

## Day 1 Hanoi

Arrive at any time.

There are no planned activities today until an evening welcome meeting. After the meeting, opt for dinner out with the group.

### Arrival Day and Welcome Meeting

1h18:00

The adventure begins tonight. Feel free to explore before your welcome meeting, but make sure you're back in time to meet the group. After introductions, your CEO will review the details of your tour. Please note that normal check-in times apply at our start hotels, but you can usually store your luggage for the day if you arrive early.

## Optional Activities - Day 1

### Accommodation

Church Boutique Hotel Lan Ong (*or similar*)

Hotel

## Day 2 Hanoi/Ha Long

Enjoy a Ha Long Bay cruise on a junk boat with visits to a cave and an island lookout. Savour a seafood lunch and dinner.

Drive to Bai Chay harbour, the jumping off point for Ha Long Bay. Thousands of islands with intricate cave systems rise dramatically from the waters. Sail past limestone karst mountains in the junk boat and stop to visit some of the islands and caves.

In the evening, devour a seafood dinner, then opt to enjoy a drink on deck under the stars.

### Private Vehicle

Hanoi – Bai Chay4h

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

### Junk

Ha Long

Skim across the water aboard this iconic traditional Asian sailboat.

### Halong Bay Overnight Cruise

Board a traditional junk boat at Ha Long Bay harbour and cruise out onto serene waters. Marvel at massive limestone karst mountains jutting out of the water, creating unforgettable spectacular scenery. Swim, kayak or

go cave exploring on one of the islands, if conditions are right. Indulge in fresh seafood meals with a variety of dishes to sample. Drift to sleep in a cozy cabin on board.

On rare occasion Halong Bay is closed to tourist vessels by the government authorities due to extreme weather conditions. Should this occur, an alternate activity will be provided.

## Accommodation

Halong Bay Boat (*or similar*)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

## **Day 3 Ha Long/Huế**

Cruise back to the port and take a private van to Hanoi. Enjoy some time in the city before an overnight train to Hue.

Enjoy breakfast on board before a morning sail back to the port. Drive back to Hanoi for a little more time to enjoy the city before boarding an overnight train.

Private Vehicle

Ha Long – Hanoi4h

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Free Time

HanoiAfternoon

Spend a few hours exploring this beautiful capital city. Visit some shops, have a bia hoi on a street corner or grab a coffee in a lakeside café.

Basic overnight train (beds)

Hanoi – Huế14h-15h

Drive about 15 mins to the station and then board the southbound train for the overnight journey.

Meals included:

Breakfast | Lunch

## **Day 4 Huế**

Guided tour of the Imperial Citadel, Royal Tomb and Tien Mu Pagoda.

Arrive early to Hue, once the imperial capital of Vietnam. Start the day with a visit to the Tien Mu Pagoda followed by a visit to the tomb of one of Vietnam's former emperors.

After, opt for a vegetarian lunch at a local nunnery.

While in the city, try some local Hue specialties such as banh khoai (Hue savoury pancakes), and banh bot loc boc tom thit (thin rice paper filled with meat and shrimp). Wash it all down with a Hue beer.

#### Tien Mu Pagoda Visit

Huế

Visit Tien Mu, one of the tallest and, perhaps, most elegant pagodas in Vietnam, at seven storeys high. Take a step back in time touring this historic temple - built more than 400 years ago along the north shore of the Perfume River, it has been the site of many political protests.

#### Imperial Citadel Tour

Huế

Tour this one-time capital city and UNESCO World Heritage site. See the walled fortress and former palace, which has many palaces, gateways, courtyards, and gardens to explore. The Forbidden Purple City (modelled on China's Forbidden City) inside the citadel was once home to the imperial family and was significantly damaged during the Vietnam War.

#### Royal Tombs Visit

Huế

Visit the Royal Tombs along the Perfume River in Hue. Embracing the concept of Feng Shui, these tombs are extremely ornate and provide fantastic insight into the lives of the former rulers.

### Optional Activities - Day 4

#### Motorbike Tour

Huế

Hop on the back of a motorbike and let your professional driver take you out into the countryside. Explore rice paddy landscapes and see local villagers at work in the fields. Take in temples, shops, a scenic overlook or two, or, perhaps, an ancient covered bridge – routes can vary on these interesting rides.

#### Accommodation

Asia Hotel (*or similar*)

Hotel

### Day 5 Huế/Hoi An

Drive the Hai Van pass. Take advantage of Hoi An's many options over the 2.5 days in town. Opt for a cooking class, riverboat trip, bike ride, beach time, tailor visit or My Son ruins.

Start the day touring the wonderful ruins of the Imperial Citadel before heading towards Hoi An in the late morning. Cross the Hai Van Pass (weather permitting), with fantastic views in all directions, before arriving to Hoi An in the afternoon.

With three nights here, there's plenty of time to explore all this charming town has to offer.

#### Private Vehicle

Huế – Hoi An 4h

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

#### Free Time

Hoi An Afternoon

Use free time in this quaint town to explore any way you like.

