

# 16 DAY VIETNAM & CAMBODIA WITH MEKONG LUXURY CRUISE

## Asia Vacation Group – Authentic Asia!

Local knowledge, adventures of a lifetime.

Discover Asia with our team of experts, and a carefully selected, value-packed exploration of Asia's most iconic destinations. Our tours offer must-visit sights, rich experiences and quality inclusions all at an unbeatable prices. Your bucket list dreams are ticked off on these all-encompassing vacations.

Travel with the confidence. Your trip has been carefully crafted by our team with you in mind and it's that same team that takes you on the journey. One amazing team to help and guide you, not only as your local travel expert but also as a friend with helpfulness and sincerity.

Specialists in Asia touring since 2015, we are proud to be the people who craft your itinerary, help you at each step, plus guide and operate your tour.

<b>New Zealand Company Owned</b>	<b>Returned Flight Included</b>	<b>7 Day Change of Mind to receive refund</b>
<b>Fully Escorted by English speaking guide</b>		

## Day by Day Itinerary

Hanoi, Halong Bay, Hoi An, Ho Chi Minh City, Mekong Cruise, Phnom Penh, Siem Reap

## HIGHLIGHTS

- **Returned Flight Included from New Zealand.**
- 2 domestic flights from Hanoi to Da Nang and Da Nang to Ho Chi Minh City
- Incredible sightseeing, including an overnight cruise on Halong Bay and guided tours of Sapa, Hanoi, Hoi An, Ho Chi Minh City, the Mekong Delta and Angkor Temples
- Enjoy a 3 nights on Luxury Mekong Cruise called Jayavarman Cruise.
- Daily breakfasts and full board meals on Halong Cruise and Mekong Cruise.
- Fully escorted by professional English-speaking tour guides in each city
- Air-conditioned transportations throughout the trip
- In-depth sightseeing and entrance fees as per the itinerary

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Hanoi Capital (Vietnam)

Today you will depart from your home for the flight to Hanoi Capital of Vietnam. On arrival, you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel for check-in.

**Meal:** In-flight meals

**Accommodation:** Silk Path Hotel Hanoi 4\* or similar

### Day 2: Hanoi City Tour

After breakfast, you will have a bustling day to visit a city tour of Hanoi and will explore attractions such as the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university, Ho Chi Minh Complex (Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, One Pillar Pagoda) and Tran Quoc Pagoda, one of the oldest pagodas in Vietnam. Lunch is included in this day.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Silk Path Hotel Hanoi 4\* or similar

### Day 3: Hanoi - Halong Bay

Today you will travel by coach through the rich farm land of the Red River Delta to arrive at Halong Bay. Designated

a World Heritage site in 1994, Halong Bay's spectacular scatter of islands, dotted with wind- and wave-eroded grottoes, is a vision of ethereal beauty. Upon arrival, you will board your ship to visit the thousands of limestone islands filled with caves of all shapes and sizes. The sails of junks and sampans gliding along the clear and emerald waters of the bay form a magnificent scene that blends into the sky. You will also have the opportunity to visit some of the hidden grottoes beneath the towering cliffs.

**Meal:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

**Accommodation:** Calypso Cruise 4\* or similar

#### **Day 4: Halong Bay - Hanoi - Danang - Hoi An**

Awake early and join a Tai Chi session on the top deck or simply relax and enjoy the sunrise over the bay's towering islands. Enjoy a morning cup of coffee or tea before exploring nearby islands by rowboat. Return to the junk and admire the amazing rock formations of Halong Bay from the sundeck. Your driver will meet you at the Halong jetty then we drive to Noi Bai Airport and get ready for a short flight to Da Nang. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to Danang to check in your hotel.

**Meal:** Brunch

**Accommodation:** Bliss Hoi An Beach Resort & Wellness 5\* or similar

#### **Day 5: Hoi An - Optional tour to Golden Bridge Tour**

Today you can enjoy a day of leisure to explore Danang or join our optional tours.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Bliss Hoi An Beach Resort & Wellness 5\* or similar

#### **Day 6: Hoi An Walking Tour - Ho Chi Minh City**

After breakfast, you will explore Hoi An's bustling local market and other attractions with unique architectures such as Old Merchants' House, a local Chinese Temple and the Japanese Covered Bridge. Enjoy a stroll along the peaceful Thu Bon River, one of the world's famous trading port in the past. It will be an ideal day for you to learn about the fascinating stories and history of these ancient architectures.

