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Highlights of Laos 11 DAYS / 08 NIGHTS



The best of Highlights of Laos

- **The must-sees:** The mysterious Luang Prabang, Vientiane and its colonial architecture, Bolaven Plateau and its lush nature, the 4000 islands of the Mekong.
- **Diversity of means of transportation:** domestic flight, horse-drawn carriage, boat ride, elephant ride, walking...
- **Diversity of activities:** visits of local markets, cultural tours, tasting of local delicacies, visit of many temples and pagodas.
- **Well-chosen hotels** in downtown.
- **English speaking tour guide, skilled in group management.**

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAOS 11 DAYS / 08 NIGHTS

- DAY 1:** YOUR CITY → LUANG PRABANG
- DAY 2:** LUANG PRABANG Welcome
- DAY 3:** LUANG PRABANG – PAK OU – LUANG PRABANG
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- DAY 5:** LUANG PRABANG → VIENTIANE
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- DAY 9:** KHONG ISLAND - PAKSE
- DAY 10:** PAKSE → YOUR CITY
- DAY 11:** YOUR CITY



DAY 1: **YOUR CITY → LUANG PRABANG**

Departure at your expense to the airport of departure.
Check-in formalities and flight to **Luang Prabang**.
Dinner and night on board.

DAY 2: LUANG PRABANG WELCOME

Breakfast on board.

Arrival to Luang Prabang airport. Welcome by your English speaking tour-guide and transfer to the city.

Lunch at local restaurant.

Visit of **Wat Xienthong temple**, probably the most beautiful of the city, built in the 16th century. Then you will visit Wat Aham and Wat Aham temples, the two oldest temple in the city. Following by the stupa Melon located down Phousi Mount, emblematic hill of the town.



Enjoying sunset atop the Mount and visiting the temple on the top.

Visiting the night market which is full of crafts objects of the region.

Dinner at local restaurant.

Night at hotel.

DAY 3: LUANG PRABANG – PAK OU – LUANG PRABANG

Breakfast at the hotel.

Devoted day to visit sacred caves of Pak Ou. Embarking on a boat heading to the caves located 32 km upstream. On the way you will stop at a **village which produce local whiskey**. You will observe the distillation of Lao Lau, local rice alcohol. Visit Wat Wat and Longkhoun Chomphet temples which are among the oldest temples in the city. Pursuit of the cruise and arrival to the caves, holding **more than a thousand images of Buddha**. **Lunch at a local restaurant.**

Way back to Luang Prabang by road with a stop at the village of Ban Xangkhong known for its weaving workshop and then stop in Mulberry village specialized in printing.



Dinner in a restaurant in town.

Night at hotel.

DAY 4: LUANG PRABANG – KUANG SI – LUANG PRABANG

Very early in the morning head to the city center to watch the Buddhist monks collect offerings from local people. After the ceremony, transfer to your hotel for the breakfast.

Road to the **Kuang Si Waterfalls** through the authentic Laotian countryside with a stop at the village of Ban Naouan populated by Hmong ethnic minority, warm and friendly meetings with inhabitants.

Lunch at local restaurant near the falls.



Free time to admire the beautiful waterfalls and take a swim in the natural pool formed by the falls. At the end of the afternoon way back to Luang Prabang.

Dinner at a local restaurant.

Night at the hotel

DAY 5: LUANG PRABANG → VIENTIANE

Breakfast at the hotel.

Walk around in a **local market** full of regional products and visit the former Royal Palace.

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Vientiane. Arrival in the Laotian capital, transfer to the hotel.



Lunch at a local restaurant. Then visit "**The That Luang Stupa**": it was erected in 1566 by Setthathirat king on an oldest stupa. Both sanctuary and national emblem of the city, it is a great

golden stupa put down three square terraces. Stroll along the Mekong to watch the sunset.

Dinner at local restaurant. Night at hotel

DAY 6: VIENTIANE

Breakfast at the hotel. Half day dedicated to a **city tour** and its temples such as Wat Sisaket, Wat Phrakeo and Wat Thadluang all as beautiful as each other. Following by the visit of the Patu Xay Triumphal arch which is the symbol of the city, this triumphal arch at the end of the Lane Xang Avenue recalled the Paris Triumphal arch and the champs Elysée.



Lunch at a local restaurant.

Drive to the famous **Buddha Park** and its many statues, in particular an impressive reclining Buddha.

Back to Vientiane and **dinner in a restaurant in town.**

Night at the hotel.

DAY 7: VIENTIANE → PAKSE – TAD LO – PAKSE

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer to the airport and flight to Pakse.

Welcome by your guide and drive to Tad Lo in Bolaven Plateau via the road known as "Coffee Route", coffee culture is very common in Bolaven Plateau where the climate is appropriate.



Lunch on the road.

After lunch, back on the road, stop in Tad Fan falls and visit surrounding villages populated by minority ethnic group.

Breathtaking landscapes and unusual encounters with the locals. Back to Pakse.

Dinner at a local restaurant.

Night at hotel.

DAY 8: PAKSE – CHAMPASACK – KHONG ISLAND

Breakfast at the hotel.

