



Timeless Wonders of Vietnam, Cambodia & the Mekong

January 24 - February 7, 2013



A Travel Concepts Private Invitational Tour

January 24: Hanoi (Vietnam)

Rendezvous in Hanoi today - airport transfer provided. Freshen up or enjoy some spa time, then join us for cocktails this evening.

Hotel: Intercontinental Westlake

January 25: Hanoi (Vietnam)

A day devoted to the best of Hanoi - cyclo tour through the old quarter, Chi Chi Minh Mausoleum, One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature. Shoppers will want to visit Craft Link, a women's co-operative that produces some of the finest crafts in the North. A city of contrasts with one foot stuck firmly in the past and one in the future, Hanoi is the perfect introduction to Vietnam, which will leave you wanting to return. Welcome reception (BB, L, D)

January 26: Siem Reap (Cambodia), fly to Siem Reap (Cambodia)

Fly from Hanoi to Siem Reap today - a short flight, and a chance to enjoy an evening tour. And our first surprise! (BB, D)

Hotel: Victoria Angkor Hotel and Spa

January 27: Siem Reap (Cambodia)

Angkor Wat Temple Complex

Indiana Jones will come to mind as we approach the ancient "jungle temple" of Ta Prohm and marvel at the tentacle-like tree roots that have enveloped the entire structure. Afterward, the Ta Keo pyramid and Preah Khan. (BB, L, D)

January 28: Siem Reap (Cambodia)

Angkor Wat Temple Complex

This is another day dedicated to exploring the incredible Angkor Wat Temple Complex, the ancient capital of the Khmer Empire. We'll begin with the UNESCO World Heritage Angkor Wat, the most recognizable landmark in Cambodia and the largest religious monument in the world. After lunch at a local restaurant, we journey to the intricately decorated South Gate of Angkor Thom and the pyramid-temple of Bayon which features the enormous carved heads that have become an iconic symbol of Angkor. (BB)

January 29: Kampong Cham (Cambodia)

Today we transfer from Siem Reap to Kampong Cham by coach, then board our lovely River Saigon. Welcome reception and dinner onboard - the party is on! (BB, L, D)

January 30: Wat Hanchey, Kampong Cham (Cambodia)

Wat Hanchey Temple Complex, Phnom Pros and Phnom Srey Monastery, and Nokor Bachey Temple

Wat Hanchey is a beautifully situated temple complex with incredible views overlooking the Mekong River. We will have the chance to draw breath and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere and 7th century artifacts. In the afternoon, we visit the twin holy hilltops of Phnom Pros and Srey known for their multiple temples and frolicking monkeys. (BB, L, D)

January 31: Kampong Chhnang (Cambodia)

Today we cruise the Tonlé Sap River to the city of Kampong Chhnang. We'll explore this bustling riverfront community on a walking tour, then reboard the *River Saigon* for a sunset cruise on the Tonlé River. (BB, L, D)

February 1: Phnom Penh (Cambodia)

Phnom Penh city tour

The ship docks in Cambodia's capital city of Phnom Penh. Your morning tour of the city is via cyclo (cycle rickshaw). Visit the Royal Palace's Reception Hall and Silver Pagoda. The pagoda houses thousands of





artifacts, including jewel-encrusted Buddhas, and is floored with tiles made of pure silver. Then it's on to the National Museum to see a spectacular collection of Angkor Wat artifacts. (BB, L, D)

February 2: Phnom Penh

Choeung Ek Memorial Stupa and grounds, and Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum

Cambodia's grievous experience under the Khmer Rouge regime is revealed at the Killing Fields of Choeung Ek. Visiting this memorial and the Tuol Sieng Genocide Museum is incredibly moving. This afternoon, following lunch onboard, explore the city at your leisure. (BB, L, D)

February 3: Chau Doc (Vietnam)

Chau Doc harbour cruise, fish farm, and holy temples at the base of Sam Mountain

Today we tour the lively Chau Doc harbor which teems with traditional Vietnamese floating markets and homes. Here the local women paddle their sampans from boat to boat, bartering and socializing with the harbor's many vendors. Afterward we visit a floating fish farm to learn about this important local industry. (BB, L, D)



February 4: Sa Dec (Vietnam)

Sa Dec and Cai Be Excursions

Today's sampan cruise through Sa Dec's narrow canals will be the perfect opportunity to observe locals going about their daily routines. We'll visit a local factory where bricks and tiles are made with clay from the Mekong River. Rice husks from the rice processing facility next door are used to fuel the brick factory's kilns that fill the Sa Dec landscape—just one example of the Vietnamese people's remarkable ingenuity. A luxurious sampan cruise through Cai Be rounds out the day. (BB, L, D)

February 5: My Tho (Vietnam)

We disembark River Saigon this morning, and then transfer by coach to our hotel in Ho Chi Minh City. (B) *Hotel: Park Hyatt Saigon*

February 6: Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam)

Cu Chi Tunnels, rubber plantation, Ho Chi Minh city tour

Our last day is devoted to Ho Chi Minh City - we'll enjoy a city overview tour as well as a visit to Cu Chi Tunnels, an astonishing system of underground passageways used by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Modern and efficient, Ho Chi Minh is the antithesis of Hanoi and the perfect jumping off point for a beach stay or further adventures.

Just imagine our farewell party tonight!

(BB, L, D)

February 7: Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam)

Our tour finishes this morning. Extend your stay or take this opportunity to explore more of South East Asia. Transfers provided to the airport. (B)



Inclusions:

- 7-night Mekong River cruise in a river view cabin onboard the beautiful River Saigon
- 7 nights in centrally located deluxe hotels featuring luxurious accommodations, buffet breakfast, and all service charges, taxes, and portage
- 14 buffet breakfasts, 9 lunches, and 11 dinners
- Complimentary wine with dinner onboard; and complimentary coffee, tea, soft drinks, local beer, and local spirits are available onboard throughout the day
- Welcome Reception onboard the ship
- Services of an experienced Uniworld Tour Manager throughout your trip
- Transfers Airport/Hotel, and Hotel/Airport
- Internal flight Hanoi-Siem Reap
- Travel Concepts Private Special Events
- Personal Escorts Ellie Hender, Cindy Horton & David Powell

Not Included:

- Visa fees
 - International airfare
 - Cancellation and out of country medical insurance
- Travel Concepts will assist with all of the above.*



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