Late afternoon, get transferred to the airport for flight to Saigon. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel for check-in.

**Meal:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** Rex Hotel Saigon 5\* or similar

#### **Day 7: Ho Chi Minh City - Cu Chi Tunnels**

After breakfast, head to Cu Chi Tunnels, a byzantine maze of underground passages, chambers and booby traps used by both the Viet Minh and the Viet Cong during Vietnam-US war. The tunnel system had become legendary during the 1960s as a strategic military base and underground community life.

In the afternoon, you will visit the bustling city of Saigon such as: Notre Dame Cathedral, Post Office, War Remnant Museum and dive into the colorful Ben Thanh Market, one of Ho Chi Minh's liveliest areas

**Meal:** Breakfast, Lunch.

**Accommodation:** Rex Hotel Saigon 5\* or similar

#### **Day 8: Jayavarman Cruise: Ho Chi Minh City - My Tho - Tan Phong Island**

After breakfast, you will be welcomed in the morning at the Cruise's lounge. Relax with a second coffee while our staff collects your details. We bid farewell to the hustle and bustle of Saigon and travel 70 kilometres south overland towards My Tho to embark on our vessel. After checking into your luxurious floating "home," the sailing on this major Asian waterway begins.

A lunch buffet is served in the restaurant as the vessel steadily glides upstream. As twilight bathes the Mekong Delta in a golden haze, take the opportunity to get to know your fellow travellers and join in our official welcome with canapés and prosecco.

During dinner, the ship will likely reach Tan Phong Island area near Cai Be, where we anchor midstream. This is your first glimpse of the bustling area where we will begin our Mekong adventure on land tomorrow. Join us for some late-night entertainment in the evening cinema, featuring interesting classic movies or thrilling documentaries.

**Meal:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

**Accommodation:** Jayavarman Cruise 5\* or similar

### **Day 9: Tan Phong Island - Binh Thanh Island - Tan Chau**

Wake early to embrace the stunning dawn scenery, a time when the Delta's inhabitants have already been active for hours. Energize yourself with our daily morning Tai Chi class before indulging in a lavish breakfast buffet. By local boat, we gain access to the secluded island of Tan Phong, a small island situated in the midst of one of the expansive Mekong River tributaries flowing toward the nearby sea.

During a visit to a local workshop, we'll have the opportunity to observe the production of rice paste, rice paper, rice cookies, and rice wine. The region here is abundant with palm trees, making the region renowned for its coconut candy production. While the vessel continues to sail upstream, take some leisure time for yourself or visit the bar to enjoy an authentic Vietnamese coffee, all while observing the riverbanks' vibrant life passing by.

**Meal:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

**Accommodation:** Jayavarman Cruise 5\* or similar

### **Day 10: Tan Chau - Border crossing - Phnom Penh**

Welcome to the fish sanctuary of Vietnam.

Once on shore, we see Tan Chau's vibrant town-life as we hop on "xelois", which are local vehicles still used as a taxi in this area. Your personal xeloi driver slowly navigates through the streets to observe all the workshops, houses and shops while feeling the laid-back vibe of this place. We stop at the colourful, local market near one of the town's temples. This is a great opportunity to interact with the vendors of this friendly town and try your hand at bargaining with them.

To see what Tan Chau is famous for, we board local boats and head to a floating fish farm. You are about to get an exclusive look into the world's largest inland aquaculture industry. Each of the floating structures has netting hanging down into the water to enclose the fish, which are raised and fed on a daily basis. The region's specialties are tilapia and the Basa catfish, or Pangasius, which is unique to the Mekong River basin and rapidly gaining popularity on the international seafood market.

**Meal:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

**Accommodation:** Jayavarman Cruise 5\* or similar

### **Day 11: Phnom Penh**

Welcome to Phnom Penh – the city once named Paris of the East. Despite its rapid development, it has retained a lot of its rustic charm and elegance. It is an amazing town with centuries of incredible history and culture which can still be felt at many street corners.

Enjoy your last breakfast aboard your floating home before disembarking the ship. We hope you enjoyed this fascinating river cruise, just as our crew does every single time. Moreover, take the enchanting memories and friendships along with you and share the stories of this amazing river – the Mighty Mekong.