### Accommodation

Vinh Hung 2 Resort (*or similar*)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast

## **Day 6 Hoi An**

Spend two full days exploring all Hoi An has to offer. Dive into the culture, hang out on the beach or get clothes tailor-made in one of the many shops around town. Enjoy a noodle making demonstration and lunch at Oodles of Noodles, a G Adventures-supported project.

G Adventures for Good: Oodles of Noodles Demonstration and Lunch

Try some of the oodles of noodles (more than 26 types!) available in the city in this tasty cooking class. Run by Planeterra Foundation partners, STREETS International, the class was developed exclusively for G Adventures. Former street youth that are part of this hospitality training program, will help you prepare and cook a number of different types of noodles. This program helps these youth practice their English, increasing their skill-set and opportunities available to them in the tourism industry. Enjoy your yummy creations while learning more about the local cuisine and this initiative which empowers street youth through skills and employment training.

#### Free Time

Hoi An Half Day

Explore this charming city.

## **Optional Activities - Day 6**

## Accommodation

Vinh Hung 2 Resort (*or similar*)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast | Lunch

## **Day 7 Hoi An**

Spend a free day exploring all Hoi An has to offer.

Carte Blanche

Hoi An Full Day

There's plenty to see and do in Hoi An, and we wanted to make sure that you had some time to take it all in.

Feel free to relax or try optional activities like learning about Vietnamese cuisine with a cooking class, trying your hand at making traditional lanterns, and visiting the ruins of My Son. Your CEO has more ideas if you need them. Just ask!

## Accommodation

Vinh Hung 2 Resort (*or similar*)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast

## **Day 8 Hoi An/Ho Chi Minh City**

Fly from Hoi An to Ho Chi Minh City with free time to explore this hectic city.

Drive to Da Nang for the flight to Ho Chi Minh City, once the capital of South Vietnam and the country's commercial centre. Start exploring the small alleys and busy streets, keeping an eye out for laquerware shops and delicious local food stalls.

Plane

Hoi An – Ho Chi Minh City 1h

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.

## Accommodation

Hong Hac Boutique Hotel (*or similar*)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast

## **Day 9 Ho Chi Minh City**

Guided tour of Cu Chi Tunnels in the morning, free time in the afternoon.

Use free time to visit the Thien Hau and Giac Vien pagodas and stroll through the immense Ben Thanh Market. The Reunification Palace, the city's Chinese quarter of Cholon, and the War Remnants Museum are also well worth a visit.

#### Cu Chi Tunnels Guided Tour

Củ Chi

Take a guided tour of the Cu Chi Tunnels, a complex network of tunnels that the Viet Cong lived in to protect themselves from opposing forces during the Vietnam War. Try crawling through some of the tunnels (if you're not claustrophobic). These tunnels stored ammunition, had underground hospitals, and served as a hidden base for attacking allied forces.

#### Free Time

Ho Chi Minh City Afternoon

Enjoy free time to explore this hectic city any way you like.

### Optional Activities - Day 9

#### Accommodation

Hong Hac Boutique Hotel (*or similar*)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast

### Day 10 Ho Chi Minh City

Enjoy a boat cruise through the villages, islands, and markets of the Mekong Delta, and visit traditional candy factories.

After enjoying a day in the Mekong Delta, travel back to Ho Chi Minh City in time for an optional dinner.

#### Private Vehicle

Ho Chi Minh City – Mekong Delta 2h

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

#### Day Trip to Mekong Delta

Mekong Delta Full Day

Travel to where the mighty Mekong empties into the South China Sea. Board a small boat and navigate through narrow canals, witnessing local living along the way. Stop to see cottage industries and their products for which the area is famous: delicious, chewy coconut candy and rice cakes.

#### Private Vehicle

Mekong Delta – Ho Chi Minh City 2h

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

### Accommodation

Hong Hac Boutique Hotel (*or similar*)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast

## **Day 11 Ho Chi Minh City/Phnom Penh**

Travel day with border crossing from Vietnam to Cambodia. Enjoy a cyclo tour through the city to benefit a local organization.

Drive to the border and cross into Cambodia. Continue on to the capital, Phnom Penh, and enjoy a cyclo ride through the city for a street-level perspective.

#### Local bus

Ho Chi Minh City – Mộc Bái 2h

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

#### Border Crossing (Vietnam - Cambodia)

Mộc Bái – Bavết

Ready for a little more ink in your passport? Grab your bags and get ready to check another country off your bucket list.

#### Local bus

Bavết – Phnom Penh 3h

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

#### Phnom Penh Cyclo Tour

Phnom Penh 45m-1h

Settle in a traditional cyclo and depart from Wat Phnom. Tour busy streets to soak up the real vibe of the city. Pass the post office and Van's restaurant, both stunning colonial buildings, and make your way to the Royal Palace and National Museum. Go along the riverside road and take in the atmospheric cafes that line the street.

