

TRAILS OF INDOCHINA

Year End Mekong Journey

The Secret of the Lower Mekong

Siem Reap · Mekong River · Saigon

13 Days 12 Nights

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Prepared by Marketing Team

ABOUT US

Founded in 1999, **Trails of Indochina** began as a boutique tour operator specialising in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. Over the years, we have expanded across the greater Asian region, including South Korea, Japan, and Bhutan. All driven by the same passion: connecting travellers with the rich cultures and people of these diverse lands.

As a locally owned company with regional offices throughout Asia, we bring first-hand knowledge and deep cultural insight. Our close relationships with communities, artisans, and experts allow us to curate experiences that are both authentic and enriching.

We warmly invite you to discover our beautiful corner of the world, uncover its hidden gems, and embark on a journey that is deeply personal and truly unforgettable.



ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Number of guests: 02 persons
Room reference: Non-smoking, nice view (where possible)
Room Type: 01 Double/Twin room

Dates	Destinations	Accommodation
Day 1 – Day 3	Siem Reap (3 nights)	Anantara Angkor Resort & Spa
Day 3 – Day 10	Mekong River (7 nights)	Heritage Line 'Jayavarman'
Day 10 – Day 13	Saigon (2 nights)	Sofitel Saigon Plaza Hotel



DISCLAIMER:

- *Please be advised that this is just a primary proposal for your reference.*
- *Tour quotation is based on the suggested hotel/room categories. Price is subject to change due to availability and fluctuation in airfares.*
- *We will only proceed with the reservations upon receiving your written confirmation. We recommend your early confirmation to avoid the disappointment of unavailability and varying prices.*





Day 1: Siem Reap Arrival (Own Tickets) – VIP Arrival Airport Assistance – Transfer to Hotel

Upon arrival, you will be met just before the entrance to Immigration by your guide with a personalized signboard. Then, you will be escorted through the immigration formalities and visa-on-arrival processing. After clearing immigration, guide will assist you on how to collect your baggage and escort you to your driver and the private vehicle.

NOTE: This service does not include visa fees or associated visa fees.

If you are unable to locate the representative, please call our Customer Care Manager for immediate assistance on **(+855-89) 666 527**.

Transfer to your hotel with guide.

The regular check-in time is at 14:00; early check-in is NOT included and subject to availability.

Meal: None
Accommodation: Anantara Angkor Resort & Spa

Exclusive Benefits: 15% discount on food and beverage, spa services, and laundry.





Day 2: Sunrise Over Angkor Wat – Ultimate Archaeology and Anthropology of Angkor – Visit Tab Prohm & Angkor Thom

You may opt for Sunrise Over Angkor Wat. Begin your day at 5:00 with a private transfer to the West Gate of Angkor Wat, the perfect point for breathtaking sunrise views and capturing unforgettable photos. Afterward, return to your hotel for breakfast.

08:30 Meet your guide at the hotel lobby.

During your temple exploration, you will be accompanied by a specialist with extensive knowledge of Angkorian history, archaeology, and Khmer culture. Their expertise brings greater depth and context to the ancient monuments, offering insights into the construction and significance of the Angkor temples, the organization of the Khmer Empire, and the communities, traditions, and beliefs that shaped these remarkable sites.

The experience goes beyond the monuments themselves, exploring aspects of Khmer language, food traditions, cultural practices, and everyday life to provide a broader understanding of the culture behind the architecture. The discussion also touches on Cambodia's more recent history, including the challenges of the twentieth century, the country's political development, and its journey of recovery.

Bringing together archaeological, cultural, and historical perspectives, this specialist-led experience offers a deeper and more meaningful understanding of Angkor and Cambodia, connecting its ancient heritage with its past and present.

Return to your hotel to relax and have lunch at your own expenses.

After lunch, transfer by private vehicle to **Ta Prohm**, this beautiful temple, built in 1186 as a Buddhist temple dedicated to the mother of Jayavarman VII, is one of Angkor's jewels and is overgrown with fig trees, giving a haunting yet exotic atmosphere. One of the largest temple sites in Angkor it took almost 80,000 people to maintain the temple. Drive a short distance to **Ta Keo**, which would have been one of the finest temples in Angkor had it been completed. Continue to **Angkor Thom**, not a temple, but an entire walled city of 9 square kilometres and the royal Capital from 1181. With a population of 1 million, it was far bigger than any city in Europe at the time. The centre piece is **Bayon** temple crowned with 216 giant, smiling faces of King Jayavarman VII. Also visit the **Terrace of the Elephants** and the **Terrace of the Leper King**, which houses almost perfectly preserved carvings. Return to your hotel.