Road to Champasack to visit the ruins of Wat Phu, Khmer ruins dating from 11th century and considered as the largest Khmer site after Angkor.

Lunch at a local restaurant.

Road to Khong Island with a stop on the way to see the impressive Phasouay waterfalls and Alak and Katou ethnic villages.

Arrival to Khong Island on the Mekong and transfer to the hotel.



Dinner at a local restaurant. Night at the hotel.

DAY 9: KHONG ISLAND - PAKSE

Breakfast at the hotel.

Free time to stroll around the island and why not visit islands nearby, there are about 4,000 islands and islets in this part of the Mekong.

Lunch at your expense.



In the afternoon, way back to Pakse with a stop at Phou Asa for an **elephant ride**, unforgettable experience.

Dinner at a local restaurant.

Night at the hotel.

DAY 10: PAKSE → YOUR CITY

Breakfast at the hotel.

Free time to shop, according to your flight schedule.

Lunch at your own expense.

Transfer to the airport for your return flight, registration formalities and boarding.

Dinner and overnight on board.

DAY 11: → YOUR CITY

Breakfast on board.

Arrival to your city.

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IMPORTANT NOTES

For departure flights or return flights who are in late or in advance to Luang Prabang, we can still displace the program in a other organization. Aside from extra meals, the rest will remain as the original program.

DISCOVERY OF LAOS 12 DAYS / 09 NIGHTS



The Best of DISCOVERY OF LAOS

- The **mysterious Luang Prabang**, Vientiane and its **colonial architecture**, breathtaking **karstic landscapes** of Vang Vieng and the mystical **plain of jars**.
- **Diversity of means of transportation**: tuk-tuk, boat ride, bus, walking...
- **Diversity of activities**: visits of local markets, cultural tours, tasting of local delicacies, visit of many temples and pagodas.

- **Well-chosen hotels** in downtown.
- **English speaking tour guide, skilled in group management**

DISCOVERY OF LAOS

- DAY 1:** YOUR CITY → LUANG PRABANG
- DAY 2:** LUANG PRABANG ARRIVAL
- DAY 3:** LUANG PRABANG
- DAY 4:** LUANG PRABANG – KUANGSY
- DAY 5:** LUANG PRABANG – PAKOU
- DAY 6:** LUANG PRABANG - PHONSAVAN
- DAY 7:** PHONSAVAN – PLAIN OF JARS – PHONSAVAN
- DAY 8:** PHONSAVAN – VANG VIENG
- DAY 9:** VANG VIENG
- DAY 10:** VANG VIENG - VIENTIANE
- DAY 11:** VIENTIANE → YOUR CITY
- DAY 12:** YOUR CITY



DAY 1: YOUR CITY → LUANG PRABANG

Departure at your expense to the airport of departure.
Check-in formalities and flight to **Luang Prabang**.
Dinner and night on board.

DAY 2: LUANG PRABANG arrival

Arrival to Luang Prabang airport. Welcome by your English speaking tour-guide and driver. Transfer to your hotel.

Time at leisure to explore the city.

Dinner at your expense.

Night at hotel.

DAY 3: LUANG PRABANG

Breakfast at the hotel

Luang Prabang day tour by **tuk-tuk**.

Visit the **Wat Xieng Thong temple**, whose ornaments, mosaics and stupas are some of the most refined, it holds a majestic Buddha lying in a purely Lao style. Then, go to the oldest temple in the city: **Wat Visoun** built in the early sixteenth century, it was partially destroyed in a fire in 1887, and architects engaged in the renovation gave it a style inspired by the Khmer Vat Phou temple. Then you will visit the **Wat Xieng Mouane temple**.



Lunch in local restaurant.

In the afternoon, visit the **National Museum** which exhibits the famous Pha Bang, a golden statue of Lord Buddha.

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Late afternoon, walk around the local market with your tour-guide.

Dinner at leisure.

Night at the hotel.

DAY 4: LUANG PRABANG – KUANG SY WATERFALL

Breakfast at the hotel.

Visit **Big Brother Mouse**: local initiative that aims to encourage young people to read and learn English for a better future life. After several years of efforts, the home team got permission to publish their own books, both in Lao and English. It receives book donations and also bring books to needy remote villages.

Opportunity to visit a village specially selected for his school who received books, to meet the children and discuss with them about their voluntarism to learn.

Departure to Kuang Si (35 Km), about thirty minutes' drive from Luang Prabang. The waterfalls are not very high but are renowned for their beauty and for their environment, part of a national park.

On the way, stop at the **Talat Phosy market**, visit the **ethnic minority villages**: Ban Na Oune, inhabited by Hmong population. Then Ban Tha Pane village populated by Khmu,. Ban Na Wan and the Lao Loums...

Swim in natural pools of Kuang Si, or walk around.

Picnic lunch next to the falls.

Road back to Luang Prabang.

Climbing Mount Phousi, whose temple is located at the top of 328 steps and where you can enjoy great views to the Mekong, the Nam Khan River and the royal city.

