












ITINERARY: Viet Nam & Cambodia

DAY	DATE	OVERNIGHT	ACTIVITY
		OVERNIGHT FLIGHT	<p>Depart LAX for your international flight to Hanoi</p> <p><i>Flight schedule:TBD</i></p>
1	Tuesday March 13	<p>HANOI</p> 	<p>Arrive Hanoi, Viet Nam -- Upon arrival your guide will greet you at the airport in Hanoi City. The capital of Vietnam is located on the banks of the Red River with tranquil Restored Sword Lake at its heart. North of the lake are the bustling streets of the Old Quarter, each street named after the trade that used to take place there. Much of the city was transformed by the French when it became a French protectorate in the 1880s, and there are wide boulevards and large colonial buildings which now house government departments and foreign embassies. Transfer to your hotel in the city center to refresh.</p>
2	Wednesday March 14	<p>HANOI</p> 	<p>Hanoi City Tour -- Enjoy a leisurely morning, and after lunch you will have a half-day of city sightseeing. This half-day tour takes in all of Hanoi's essential sites. We will visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (outside) and historical presidential relics and then the Temple of Literature nearby. Afterwards we head to Ngoc Son Temple, a temple set on a tiny island on the Hoan Kiem Lake, dating back to the 13th century. The lake itself is a picturesque focal point of Hanoi, frequented by tourists and locals alike. The rest of time will be at leisure, or make your own exploration to the city or shopping around the old quarters. Enjoy the famous traditional water puppetry show where you will have chance to get a general picture of the daily activities typical of Vietnam's rural areas.</p>
3	Thursday March 15	<p>HALONG BAY</p> 	<p>Hanoi/Halong Bay – Morning departure for Halong Bay, traveling through the scenic countryside. The wondrous Halong Bay is truly one of Vietnam's most impressive scenic sights. We will embark on a boat for exploring. This exciting cruise will provide us a fantastic view of the picturesque scenery and some 3,000 limestone islands rising amazingly from the clear and emerald water. The limestone karsts formations are littered with beaches, grottoes and beautiful caves. Along the way we will anchor for a leisurely swim in a secluded cove as well as visit one of the many hidden grottoes beneath towering cliffs. Stay overnight on the boat.</p>

<p>4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday March 16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meals: B</p>	<p>HOI AN</p> 	<p>Halong Bay/Travel to Hoi An -- Wake up and enjoy the sun rising over Halong Bay. After breakfast, visit beautiful limestone grotto then back to the boat for a final glimpse of the Bay while cruising back to the dock. Our van will pick you up at the pier and transfer back to Hanoi airport for a flight to DaNang city. Private airport pick up and transfer to hotel in Hoi An for the night.</p>
<p>5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday March 17</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meals: B</p>	<p>HOI AN</p> 	<p>Hoi An Walking Tour - In the morning, enjoy a walking tour to see the bustling fish and vegetable markets, the Old Quarters to see the town's landmarks of Japanese Covered Bridge, ancient Assembly Hall and Phuc Kien Temple. We then take a river trip to enjoy the scenery along the Thu Bon River and the general view of Hoi An Ancient Town. We will transfer you back to the town and rest of time is at your leisure. Hoi An is well known for souvenir shopping with great prices and also famous for its large number of tailor shops. If you want to get an outfit tailor made to measure, this is the time to do it.</p>
<p>6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday March 18</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meals: B</p>	<p>SAIGON</p> 	<p>Hoi An/Travel to Saigon – Free morning at leisure in Hoi An until transferring to Nha Trang airport for flight to Ho Chi Minh City (formerly known as Saigon). Ho Chi Minh City is a sprawling metropolis that is home to over 5 million people and a fast-paced city full of contrasts as street vendors selling fruit and vegetables can be seen next to glitzy western-style bars and boutiques. Following the tour, you are at your leisure to go shopping in Dong Khoi street areas or Ben Thanh market nearby.</p>
<p>7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday March 19</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meals: B</p>	<p>SAIGON</p> 	<p>Saigon City Tour --In the morning, our tour guide will take us to visit many interesting sites and landmarks in Saigon City. First stop is Notre Dame Catholic Cathedral and short visit to French built Post Office nearby, and then we will proceed to see the Reunification Palace, formerly the Presidential Palace governed by the US-pro government of Republic of Vietnam. We will also visit the War Remnants Museum, which primarily contains exhibits relating to the American phase of the Vietnam War. After a lunch break, we drive to Cu Chi district, 50 km to the Northwest of Saigon City, where the tunnels form an immense network of connecting underground routes that underlie much of the country. The Cu Chi tunnels were the location of several military campaigns during the Vietnam War. After transferring back to Saigon city, we have free time at leisure or shopping at Ben Thanh Market nearby.</p>