NOTE: Sun protection and insect repellent are recommended.

Meal: Breakfast
Accommodation: Anantara Angkor Resort & Spa





Day 3: Women-Empowered Craft Journey – Sunset Quad Biking

Breakfast at the hotel.

09:00 Meet your guide at the hotel lobby.

Experience a meaningful half-day tour of Siem Reap that celebrates Cambodian creativity, culture, and women's empowerment, all from the seat of a locally operated **Tuk Tuk Lady** tuk tuk, a women-led initiative that supports and uplifts female drivers in the region. Begin your journey at **Theam's House**, the inspiring studio-gallery of artist Lim Muy Theam, showcasing exquisite hand-crafted art and design rooted in Khmer traditions. Continue to **Satcha Cambodian Handicrafts**, a social enterprise revitalizing traditional crafts and creating livelihoods for rural communities. Your final stop is the **Lotus Silk Farm**, run by **Samatoa Lotus Textiles**, a pioneering social enterprise producing the world's most eco-friendly textile from lotus fibres. Here, learn about the unique, sustainable production process, browse beautiful handicrafts made from lotus by-products, and enjoy lotus tea with snacks while overlooking serene lotus and paddy fields. Return to your hotel early in the afternoon, inspired and uplifted, with free time to relax or explore further.

NOTES:

- Duration: 1-hour total roundtrip transfer, 3-hour experience
- Guests should wear pants / skirts cover knees and no off-the-shoulder shirts

Afternoon free at leisure.

- Alternatively, continue exploring the Angkor temple complex with an optional visit to the Grand Circuit.

  Start with **Preah Kahn Temple**, a jewel that is often neglected but worth a full exploration. Beautiful overgrown vegetation gives the ruin a similar character to Ta Prohm. Exit the temple on the east side where your vehicle waits for a short transfer to **Banteay Prei** where a refreshing drink is served. The small temple is practically deserted which allows for great photo opportunities.

  Afterwards, head for **Neak Poan**, which is an artificial island and unlike any other temple in the Angkor area. The nearby **Ta Som Temple** has beautiful features that are not to be missed. Although the crowds are picking up slightly, a walk to the rear of the temple is very rewarding, with the opportunity to take pictures of a fig tree that has partially taken over the structure.

17:00 Meet your guide at the hotel lobby.

Set off on a **sunset trip around the countryside of Siem Reap**, taking in the sights from the unique vantage point of a quad bike. Drive over small dirt roads that pass the local communities and take in the sights and sounds of rural Cambodia before finding a spot in between the paddy fields on the outskirts of the town to admire the sunset. Return to town driving along country roads.

NOTES:

- Approximate duration: 1.5-2 hours (30 minutes of total transfer time, 1 hour of experience)
- Capacity: 1 person per quad bike (or 1 Adult + 1 Child)
- Age restrictions: Children under 18 years old must sit behind adults or parents
- Recommended for confident, physically fit riders comfortable with uneven, bumpy, muddy, and off-road terrain. Not suitable for guests with limited mobility, back or neck problems, recent injuries or surgeries, or during pregnancy. Ideal for those with riding experience or who enjoy adventurous trips.
- What to bring: Comfortable, closed-toe shoes, long pants, and a t-shirt or long-sleeve shirt. Avoid flip-flops or sandals. Bring a hat and sunglasses for sun protection.

Meal: Breakfast
Accommodation: Anantara Angkor Resort & Spa





Day 4: Transfer to Meeting Point – Shuttle Bus to a Pier (operated by the cruise) – Embark on Heritage Line 'Jayavarman' (Low-water period itinerary)

Breakfast at the hotel.

SIEM REAP | EMBARKATION
07:30 - Meeting at Park Hyatt Siem Reap
Sivutha Boulevard, Siem Reap, 17252, Kingdom of Cambodia

The Heritage Line welcome lounge closes at 08:15.