Stroll around the evening market where populations of mountain minorities sell their products: crafts including engraved silver objects or pushed, embroidery, silk and woven pieces. **Dinner at leisure.**

Night at the hotel.



DAY 5: LUANG PRABANG - PAKOU

Breakfast at the hotel.

If you desire, possibility to get up early and witness the **monks getting alms before dawn**, the "Tak Bat". To live, the Buddhist monk depends on the generosity of the Buddhist people. They do not work, so do not earn money. They are dedicated to spiritual tasks. Every day, early in the morning, Buddhist monks go around the city to receive the offerings.

To observe this ritual respectfully, your guide will take you to places less frequented by tourists.

Morning drive to the **village of Ban Don Ngurn**.

After visiting the village, you will embark on a **cruise on the scenic Nam Ou River**. The opportunity to discover beautiful karst landscapes and remote villages accessible only by boat.

Stop for lunch along the way.

In Ban Vanglae village, discovery of the Lu tribe, their customs and traditions where traditional weaving and dyeing are still practiced, **warm encounters with the locals.**

You pursue your journey with the **visit of Pak Ou Caves.** Carved into a cliff in the middle of a lush jungle, the entrance is impressive. This place, although very frequented by tourists, is primarily a religious site and especially a place of pilgrimage during the New Year.

The cave contains many statues of different sizes, with Buddha in different positions; they are estimated to be around 4,000.

The caves offer a **magnificent view of the Mekong**, mixing its waters with those of the Nam Ou River.

Visit a **rice wine distillery** on the way back to Luang Prabang. **Dinner at leisure.** Night at hotel.



DAY 6: LUANG PRABANG - PHONSAVAN

Breakfast at the hotel.

Departure to the province of Xieng Khouang and the **city of Phonsavan.** The road passes through **beautiful mountain scenery** and villages of ethnic minorities. Xieng Khouang was the victim of intense US bombing during the Vietnam War, the province is populated mainly by Laos, Khmu and Hmong ethnics.

Lunch in a local restaurant.

Along the way, some stops are planned to take pictures.

Arrival in Phonsavan in the late afternoon

Installation at the hotel. **Dinner at your expense.** Night at the hotel.



DAY 7: PHONSAVAN – PLAIN OF JARS - PHONSAVAN

Breakfast at the hotel.

After visiting the **Central Market of Phonsavan**, transfer to the south of the city to visit the **Plain of Jars**, the origin and function of this site remain unknown. Several hundred sandstone jars are exposed on the ground since the 1st century BC. J-C.

Lunch during the visit.

Continue the exploration in the afternoon to Muang Khoun, the former **capital in ruins**, about 40 km from Phonsavan.

Return to the hotel late afternoon.

Dinner at leisure Night at the hotel.



DAY 8: PHONSAVAN – VANG VIENG

Breakfast at the hotel.

Road to Vang Vieng, through the most picturesque scenery, wild and mysterious of all Asia.

Lunch on the road.

Arrival late afternoon in Vang Vieng, a small town on a bend of the Nam Song River, dominated by an imposing limestone massif pierced with caves, covered with jungle and bushes, in an area known for its caves, waterfalls and limestone cliffs.

Check-in at the hotel and begin a **boat tour on the Nam Song River**.

Dinner at leisure

Night in Vang Vieng.



DAY 9: VANG VIENG

Breakfast at the hotel.

The morning is dedicated to visit of **Tham Chang cave**, the most famous in the area, then a **hike to the villages** of Tai Deang and Souay, populated by ethnic minorities.

Lunch in a local restaurant.

Afternoon at leisure. Option biking, kayaking, river descent in giant buoy, caving. **Dinner at leisure.**

Night at hotel



DAY 10: VANG VIENG - VIENTIANE

Breakfast at the hotel.

Departure towards Vientiane via a charming mountain road.

Arrival and lunch in a local restaurant.

The afternoon, visit the most remarkable monuments of the Laotian capital: **Wat Sisaket**, built in 1818 in the Siamese style, with its thousands of statues of Buddha; Wat Phra Keo Ho Museum built on the model of a former royal temple, home to various Laotian and Khmer religious art; Wat That Luang, religious monument which has a great importance in Laos, residence of the supreme leader of the Lao Buddhism.

Visit the **Arc de Triomphe and Victory Gate** before returning to the hotel.

Dinner at leisure

Night at the hotel.



DAY 11: VIENTIANE → YOUR CITY

Breakfast at the hotel.

Time at leisure according to your flight.

Meals at leisure.

Transfer to the airport for your return flight, registration formalities and boarding. Dinner and overnight on board.

DAY 15: YOUR CITY

Breakfast on board.

