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# Discover Vietnam & Cambodia

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**Vibrant culture, delectable food, breathtaking landscape and deep and heroic history, this is an experience not to be missed!**

With local guides providing an unforgettable, authentic experience, safely explore all that Cambodia and Vietnam have to offer. Ogle at the intense beauties of some of the top-listed World Heritage sites, while discovering Vietnam's precious hidden treasure: it's people. Warm and hardworking, you will be enthusiastically welcomed with huge smiles by local people from North to South, and share in their unique culture. Diverse destinations, from world class beaches to majestic mountains, thousands of years of history, and tasty and exquisite cuisine is around every corner. Discovering your favourites — whether steaming pho, crunchy banh mi or smoky bun cha — is itself worth the trip.

Along with Jase who will be with you throughout the entire journey we also have a kiwi who lived in Vietnam for a number of years coming back to show us around and a Vietnamese local tour guide who will be with us throughout. So all bases are covered - All you have to do is book now - Full details below.

## DAY 1

Saturday 6th February

### Home - Ho Chi Minh City



Depart Whanganui and make our way to Palmerston North airport to check in for our flight to Auckland. We'll transfer over to the International Airport as a group and get set for our late night flight over to **Ho Chi Minh City** touching down mid-morning. Your flight includes meals and entertainment but it might also be a good idea to try and get some sleep if you can contain your excitement for what's ahead.

#### Departing from another destination

For those departing from another destination you will be given your personalised itinerary for you to join the group today. All tickets and details will be provided in your personal information pack, sent prior to travel.

**We arrive in Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC) on Sunday 7th Feb.**



Vibrating with energy, innovation and traffic – lots of traffic – Ho Chi Minh City, formerly known as Saigon, is the economic heart of Vietnam and the main hub of the southern region. A freewheeling, cosmopolitan metropolis, HCMC's dynamic cityscape draws together old and new Vietnam in the most compact of spaces, representing the city's past as well as its future.

After an incredible **'Welcome to Vietnam lunch'** before checking into our lovely accommodation for a well deserved rest. Put your feet up for a few hours or feel free to stroll around the City Centre which is right next to our hotel.

We head out and explore the thriving Ben Nghe Street Food Market where we'll have **dinner**. Then it's time to rest our heads and get excited for tomorrow's adventure!

→ **Accommodation:** Silverland Ben Thanh Hotel

## DAY 2

Monday 8th February

# Ho Chi Minh City



After a **delicious breakfast** at the hotel, be ready for a **9am** departure to visit the **Cu Chi Tunnels**. This system was dug by the National Front for the Liberation of South Vietnam during the Indochina War and the Vietnam War.



The underground tunnel system was a way for soldiers to move undetected and launch surprise attacks. The tunnel system is about 200 km long and includes a clinic, a kitchen, a storage room and an office and has ventilation systems into the bushes. The tunnels were built on the land known as "steel land", located at the end of the Ho Chi Minh Trail. During the 1968 Tet Offensive, the National Front for the Liberation of South Vietnam used this system of tunnels to attack Saigon. When visiting the Cu Chi tunnels, you will learn how Vietnamese guerrillas worked, built, lived and fought in the tunnels, watch precious documentaries about the war and how the Vietnamese army and people won against modern and advanced weapons with only the will of the nation.

We catch a Hop on Hop off bus this afternoon for a **City Tour** passing by many popular sites.

Later that evening we'll head out and explore **Ben Thanh Market** for shopping and street food. (Dinner at own expense) We have a local guide who is with us for the entire journey to ensure we visit all the wonderful highlights of the area before heading to bed for a decent night's sleep.

→ **Accommodation:** Silverland Ben Thanh Hotel

## DAY 3

Tuesday 9th February

## Ho Chi Minh City - Cai Be



We start the day with another great breakfast before boarding the bus and head into the Mekong Delta region to board our cruise vessel.

Settle in and get familiar with the boat before **lunch** then head out for a **guided walk** around a quaint little village and explore some orchards and rice fields.



Head back to our boat and settle for a well earned refreshment and watch the sunset on the top deck. We'll **dine** onboard and then rest our heads for the night ready for tomorrow's adventure.