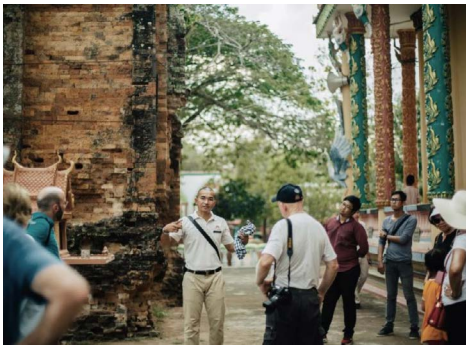
Heritage Line extends a heartfelt welcome to our guests in Siem Reap at our welcome lounge. Enjoy a second coffee this morning before the transfer departs to the moored vessel on the Mekong River. Upon boarding, our crew will guide you to your staterooms providing a short briefing on the cabin's facilities. After spending some time to settle in, lunch awaits in the ship's restaurant, followed by a welcome & safety briefing in the lobby by our cruise director.

As the afternoon unfolds, sailing with the flow of the Mekong River, you can enjoy time on the deck. The cruise director invites you to a little sunset event with canapés and prosecco, where one can socialise with other fellow passengers. After officially kicking off your journey, dinner is served. If you like, join the evening cinema in the climatised indoor lounge later.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation: Heritage Line 'Jayavarman' (private cabin, shared cruise)
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Exclusive Benefit: 20% discount on first spa treatment per guest.





Day 5: Angkor Ban – Prek Bangkong – Kampong Laeang

Early risers may like to join the daily offered Tai Chi session on the sun deck before breakfast. Today's morning excursion let us explore the village of Angkor Ban.

DEFAULT MORNING EXCURSION
Angkor Ban features a monastery with an adjacent, enchanting local village. You'll have the chance to meet monks during their morning class and engage in friendly conversations with the villagers. As we stroll through the village, we understand the local way of life in various aspects, collecting wonderful memories of Cambodia's rustic lifestyle. The village offers great photographic moments whilst interacting with the local community.

- **Optional Morning Excursion:** In addition to a shorter visit to the Angkor Ban village, the culinary excursion group extends their excursion to pass by the house of Mr B., who used to work as a young chef aboard the ship 'Jayavarman'. After he got married, he moved to his wife's home village. Together with his "mom-in-law" and the "chef" in the household (his wife), we prepare and cook a century-old soup recipe called *Samlor Korko*. The soup is kind of a fish soup made with many vegetables, spices, herbs, and roasted rice, accompanied by a duck egg omelette.

We are boarding our luxury ship again sailing now downstream again towards Phnom Penh. Before we arrive at Cambodia's capital, we halt at a small silk weaving community.

DEFAULT AFTERNOON EXCURSION
At the confluence of the Tonle and Mekong Rivers lies the small village of Prek Bangkong, known for its silk weaving community. This village was also the former residence of the Royal family before they moved to the Royal Palace. However, the real stars in this area today are the silk weavers, artisans who craft silk from the very beginning. We will have the opportunity to closely observe and learn about this intricate silk production process. We conclude this excursion by visiting the heritage house of H.E. Sam-El, once a famous architect for the royal family.

The rest of the day is a joyful sailing, passing the skyline of Phnom Penh and heading into the small Tonle River northbound. Enjoy a multi-course menu for dinner and the nightly entertaining evening cinema offered afterwards in the lounge. We moor midstream in the Tonle River.

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Day 6: Kampong Laeang – Kampong Tralach – Phnom Penh

DEFAULT MORNING EXCURSION
We are in the midst of the vast Tonle region, one of Cambodia's amazing ecosystems. The tour this morning leads to **Kampong Laeang**, an unknown hamlet situated just across from the famous pottery town of Kampong Chhnang. Once ashore, we embark on tuk-tuks to travel the heart of rural Cambodian life. During this excursion, we'll explore various locals, discover the art of pottery making, and visit a charming pre-Angkorian temple. From a vantage point, amazing panoramic views of the vast floodplains and lush rice fields (seasonal) can be enjoyed.

> **Optional Morning Excursion:** The culinary-themed excursion offers in addition to the default cultural excursion the possibility to participate in a cooking demonstration. Get to know how to prepare together the quite famous snack called *Nom Kruak* which is a kind of cake made from white or brown rice. Originally cooked only one side only, the Khmer invented *Nom Kruak* and cooked it on both sides. This dish is a tasty pre-dinner snack often consumed by locals.

Back on the ship, lunch can be enjoyed along with spectacular views of the Tonle River region, as the ship sails south to **Kampong Tralach**. An afternoon tea is served at the bar before we continue with another excursion.

DEFAULT AFTERNOON EXCURSION
Embark on an exciting outing to discover another part of the rural Cambodian countryside. Our ox-pulled cart will transport us along the riverside and down winding back roads, flanked by picturesque rice paddies, until we arrive at a small village. Here, we will have the opportunity to learn about a local NGO school and library project. Alternatively, you can choose to visit the nearby ancient 300-year-old temple and Buddha shrine.