**Meal:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** Baitong Hotel & Resort Phnom Penh 4\* or similar

### **Day 12: Phnom Penh City Tour**

This morning, you will take a Phnom Penh city tour to The Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda, National Museum, Wat Ounalom and Central Market. Then discover the place where journalists camped on the eve of the Khmer Rouge takeover, followed by a visit to the ghostly building. Later on, continue to Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, a former high school which was used as the notorious Security Prison 21 (S-21) by the Khmer Rouge regime before heading to Choeung Ek Killing Field to learn about the atrocities that took place here. To end your journey today, you will have a chance to taste some Khmer snacks while learning about the sombre Cambodian history.

**Meal:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** Baitong Hotel & Resort Phnom Penh 4\* or similar

### **Day 13: Phnom Penh - Siem Reap**

After breakfast, you will join and spend your 6 hour from Phnompenh to Siem Reap. On arrival, check in your hotel and relax. Overnight in Siem Reap.

**Meal:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** Empress Angkor Hotel 4\* or similar

### **Day 14: Siem Reap - Angkor Temples Complex**

Today, you will spend a full-day visiting the breathtaking Angkor Temples including Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom

(home to Elephant Terrace, Bayon Temple, Terrace of Leper King and Ta Prohm).

**Meal:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** Empress Angkor Hotel 4\* or similar

#### Day 15: Siem Reap - Home

You will get some free time before getting transferred to the airport for a flight back home.

**Meal:** Breakfast, In-flight meals

**Accommodation:** On flight

#### Day 16: Home

You will arrive home today and we hope you enjoy your trip with Asia Vacation Group.

## INCLUSIONS

- **Returned Flight included**
- Daily (group) shore-excursions & entrance fees
- Luxury Accommodation and breakfast in the category chosen or similar (subject to availability)
- Meals as mentioned in the program
- Entertainment/activities during the cruise as mentioned in the program
- All local boat rentals as mentioned in the program
- Internet on the ship (subject to cellular network signal)
- Water bottles during tours
- Air-conditioned transportations
- All entrance and sightseeing fees as mentioned in the program
- Local English speaking guides in Vietnam Cambodia

## EXCLUSIONS

- Meals and drinks are not mentioned in the program
- Visa fees in Vietnam, Cambodia
- Tipping for driver and tour guide (suggestion: NZ\$10/pp/day)
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (we strongly recommend you hold a valid travel insurance policy for all domestic and overseas travel)
- Trip delay or interruption by airline schedule change
- Extra cost or missing tour caused by flight delay or cancel
- Any service not clearly mentioned in the program

## DEPARTURE DATES: PRICE IS QUOTED IN NZ\$ PER PERSON

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
<b>Saturday</b> 29 Jun 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 14 Jul 2024	NZ\$6,799		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 13 Jul 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 28 Jul 2024	NZ\$6,799		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 27 Jul 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 11 Aug 2024	NZ\$6,299		<a href="#">Book</a>

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<b>Saturday</b> 10 Aug 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 25 Aug 2024	NZ\$6,299		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 24 Aug 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 08 Sep 2024	NZ\$6,299		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 07 Sep 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 22 Sep 2024	NZ\$6,299		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 21 Sep 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 06 Oct 2024	NZ\$7,299		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 05 Oct 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 20 Oct 2024	NZ\$7,499		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 19 Oct 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 03 Nov 2024	NZ\$7,499		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 16 Nov 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 01 Dec 2024	NZ\$7,499		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 30 Nov 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 15 Dec 2024	NZ\$7,499		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 14 Dec 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 29 Dec 2024	NZ\$6,299		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 11 Jan 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 26 Jan 2025	NZ\$7,699		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 22 Feb 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 09 Mar 2025	NZ\$7,699		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 08 Mar 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 23 Mar 2025	NZ\$7,699		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Saturday</b> 22 Mar 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 06 Apr 2025	NZ\$7,699		<a href="#">Book</a>
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<b>Saturday</b> 18 Oct 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 02 Nov 2025	NZ\$7,699		<a href="#">Book</a>
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## OPTIONAL TOURS



**Dinner on Saigon River Cruise**  
**NZ\$123**



**Tonle Sap Lake Tour**  
**NZ\$149**



**Golden Bridge Tour (Lunch Included)**  
**NZ\$201**



**Hanoi Street Food (Dinner included)**  
**NZ\$90**

## FINE PRINT

### FLIGHT INFORMATION

This package includes international flights from Auckland and surcharge **NZ\$450** from Queenstown, Christchurch and Wellington

In this packages, we will use some different airlines such as: Air New Zealand, Qantas Airlines, Jetstar Airlines, Vietnam Airlines, China Airlines, China Southern Airlines, Vietjet Air or similar airlines (20kg for checked baggage per passenger and 7kg hand luggage per passenger, 01-piece check-in baggage).