## Accommodation

Diamond Hotel (*or similar*)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast

## **Day 12 Phnom Penh**

Guided tour of Tuol Sleng Museum (S-21 Prison) and Choeung Ek (Killing Fields). Opt to visit the Royal Palace, the National Museum or the Central Market.

Meet a local guide to learn more about the dark side of Cambodian history. Visit to Choeung Ek, the site of the infamous Killing Fields. After, visit Tuol Sleng Museum (S-21 Prison), the notorious Khmer Rouge prison where thousands of Cambodians perished.

Enjoy a free afternoon to sightsee. Opt to explore the city's many sights: the Royal Palace, the Silver Pagoda, and the National Museum. With time, choose to visit the Russian Market, Wat Phnom or sip a drink at a riverside café.

Choeung Ek (Killing Fields) Guided Tour

Phnom Penh

Learn more about the atrocities of the Khmer Rouge visiting the Killing Fields of Choeung Ek; the grounds now stand as a powerful memorial filled with victims' skulls and mass graves. Tour this sombre, yet serene, site with a guide.

Tuol Sleng Museum (S-21 Prison) Guided Tour

Phnom Penh

Learn about the dark history and devastation that occurred at Security Prison 21 (S-21); the prison, used by the Khmer Rouge regime, is now Tuol Sleng Museum. Take a guided tour to hear the stories behind the sombre photos lining the museum walls.

Free Time

Phnom Penh Afternoon

Use free time to customize your experience and see the sights that interest you most.

## **Optional Activities - Day 12**

## Accommodation

Diamond Hotel (*or similar*)

Hotel



Meals included:

Breakfast

## **Day 13 Phnom Penh/Siem Reap**

Drive from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap, the home base for exploring incredible Angkor Wat.

Private Vehicle

Phnom Penh – Siem Reap 6h-8h

Drive through the beautiful Cambodian countryside.

### Accommodation

Nagara Angkor Boutique Hotel (*or similar*)

Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast

## **Day 14 Siem Reap**

Enjoy a guided tour of the Angkor Wat temple complex. Opt to visit the Tonlé Sap floating village and the Angkor National Museum. Enjoy a traditional meal of Khmer food either at the G Adventures-supported New Hope project or in a local home in a village outside the city.

Spend 2 days exploring Angkor, the former capital of the Khmer kingdom and one of the wonders of the archaeological world. See some of the highlights of this ancient capital, like sunrise at the magnificent temple of Angkor Wat, the enigmatic Bayon within the walled city of Angkor Thom, and Ta Prohm, also known as the 'Tomb Raider' temple.

Enjoy a local meal to learn about Khmer food and meet some friendly locals. Alternating locations of our local meal enables small businesses to flourish. Each experience is truly unique and memorable.

Angkor Wat Guided Tour

Angkor Wat Full Day

Follow a local expert through the massive grounds of Angkor Wat for 2 days. You'll have the opportunity to go in and out of the complex, resting at the hottest part of the day.

G Adventures for Good: New Hope Vocational Training Restaurant

If your trip departs on a Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Sunday, you visit the G Adventures-supported New Hope project.

Home Meal

1h-3h

If your trip departs on a Monday, Tuesday or Saturday, you visit a local home in a nearby village for a traditional meal.

## Optional Activities - Day 14

### Accommodation

Nagara Angkor Boutique Hotel (*or similar*)  
Hotel

Meals included:  
Breakfast | Dinner

## Day 15 Siem Reap

Spend another day in Siem Reap, exploring more temples of Angkor or going further afield.

Free Time  
Siem Reap Full Day

Get out and explore.

### Accommodation

Nagara Angkor Boutique Hotel (*or similar*)  
Hotel

Meals included:  
Breakfast

## Day 16 Siem Reap/Bangkok

Cross the border into Thailand and continue on to the bustling metropolis of Bangkok.

Spend the last night together in Bangkok. Opt to go out on the town and indulge in flavourful Thai food.

Private Vehicle  
Siem Reap – Paôy Pêt 2h30m-3h30m

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Border Crossing (Cambodia - Thailand)  
Paôy Pêt – Aranyaprathet

Get ready to cross into Thailand. Aranyaprathet is known for being one of the most hectic border crossings but your CEO will help make the process go as smoothly as possible. The border crossing is done on foot and can take up to an hour so be patient and think of all the fun Thailand has in store.

Private Vehicle

Aranyaprathet – Bangkok4h

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

**Please Note:** Load into the van on the Thai side of the border and continue on to Bangkok.

### Accommodation

Centra Central Station Hotel Bangkok (*or similar*)  
Hotel

Meals included:

Breakfast

## **Day 17 Bangkok**

Depart at any time.

Not ready to leave this vibrant city? Extend your stay with post-tour accommodation – your CEO can give you a hand.

Meals included:

Breakfast

**Please Note:** When arranging your transportation, such as flights, please take into consideration the below time restrictions for joining and departing from your group. With these times, we have taken into account travel time to/from the airport in the given destination and required time for check-in or baggage collection/immigration:

- Your flight must arrive by or before: 11:59 p.m.