The ship sets sail again for some more miles down the Tonle River before reaching Phnom Penh. We moor mid-stream with views of the skyline of this vibrant city.

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Day 7: Phnom Penh

Welcome to Phnom Penh, a city once renowned as the "Paris of the East." Despite its rapid development, it has retained much of its rustic charm and elegance. Phnom Penh is a remarkable city with a history and culture that spans centuries, still palpable at every street corner.

Our full-day sightseeing tour begins right after breakfast, allowing us to explore the city's highlights. We'll start with a cyclo ride, meandering through the town, and then visit historic places such as the palace and the silver pagoda. Our journey takes us to the "S21" prison, a poignant and dark chapter in Cambodia's history during the Khmer Rouge regime of the 1970s. Afterward, we'll pause for a delightful lunch in town before continuing to immerse within the Khmer culture. This afternoon starts with a visit of a famous academy of arts and a school dedicated to preserve traditional arts. Observe young dancers training in the intricate Apsara dance and take the opportunity to learn some basic techniques on your own under guidance. Conclude the day with a leisurely stroll through the city's French Quarter, including the iconic Wat Phnom temple.

Back on board, join a captivating testimony held in the lounge of the ship. Having endured the S21 imprisonment and later taking an active part in the Khmer Rouge tribunal, Mr. Sum Rithy continues to bear witness to a difficult chapter of Cambodia's history. Guests have a once-in-a-lifetime chance to talk, question and discuss a living witness of this dark Cambodian era. To cap off this eventful day, guests can indulge in a delightful open-air barbecue and gala dinner accompanied by a classic Apsara dance performance. Afterward, feel free to explore the city and its nightlife on your own, with its lively river promenade and colourful bars and cafes.

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Day 8: Phnom Penh – Border Crossing – Gieng Island

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Once the ship departed, the rest of the day is at your own disposal. Switch into cruise mode and experience the relaxing cadence this mighty river emanates. The afternoon is perfect for spa, relaxation on a terrace deck, or private balcony kick-backs. Conjure up a spell to merge with the river and float into a state of mild bliss. A visit to the bridge might be a pleasant amusement, as the captain always has a little story to share about "his" river. Or, learn more about Khmer gastronomy: join a local culinary workshop held by our head chef.

As you sip drinks and nibble on treats during afternoon tea, we approach the border and arrive in Vietnam. From here we continue the sailing into the heart of the bustling Mekong delta mooring near Gieng Island.

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Day 9: Gieng Island – My An Hung – Sa Dec

After our morning Tai Chi session and a delightful breakfast, we embark on an exploration revealing a vibrant kaleidoscope of diverse activities bringing the Mekong Delta to life.

DEFAULT MORNING EXCURSION
Gieng Island, also known locally as Mango Island, is perfect to stroll through under the shade of flourishing mango groves that shape the island's landscape. A visit to a small incense workshop introduces us to the careful process of crafting these fragrant sticks by hand. Another local highlight is a traditional boat-building workshop, where generations of families assemble wooden vessels that are essential to life along the river. Before departing, we surely are going to taste some of these delicious and freshly picked mangoes with a local tea in the courtyard of a century-old local home. This is the moment when we all understand the rhythms and resilience of life on the Mekong - so simple, so joyful.

- **Optional Morning Excursion:** Conclude your morning excursion with a culinary twist: Prepare with a local family an authentic *Bánh In*, a soft, sweet treat made from glutinous rice flour and sugar. Always served with jasmine tea, the *Bánh In* is popular during Vietnamese national festivals such as Tet.

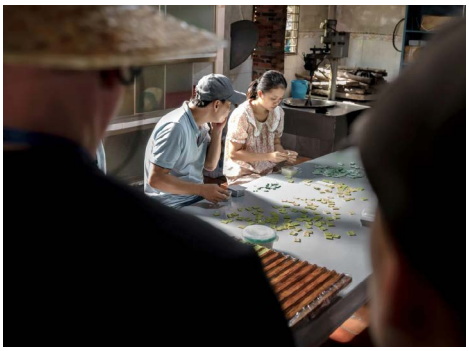
After back onboard a siesta after lunch, our expert guides offer a presentation about life in the Mekong Delta as the ship continues to **My An Hung** in the Sa Dec province.

