

JOURNEYS OF THAILAND - 18 DAYS 17 NIGHTS

Welcome to Indo-China, a sub-region predominately and culturally influenced by Ancient China and India which blends in with native culture, traditions and customs along with Mighty Mekong River which intertwine the region as whole. Blessed with tropical nature, visitors are welcomed with warmth and comfort, however its past century historical events of wars and conflicts remained bitter to locals but they rebuild to create their beloved nations prosperous, different and welcoming. Our **Journeys of Indochina** tends to serve what the best of the region offers starting with the excursions of Klong: a **Bangkok's** riverine residences, and Wat Pho, ancient Reclining Buddha temple, Ayutthaya ruins: Former prosperous Kingdom of Siam, and a thrilling Mae klong Train market and unique floating market. Driven overland in to **Cambodia**, explore Angkor Wat; 7th Wonder of the World and ancient ruins nearby, visit Floating village and a painful yet educational trip to Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng former high school turned interrogation center in Phnom Penh. Flight to **Vietnam**: dragon-shaped costal nation, torn painfully in history but today thriving economy with fast-paced community never fails to awe visitor culturally, by history and food. Make a trip to Cu chi Tunnels: former stronghold of Vietcong and insightful Mekong Delta tour and Hoi An: World Heritage town, join cooking class of delicious Vietnam cuisines, Hue: last seat of Vietnamese Monarch before French invasion and awed by the natural wonder of Ha long Bay and visit Hanoi where culture of East Asians, French and Viet can be witnessed as unique living museum.



Top highlights:

- Klong (canal tour) & Temples
- World Heritage in Ayutthaya
- Candy cotton with Roti powder
- Sunrise over Angkor Wat and Temple ruins tour
- Floating village trip on Tonle Sap tributaries
- Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng museum excursion
- Mekong Delta day trip in Vietnam
- Untold Cu Chi Tunnels tour
- Hoi An Heritage walking tour and interactive cooking class
- Cultural Hue Citadel tour
- Serene Ha Long Bay 2 Days / 1 Night Junk Boat excursion (Shared boat)
- Hanoi City walking tour

Program: -

Day 01: Bangkok – Arrival

Upon your arrival in Bangkok, deplane and follow signs to Immigration, located one level above baggage claim. Descend elevator to collect baggage. After clearing customs, proceed to the Arrival lobby and look for your sign. Our friendly representative will assist your family with luggage and help with your transfer to your comfortable hotel for check-in.

Overnight in BANGKOK

Meals: Not Included

Day 02: Bangkok – Welcome meeting - Klong (canal tour) – Wat Pho

Buffet Breakfast will be served at the hotel (**time: 06:30-10:30hrs morning**).

After Breakfast at the hotel, get to know fellow traveler at 9:00 AM and meet with your Trip expert who will be with you from here to the end of the trip. He/She will do welcome speech and spend around 45 minutes to do tour orientation.

Travel by motor launch on the picturesque Chao Phraya River and canals, or Klongs, to observe the serene family homes and temples along the waterways. You will pass the famous Royal Barges, excellent samples of Thai craftsmanship and stop at Wat Pho, one of the oldest and largest temples in Bangkok.

Afternoon is at Leisure in Bangkok.

Optional Evening Bangkok at night by Tuk-Tuk tour. (Book in advance or ask your Trip expert for more information)

Overnight in BANGKOK
Meals: Breakfast Included

Day 03: Bangkok – Ayutthaya Day trip

Breakfast at the hotel and make a trip to Ayutthaya: former Kingdom of Siam by one hour drive.

Explore through **Wat Phra Sri Sanphet**, is an important landmark in Ayutthaya where you will visit ancient ruin of **Grand Palace** and its temples including monk chat and make merit. Wat Mahathat an unseen tourist attraction where you could see buddha head enshrine in the three.

These temples also enshrine buddha Relic from the past 600 years. **Kudi Dao** is a restored temple ruin situated off the city island in the eastern area of Ayutthaya. Enjoy local lunch at the restaurant.

