

INCLUSIONS

- AIRFARE- Return class airfare as itinerary
- ACCOMMODATION - First Class Hotels (Twin Bedded Rooms 2 People sharing)
- MEALS- Buffet breakfasts, Lunches, and buffet dinners daily
- Surface Transportation Select Cities.As Mentioned By A Deluxe AC/Air Cool Coach.
- Services of Royale Orchid Tour.
- SIGHTSEEING & ENTRANCE Fees, Manager or/ and Local Guides in Transfers

EXCLUSIONS

- Any increase in Airfare, Visa Fees, Airport & Govt Taxes and the rate of exchange leading to an increase in surface transportation and land arrangements, which may come into effect prior to departure. The tour price is subject to increase, without notice.
- Any expenses such as Tourist Tax and of personal nature such as portorage, laundry expenses, wines, water, food and drink not in the regular menus provided by us, mini-bar, telephone calls, tips to the drivers, hotel waiters, local guides etc. are to be borne by the passengers. Meals are pre-set and a choice of menu is not available.
- Anything not mentioned in "What your Tour Price Includes box"
- Any change in date of travel/ deviation from original group travel dates that will result in an increase in airfare and applicable taxes.
- Personal Insurance
- Tips USD \$110 per person

BOOKINGS AND DEPOSITS - You must complete and sign the official Royale Orchid Booking form given below and read terms and conditions of the tour below. Please enclose an initial non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person (adult / child) towards the cost of the tour. All cheques must be payable to Royale Orchid Tours and Holidays upon which you will receive an official receipt. Your receipt is written confirmation of your tour. However, it is not valid for travel on tour.

BALANCE PAYMENTS - Balance payments towards the costs of the tour must reach us at least 90 days prior to departure of the tour Date.

AMENDMENTS - A transfer from one tour to another will be treated as a cancellation from a tour and a fresh booking of another. Therefore, cancellation rules will apply. Tour Itinerary/ Hotel/ Airlines/ Flights/ routes are subject to change without prior information.

CANCELLATION - All services such as airline seats / hotel accommodation / ground transportation are pre-booked well in advance. We are liable to pay penalties to all our suppliers/ vendors if these services are released within the mentioned period.

If cancellation is made:

Deposit Non-Refundable - \$500

120-60 days - 25% retained and remainder refunded less Deposit

61-46 days - 50% retained and remainder refunded less Deposit

46 days or less - 100% retained of your tour price.

PLEASE NOTE:

Though every effort will be made to follow the itinerary, it should be considered as an indication of the tour, rather than a contract of places to be visited. Occasionally local conditions, religious holidays, national holidays, traffic conditions, military/ security and other events may necessitate changes in the sequences of visits of missing of certain places.

TOUR PRICE

CAD \$5900

VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

DAY 1: Hanoi Arrival

Arrive in Hanoi and transfer to hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 2: Hanoi - Full Day City Tour - Water Puppet Show

Depart the hotel for the Temple of Literature. Visit the fascinating Ethnology Museum (closed Mondays), a research center and public museum exhibiting the ethnic groups of Vietnam.

In the afternoon, Visit The One Pillar Pagoda, founded by King Ly Thai To in 1049, next. This structure is one of Vietnam's most iconic temples. Close by is the mausoleum of the historic father figure of modern Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh, and the former president's house on stilts where he lived from 1958 to 1969. Next, visit Hanoi's Old Quarter, also known as the '36 streets'. Take a walking tour through charming Hang Be Market and around Hoan Kiem Lake. This bustling area of narrow streets and alleys is home to literally thousands of small businesses and shopkeepers. It's a great place to explore with plenty of photo opportunities all around.

Finish the day with a Water Puppet show. Have dinner at local restaurant. Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 3: Hanoi - Halong Bay

Leave Hanoi after breakfast for a 2-hour transfer to Ha Long with a 15-minutes stop on the way. Arrive at Tuan Chau Pier towards noon then proceed with check-in formalities. Welcome on board, followed by lunch while cruising towards the bay. Spend the afternoon enjoying some visits and/or activities (depending on each boat's itinerary) or relaxing onboard with panoramic views of the karst limestone formation. Complete the evening with dinner served onboard. Overnight on Halong Bay.