Arrival to your city.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF CAMBODIA 14 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS



THE BEST OF HIGHLIGHTS OF CAMBODIA

- **The must-sees** : Phnom Penh, the economic and cultural capital , Siem Reap and the amazing temples of Angkor, the countryside of Battambang and the heavenly beaches of Sihanoukville.
- **Diversity of means of transportation:** tuk-tuk, coach, bamboo train, small boat, walking...
- **Diversity of activities:** visits of local markets, cultural tours, tasting of local delicacies, visiting many temples and pagodas.
- **Well-chosen hotels** in the beautiful districts.
- **English speaking tour guide, skilled in group management.**

HIGHLIGHTS OF CAMBODIA 14 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS

DAY 1: YOUR CITY → PHNOM PENH

DAY 2: PHNOM PENH Welcome

DAY 3: PHNOM PENH

DAY 4: PHNOM PENH – KAMPONG THOM – SIEM REAP
DAY 5: SIEM REAP
DAY 6: SIEM REAP
DAY 7: SIEM REAP
DAY 8: SIEM REAP - BATTAMBANG
DAY 9: BATTAMBANG
DAY 10: BATTAMBANG - SIHANOUKVILLE
DAY 11: SIHANOUKVILLE
DAY 12: SIHANOUKVILLE
DAY 13: SIHANOUKVILLE – PHNOM PENH → YOUR CITY
DAY 14: YOUR CITY



DAY 1: YOUR CITY → PHNOM PENH

Departure at your expense to the airport of departure.
Registration formalities and flight to Phnom Penh on regular flight.
Dinner and night on board.

DAY 2: PHNOM PENH WELCOME

Arrival at airport. Welcoming by your English speaking tour-guide and transfer to the hotel.



According to the time of arrival, visiting Wat Phnom Pagoda: nice shady site, on the top of a small hill and emblematic of the city. At the end of the day, walking in the **old "French district"** of Phnom Penh which contains many houses and public buildings styles "Belle Époque" and "Art Deco", dating from the colonial period: post station, national library (closed on weekends), train station...

Dinner and night at the hotel.

DAY 3: PHNOM PENH

Breakfast at the hotel.

City tour of the historic capital: Silver Pagoda, located in the Royal Palace; where are kept the treasures of the crown, the National Museum which offers a wonderful collection of bronze coins, sculptures and bas-reliefs etc.

Lunch in a local restaurant.

Pursuit of the visit of the former prison of the Khmer Rouge regime, Tuol Sleng (S21), which became the museum of Genocide. Walking in the Russian market (Psar Toul Tom Pong or PsarThmey), known as Central Market, which is an impressive colonial style building built in 1937.



Dinner in a local restaurant. Night at the hotel.

DAY 4: PHNOM PENH – KAMPONG THOM – SIEM REAP

Breakfast at the hotel.

Road to Siem Reap with a short stop in the **village of Skun**, famous for its culinary specialty: spiders! You can eat them and take them on your hands if you want. Back on the road and **visit of Sambor Prei Kuk site** (seventh century) which is the most important pre-Angkorian complex.



Lunch on the road. Road to Siem Reap and transfer to your hotel on arrival. Dinner and night at the hotel.

DAY 5: SIEM REAP

Breakfast at the hotel.

Early visit by tuk-tuk to explore Angkor Thom with the Terrace of Elephants, Terrace of the Leper King and Angkor Wat, masterpiece of Khmer art which became a symbol of Cambodia.



Lunch in a local restaurant. Pursuit of visits, if necessary after a short nap, the extraordinary Bayon, the temple of many faces. Dinner in a local restaurant. Night in the hotel.

DAY 6: SIEM REAP

Breakfast at the hotel.

In the Morning, departure to visit **Banteay Srei temple**, the "Citadel of Women". Along the way, stop in a traditional village where palm sugar is produced (depending on season). Next stop, visit of the Butterfly Garden, a conservation center which protects hundreds of native specimens of Cambodia, and interactive exhibition devoted to the beautiful insect. Pursuit of the visit with **Ta Keo temple**, then walking to Ta Nei, about 800 meters from there, small temple away from mass tourism located in the forest creating a mysterious atmosphere.

Lunch in a local restaurant.

Road to the famous **Ta Prohm temple** engulfed by vegetation that puts visitors in the skin of the first explorers. Then visit of Banteay Kdei, a Buddhist monastery from 12th century and **Srah Srang, known as the "pool of ablutions"**. Now

used by villagers and children who come to chill themselves during the hot season. A walk in the village of Srah Srang before going to visit the Mebon temple and you admire sunset from the top of Pre Rup temple. **Dinner in a local restaurant.** Night at the hotel.



Option : At the end of the afternoon, possibility to flight in captive balloon, about 200 meters away from and allow you in 10 minutes to have a breathtaking panoramic of the view of Angkor and surrounding area. For security reason, the hot air balloon flight can be changed depending on the condition of the climate.

DAY 7: SIEM REAP

Breakfast at the hotel.

Visit of the local market and then road to Tonle Sap Lake, one of the wonders of Asia. Boat trip to a floating village animated by fisheries activities and livestock, providing a colourful spectacle. **Lunch in a local restaurant.**



Then visit of "Scents of Angkor" factory. We will discover how candles, soaps and other creams are made and as well the process of spices such as pepper chili, curry etc. Before returning to the hotel, visit of the art gallery "Theam's House", located in a rural style house. The artist Lim Muy Theam creates sculptures and paintings with high value to art collectors.

Dinner in a local restaurant with dance show. Night at the hotel.