Stops and experiences how the local people making famous product **Cotton candy**, this is in Thai we call **ROTI**. We will let you learn how they make it and will also let you try it. We would like to take you somewhere tourist not usually go. Here is an old ruin temple (**Wat Kudidao**) where we can share with your storytelling from local people and also other stories about Ayutthaya that you could not find on google or any travel book. We head back to Bangkok after the tour.

Overnight in Bangkok
Meals: Breakfast & Lunch Included

Day 04: Bangkok – Siem Reap by Overland drive

This morning, check out from the hotel and get ready for road trip headed east to Thai – Cambodia land border, after immigration formalities, we continue our drive to Siem Reap.

(Approximately driving from Bangkok to Siem Reap is 7 hours)

Note: Prepare your E-visa before or check with our Travel experts beforehand)

After some refreshment at hotel, In the evening, make a visit to lively Siem Reap **Pub Street** where you can explore opportunities to bring some great memories strolling through souvenirs shops, pop-up exotic snacks shops and dinner options.

Overnight in Siem Reap
Meal: Breakfast Included

Day 05: Siem Reap – Sunrise over Angkor Wat and Ancient ruins tour

Early this morning, hop on a local **Ramork** (similar to the Thai tuktuk) and be taken to a special sightseeing tour of the famous **Angkor Wat**. 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. Angkor Wat is well known for the more than 2,000 Apsara dancers decorating the temple. Construction is thought to have taken around thirty years of intensive labor. Today, Angkor Wat is figured on Cambodia's national flag as the temple symbolizes the soul of the Khmer people. Lunch is served at the restaurant near Angkor Wat.

This afternoon, explore **ancient city of Angkor Thom**. This is the last capital of the Great Khmer Empire under the reign of Jayavarman VII and the city is surrounded by an 8m high wall, drawing a perfect square. Enter through the ancient South Gate, an impressive stone gate carved with Elephants and four giant faces.

From here, continue to **Bayon Temple** in the exact center of the city. This 12th century masterpiece is a study in grandeur and is well-known for its 54 towers with enigmatic faces representing the 54 provinces of the Great Khmer Empire. **The Terrace of the Elephants and the Terrace of the Leper King** are also must-visits as they are both known for their intricate bas-reliefs.

End your day visiting the temples of the Small Circuit. The most illustrious of these is Ta Prohm, built in the mid-12th to early 13th centuries. Ta Prohm is unique in that it has been left largely as it was found: overgrown by jungle trees and vines, with many parts of the temple crumbling to the ground. This makes the 'Tomb Raider Temple' one of the most picturesque and memorable of the Angkor temples. The visit will also include Banteay Kdei, a Buddhist monastery from the late 12th Century, and Srah Srang, also known as the 'pool of ablutions'.

Overnight in Siem Reap.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch Included

Day 06: Siem Reap

Today is free at leisure or make **Optional activities** as follows:

Hero Rat: The Rat who search for landmine'

Phare Circus: The best cultural acrobatic circus in Cambodia'

Overnight in Siem Reap.

Meals: Breakfast Included

Day 07: Siem Reap – Phnom Penh

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out.

Today begin 5 hrs scenic drive to Phnom Penh, along the drive enjoy the rural scenery of Cambodia, making stops at Skuon known for its abundance in exotic fruits and snacks, wander around this little rest-stop to witness what local specialties are picked by locals on their drive.

Enroute stop at local family for home-cooked lunch experience, interact with local hosts to learn Khmer culture and traditions.

Arriving in the afternoon, check-in to the hotel for some refreshment.

Later join **Orientation walking tour** led by our Trip expert to understand history and culture of Phnom Penh, pick riverside rooftop restaurant for some drinks and dinner.

Overnight in Phnom Penh
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch Included

Day 08: Phnom Penh – Killing Fields & Toul Sleng Genocide Museum

Breakfast will be served at the hotel. Today we will escort you on guided excursion.