DEFAULT AFTERNOON EXCURSION
My An Hung Village is a wonderful example of a real local village in the Mekong Delta where time stood still. We receive wonderful insights into the private household of a local family and visit the seasonal vegetable fields to understand what the farmers is currently cultivating. A Vietnamese tea tasting at a local family's house is accompanied by a presentation of a variety of fruits that are grown near-by, freshly cut from the tree. An artistic group performs displays the traditional dragon dance, whilst we can snack on the "vitamins bombs".

Back on board, the ship sails into the sunset towards the destination of the next day. A complimentary cocktail hour and alfresco snacks accompanied by music and dance vibes are offered to enjoy the blue hour before dinner is served.

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Day 10: Sa Dec – Tan Phong Island – My Tho

Wake early to embrace the stunning dawn scenery, a time when the Delta's inhabitants have already been active for hours. Energize yourself with our daily morning Tai Chi class before indulging in a lavish breakfast buffet. By local boat, we head out to Sa Dec, a charming riverside town in Dong Thap Province.

DEFAULT MORNING EXCURSION

This town reveals a graceful blend of colonial elegance and everyday Mekong life. Begin with a walk through the lively central market, where an abundance of fresh produce, seafood, and local delicacies reflects the region's rich agricultural rhythm. The cultural layers deepen with a visit to the historic home of Huynh Thuy Le, closely tied to Marguerite Duras' The Lover. Stepping inside offers a glimpse into a narrative that has left its mark on both literature and the town itself. The journey continues to Kien An Cung Pagoda, a century-old temple of Chinese heritage. With its ornate details and tranquil riverside setting, it provides a peaceful contrast to the town's lively streets before returning on board.

DEFAULT AFTERNOON EXCURSION

During a visit to a workshop in the town of Cai Be, we'll have the opportunity to observe the production of rice paper, rice cookies, rice wine and coconut candies. This is a very interesting manual process involving manual labour and special production techniques. After the workshop, we are heading to **Tan Phong Island**, a smaller island in the middle of the vast Mekong. We are visiting a local family and their fruit garden, offering us various kinds of tropical fruits to taste. A buggy ride through the island gave us a glimpse of the local day-to-day life as it unfolds. We stop at another family's house. They specialize in weaving water hyacinth plants into artistic crafts by hand.

- **Optional Afternoon Excursion:** After a short buggy ride through lush fruit orchards, a local family welcomes you as a cooking apprentice to master the art of traditional Jackfruit Leaf Cakes. From picking fresh leaves and extracting their juice to shaping and steaming the cakes in their natural casings, you'll experience every step of the process. And since the secret to great cuisine often lies in the sauce, you'll also learn to prepare a perfect coconut dipping cream before savouring your creation with hot ginger tea.

Once everyone is back on board, the ship makes its final journey to **My Tho**, offering some little farewell party vibes along the way.

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Day 11: My Tho – Saigon / Disembarkation – Untold Food Stories of Saigon with Vintage Vespa

Enjoy your last breakfast aboard your floating home.

We disembark the ship after breakfast and take a bus transfer from My Tho to Saigon. It is only around 70 kilometres on the highway, and you arrive in Saigon by mid-morning.

We hope you enjoyed this fascinating river cruise, just as our crew does every single time, take home enchanting memories and friendships and share the stories of this amazing river - the Mighty Mekong.

NOTES:

- Itinerary and program are subject to change and will be operated as advertised on public website or in the relevant collateral at the time of boarding. Please click HERE to view the latest cruise itinerary
- Optional tours and program are subject to change and will be operated as advertised on public website or collateral at the time of boarding

SAIGON | DISEMBARKATION

10:00 - Drop off at Sofitel Saigon Plaza
17 Le Duan Boulevard, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City

Upon arrival, process check-in and relax at your hotel.

18:30 Meet your guide at the hotel lobby and hop on a delightful culinary journey.

The darker the night gets; the more vivid Saigon becomes! Get ready for a fascinating ride by vintage Vespa tonight to discover the busy Saigon after dark, together with beautiful street foods tasting in the most authentic local restaurants. Make your first stop at a small yet popular Vietnamese bread stall, line up to get fresh bread roll before heading to a local coffee shop for briefing. Keep on riding to a hidden boutique seafood restaurant to taste the freshest local seafood courses. Then continue to zigzag through the hustle bustle streets, wander around an old apartment complex which becomes extremely lively at night with hundreds of food and drinks stalls. Take a break at 50-year-old desserts shop to try different hand-made sweet soups. End up your night at a cosy bar room tucked away in a quiet alley to taste some local beer and have a chat with people here. Transfer back to your hotel.