- Some flights will require a minimum of 1 transit (maximum 2).
- All tickets will include 20 kilos checked baggage per person, along with 7 kilos of hand luggage.
- Despite the airlines baggage allowance, we recommend travelling with 20 kilos per person due to restrictions with internal flights (where applicable), as well as coach and train transportation. Also, you will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters is not included. If travelling over this amount, you will be liable for any excess baggage fees enforced by the airline, payable direct.
- Once ticketed, flights are non-refundable. Any changes will be subject to the airline rules, Airline change fees and an Asia Vacation Group change fee of NZ\$250 per person.
- Full names as per passport (including all middle names) are required. Any error in the names submitted will be subject to an Asia Vacation Group name change fee of NZ\$150 plus any applicable fees charged by the airline, or the ticket may be non-refundable with the purchase of a new ticket required.
- Any airline schedule changes or cancellations are beyond our control. It is important that you, as the customer, stay up-to-date with the latest airline schedule information prior to your departure. If a schedule change results in extended transits or an earlier/later departure from your destination, any additional accommodation or alternative arrangements will be at the traveler's expense.
- Any airline 'extras' such as pre-allocated seating is at your own arrangement (additional charges apply)
- After booking, the price payable may be subject to change as a result of factors beyond the control of Asia Vacation Group. Asia Vacation Group reserves the right to increase the price payable and this will be reflected on the customer's invoice. Increases may be in relation to, but not limited to, currency fluctuations, airline taxes, airfare increases and fuel surcharges.
- Internal airfares (where applicable and included in the itinerary) will be using a local carrier and may include low-cost carriers without meals or entertainment. Checked baggage will still be included for each passenger. Any additional baggage required is payable at time of check-in.
- If you are travelling with another party on a separate booking, we cannot guarantee that the same flights will be booked for all parties, as this strictly depends on availability.
- You will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters are not included. If travelling over the recommended amount, you will be liable for any excess baggage fees enforced by the airline, payable directly.
- In the event of that you no-show on your scheduled flight, please be aware the airline will require you to pay a no show fee, Airline reissue fee plus any additional airfare and taxes. Asia Vacation Group will also charge a NZ\$250 admin fee to assist re accommodating you on the next available flight. Please note that depending on the airline's policy, purchasing a new ticket may be required.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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#### **Physical Requirements**

A reasonable level of fitness is required but it's more about spending time on your feet rather than covering large distances. You'll be getting on and off coaches and boats, walking around the sights and climbing some steps.

#### **Tipping**

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. Please be advised that tipping for tour guides, drivers and bellmen are required and will be collected by your travel consultant 7 days before you depart. A gratuity of NZ\$10 per person/day can make a big difference to locals employed in the tourism industry as they have done an impeccable job to serve you through your holiday.

#### **Accommodation**

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

#### **Single Supplement**

Single supplement is **NZ\$3,800 per person** in addition to the twin share price.

#### **Paired Solo Traveler**

Not available.

**Group size:**

Maximum 16 persons

**Triple Share**

Upon your request except for cruises

**Travel Insurance**

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

**Visa & Passport information**

It is the traveler's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return and must have more than 2 blank pages.

A visa is required for travel to Vietnam. The visa is easiest to complete with Asia Vacation Group and just need to pay NZ\$160 for single entry for Vietnam Visa.

**Tour Documentation**

Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

**Children**

Children must be 2 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are the same price as adults.

**Tour Length**

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule, please refer to the day by day itinerary for the time spent on land.

**HOW TO EXTEND YOUR STAY**

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour. On this tour you can choose from the following options:

**Pre Tour Accommodation**

**NZ\$190** per room, per night based on double/twin room share

**NZ\$140** per vehicle per way

**Post Tour Accommodation**

**NZ\$190** per room, per night based on double/twin room share

**NZ\$140** per vehicle per way

Please select the number of extra nights required in the 'Additional Nights Accommodation' field when making your purchase. The additional cost for these arrangements will be added to your final payment invoice and are subject to availability.

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