→ **Accommodation:** Cruise Boat

## DAY 4

Wednesday 10th February

# Mekong Delta Cruising



We start the day with another great breakfast then hit the water. Cruising about in a **traditional wooden sampan** through the palm-shaded canals of the Mekong Delta. A quintessential Vietnamese experience. Gliding quietly through narrow tributaries lets you experience rural river life, stilt houses, and local cottage industries at a peaceful, meditative pace.

We will also be treated to some Vietnamese **folk music** and visit a local family in Tan Phong who specialise in **handicrafts**. Following this you are welcome to head on a **bicycle ride** with Jase looking around the back roads or stroll through another village along the Mekong Canal.

We head back to the boat for **lunch** and head down river where this afternoon you can simply relax onboard the boat or hop off and immerse yourself in another **local village** where you find welcoming locals and plenty to see and do with your guide alongside you.

Another wonderful **dinner** is served onboard before we return to our rooms for the night.



→ **Accommodation:** Cruise Boat

## DAY 5

Thursday 11th February

### Mekong Delta - Chau Doc



We start the day with another great breakfast before an excursion on a long sampan to the famous **Cai Rang Floating Market**. The largest floating market in the Mekong Delta. With a history dating back to the early 20th century, the market emerged as a crucial trading hub before the development of roads and bridges, Head back and say farewell to our boat crew then board the bus and travel by road to Chau Doc. **Lunch** will be provided throughout our journey.

We arrive at our hotel and check in mid afternoon where the rest of the day and evening is free for you to do as you please. Go for a swim in the hotel pool, or head out with Jase and have a nose around the area. There is a restaurant on-site at the hotel or you might like to try some local street food. Recharge the batteries ready for another adventure tomorrow.

→ **Accommodation:** Victoria Hotel Chau Doc



## DAY 6

Friday 12th February

### Chau Doc - Phnom Penh



Enjoy breakfast before we start a really unique experience travelling by **speed boat** to Phnom Penh. Relax inside or hop up on the roof as we make our way to Titanic Port to meet our driver and guide.

We make our way to a local restaurant for **lunch** then we'll check into our hotel where you'll have some time to relax or have a swim before a late afternoon of sight seeing. Visit the **iconic temple** of Wat Phnom, explore Sisowath Quay, a lively riverside promenade where you can enjoy a leisurely walk along the **Mekong** and **Tonle Sap Rivers**. Observe local life, and take in the beautiful sunset views.

**Dinner** tonight is at a local restaurant.

→ **Accommodation:** Luxcity River and Apartments



## DAY 7

Saturday 13th February

### Phnom Penh - Siem Reap



After **breakfast**, we visit the **Royal Palace**, one of Cambodia's most important historical landmarks and the official residence of the King.

Then continue to the **Silver Pagoda**, famous for its magnificent collection of Buddha statues crafted from gold, silver, diamonds, and precious stones.

Visit the **Independence Monument**, built to commemorate Cambodia's independence from France, followed by a visit to **Wat Ounalom**, one of the country's most important Buddhist monasteries. Break for **lunch** at a local restaurant.

Transfer to Phnom Penh International Airport for your **domestic flight** to Siem Reap.

Upon arrival in Siem Reap, we meet our **local guide** and transfer to the city centre.

In the afternoon, enjoy a **boat excursion** to **Chong Kneas Floating Village**, where local communities live on the water with floating houses, schools, and shops.

Continue to **visit local handicraft workshops** showcasing traditional Cambodian craftsmanship before exploring the vibrant **Made in Cambodia Market**.



Later, stroll through the **Old Market** and **Pub Street area**, famous for its lively atmosphere, local products, cafés, and entertainment.

**Dinner** is at a local restaurant before we reach our hotel for a lovely two night stay.

→ **Accommodation:** Sokha Palace Hotel

## DAY 8

Sunday 14th February

# Siem Reap - Angkor Wat



After **breakfast**, we begin a full-day exploration of the **Angkor Archaeological Park**.