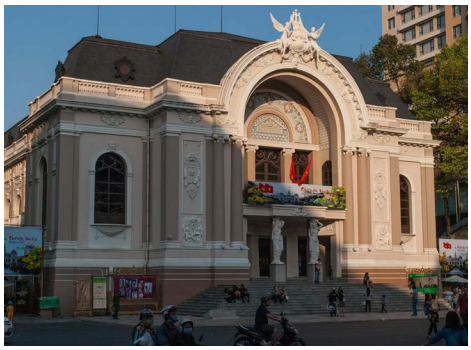
NOTES:

- Approximate duration: 4 hours
- Inclusions: vintage vespa ride with drivers, dinner with cocktails to pair with your food, English-speaking guide, souvenirs and insurance.
- This tour is a street food adventure; some stops are not as tidy as in formal restaurants. Yet we have inspected and chosen the best shops with acceptable hygiene, to make sure you can experience the best local street food possible.

- Remark about traffic in Saigon: If you have never visited Saigon - the city on the move, then it is a good idea to discover this city by motorcycles. Get well prepared that the traffic moves in a different way that at home. The roads are always busy with motorbikes, cars and buses. But take it easy, Saigonese knows how to handle all the turns. You will sit behind experienced drivers who understand their vespa and the traffic like the back of their hands. Only by sitting on a motorcycle that you can zigzag through the narrow alleys, bustling residential area to capture the real night life of Saigonese.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner (Street Food)
Accommodation: Sofitel Saigon Plaza Hotel

Exclusive Benefit: Welcome amenities (including fresh coconuts, mixed nuts and GM welcome card).


Day 12: Morning Cu Chi Tunnels by Boat (Private) – Afternoon Saigon Walking Tour

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 Meet your guide at the hotel lobby.

Morning transfer to the Jetty and depart for the Cu Chi Tunnels. Begin your **private speedboat** excursion and witness glittering skyscrapers and busy commercial centres giving way to green fields and stilt houses along the Saigon River. Arrive at the famous **Cu Chi Tunnels**, an immense network of connecting underground tunnels started in 1948 to protect the Viet Cong guerrillas from the French air and ground sweeps. The tunnels also served as living quarters, communication and supply routes, and housed hospitals, food and weapons caches. Touring **the underground compounds** will provide a better understanding of the history of the tunnels, the hardship of life in the tunnels and the Vietnamese resilience during combat. Return by private speedboat to Saigon with a stop en route for lunch at a local restaurant.

NOTES:
- Approximate duration: 04 hours
- The speedboat journey takes approximately 1.5hrs each way, and slightly longer between March and May due to the water hyacinth season.

In the afternoon, explore Saigon's historic landmarks and vibrant local life.

With more than eight million residents and millions of motorbikes on the move each day, Saigon is a city of constant motion. Yet beneath its modern pace, layers of history remain clearly visible. Begin the walking tour at the **Saigon Opera House**, an elegant French colonial landmark dating from the late 19th century. Continue along Dong Khoi Street, once Saigon's most prestigious boulevard, to the former CIA building, famously associated with the evacuation of the last US personnel in 1975.

Proceed to admire the exterior of **Notre Dame Cathedral**, built with red bricks imported from France and inspired by Parisian architecture. Cross the square to the **Central Post Office**, a grand early-20th-century building that has long served as one of the city's most important communication hubs. Continue on foot to the **Independence Palace**, formerly the headquarters of the Saigon government until 1976. Walk along Nam Ky Khoi Nghia Street, passing the **Supreme Court** housed in a striking yellow French colonial building—one of the city's most recognisable façades.

Turn onto Le Thanh Ton Street and continue towards the lively surroundings of **Ben Thanh Market**. Pause at a local street coffee shop, known for hosting a casual visit by Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and enjoy a drink with local residents.

Afterwards, walk past **Nguyen Van Hao's building**, once the residence of the wealthiest businessman during French colonial times. Photo stops are recommended before an optional visit to **Maison Marou**, where guests may sample premium Vietnamese chocolate and learn about the country's single-origin cacao heritage. From here, enjoy a relaxed walk along Le Thi Hong Gam Street to a refined French-era mansion built in the late 1920s, now home to the Ho Chi Minh City **Museum of Fine Arts**.

Antique enthusiasts may enjoy strolling along **Le Cong Kieu Street**, a quiet 300-metre stretch near Ben Thanh Market that feels far removed from the city's bustle. The street is lined with shops selling ceramics, woodwork, metal, and glass pieces—many genuine antiques, others crafted in vintage style. Conclude the tour at the **Bitexco Financial Tower Skydeck**, where panoramic views offer a final perspective on Saigon's evolving skyline before returning with lasting impressions of the city.

