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Vietnam

Visiting Uncle Ho and Miss Saigon

Feel like the pirates who once took shelter among the many magical rocks and caverns in the emerald-green waters of Halong Bay. The modern façades and rattling mopeds of colonial Saigon are a fascinating contrast to this unique landscape. In the merchant town of Hoi An, we stroll through the narrow streets lined with tailors and artisans. Still have some time left to explore? Then extend your stay to discover the fascinating Angkor Wat temple complex.

- Hanoi and Saigon
- Sailing ship tour on Halong Bay
- Upon request: Angkor Wat discovery extension

9 days

05. Dec. – 13 Dec. 2024

from € **1799**

Vietnam: Visiting Uncle Ho and Miss Saigon

Day 1, Thu, 05.12.2024: Arrival in Hanoi

Individual arrival in Hanoi (flights not included). Upon arrival, you are greeted by our representative and transferred to the hotel.

Day 2, Fri, 06.12.2024: To Halong Bay

In the morning, we set off for Halong Bay. Bizarre rock formations and over 3,000 limestone islands emerge from the crystal-clear waters of **Halong Bay**, creating one of the most beautiful landscapes in Asia. On a junk, a traditional Asian sailing ship, we cruise between the islands. We have lunch and dinner on board and spend the night in cosy simple cabins. B/L/D

Day 3, Sat, 07.12.2024: Backdrop for adventure

Waking up on the water is like being in a Hollywood movie. Back on land, we make our way to Hanoi. The rest of the afternoon is at your leisure. B

Day 4, Sun, 08.12.2024: Xin chào, Uncle Ho!

We explore the **Temple of Literature** and visit the mausoleum of the revolutionary Ho Chi Minh. We are captivated by the Temple of Jade Mountain with its burning incense as well as the historic Old Quarter with its 36 alleyways. We are transferred to the airport for a flight with Vietnam Airlines to Da Nang. Upon arrival, we continue our journey to Hoi An. B

Day 5, Mon, 09.12.2024: Hoi An

If you wish, you can explore the area by bike with your Marco Polo guide (additional fee). First, we head to the vegetable village of Tra Que, where we learn about the various stages of rice cultivation. After lunch together, we return to Hoi An. In the afternoon, we explore the old town of Hoi An with its Chinese buildings, colourful lanterns and Japanese Bridge. We end the day with a boat trip on the Thu Bon River. B

Day 6, Tue, 10.12.2024: Off to Hue

Today, our bus makes its way up the switchbacks to **Ocean Cloud Pass**, Vietnam's weather divide between the subtropical north and the tropical south. On the way to Da Nang, we make a stop at the Marble Mountains and arrive in Hue in the afternoon.



If interested, you can take part in a street food tour through Hue in the evening (additional fee). By cyclo (cycle rickshaw), you head out of the tourist zone and venture into the real Hue. You see many food stands here serving crispy Hue-style pancakes and delicious meat skewers. B

Day 7, Wed, 11.12.2024: Imperial City of Hue

Hue has remained the cultural and religious centre of Vietnam to this day. Our discovery tour of Hue begins in the morning with a visit to the Thien Mu Pagoda. At the gates of Hue, we marvel at the impressive grounds of the tomb of Emperor Tu Duc. We visit the citadel and the imperial palace of the Nguyen emperors, parts of which have been restored. We are transferred to the airport for a flight to Saigon in the evening. B

Day 8, Thu, 12.12.2024: Colonial Saigon

The 300-year-old multicultural metropolis is considered Vietnam's boomtown. A tour of the "secret capital" awaits us. We see the cathedral dating back to the French colonial period as well as the Chinese quarter of Cholon. We end the city tour at Ben Thanh Market, where we can pick up a few souvenirs. Over dinner we say goodbye to Vietnam and to our fellow travellers. B/D

Day 9, Fri, 13.12.2024: Farewell

Transfer to the Ho Chi Minh City Airport to board your flight home (flights not included). B

CAMBODIA EXTENSION

Day 9, Fri, 13.12.2024: To Cambodia

Transfer to the airport and flight to **Siem Reap**. B

Day 10, Sat, 14.12.2024: Magical Angkor

We stroll through the once mighty city of Angkor Thom – smiling stone faces greet us among giant jungle trees at **Bayon Temple**. Since 1908, the ruins have been repeatedly cleared of jungle; only the temple of **Ta Prohm** has been left in the state in which it was discovered. And finally, we reach Angkor Wat, the largest sacred monument in the world. B

Day 11, Sun, 15.12.2024: Tonlé Sap Lake

In the village of Kampong Khleang, boats are waiting for us at the jetty. On a short cruise around Tonlé Sap Lake, we pass floating villages with churches and schools as well as pigsties bobbing on the water. On the way back, celestial goddesses dance before us at the temple of Banteay Srei and transport us to the world of Hindu sagas. B

Day 12, Mon, 16.12.2024: Everyday life

We take an in-depth (and culinary) look into the **everyday life of the rural population**: in one village, we make our own rice noodles for breakfast, and in the next, we try bamboo sticky rice with coconut. And last but not least, we learn how to make artistic handicrafts out of palm leaves and can even take our own handmade souvenir back home with us. In the afternoon, you are transferred to the airport for your flight home (flights not included). B

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner



Flights

International flights not included.

Hotels

Place	Nights	Subject to change Hotel Local classification
Hanoi	1	Lenid 54 Tho Nhuom ***
Halong Bay	1	Junk -
Hanoi	1	Lenid 54 Tho Nhuom ***
Hoi An	2	Silk Eco ***
Hue	1	Thanh Lich Royal ***
Saigon	1	Vien Dong ***
Siem Reap	3	Hari Residence ****

Entry requirements and vaccinations

All foreign nationals entering Vietnam must be in possession of a valid international travel document in the form of a national passport with a valid visa obtained from a Vietnamese Mission or Vietnamese Post abroad (not included). The visa for Cambodia is issued upon entry and is payable locally in cash (currently USD 30). Please check with the appropriate consulate. Vaccinations are not required.

Included in the tour price

- Domestic flights (economy) with Vietnam Airlines from Hanoi to Da Nang and from Hue to Saigon
- Flight/Security fees
- Transfers, excursions, and round trip in standard local air-conditioned coaches
- 6 nights in a single room, 1 night in a single cabin on a junk
- Breakfast, 1x lunch, 1x dinner
- Farewell dinner at a local restaurant
- Entrance fees according to itinerary
- English-speaking, alternating Marco Polo tour guides in Vietnam

Included in the tour price/extension

- Flight (economy) from Saigon to Siem Reap
- Transfer to airport – hotel – airport
- 3 nights in a single room
- Breakfast
- English-speaking Marco Polo tour guide in Cambodia

Extras (booked separately)

- Street food tour of Hue €75
- Cycling tour in Tra Que incl. lunch €50

Price per person from €

9 days	Main tour		Extension	
	SGL	DBL- discount	SGL	DBL- discount
05.12.-13.12.24	1799	250	1095	90

Minimum number of participants: Minimum 6, maximum 16 participants. Extension: minimum 1 participant. If the minimum number of participants is not reached, the Tour Operator may cancel the travel contract no later than 21 days before the start of the tour. **Tour Operator:** Marco Polo Reisen GmbH, Riesstrasse 25, 80992 Munich, Germany.

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