8	Tuesday March 20	CRUISE ON TOUM TIOU		<p>Saigon/Begin Cruise</p> <p>We board our boat, Toum Tiou, and get settled in our rooms. There will be a security briefing and information meeting, crew introductions, cocktails and a welcome dinner.</p>
	Welcome Dinner			
9	Wednesday March 21	CRUISE ON TOUM TIOU		<p>MyTho/Cai Be/Sadec</p> <p>We depart early in the morning for My Tho, located on the banks of the northern arm of the Mekong, and we drop anchor on the river near Thoi Son Island. My Tho is a quiet, prosperous city of about 100,000 inhabitants, famous for its many fruit orchards, gardens and the huge rice fields. The climate is warm and pleasant year round. Local boats come alongside Toum Tiou to pick up passengers and transfer them to the mainland for a panoramic tour of My Tho town and its market. We return to the pier, where passengers can cruise by local boats to visit Dragon Island</p> <p>We then re-embark Toum Tiou, leaving My Tho for Cai Be where we drop anchor. Local boats pick up the passengers and cruise around Cai Be Floating Market. We continue to Vinh Long - a brick and pottery factory, the Binh Hoa Phuoc Islet Nursery of Fruit Trees as well a typical house and a showroom of traditional farming tools. Vinh Long, which translates as "Majestic Dragon", is in the middle of the delta, between two arms of the Mekong. Houses on stilts, hawkers in boats, hundreds of small craft crisscross in all directions. The local hospitality makes it an excellent tourist destination.</p> <p>We return to the Toum Tiou, and depart for Sa Dec where we will drop anchor for the night.</p>
	Meals: B,L,D			
10	Thursday March 22	CRUISE ON TOUM TIOU		<p>Sa Dec/Chau Doc</p> <p>Short panoramic tour of Sa Dec, a small city of 30,000 inhabitants undisturbed by tourists which offers unspoiled authenticity. It provides a glimpse of the delta where a few colonial houses still remain, including the "Chinaman's house" (from Duras' novel "The Lover", also made into a movie).</p> <p>We leave Sa Dec and arrive after lunch at Victoria Hotel Chau Doc jetty. If there is time, we will watch the sunset on the Sam Mountain which peaks at 237 meters. Its well-known Buddhist sanctuaries offer an unobstructed view over the mosaic of glistening rice paddies below. To the left is Cambodia, the flow of the Mekong on the horizon breaks into an infinity of silver ribbons. Visit on the way of the Lady Chua Xu temple and Tay An Pagoda.</p> <p>After dinner on board, passengers can visit the Promenade along the river. We then leave for the Cambodian border.</p>
	Meals: B,L,D			