DAY 8: SIEM REAP - BATTAMBANG

Breakfast at the hotel.

Visit of the Inkosei pagoda, built on the ruins of an ancient temple and Bo pagoda with its well-preserved paintings. Possibility to take part in a small ceremony of blessing made by Buddhist monks for happiness, prosperity and protection on your trip.

Road to Battambang with a short stop to visit Puok and its **silk farm**, discover the different steps of the complex process of silk production by hand. **Lunch in a local restaurant on the way.** Arrival in Battambang (170km about 3 hours by drive) and transfer to the hotel on arrival.



Free time for a **stroll along the Sangke River** to admire the charm of this town with the visit of the Governor's Mansion. Then walk to the **village of Wat Kor** known for its beautiful traditional houses. **Dinner and night at the hotel.**

DAY 9: BATTAMBANG

Breakfast at the hotel.

Day dedicated to the **discovery of the countryside by tuk-tuk**, with several stops to discover rural life: the rice paper factory, the making rolls of dried bananas, manufacture of rice alcohol, and visit a Prahoc factory (fish paste) to test your senses and your tolerance! This ingredient is the basis of many Khmer dishes. **Lunch prepared by a Cambodian family.**

Short rest and opportunity to taste local delicacies. Pursuit of the road and **visit a memorial** commemorating the genocide perpetrated by the Khmer Rouge.



Start of a **unique experience on the "Bamboo-Train"** (small motorized platform, using on few kilometres of the railway from Battambang to Phnom Penh). Fun activity and discovery of beautiful landscapes of rice fields and countryside through an old railway built by the French. On arrival, a walk in the countryside to discover local life. Then **visit of Wat Ek**, often called Ek Phnom, built in the 11th century. Back in town and time at leisure to enjoy hotel facilities such as the pool. **In the evening, circus show** by the famous troupe Phare Ponleu Selpak - theatrical mixture of music, dance and acrobatics (only on Mondays and Thursdays). **Dinner in a local restaurant.** Night at hotel.

DAY 10: BATTAMBANG - SIHANOUKVILLE

Breakfast at the hotel.

Departure to Sihanoukville and along the way, stop at **Kampong Chhnang floating village**: visiting floating village and a village where locals produce artisanal pottery.



Lunch in a local restaurant.

Pursuit of the road to Sihanoukville, bordering the clear blue waters of the Gulf of Siam. It is the first deep water port in Cambodia and also its only real resort. The white sandy beaches lined with pine and coconut trees board the coast for several kilometres. On arrival, check-in at the hotel. **Dinner and night at the hotel.**

DAY 11: SIHANOUKVILLE

Breakfast at the hotel.

Day at leisure to enjoy the beach.

All meals at the hotel.

Night at hotel



Option: An unforgettable day on the beautiful islands. Koh Rong Samloem is a pearl surrounded by turquoise blue water. We will anchor in Koh Rong Samloem bay with white sandy beaches and the first protected lagoon in Cambodia. You can also walk through a rainforest and mangrove tropical river. On the way to the island, we will stop to Koh Tas, which is one of the secret spots for Robert's amazing snorkelling coral garden. Equipment is provided for snorkelling, fishing, kayaking, etc. On board you'll find a fresh water shower and western style toilets. We'll promise you one of the best days of your holiday!

DAY 12: **SIHANOUKVILLE**

Breakfast at the hotel. Day at leisure to enjoy the beach.

All meals at the hotel. Night at hotel

DAY 13: **SIHANOUKVILLE – PHNOM PENH → PARIS**

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Phnom Penh (216Km = about 5 hours by road) and **lunch on the way.** Transfer to the airport for return flight

DAY 14: **→ YOUR CITY**

Breakfast on board. Arrival in your city.

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IMPORTANT NOTES

- The visits program can be modified according to the time of your departure or arrival flight or road conditions or availability of rooms.
- The official time for check- in at the hotel is at 14.00 earlier, it depends on the availability of rooms or pay extra.
- The official time for check-out from the hotel is at 12:00, later, it depends on the availability of rooms or pay extra.
 - The visit to the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda, Baphuon, Angkor Wat and Banteay Srei requires visitors to cover shoulders and wear long pants or a long skirt.
 - The main tower of Angkor Wat will be closed during the holy day.
- The visit to the Royal Palace and National Museum will be performed by site guides. Our guides are not allowed to guide.
- The Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda sometimes close without notice for official ceremonies. The visit would be interchanged with another visit if possible.

- To the many monkeys that live on Wat Phnom and can sometimes be aggressive. Do not approach.

- The opening hour for sites:

- ✓ The National Museum, Toul Sleng Museum: daily from 08:00 to 17:00.
- ✓ The Royal Palace: daily from 07:30 to 11:00 and 14:00 à 17h00. ✓ The temples of Angkor: daily from 07:30 to 17:00.

- Currency: Riel is the national currency, but the US dollar is widely accepted and used in almost all transactions (Riel 4000 for USD 1 December 2013). Credit cards, checks, foreign currencies are accepted in hotels and several banks. It is recommended to bring \$ (US Dollars) in small bills for shopping in the markets and in restaurants.