Guided Excursion to Killing Fields and Toul Sleng Genocide Museum

After Independence from French colony, Cambodia was divided by different political agendas and unwanted dragging in to Vietnam war finally led to the rise of communism, it finally resulted in authoritarian rule of Pol Pot: leader of Khmer Rouge, his brutal regime took over 3 million lives, war is still bitter to many but today former execution and interrogation sites named **Killing fields** and Toul Sleng Genocide Museum are places that history is retold.

After guided excursion, we will return to city, afternoon is free at leisure. **Optional activities** as follows:

Grand Palace visit: showcase of Khmer art and craftsmanship
Cyclo tour of City: Ride along the streets and Boulevards, passing friendly locals and city landmarks

Overnight in Phnom Penh.
Meals: Breakfast Included

Day 09: Phnom Penh – Ho Chi Minh City by flight

Breakfast at the hotel, free at leisure and enjoy the hotel facilities.

Check-out and meet your Thailand Journeys Tour leader and take a private transfer to Phnom Penh Airport for your flight to **Ho Chi Minh city (recommended flight/ Earlier flight VN 921 - (Vietnam Airlines) time: 13:50-15:00hrs / included).**

Upon your arrival in **Tan Son Nhat** Airport, perform immigration formalities and drive to hotel for check-in.

Note: Most nationalities receive single entry visa exemption but please check before your status or prepare visa beforehand.

After check-in and refreshment at the hotel, join the guided walking orientation of Ho Chi Minh city, a sprawling, characteristic and busy metropolis with many stories to tell.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh city
Meals: Breakfast Included

Day 10: Ho Chi Minh City – Cu Chi Tunnels

Breakfast will be served at the hotel. Today we will escort you on guided excursion to understand Vietnam which many stories are untold of.

Guided Excursion to Cu Chi Tunnels; War Memorial Museum

South and North Vietnam war with international involvement is known worldwide but the stories of this village outside of Ho Chi Minh City that defended their families and beliefs underground and above were never untold. Once Cu Chi village was a farming community that later turned Vietcong who in the South Vietnam built intricate and functional tunnel systems. Our Half-day excursion will provide you with insightful knowledge on the stories and history.

Lunch is served at local restaurant.

After guided excursion, we will return to city, afternoon is free at leisure. **Optional activities** as follows:

War Remnants Museum: Largest collection of photos, artworks, documents and War vehicles and Shopper's paradise "Ben Thanh market "

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh city
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch Included

Day 11: Ho Chi Minh City – Mekong Delta Tour

Breakfast will be served at the hotel. Today we will escort you on guided excursion to **Mekong Delta**, resourceful and cultural region where you can observe rural Vietnam.

Guided Excursion to Mekong Delta region

Mighty Mekong River is the encompassed river which benefits communities upstream and downstream particularly sediments deposit down South Vietnam that variety of livelihood flourish, our Van, boat and walking tour will take you to various domestic industries such as candy making, fruit tasting, boating along the river and interacting with communities.

Lunch is served at the local restaurant.

After guided excursion, we will return to city, afternoon is free at leisure. **Optional activities** as follows:

War Remnants Museum: Largest collection of photos, artworks, documents and War vehicles and Shopper's paradise "Ben Thanh market "

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh city
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch Included

Day 12: Ho Chi Minh City – Da Nang - Hoi An by flight

Breakfast at the hotel, check-out and meet your **Thailand Journeys Trip expert** and take a private transfer to **Tan Son Nhat** Airport for your departure flight (*flight VJ 624 (Viet jet) – 0850/1010 included*).

Upon your arrival in **Da Nang** Airport, drive to hotel in Hoi An for check-in.

Hoi An, a major Asian trading port in the 17th and 18th centuries whose architecture and relaxed lifestyle has changed little over the years. After some refreshment at hotel, Your Trip Leader and Local Expert will organize **Orientation Walk and walking tour of the ancient town center** to visit the former merchants' homes, the 400-year-old Japanese Covered Bridge and the colorful market.

