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## [multiple countries] 10 days with the highlight of Vietnam and Cambodia **Draft Itinerary**

Day	Itinerary
1	Arrival – Hanoi
2	Hanoi – Full-day city tour – Dinner with local family
3	Hanoi – Van Long Nature Reserve - Hanoi
4	Hanoi – Halong/Lan Ha
5	Lan Ha/ Halong - Hanoi – Ho Chi Minh Afternoon flight
6	Ho Chi Minh – Cu Chi Tunnel – City tour
7	Ho Chi Minh – My Tho – Cai Be
8	Cai Be – Saigon – Siem Reap Afternoon flight
9	Siem Reap – Angkor Discovery by tuk tuk
10	Siem Reap – Kampong Khleang - Departure

#### **Program in detail**

Day 1: Arrival – Hanoi

Meal provided: No meal

Welcome to Vietnam. Upon arrival at Hanoi Airport, obtain your Vietnam visa, and then clear Immigration and Customs. After collecting your baggage, exit the airport to meet outside a local driver only Settle in and enjoy the rest of day at leisure.

Stay overnight in Hanoi

Day 2: Hanoi – Full-day city tour

Meal provided: : Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner with local family

Start a day by visiting local food market to learn about Vietnamese very local daily life.

Continue to Ho Chi Minh Complex, an important place of pilgrimage. A traffic-free area of botanical gardens, monuments, memorials and pagodas, it's usually crowded with groups of all ages, from all over the nation, who has come to pay their respects. Within the complex you can visit Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, Ba Dinh Square, the Presidential Palace, Ho Chi Minh's Stilt House and the Ho Chi Minh Museum. Closed by, the famous One Pillar Pagoda which is built of wood on a single stone pillar 1.25 m in diameter. It is designed to resemble a lotus blossom, which is a Buddhist symbol of purity, since a lotus blossoms in a muddy pond.

Continue to Temple of Literature which was built in 1070 in honor of Confucius, his followers and Chu Van An, a moral figure in Vietnamese education.

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In the afternoon, visit the Hoa Lo prison. It was a prison used by the French colonists in Vietnam for political prisoners, and later by North Vietnam for prisoners of war during the Vietnam War when it was sarcastically known to American prisoners of war as the "Hanoi Hilton".

Then take a cyclo tour (rickshaws) in Hanoi Old Quarter – 36 streets and guilds to discover the ancient feature of Hanoi and daily life and French Quarter with some signature buildings such as Hanoi Opera House. And the French architecture with the most typical Art Deco style can be seen in the headquarters of the State Bank of Vietnam. Many French architects and later Vietnamese architects created the Indochinese architectural style in which the traditional architectural details of Vietnam and Kh'mer were used to produce the roofs, porch roofs and decorative patterns. The most typical works include the University of Indochina with another name is National University (No.19, Le Thanh Tong Street).

\*\*\*Dinner with local family (They are family of 4, parents and two kids who speak English well)

Welcome to our home in Hanoi! Have you ever had any chance to join in Vietnamese family to have dinner with authentic Vietnamese food? If you have not done it before, this is the must thing to do before you leave Vietnam. This is not only about the good food & good time but also where we share and learn from each other's culture. We will join meal with the group & sharing all my family story as well as the Vietnamese culture. We are sure to provide the unique experience while they visit our family Back to hotel.

Stay overnight in Hanoi

Day 3: Hanoi – Van Long Nature Reserve – Hanoi

Meal provided: Breakfast, Lunch

After breakfast, depart to Ninh Binh Province.

After almost two-hour drive, you will reach stilt houses at Gia Van (Gia Vien District). There you will get your bike at around 10:00 to start your 7-kilometer cycling on a small road to visit local village, temples, pagodas and local market.

Stop at Cau Vang Hamlet, you will spend about one hour joining farming activities and experiencing the local daily life such as catching crab, fishing, transplanting rice, seeding or scooping water or harvesting. You may find it confused and clumsy at first but the feeling of becoming a real farmer in rice fields will make you relaxed and interested.

After that you'll come to a local ancient house. Here, keep your soul in a cooking demonstration with traditional dishes. Don't miss the chance to enjoy your food and the simplicity of furniture which bring you back to peaceful atmosphere in Vietnam farmer family hundreds years ago.

In the afternoon, you will visit "Cat Scratch" mountain — the home of delacour's langurs (in Vietnamese, called Vooc) - the precious animal in the World Red Book and then reach Van Long Wharf where you will have a boat trip along the reservoir of Van Long Nature Reserve - the largest wetland of Northern Vietnam. The green poetic landscape with many kinds of animals will provide you with wonderful opportunities for nice photos.

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After the boat trip, you'll get on the car to come back to Hanoi. Stay overnight in Hanoi

Day 4: Hanoi – Halong/Lan Ha

Meal provided: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Have breakfast at hotel, meet your private transfer then heading to the Bay

Subject to change without prior notice

11.45–12.15: Embark at Hon Gai International harbor.