GENUINE VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA 16 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS

- Day 1 :** Your city → Hanoi
- Day 2 :** Hanoi
- Day 3 :** Hanoi
- Day 4 :** Hanoi – Halong Bay
- Day 5 :** Halong Bay – Hanoi → Hue
- Day 6 :** Hue– Pass of the Ocean Clouds – Hoi An
- Day 7 :** Hoi An
- Day 8 :** Hoi An
- Day 9 :** Hoi An → Ho Chi Minh
- Day 10 :** Ho Chi Minh – Can Tho
- Day 11:** Can Tho – Chau Doc
- Day 12:** Chau Doc – Phnom Penh
- Day 13:** Phnom Penh – Kampong Thom – Siem Reap
- Day 14:** Siem Reap
- Day 15 :** Siem Reap → Your city
- Day 16 :** Your city



DAY 1 : YOUR CITY → HANOI

Departure at your expense to the airport of departure.

You will go through the check-in formalities and will board on a flight towards **HANOI**.

Dinner and night on board.

DAY 2 : HANOI

Breakfast on board.

Welcome by your tour-guide and transfer towards your hotel.

Free time in order to recover from your flight.

Late afternoon **walking tour around the old quarter**, best way to feel the soul of the city.

The Opera colonial style building built in 1910, a real masterpiece of architecture.

The Ly Thai To park and its imposing bronze statue of the Vietnamese king who created Hanoi and gave his name to the park.

The Hoan Kiem lake, the city's landmark holding the Ngoc Son temple and the The Huc Bridge.

This tour will end in a magnificent colonial style house where you will be enjoying a **welcoming dinner**.

Night at the hotel.



DAY 3 : HANOI

Breakfast at the hotel.

Visit of the temple of Literature, constructed in 1070 is a symbol of the feudal education in Vietnam and gives as well a perfect image of the Vietnamese traditional architecture. This temple has been since the beginning the spiritual and intellectual center of the country. At first only the royal family and the higher court had access to this school but after time the whole country was eligible to attend it even though the passing exam was known to be extremely difficult.

Sightseeing around **Ba Dinh square**. **The Ho Chi Minh mausoleum** from outside, Stalinist style mausoleum constructed between 1973 and 1975 still holding the remains of the Vietnamese leader. The **one pillar Pagoda** famous for its original construction entirely in teak emerging from a pond.



Lunch in a local restaurant. After lunch **rickshaw tour around the old quarter**, you will dive into the craziness of Hanoi traffic, perfect way to get to know the city better and the daily life of its inhabitants. Rest of the afternoon at leisure.

Dinner at your expense. Night at the hotel.

DAY 4 : HANOI / HALONG BAY

(160km – 3h30)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Road towards the pride of Vietnam, **the famous Halong Bay**.

Arrival around noon. Boarding for a cruise in a **traditional wooden junk** in the well-known bay, you will navigate through the astonishing karstic limestones and the 3000 island and islets emerging from the emerald green waters of the Tonkin gulf. **Seafood lunch.**

Cruising in the heart of this bay listed as UNESCO world heritage site since 1994.

Stop on an island on the bay to **enjoy the beach. Seafood dinner.**

Night on board.



DAY 5 : BAIE D'HALONG / HANOI → HUE

(160Km – 3h30)

Breakfast on the boat.

Visit of a surprising **naturally craved cave.**

Check-out and **lunch on board.**

Road towards Hanoi and along the way quick stop in the **Dong Trieu village** famous for its ceramics, meeting with the locals.

Transfer directly towards Hanoi's airport and boarding for your flight towards Hue.



Arrival and transfer directly to your hotel.

Dinner at your expense.

Night at the hotel.

DAY 6 : HUE / PASS OF THE OCEAN CLOUDS / HOI AN

(140 Km – 3h30)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Visit of the Citadel: constructed in Vauban style with local materials during the last Vietnamese dynasty. It is surrounded by a 10km long wall, 10 doors and 24 bastions. You will continue to **explore the Imperial city**, located in the heart of the Citadel, by walking through the magnificent door of noon and the golden bridge constructed over gold watered pond which is filled with red fishes and water hyacinths. Finally you will end the discovery of the Imperial City by the visit of the **Palace of Supreme Harmony.** Road towards the **Thien Mu pagoda** recognizable by its high octagonal tower.

Departure for a **cruise on the Perfume River** to discover the countryside landscapes surrounding the river.

Lunch in a local house on the river bank.



After lunch **quick stop in a village** famous for the crafting of conical hats.

Road to Hoi An via the well-known road of the Pass of Clouds that offers a splendid panoramic view over the Lang Co peninsula on one side and China Beach on the other side.

Arrival in Hoi An and transfer to the hotel. Dinner at your expense.

Night at the hotel.

DAY 7 : HOI AN

Breakfast at the hotel.

Day at leisure to discover the old town and rest.

Meals at your expense.

Night at the hotel.

No guide nor driver this day.



Option (can be done on day 7 or 8): Snorkeling around the Cham Island. Two different spots and relaxing time on a beach.