NOTES:

- Approximate duration: 5 hours (30-minute transfer, 4.5-hour experience)
- Inclusions: 1 unit of beverage at the local coffee shop
- Availability: The Fine Arts Museum is closed on Monday
- Due to the renovation of Saigon Notre-Dame Cathedral, we are limited to exploring its interior until further notice.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation: Sofitel Saigon Plaza Hotel

Day 13: Transfer to airport (approx. 1 hour) – Saigon Departure (Own Tickets)

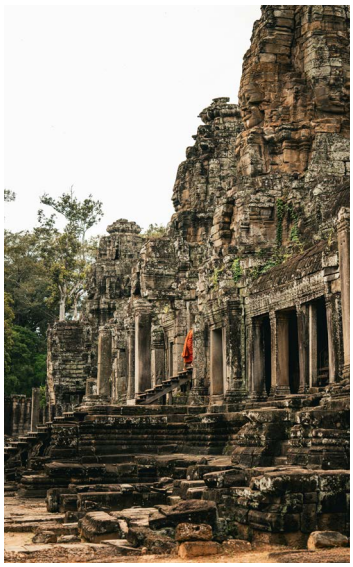
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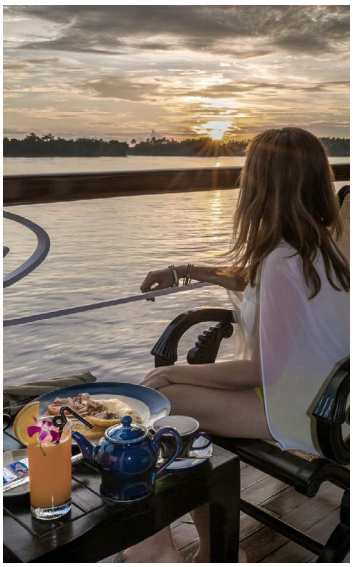
At the right time, meet your guide at the hotel lobby and transfer to the airport for your next flight.

The regular check-out time is at 12:00; late check out is NOT included and subject to availability.

Meal: Breakfast

END OF SERVICES!






All proposed images for reference only.

ANANTARA ANGKOR RESORT





Nestled just 15 minutes from the ancient Angkor temples, Anantara Angkor Resort is a luxury boutique five-star resort offering Khmer-inspired suites surround a charming courtyard pool, blending rich silks, teak wood floors and modern comforts. Highlights include the sumptuous Henri Mouhot Two-Bedroom Suite, inspired by a traditional Khmer summer home, and Explorer Suites featuring Jacuzzi bathtubs, plunge pools and private treatment beds. Culinary experiences embrace Anantara's signature 'Designer Dining' concept, with bespoke romantic settings and exceptional cuisine.

Address: National Road No. 6 Khum Svay Dangkum
Contact: +855 63 966 788
Website: www.anantara.com/en/angkor-siem-reap

HERITAGE LINE 'JAYAVARMAN'

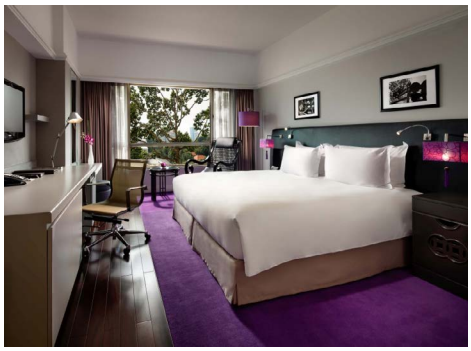




Named after the revered King Jayavarman, Heritage Line Jayavarman evokes the grandeur of ancient Angkor. This elegant vessel, blending French colonial Art Deco with Khmer culture, offers a unique Mekong River experience. With elegantly decorated staterooms, a spa, a stylish lounge, and a French brasserie, the Javayarman provides exceptional hospitality and a range of on-board and off-shore experiences, allowing guests to immerse themselves in the rich history and culture of Southeast Asia.