12.30–13.00: Embark on the boat. Enjoy welcome drink as Cruise Manager gives you a brief overview of the itinerary and important safety guideline. Check in your cabin.

13.30–14.30: Have lunch while cruising to magnificent Bai Tu Long Bay; Start sailing among famous Islets (Indochina studio, Am Islet...) of Bai Tu Long Bay, the wildest beauty with the panoramic natural views.

15.00–16.30: Visit and explore the well-hidden Co Cave (known as Thien Canh Son Cave) where you can hiking to the middle of the mountain to see the wild and mysterious beautiful cave, contemplate numerous sparkling stalactites appear like 'hanging lamps' inside the Cave. (No swimming).

Return to the boat and enjoy Happy hour. You will have 30% discount off from the special menu drinks including of cocktail, mock-tail and mixed drinks (from 16.30 pm to 19.00 pm.).

16.30–17.30: Enjoy kayaking at Cong Do or relaxing on the cruise. (Kayaking rate is not included)

18:00–19.00: Attend our chef's cooking demonstration and try your skills in the art of traditional Vietnamese cooking (spring roll).

19.00-21.00: Dinner is served in the restaurant. You can enjoy the charm of Bai Tu Long Bay at night.

21.00-22.00: Enjoy evening activities (Squid Fishing, Movie Night, Board Games, Massage & Spa services) or relax at the leisure then overnight at private cabin at Cong Do area.

Stay overnight on cruise

Day 5: Lan Ha/Halong - Hanoi - Ho Chi Minh by Afternoon flight

Meal provided: Breakfast, Brunch

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06.30-07.00: Welcome a new day with an amazing dawn on Bai Tu Long Bay. Refresh your body and soul with a Tai-chi session on the sundeck.

07.00-07.30: Catch the morning view of seascape while enjoying the breakfast with cookies and tea, café in the restaurant.

07.30-08.30: Visit Vung Vieng fishing village - the famous fishing farm by bamboo boat and discover life of local people living on the surface of Halong Bay. (No swimming).

08.30-9.30: Pack up the luggage and check out of the cabin.

09.30-10.40: Enjoy the brunch in the restaurant while cruising back to Vinashin tourist harbor.

11.00: Disembark from boat.

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11.30 - 12.00: Meet your transfer, depart back to Hanoi at 14:30 – 15:00 and heading to the airport for flight to Saigon.

Meet upon arrival, pick up by private transfer and drop off at your hotel.

Stay overnight in Ho Chi Minh

Day 6: Ho Chi Minh – Cu Chi Tunnel – City tour

Meal provided: Breakfast, Lunch

This morning, transfer to visit the famous Cu Chi Tunnels, an incredible underground tunnel network constructed by Vietnamese resistance fighters during the long struggle for independence. The Cu Chi Tunnel system had been created long time back, from 1948 to assist Viet Minh in the combat with French. During the American War the entire area of Cu Chi was designated a free fire zone and was heavily bombarded. From 1988, two sections of tunnels have been open for visitors.

Back to Saigon.

You are about to visit Reunification Palace formerly known as Independence Palace, built on the site of the former Norodom Palace, is a landmark in Ho Chi Minh City.

Our next stop is the War Remnants Museum. Operated by the Vietnamese government, an incipient form of museum opened on September 4, 1975, as the "Exhibition House for US and Puppet Crimes, located in the premises of the former United States Information Agency building.

Stop to City Hall, Ho Chi Minh Monument and Central Post Office which was constructed when Vietnam was part of French Indochina in the early 20th century. Today, the building is a tourist attraction. Right nearby, you can see Notre Dame Cathedral, a magnificent building located in the heart of the city and was established by French colonists.

Escort at your hotel. Stay overnight in Ho Chi Minh

Day 7: Ho Chi Minh - My Tho - Cai Be

Meal provided: Breakfast, Lunch

In the morning, we leave Saigon behind and head to Vietnam's rice basket of Mekong Delta. We will pass through idyllic, rural scenes until we arrive at My Tho, a peaceful town on the bank of the Mekong River, where we will visit the Vinh Trang Pagoda.

Take a leisurely boat ride along the river, and view the stilt houses, fruit plantations and fishing villages along the river bank. Proceed to Tortoise islet and then enjoy a boat ride to An Khanh – a less touristy attraction in Ben Tre, enjoy cruising on a hand-rowed sampan under the shadow of the water coconut trees along natural canals, then enjoy seasonal fruit & honey tea to the sound of "Southern Vietnamese folk music", performed by locals.

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Visit a family business which epitomizes the idyllic rural lifestyle, taste the delicious coconut candy & observe the pastoral life as you roam through the fruit plantation and village Check in your resort. Then you will choose the activity or as a free leisure

The activity options (from 1700-18h30)

Kayak – this is quite fun and amazing to discover the river's near at hotel

Cycling with the map and bicycle provided, your adventure can now begin

Local boat riding, - after a quick guide of how to ride, let's explore the huge garden in a difference way, the

local boats small but amazing to try, it is safe and so fun

Stay overnight in Mekong Delta

Day 8: Cai Be - Ho Chi Minh - Siem Reap by Afternoon flight

Meal provided: Breakfast

The watery world of the Mekong Delta is home to many bustling floating markets. This day we take a boat trip exploring the colorful Cai Be floating market, where you can observe all of busy trading activities of local traders with several kinds of agricultural product from one boat to another.