Visit the magnificent **Angkor Wat**, the largest religious monument in the world and **Cambodia's most famous UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

Continue to **Thommanon** and **Chau Say Pagoda** before entering the ancient city of **Angkor Thom** through its impressive **South Gate**.

Explore **Bayon Temple**, renowned for its **giant stone faces**, followed by the **Royal Enclosure, Phimeanakas, Terrace of the Elephants, and Terrace of the Leper King**.

After **lunch**, continue to **Ta Keo, Ta Prohm**, and **Banteay Kdei**. Ta Prohm is particularly famous for its giant tree roots intertwined with ancient temple ruins.

Visit **Srah Srang**, the former royal bathing reservoir, before ending the day with a spectacular sunset view from **Phnom Bakheng Hill**.



After a truly unforgettable day we'll **dine** at a local restaurant then head to our hotel for a well earned rest.

→ **Accommodation:** Sokha Palace Hotel

## DAY 9

Monday 15th February

### Siem Reap - Hoi An



Rise and shine for **breakfast** at the hotel. This morning we will be transferred to the airport for our **flight** to Da Nang.

We'll stop for **lunch** before a short drive down to Hoi An and check into our hotel where you can relax, have a swim or head out for a stroll around town. We have the next 3 nights at this truly fabulous accommodation.

This evening we'll **dine** at another highly rated restaurant before a **gentle walking tour** around the **Ancient Town**. At night the area is lit up by lanterns so its a beautiful chance to get some great photos and witness the vibrancy of the area at night.

**Rickshaw transport** can be arranged for those needing a ride instead of walking.

→ **Accommodation:** Sen Village Hoi An



## DAY 10

Tuesday 16th February

### Hoi An



This morning after **breakfast** we make our way to the popular **Red Bridge Cooking School**, which is situated along the banks of the Thu Bon River, just 3 kms from central Hoi An. This is a must-do activity while we are here in Hoi An.

Highlights include a **guided tour** of Hoi An's colourful central market, a relaxing **Boat Trip** on the Hoi An River, and a hands-on **Cooking Class**.

We then spend the afternoon exploring more of the Ancient Town where you can shop, get some **tailor made clothes**, visit a local bar and just soak up this pretty little town.

After a little rest we'll meet up again for a fabulous **group dinner**.

Once again **Rickshaw transport** can be arranged for those needing a ride instead of walking.

→ **Accommodation:** Sen Village Hoi An



## DAY 11

Wednesday 17th February

### Hoi an



Today will be a truly memorable day as we mix and mingle with the locals and learn about their innovative ways in which they live in their everyday life.

After another lovely **breakfast** it's onto the **Water Coconut Forest** in Cam Thanh village to discover the peaceful coconut forest. We are welcomed warmly by the local people here and enjoy some fun activities at the village such as: **Basket Boat Spinning, Catching Crabs, Casting the Fishing net and learning how to Paddle a Basket Boat with the fisherman.** Do as much or as little as you like in what is sure to be a fun filled experience with many laughs along the way.

A delightful **lunch** is lined up today along with a special treat where you experience a traditional **Vietnamese foot massage.**

Return to our hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Relax by the pool, explore nearby areas independently, or simply enjoy the resort facilities.

→ **Accommodation:** Sen Village Hoi An



Thursday 18th February

## Hoi An - Da Nang



Grab some **breakfast** and check-out, we have a short drive to the **Thanh Ha Pottery Village**.

Visit this traditional craft village and discover the history and techniques of local pottery making. Meet local artisans and enjoy a hands-on pottery experience where you can create your own pottery piece under the guidance of skilled craftsmen. Learn about the importance of pottery in Vietnamese culture and daily life while exploring the village workshops.

After the visit, continue to Da Nang City which again is only a short drive away and we'll break for **lunch**.

This afternoon is yours to do as you please. Our accommodation is very close to the beach and shops so everything you need is right there at your fingertips. Otherwise simply relax at the hotel which offers a day spa, gift shop and a rooftop swimming pool with views overlooking the beach. Your guide will be able to assist with any helpful hints if there's something in particular you are after to fill in the afternoon.