DAY 4: Halong - Hanoi - Hoi An

Wake up to the fresh morning amidst the bay and have breakfast (brunch on some boats) while leisurely immersing in the serene setting of the spectacular rock formations. Proceed to checkout as the cruise arrives towards port. Disembark and transfer to Hanoi for a flight onward to Danang International airport. Lunch at local restaurant.

On arrival in Danang transfer to Hoi An, a major Asian trading port in the 17th and 18th centuries whose architecture and relaxed lifestyle have changed little over the years. End of the afternoon at leisure and have dinner at hotel. Overnight in Hoi An.

DAY 5: Hoi An - Half Day City Tour

Take a walking tour of the ancient town centre to visit the former merchants' homes, the 400 year-old Japanese Covered Bridge and the colourful market. Lunch and dinner at local restaurant. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Hoi An.

DAY 6: Hoi An - Half day My Son

Transfer from your hotel for a half day trip to the capital and religious centre of the former Champa Kingdom. My Son, 40km southwest of Hoi An, sits in a lush green valley with dozens of red brick towers and sanctuaries dating from the seventh through the thirteenth centuries. Your guide will take you through the museum and the holiest of sites before returning to your hotel. Lunch and dinner at local restaurant. Overnight in Hoi An.

DAY 7: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City - Half Day City Tour

After breakfast, transfer to Danang Airport for the short flight to Ho Chi Minh City and transfer to hotel.

After lunch at local restaurant, visit the Presidential Palace. Stroll to the major sights of colonial Ho Chi Minh City: the Old Saigon Post Office, Dong Khoi Street (formerly Rue Catinat), Continental Hotel, Opera House and City Hall. At the end of the afternoon head back to the hotel. Have dinner at local restaurant. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 8: Ho Chi Minh City – Mekong Delta – Ho Chi Minh City

Leave the busy streets of Ho Chi Minh City and drive deep into the Mekong Delta on this Cai Be day tour. Upon arriving in Cai Be, disembark the boat when reaching Tan Phong Island and start a very interesting cycling tour through small villages and narrow roads. Ride along the pathways and take the opportunity to visit local families making traditional products such as handicraft items made from water hyacinth, roofs made from palm leaves, hammocks made from coconut ropes, and rice papers.

Enjoy lunch with specialties of the Mekong Delta in the ambience of an ancient house. After lunch, walk through narrow lanes of a local market to enjoy the hustle and bustle before getting on board and continue cruising on the Mekong River, witness everyday life in the watery world passing by while sampling local fresh fruits. Leave the boat for a while to visit local businesses such as family-run rice wine making and rice mill factory and interact with the host learning about their daily lives.

At the end of the tour, drive back to Saigon. Have dinner at local restaurant. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City

DAY 9: Ho Chi Minh City – Siem Reap (CAMBODIA)

After breakfast, transfer to Airport for the flight to Siem Reap. Welcome to Siem Reap, the charming gateway to the famed Temples of Angkor. You will be greeted by your local English speaking guide, who will accompany you to your hotel for check in. Settle in and enjoy some time at leisure to refresh. Designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, the Angkor Archaeological Park encompasses dozens of temple ruins including Bayon, Banteay Srey and the legendary Angkor Wat. Begin the introduction at the Shrine to Ya Tep: Beneath a tree on an island in the middle of the road leading into Siem Reap sits a sandstone image believed by locals to contain the spirit of Ya Tep, a neak ta (ancestral spirit) that is believed by locals to protect the town of Siem Reap.

Just beside Ya Tep lies Preaek Ang Chek and Preaek Angchom, a popular Buddhist shrine surrounded by stories of power and indestructibility. Preaek Ang Chek and Preaek Angchom have also come to fame because of the fortune teller at the shrine. Visit this palm reader and learn what the future holds!

Continue onwards and learn about Spirit Houses, which are common in Buddhist countries across Southeast Asia, including Cambodia, although they likely predate Buddhism and belong to the animist religious practices of the early Khmer. The Royal Crusade for Independence Gardens are beautiful to walk through, and host a colony of giant fruit bats. Sites such as the Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor, the Royal Residence, a statue of a Deva (God) from Angkor Thom, and Wat Preah Prom Rath are all lovely sites to be seen along the way.

