

Tips: Tipping for guide, driver and bell boy, etc;

Necessary travel document: Cambodian Visa: visa on arrival is available for Cambodia. Visa fee for single entry tourism visa is from US$35/p.p. depends on nationality

Others: Other items not listed in itinerary & quotation;