- Regular snorkeling
- 1 tank dive - 2 tank dive.

DAY 8 : HOI AN

Breakfast at the hotel. Free day to enjoy the beach or to continue exploring the city.

Meals at your expense. Night at the hotel.

No guide nor driver this day.



Option (can be done on day 7 or 8): Departure in the morning towards the ancient **ruins of My Son**. These ruins are **the biggest remains of the Cham realm**, brilliant from the VIIth to the XIIIth century.

My Son is located 69km south-west of Danang and was an Imperial City during the Cham dynasty. These **Hindu influenced temples**, completely different from the rest of the Vietnamese temples are worth the trip. Back to Hoi An.

Lunch at your expense and rest of the afternoon at leisure. Dinner at your expense.

Night at the hotel.

DAY 9 : HOI AN → HO CHI MINH

Breakfast at the hotel.

Early transfer towards Danang airport for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City.

Arrival in Ho Chi Minh City and then road towards the **Cu Chi war tunnels**.

This 200km long **network of connecting tunnels** was dug by the Viet Congs during the **Vietnam War**. You can enter those tunnels by an enlarged entry to discover the conditions of life of the Vietnamese soldiers during the conflict. Road to Ho Chi Minh and **lunch in the city**.

Sightseeing in the old French quarter.

The central post office: Constructed between 1886 and 1891, this building is a real footprint of the French. It was designed by Gustave Eiffel's workshop and is inspired from Parisian buildings.

The Notre Dame Cathedral: This red bricked cathedral is one of the landmarks of the city. It was constructed by the French between 1877 and 1880. Rest of the day at leisure to explore the city.

Dinner at your expense. Night at the hotel.



DAY 10: HO CHI MINH / CAN THO

(170km -3h30)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Tour in the **Chinese district** also known as Cholon. The atmosphere in this district is very hectic as it is full of small businesses. Visit of the **local market Binh Tay**, where you can find everything from food to textile.

Small walk in the narrow streets filled with **shops selling traditional medicine** products and then visit of the impressive Thien Hau Pagoda. Road towards Cai Be in the **Mekong Delta**.

The delta is a large **network of canals** on a huge area of 40 000 km². The yellow color of the water is due to the soil that fertilizes all year long the fruit gardens of the Delta. The delta is also the greenest part of the country and the main mean of transportation is the boat. On the way visit of a **Cao Dai temple**, religion born in the south of Vietnam.

Boarding on a boat for a cruise on the river. Cruising along the canals surround by a **luxuriant vegetation** and passing by a wholesale **floating market**. You will enjoy local fruits on the boat.

You will stop along the way to discover the making of rice cake, coconut candy and rice wine.

Lunch on an island: the elephant ear fish. Road towards Can Tho.



Arrival in Can Tho. Leisure time to explore the river banks. Dinner at your expense. Night at the hotel.

DAY 11 : CAN THO / CHAU DOC

(140km -3h)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Early departure for a **small cruise on the river**: boating towards **Cai Rang floating market**, the most hectic of the Delta, stunning by the activity of the loads of rowboats full of fresh products such as bananas, rice, mangos, meat or fish. There are around 10 000 rowboats each day.

Hooking of a smaller boat selling fruits, tasting of fresh pineapple in an **exotic atmosphere**.

Stop to visit the **old colonial style house** of Binh Thuy.

Road to Chau Doc, a quiet little town on the Mekong river banks. On the way there, visit of a **crocodile farm**.



Lunch along the way.

Before hitting Chau Doc discovery of **Tra Su, the drowned forest** also now as the bird sanctuary. (In case of heavy rain, visit of Ba Chua Xu temple and Hang pagoda).

Boarding on a rowboat, you will peacefully be **rowed through the arroyos**, feeling as in a fairytale.

Diner in Chau Doc. Night at the hotel.

Breakfast at the hotel.

Boarding on a **speed boat towards Phnom Penh**. Best way to discover the riverside life. Formalities at the border.

Pic-nic lunch on the boat.



Welcome at the port by your Cambodia tour-guide and road towards the city center.

Discovery of the capital with: Silver Pagoda, in **the Royal Palace** where are kept the treasures of the crown, the **Toul Seng museum**, museum counting the story of the Cambodian genocide orchestrated by Polpot, touching visit that helps to understand the country a little more.

Diner in a restaurant in town to taste the local cuisine.

Night at the hotel.

Breakfast at the hotel.

Road to Siem Reap and on the way, stop for a short break in **Skun village** in order to visit the market known for its fried spider, a local delicacy.



Second stop in **Kampong Thom** for **local lunch** and for visit the archaeological site of **Sambor Prei Kuk**, the most important pre angkorian site. Arrival in Siem Reap and transfer to your hotel.

Diner at your expense. Night at the hotel.

Breakfast at hotel.

Early morning visit by tuk-tuk, of **Angkor Thom** with the Terrace of Elephants and Terrace of the Leper King and **Angkor Wat**, masterpiece of Khmer art that became the symbol of Cambodia.

Lunch in a local restaurant.