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Website: heritage-line.com/ship/jayavarman

SOFITEL SAIGON PLAZA HOTEL


Located on prestigious Le Duan Boulevard, Sofitel Saigon Plaza is ideally positioned near Ho Chi Minh City's key cultural, business and shopping attractions, including Notre Dame Cathedral, the Central Post Office and Independence Palace. The 284 rooms and suites blend elegant French design with subtle Vietnamese touches. Guests can enjoy diverse dining at The Mezz, LE17 Bistro, ST25 by KOTO and the rooftop "S" Pool Bar & Dining, alongside panoramic city views from Club Millésime. The hotel also offers elegant event spaces, including Diamond Hall and seven modern meeting rooms.

Address: 17 Le Duan Boulevard
Contact: +84 28 3824 1555
Website: www.sofitel-saigon-plaza.com

PRICING

Price includes 15% commission

Date	Direction	Price based on double/twin share	Single Supplement
09 – 21 Dec 2026	Siem Reap – Saigon	USD 5,600 per person	USD 1,300 per person
***** Reversed Program *****			
17 – 29 Dec 2026	Saigon – Siem Reap	USD 5,700 per person	USD 1,400 per person

INCLUSIONS

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▫ Overnight accommodation including daily breakfast, hotels tax and service charges ▫ 8 days 7 nights overnight cruise (Shared cruise/private cabin) ▫ Private transfers and transportation on tour ▫ Sightseeing with local English-speaking guides (one guide in each city) ▫ Entrance fees and boat rides ▫ Meals as specified (meals only, no drinks/ water) ▫ Cold towels and water on sightseeing days ▫ Airport Assistance Service	▫ Other Assistance Services ▫ Separate luggage truck ▫ Visa ▫ Other meals where not mentioned in the program ▫ Drinks/water at included lunches and dinners ▫ Other flights & airport taxes ▫ Hotel early check in/ Late check-out ▫ Overweight luggage ▫ Personal expenses ▫ Travel insurance ▫ Tips & gratuities ▫ Other services not listed in inclusive column

NOTES

- All flight times are local.
- Flight times and the daily order of sightseeing are subject to change.
- Transfer times are approximate and subject to local conditions at the time of travel.
- For one day Angkor pass, visitor can now only enter each temple one time only. By purchasing the multiple day pass, you can still enter the temple as many times as you want.
- Please refer to the pre-departure guide which has been provided with this proposal.
- The Bakan Tower at Angkor Wat is open to visitors daily. However, it is closed from 1:00 PM onwards on the 14th and 28th of each month for routine maintenance and conservation work.

OPTIONAL ADD-ONS

Click on the link to find out more experiences to add to your itinerary:

Tailored_Experience_VIETNAM Collection

Tailored_Experience_CAMBODIA Collection

GENERAL BOOKING CONDITIONS

PAYMENT

- 60% of the total tour cost to be deposited upon commitment of the tour. **This deposit is non-refundable.**
- 40 % of the total tour cost to be paid 30 days prior to arrival date.
- 100% of the total tour is required 30 days prior departure or within 24 hours of confirmation if travelling within 30 days from departure.

CANCELLATION

Any cancellations must be made in writing.

- Non-refundable deposit 60% for all confirmed booking.
- 14 - 8 days prior to arrival date: 80% of the total tour cost
- 7 days or less prior to arrival date: 100% of the total tour cost.

Special conditions: Depending on airlines, hotels, cruises' cancellation policies, the above conditions may be modified.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

COUNTRY OVERVIEW

Please refer to the links below for Country Overview:

Vietnam Country Overview

Cambodia Country Overview

PRE-DEPARTURE GUIDES

Please refer to the links below for your pre-departure guides:

Vietnam Predeparture Guides

Cambodia Predeparture Guides

VISAS

Please ensure your passport is valid more than 6 months from the date of return for every country you are visiting. Please also ensure there is sufficient space in your passport to allow for all immigration procedures, taking note that some South East Asian countries take up a full page for the visa sticker and need yet more space on a separate page for entry & exist stamps.

Kindly note that visa service is not included in our proposal. Please contact Trails of Indochina for any visa service or guidance. Please refer to the following links for more information about Visa in each destination.

Vietnam Visa Information

Cambodia Visa Information

TRIP AND TRAVEL INSURANCE

The tour price does not include personal insurance. Travellers are highly recommended to purchase Trip Insurance & Travel Insurance upon commitment of the booking in case of force majeure. Trip Insurance covers the cost of your trip should you be forced to cancel your trip before you start the trip. Travel Insurance covers such costs as emergency and medical evacuation, hospital fees, property loss, etc. which could possibly happen during the trip. If you would like Trails of Indochina to have a copy of your Trip Insurance & Travel Insurance information in case of emergency, please forward these details to your agent who will in turn forward to our office.