At night Da Nang is a colourful, vibrant city. As the lights come on, head out for dinner by the beach, relax at the hotel or visit a nearby restaurant.

The perfect way to end our time in Da Nang.

→ **Accommodation:** Hai An Beach Da Nang



## DAY 13

Friday 19th February

### Da Nang - Hue



After **breakfast** it's time for another special highlight of our tour. We board the **Heritage Train** and make our way to Hue. The route crosses the spectacular Hai Van Pass, widely regarded as one of the most beautiful coastal railway journeys in the world, where majestic mountains meet the endless blue sea.

This will be a train trip to remember so make sure you have your camera ready to go!

Upon arrival in Hue, our guide and driver will take us for **lunch** and transfer us to our hotel in the city centre.

After check-in, enjoy some free time in our central location to relax and soak in the gentle charm of Hue, Vietnam's former imperial capital.

In the evening, enjoy a special **home-hosted dinner** with a local family in a countryside village. Share stories, experience genuine Vietnamese hospitality, and savor traditional **home-cooked dishes** prepared using fresh local ingredients.

→ **Accommodation:** Sai Gon Morin Hue



## DAY 14

Saturday 20th February

# Hue



After **breakfast**, we begin our exploration of Hue's rich imperial history with a visit to the magnificent **Imperial Citadel**, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** and former seat of the Nguyen Dynasty. Wander through ancient palaces, royal courtyards, and historic gates while learning about the fascinating history of Vietnam's last imperial dynasty.

Following **lunch**, experience the city's charm from a different perspective with a traditional **Rickshaw Ride** through Hue's tree-lined streets, bustling local markets, and historic neighborhoods.

In the evening we'll enjoy **dinner** before boarding a traditional **dragon boat cruise** along the romantic Perfume River to visit the iconic **Thien Mu Pagoda**, one of the most recognizable landmarks in Central Vietnam. Sit back and enjoy a captivating **Ca Hue performance** as talented local musicians and singers present this elegant royal-inspired folk music, a cherished cultural tradition unique to Hue. This enchanting evening offers a wonderful insight into the city's rich heritage and provides the perfect ending to a day exploring Vietnam's former imperial capital.

→ **Accommodation:** Sai Gon Morin Hue



## DAY 15

Sunday 21st February

# Hue - Quan Binh



After breakfast, we depart Hue by coach for the scenic journey to Phong Nha in Quang Binh Province.

Passing through peaceful countryside, coastal landscapes, and rural villages in Central Vietnam. Along the way, we'll stop at a small local restaurant for **lunch**, offering a chance to enjoy authentic Vietnamese cuisine and experience a more traditional side of the region. As this is a less touristy area, dining options are simple but fresh, authentic, and popular with local people. After lunch, we continue our journey to our beautiful lakeside accommodation.

On arrival you'll have time to enjoy a refreshing drink, swim in one of the pools or kayak on the lake before heading out for **dinner**. A relaxing day of travel, allowing you to unwind before tomorrow's unforgettable adventures in Phong Nha.

→ **Accommodation:** Phong Nha Lakehouse Eco Resort



Monday 22nd February

## Quang Binh



After **breakfast** we hit the road and board a **boat and cruise** on the Son River to visit **Phong Nha cave**.

Be treated to amazing scenery with self designed houses, churches, limestone mountains covered with evergreen trees and view the herds of water buffalos grazing by the river. When we reach the cave's mouth the boat's engine is shut down and we weave our way into the big cave where you can push your imagination to its limit seeing the beauty of stalactites and stalagmites in various shapes and colours that will simply blow your mind! A truly superb experience!

After **lunch** we make our way out to the Rice Fields to meet a wonderful family and visit their house and farm. Mingle with the lovely locals and get involved in some pretty unique options such as **Riding Buffaloes** and **Herding Ducks**. This is a very memorable and emotional visit meeting the family and in particular the father who fought in the Vietnam war and has the scars to prove it!

We head back to our lovely accommodation and get set for another memorable **meal** together.

→ **Accommodation:** Phong Nha Lakehouse Eco Resort



Tuesday 23rd February

## Quang Binh - Hanoi



Enjoy **breakfast** at the hotel before transferring to the airport for your **flight** to Hanoi.