Finish the walking tour along the riverside opposite Psar Chas, the Old Market. While the south side of the market has largely been given over to stalls selling souvenirs to tourists, much of the market still caters to a local clientele who shop here for everything from fresh produce and household supplies to motorbike parts. Along the riverside are a number of stalls selling various street foods, including fruit smoothies, noodle soup, and roti pancakes. Grab a snack if you wish, enjoy a stroll around the market, or ask the guide to hail a remork to return to the hotel. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Siem Reap.

DAY 10: Siem Reap

explore on a sightseeing tour of the famous Angkor Wat Temple. Built during the reign of King Suryavarman II in the early 12th century, Angkor Wat is constructed following the model of the temple mountain symbolizing Mount Meru, the home of the gods. Inside the temple, the walls are covered with stone carvings and bas-reliefs depicting Hindu mythology and the wars Suryavarman II fought during his reign. Lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, you continued our tour by Remork (a local form of transportation) to the ancient city of Angkor Thom, the last capital of the Great Khmer Empire under the reign of Jayavarman VII. This city is surrounded by an 8 m high wall, drawing a perfect square. Enter the city through the ancient South Gate, an impressive stone gate carved with Elephants and four giant faces. On each side of the entrance path a row of 54 gods or demons is holding the sacred Naga snake.

From here, continue to Bayon Temple in the exact center of the city. Enjoy an evening of culture at Phare Cambodian Circus Show. Set up by refugees of the Khmer Rouge era, Phare promotes performing arts as a way to cope with trauma.

The lights will dim and the performers will take to the stage. The hour-long show tells stories of modern life in Cambodia through a rich spectacle of song, dance and acrobatics. The performers combine traditional Khmer theater with modern influences resulting in an entertaining and enthralling show. Following the show there is an opportunity to take photos with the cast, a spectacular memory of the evening's performance. Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Siem Reap.

DAY 11: Siem Reap

Breakfast at the hotel. Beginning from the entire Angkor Park is open to visitors but many are still strolling around Angkor Wat. Consequently, this is the best time to experience the temple you most wish to see with the fewest number of other visitors. Consider Ta Prohm, the temple made famous by the Angelina Jolie film Tomb Raider, which is otherwise best known for the trees and vines growing atop the temple walls. The temple is a perfect example of how nature has crept in and reclaimed its land after the fall of the Angkorian Empire. Enter from the east, just as the temple opens, to avoid the crowds.

Then continue to visit Banteay Srey. Continue on to the Landmine Museum. This remarkable project was established by Mr Aki Ra, who is reputed to have served as a child soldier during the Khmer Rouge regime. Having seen the tragic effects of landmines first hand, he has since dedicated his life to de-mining the country and helping those affected by them. The museum has incredible, thought-provoking displays about Cambodia's tragic wartime history and the damage caused by landmines. It also has a positive side, with many stories of landmine victims who have gone on to have successful jobs and normal lives.

Lunch will be in a local khmer house in the nearby village.

After lunch return to Siem Reap town, on the way head to the APOPO visitor's center for an exclusive tour of this fascinating and life-saving organization. Welcome to APOPO Center's guide and spend up to an hour learning about the devastating impact of explosives that lie buried in the Cambodian countryside and get first-hand experience about this creative solution to the problem. In a simulated minefield built for training purposes, help guide the rats as they sniff their way along the ground in search of explosive material. Visit the room where the rats live and pose for a photo with the furry rodents and their handlers. Watch an informative video and take the opportunity to learn more about landmines, Cambodia, APOPO, and the HeroRATs through a Q&A session. Every guided tour is led by a mine action professional with real-life experience of humanitarian demining.

Then visit Theam's House Art Gallery. Afterward, spend your evening in the hotel for a good rest before exploring the Amazing sunset's tour. farewell dinner with traditional dance show at a local restaurant. Overnight in Siem Reap.

DAY 12: Siem Reap – Departure

Breakfast at the hotel. You have some leisure time for personal activities until the transfer to Siem Reap International airport for your departure flight