Next stop, visit Xeo Quyt a basement among residential place which is preserved formerly containing: underground house, store, secret tunnel...Visiting there, tourists can view the scene of tough life in the defending America period.

Heading back to Saigon for flight to Siem Reap.

Meet upon arrival, pick up by private transfer and drop off at your hotel.

Stay overnight in Siem Reap

Day 9: Siem Reap – Angkor Discovery by tuk tuk

Meal provided: Breakfast, Dinner with Apsara show

In the morning, pick up by tuk tuk and visit the South Gate (with its huge statues depicting the churning of the ocean of milk), the ancient capital of Angkor Thom (12th century), Bayon Temple (unique for its 54 towers decorated with over 200 smiling faces of Avolokitesvara), the Royal Enclosure, Phimeanakas, the Elephants Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King.

Afternoon, visit the most famous of all the temples on the plain of Angkor: Angkor Wat. The temple complex covers 81 hectares and is comparable in size to the Imperial Palace in Beijing. Its distinctive five towers are emblazoned on the Cambodian flag and the 12th century masterpiece is considered by art historians to be the prime example of classical Khmer art and architecture. Angkor Wat's five towers symbolize Meru's five peaks - the enclosed wall represents the mountains at the edge of the world and the surrounding moat, the ocean beyond.

Sunset at Angkor Wat.

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Stay overnight in Siem Reap

Day 10: Siem Reap - Kampong Khleang - Departure

Meal provided: : Breakfast

Breakfast at your hotel; visit to Kampong Khleang which is located on the northern lake-edge about 55 km east of Siem Reap town, more remote and less tourist than Kampong Pluk. Visitors to Kampong Khleang during the dry season are universally awestruck by the forest of stilted houses rising up to 10 meters in the air. In wet season the waters rise up to one or two meters of the buildings.

Free & leisure at your own time for rolling at local markets or shopping until transfer to Siem Reap international airport for departure flight back to the next destination.

End of tour.

#### **Including**

- + 08 nights at hotels on a private double/or twin sharing room
- + 01 night on sharing cruise in a private double/or twin sharing cabin
- + Meal provided: mentioned in the itinerary
- + Entrance fees for all visits as mentioned in the program
- + Travel by private, luxury Dcar with air-conditioned with an experienced, safe driver
- + Private boat as mentioned
- + Private English speaking guide with legal license in each region
- + All taxes and service charge

#### Excluding

- Bank fees for both sides (Prefer cash on arrival)
- Visa letter of approval to Vietnam
- Vietnam visa stamping (25 USD per pax for one time entry)
- Cambodia visa stamping (30 USD per pax for one time entry)
- Single room supplement
- Early check in and late check out at all hotels
- Personal expenses (laundry, telephone, shopping)
- Tipping for guide, driver
- Drinks and other Meal provided: which are not indicated in the program
- Travel insurance
- Arrival and Departure International air ticket and airport tax
- Any additional expenses caused by reasons beyond our control such as natural calamities (typhoon, flood), flight delays, rescheduling or cancellations, any accidents, medical evacuations, riots, strikes etc...
- Other services which are not mentioned clearly in the "Including" item
- \* This is a quotation only and subject to change based on the araciality of the particular booking time.

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#### How to book a tour with us

Step 1: Review/ Customize the proposal

In order to match your expectation, any further discussion for revising or amending if having is highly appreciated

Step 2: Confirm & Deposit

Whenever you come to the finalization and ready to have the trip confirmed, the non-refundable deposit of minimum 50% and full airfare charges is required before we start to reserve all services and issue the flight tickets to get the best promotion price.

Step 3: Tour documents

Once the services are completed, you are provided with necessary information before the trip

### Cancellations and changes policy after trip approval:

In order to cancel an approved and paid trip (even if partially), please send us a message as quickly as possible, by email or phone

Cancellation conditions: despite what is written below, payment will not be refunded for services purchased and paid for by the company such as -

International flights or domestic flights, trains, or hotels or other services.

From the moment of registration until 60 days before departure - the payment will be refunded except for \$100 per person and/or the services purchased for the participant

From 45 - 30 days before departure - 50% of the cost of the trip (and another \$100 registration fee).

From 30 - 15 days before departure - 80% of the cost of the trip (and another \$100 registration fee).

From 15 - 7 days before departure or no-show - 100%.

The company will be entitled to cancel any trip up to 14 days from the date of departure. In such a case, the passenger will be refunded all his money as he paid, up to 30 days from the date of cancellation.

It is mandatory to have insurance for travelers abroad, including travel cancellation, corona and medical flight.

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