<p>11</p>	<p>Friday March 23</p>	<p>CRUISE ON TOUM TIOU</p> 	<p>Chau Doc/Vinh Xuong/Phnom Penh</p> <p>In the morning, we arrive at Vinh Xuong check-point for a formalities clearance so that Toum Tiou can cross the border. Later in the day, we arrive at Phnom Penh, where you are free to explore the capital city.</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Saturday March 24</p>	<p>CRUISE ON TOUM TIOU</p> 	<p>Phnom Penh</p> <p>After breakfast, we will enjoy a half-day tour which will include the Royal Palace the National Museum and What Phnom. After lunch, we will visit Tuol Sleng Museum, an old detention center where tortures and executions by the Khmer Rouge took place between 1975 and 1979. Nearby, we will visit the Russian Market.</p> <p>Dinner and entertainment on board the boat.</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>Sunday March 25</p>	<p>CRUISE ON TOUM TIOU</p> 	<p>Phnom Penh/Koh Chen/Kampong Trlach</p> <p>After breakfast, we have time to explore on our own. We then depart for the local village of Koh Chen and continue on to Kampong Tralach to visit its wonderful Vihara belonging to Wat Kampong Tralach Leu pagoda, the place of some outstanding mural paintings which remain one of the last survivors of cultural destruction. We drop anchor a few miles away for the night.</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>Monday March 26</p>	<p>CRUISE ON TOUM TIOU</p> 	<p>Kamplong Chlang/Chnok Tru</p> <p>Toum Tiou departs early in the morning, setting sail to Kampong Chnang, one of the largest fishing ports on the Tonlé Sap. Fish farming is also widely practiced in the area. The area is famous for its pottery ware, unchanged in style for centuries, which is produced in sufficient quantities to supply the entire country. Not to be overlooked are the products of the Thnot tree (sugar palm – a real national symbol) that abounds.</p> <p>We sail onto Chnok Tru, where local boats pick up passengers for their visit to the biggest floating village on the Tonlé Sap River. The Toum Tiou II stays overnight in the proximity of Chnok Tru.</p> <p>We enjoy our Farewell Cocktail and Farewell dinner with the Master of Ship & Cruise Manager and our Captain. Overnight on board.</p>

<p>15</p>	<p>Monday March 26</p> <p>Meals: B</p>	<p>SIEM REAP</p>  <p>Phnom Krom</p>	<p>Tonle Sap Cruising / Siem Reap</p> <p>Today we leave the Toum Tiou. Before disembarking, you will have enough time to pack and then relax as we cross the Tonlé Sap Lake. Late morning arrival at Phnom Krom, about 7 ½ miles outside of Siem Reap.</p> <p>Phnom Krom hill is very rocky. Local legend has it that the rocks were exposed by the monkey general Hanuman during a hunt for medicine in the Ramayana epic. The area beyond the temple’s west gate affords a spectacular view of the Tonle Sap lake.</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>Tuesday March 27</p> <p>Meals: B,D</p>	<p>SIEM REAP</p>  	<p>Angkor Wat Tour</p> <p>A private excursion tours the highlights of Angkor, from Angkor Wat itself to the royal city of Angkor Thom, the Terrace of the Elephants, the Terrace of the Leper King and the Bayon. The largest, best preserved, and most religiously significant of the Angkor temples, Angkor impresses both by its sheer scale and beautifully proportioned layout, as well as the delicate artistry of its carvings. We will visit Sras Srang, a basin opposite of Banteay Kdei measuring 800 by 400 metres with a tiny island in the middle where only the stone base remains of what was once a wooden temple. We will visit Ta Prohm, one of the most popular attractions of Angkor, as much of the jungle has not been cleared and it looks very much as most of the Angkor monuments would have appeared when European explorers first stumbled across them. We will watch the sun set over the Cambodian countryside from the upper terraces of an ancient Angkorian temple and then we will continue visiting Banteay Srei, a Hindu temple dedicated to Shiva.</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>Wednesday March 28</p> <p>Meals: B</p>	<p>HOME</p>	<p>Our final day is at leisure to rest, shop or tour. A private vehicle will transfer us to our departure flight.</p>



PRICING & ITINERARY INFORMATION:

TRIP INCLUDES:

- Round-trip international flight from Los Angeles to Hanoi, return from Saigon
- Accommodation based on twin/double sharing
- All private transportation with A/C
- Daily breakfast served at hotel
- Guided Sightseeing per program
- Short excursions while cruising provided by cruise
- 1 night on the junk boat in Halong Bay
- 7-night upriver cruising from Saigon to Siem Reap (Full board)
- Internal flights inside Vietnam
- All entrance and visiting fees per program
- Cold towels and bottled mineral water during the tour

TRIP PRICE:

\$5,155./pp dbl occupancy