Upon arrival in Hanoi, savor a bowl of the city's famous **Hanoi Pho**, a must-try local specialty. Afterwards, transfer to your hotel for check-in and some time to relax.

In the afternoon, explore the charm of **Hanoi's Old Quarter** on a traditional **Rickshaw Ride**, passing through bustling streets and local landmarks. Stop by the famous **Train Street**, where you can enjoy a drink and experience one of Hanoi's most unique attractions.

For **dinner**, indulge in the renowned local specialty **Cha Ca La Vong**, a traditional Hanoi dish loved by both locals and visitors.

After dinner, the evening is at your leisure. You may continue exploring the Old Quarter, visit local markets, enjoy Hanoi's vibrant nightlife, or simply relax at your hotel.

→ **Accommodation:** Signature by M Village Tho Nhuom



Wednesday 24th February

## Hanoi - Ha Long Bay



No trip so Vietnam would be complete without a visit to **Ha Long Bay**. So head down for **breakfast** and get set to depart. **NOTE:** We are returning to this hotel so you could just take an overnight bag for the night away.

We have a short break in Hai Duong Province before arriving and then transferred by speedboat to **Rita Cruise**. Enjoy a welcome drink, meet the captain and indulge in a Vietnamese **seafood buffet or set menu lunch**, while cruising in the magnificent Halong Bay, admiring the fascinating rock formations in the bay.

We sail through the calm emerald waters heading to **Dark & Bright Cave** (Hang Sang & Toi). Here you can choose between **Kayaking** or sitting on a **Bamboo Boat** for about 1 hour admiring the views!

Once back onboard enjoy a relaxed afternoon while waiting for sunset on Lan Ha Bay. Take advantage of the Happy hours "Buy 2 get 1 free" drink program at the Mimosa Cafe Lounge and the Sky bar!

You can join a brief but fun **cooking class** guided directly by the Chef.

Relax and enjoy the sundeck before a fabulous **dinner**. After dinner, you have free time or can choose to participate in nightlife activities such as Squid Fishing, listen to music, enjoy drinks or Singing Karaoke!

→ **Accommodation:** 5 Star Rita Cruise



DAY 19

Thursday 25th February

## Ha Long Bay - Hanoi



Wake up to a glorious morning view of the bay's landscape with a cup of tea or coffee then have **breakfast** at the restaurant.

The ship moves to visit **Frog Pond** where the Hollywood blockbuster movie **King Kong** was filmed. You have some time to relax before enjoying an early **buffet lunch** while cruising towards the port before you bid farewell to the amazing crew!

Travel back to Hanoi and later in the afternoon, we'll enjoy a traditional **Water Puppet Show**, a unique Vietnamese art form that reflects the culture and daily life of the Red River Delta.

After the performance, we'll head to a local restaurant for our **final group dinner** featuring authentic Vietnamese cuisine.

The remainder of the evening is at your leisure.

→ **Accommodation:** Signature by M Village Tho Nhuom



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Friday 26th February

## Hanoi - Home



A relaxed start to the day as we don't need to check in until mid morning before we catch our **flight** home. We have a stop in Kuala Lumpur before boarding again for our final leg back to NZ. Once we land in Auckland we transfer over to the Domestic Terminal to catch our flight to Palmerston North. You'll be home in time for dinner, safe and sound and loving every minute of your unforgettable experience in Cambodia and Vietnam.

### Departing from another location

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## Total cost

Departing from Whanganui:

**\$11,995.00**

\$3,000 deposit due by 14th September 2026

Final payment due by 16th November 2026

## Payment methods

- ✓ Cheque
- ✓ Cash
- ✓ Eftpos
- ✓ Online

Send online bank deposits to:  
BNZ 02-0792-0090015-00

Please use your name and trip name as code and reference.

## What's included?



### Transport

- All coach travel as stated in the itinerary
- Flights



### Accommodation

- Great twin share accommodation  
*(single supplement available)*



### Food and drink

- All meals in **bold** stated in the itinerary.



### Activities

- All activities as stated in **bold** in the itinerary.



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