Lunch is on your own in Hoi An Old Town. Afternoon is free at leisure.

Overnight in Hoi An.
Meals: Breakfast Included

Day 13: Hoi An

Spend the day at leisure. As a suggestion head down to Hoi An's Cua Dai Beach with its stunning stretch of long white sands, crystal clear waters and island views. Today is your free day at leisure to give deep into its way of life. You can choose to relax on your own or consider optional activities as follows:

Cua Dai Beach
Vietnam Culinary Class
Bana Hills and Danang City Day Trip
Hue the ancient capital day trip

Your Trip expert and Local Expert is standby to assist whatever you need today.

Overnight in Hoi An
Meal: Breakfast Included

Day 14: Hoi An – Hue

Breakfast at the hotel, and prepare to make 4 hrs. drive past coastal road by East Sea, picturesque hill views with a stop at Bunker Hill once it was Border check-point between North and South Vietnam, then continue the mesmerizing scenery along the way to Hue, a quintessential town in Central Vietnam.

Guided Excursion to Khai Dinh Tomb and Bunker hill

Hue is tucked away gem of Vietnam in Central Vietnam, once the Imperial capital by Perfume River which hosted scholars from all across Vietnam notably hometown of Uncle Ho, its tranquility, history and culture represents Vietnamese ways of life. Today visit Khai Dinh Tomb adorned in neoclassical architecture, mausoleum of Emperor Khai Dinh who was the twelfth Emperor of the Nguyễn dynasty of Vietnam. And make a stop at Bunker hill where you will learn about the DMZ and wars between North and South of Vietnam.

After excursion, return to hotel or discover what Hue walking street night scene offers,

Overnight in Hue
Meals: Breakfast Included

Day 15: Hue – Hanoi by Overnight train

Spend the day at leisure and check out from hotel. As a suggestion head down to Hue's Imperial Tombs and Royal houses of last **Nguyễn Dynasty**, deeply influenced by East Asian customs or get a little adventurous on the escorted bike-taxi to explore alleys, pagoda and historic remains.

Today is your free day at leisure before catching Overnight Sleeper train (**ETA: 15:05/1545**) to give deep into its way of life. You can choose to relax on your own or consider optional activities as follows:

Citadel or Imperial city which once resided Emperors of the Nguyễn dynasty of Vietnam.

Thien Mu Pagoda: known for traditional Vietnamese architecture Buddhist monastery, impressive Bonsai Garden and holy monk who drove down to Ho Chi Minh city for protest

The Perfume River: enjoy Dragon along the river

Escorted Bike-taxi half-day tour of hidden Alleys, colorful incense sticks workshops, and Thanh Toan Bridge

Your Trip expert is standby to assist whatever you need today.

In the afternoon, hop on the Overnight sleeper train to Hanoi for visit to Ha Long Bay, (Approximately traveling time 13 Hours).

Note: As there is no Canteen onboard, please prepare your dinner in town before Train Journey.

Overnight onboard.

Meal: Breakfast Included

Day 16: Hanoi – Ha Long Bay

Morning arrival at Hanoi, drive to hotel for breakfast and storage of excessive luggage before your transfer to 2 Days / 1 Nights Ha Long Bay Junk Boat trip.

Note: We will store excessive luggage at hotel and pack the necessities for 2 Days 1 Night trip on Ha Long Bay junk boat.

Excursion to Ha Long Bay 2 Days / 1 Night

Set off your journey from Hanoi for a 2.5 hrs drive to Ha Long Bay including a 20-minutes stop on the way. Arrive at the jetty in Ha Long City towards noon and proceed with check-in formalities. After a welcome onboard, lunch will be served while cruising towards the bay itself. In the afternoon, enjoy some visits and/or activities (depending on each boat's itinerary) or just spend some time relaxing on board. Towards the end of the day the boat sets anchor for the night among the karst formations. Dinner is served on board.

Overnight onboard.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Day 17: Ha Long Bay – Hanoi

Enjoy a fresh morning in the middle of the bay, the sun rises on Ha Long in the morning and breakfast is served (brunch on some boats) while the vessels cruise slowly through the magnificent rock formations and back towards port. Disembark and drive back to Hanoi.

Upon arrival in Hanoi, walk with our Tour leader on insightful Orientation walking tour, being the Historic and contemporary capital, Hanoi offers taste of East Asian, French and of course Vietnamese.

This evening is the last night of this amazing adventure. We will take you to have **farewell dinner and spend a night out to celebrate the completion of our unforgettable journey.**

**Overnight in Hanoi.
Meals: Breakfast and Brunch and Dinner Included**

Day 18: Hanoi Departure

Breakfast is included this morning. Check out time is at 12:00 PM. You can depart anytime today.

Our Trip Leader will standby to assist you to extend your next adventure.

Meal Breakfast Included

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Rates are net per person per trip in half-twin sharing (THAI BAHT)

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Supplement charges: -

Terms & Conditions:

Package includes:

- Transfers and Tours as mentioned by air condition vehicle with English guide.
- Meals as stated (B = breakfast, L = lunch & D = dinner).
- Entrance fees as mentioned.
- 3 nights in Bangkok as selected hotels.
- 3 nights in Siem Reap as selected hotels.
- 2 nights in Phnom Penh as selected hotels.
- 3 nights in Ho Chi Minh City as selected hotels.
- 2 nights in Hoi An as selected hotel.
- 1 night in Hue as selected hotels.
- 2 nights in Hanoi as selected hotels.
- 1 night onboard of Ha Long Junk boat.
- 1 Overnight train from Hue to Hanoi
- Int'l Flight from Phnom Penh to Ho Chi Minh City and domestic flight from Ho Chi Minh City to Da Nang
- Breakfast at Hotel in Hanoi on Day 16
- Room tax.

Package excludes:

- Expenditure of a personal nature, such as drinks, souvenirs and laundry & etc.
- Supplement charges for Festive season.
- Other tours & meals than mentioned in the program.
- Early check-in and/or late check-out at hotels.
- Service charges, VAT and baggage handling.

Remarks:

- Guests should be healthy and in good physical condition
- Weather condition may impose changes in the program or the cancellation of certain activities
- Guests need to bring a copy of their passport and Thai visa page with stamp into Thailand
- Thailand Journeys reserves the right to adjust our prices if any changes of tax & gasoline increasing in Thailand.
No any reservations are made yet.
- Childs under 11 years, pay 75% of adult rate (consider from number of adults).

Payment policy:

- Pre-payment 100% (after services confirmed before guests' arrival 30 days in advance).
- Deposit 30% (after services are reserved for guarantee the booking).
- Payment can be made by Bank Draft or SWIFT transfer payable to our Bank A/C.
- All Bank services charge will be borne by the payee.
- If payment is by credit card, an additional 4% will be added on to our tariff rates.
- American Express / Visa and Mastercard are accepted.

BANK DETAILS:

A/C Name	: S.E.A. Journeys CO., LTD.
A/C Number	: 093-398654-3
Bank Name	: KASIKORN BANK
Bank Address	: 90 1st floor Tesco Lotus Bangyai, Moo 5, Kanchanapisek road, Bangkuvieng, Bangkuay district, Nonthaburi 11130, Thailand.

- Bank draft or cashier's cheque to be mailed to or Bangkok head office address.
- Company cheque or personal cheques are NOT acceptable.

Refunds or Cancellation:

- Tour and transfer deposits are fully refundable if the amendment/cancellation is received by our office in Bangkok more than 20 days in advance. Hotel deposits will be refunded according to individual hotel cancellation policy.
- Cancellation fees will be levied according to the time cancellation is made.
- No refund or reduction will be made to any member of GROUP/F.I.T. who breaks the journey from the scheduled itinerary in Thailand.

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