Afternoon discovery by car: of **Bayon temple** the temple of many faces. Before end of your day, visit of Ta Prohm temple which is being eaten by the jungle, perfect harmony between nature and architecture.

Farewell dinner during which you will enjoy a traditional Khmer dance, listed as UNESCO world heritage.

Night at the hotel.

DAY 15 : SIEM REAP → YOUR CITY

Breakfast at the hotel.

Road towards the **Tonle Sap Lake**, around 35km, to discover the life on the biggest lake of South East Asia. On the way you'll pass markets and small villages, you will have quick stops to merge into the local life. When we reach the Khleang River, we'll transfer to a private river craft for the next phase of our trip – a peaceful ride that takes us to the flooded forest, and then on to **Kompong Khleang floating village.**



Way back to Siem Reap and drop off at a **local restaurant for lunch.**

Afternoon at leisure for some last minute shopping.

Transfer to airport for departure flight to another destination.

Note: *After the visit of the Tonle Sap Lake, it is possible to transfer to Bangkok by coach and spend the night there to take a flight the next day. This if a departure from Bangkok airport is more convenient for you. Please contact us for a quotation if interested.*

DAY 16 : YOUR CITY

Breakfast on board.

Arrival.

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CRUISING ALONG THE MEKONG 12 DAYS / 09 NIGHTS



The best of cruising along the Mekong

- **The must see in the south of Vietnam:** The colonial district of Ho Chi Minh City, the Mekong Delta and quaintness local life.
- **The culture of Cambodia,** Phnom Penh the cultural capital and the mind-blowing temples of Angkor.
- **Diversity of means of transportation:** bus, bike on the town, boat rides, short walks, speed boat, tuk-tuk ...
- **Diversity of restoration and activities:** tasting of regional specialties, meals with local people to discover popular gastronomy, country rides, visiting Angkor's temples.
- **Good selection of hotels,** authentic guest house in Cho Lach.
- **Overnight cruise on the Mekong,** unique experience.
- **Discovery in small groups** for more authenticity.

CRUISING ALONG THE MEKONG 12 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS

DAY 1: YOUR CITY → SIEM REAP
DAY 2 : SIEM REAP arrival
DAY 3: SIEM REAP
DAY 4: SIEM REAP
DAY 5: SIEM REAP / PHNOM PENH
DAY 6: PHNOM PENH / CHAU DOC
DAY 7: CHAU DOC / CAN THO
DAY 8: CAN THO / Le Cochinchine
night aboard a boat on the river
DAY 9: Le Cochinchine / CHO LACH
Night in a rural cottage
DAY 10: CHO LACH / HO CHI MINH
DAY 11: HO CHI MINH → YOUR CITY
DAY 12: YOUR CITY



DAY 1:
YOUR CITY → SIEM REAP

Departure at your expense to the airport of departure Registration formalities and flight to **Siem Reap**.

Dinner and overnight on board.

DAY 2: SIEM REAP arrival

Breakfast on board.

Lunch on board or in local restaurant according to the flight schedule.

Arrival in Siem Reap. Airport welcoming by your guide and then transfer to the city.



Road to Tonle Sap Lake, one of the wonders of Asia. **Boat trip** to a floating village animated by fisheries activities and livestock, providing a colourful spectacle.

Then **visit of "Scents of Angkor" factory**. We will discover how candles, soaps and other creams are made and as well the process of spices such as pepper chili, curry etc.

Before returning to the hotel, visit of the art gallery "Theam's House", located in a rural style house.

The artist Lim Muy Theam creates sculptures and paintings with high value to art collectors.

Welcoming dinner in a local restaurant. Night at the hotel.

DAY 3: SIEM REAP

Breakfast at the hotel.

Early visit by tuk-tuk to explore Angkor Thom with the Terrace of Elephants, Terrace of the Leper King and Angkor Wat, masterpiece of Khmer art which became a symbol of Cambodia. **Lunch in a local restaurant.**

Pursuit of visits, if necessary after a short nap, the extraordinary Bayon, the temple of many faces.
Dinner in a local restaurant, with a traditional dance show, the Apsara dance that has been ranked as UNESCO immaterial world heritage. Night at the hotel.



DAY 4: SIEM REAP

Breakfast at the hotel.

In the Morning, departure to visit **Banteay Srei temple**, the "Citadel of Women". Along the way, stop in a traditional village where palm sugar is produced (depending on season). Next stop, visit of the Butterfly Garden, a conservation center which protects hundreds of native specimens of Cambodia, and interactive exhibition devoted to the beautiful insect. Pursuit of the visit with **Ta Keo temple**, then walking to Ta Nei, about 800 meters from there, small temple away from mass tourism located in the forest creating a mysterious atmosphere.



Lunch in a local restaurant.

Road to the famous **Ta Prohm temple** engulfed by vegetation that puts visitors in the skin of the first explorers. Then visit of Banteay Kdei, a Buddhist monastery from 12th century and **Srah Srang, known as the "pool of ablutions"**. Now used by villagers and children who come to chill themselves during the hot season. A walk in the village of Srah Srang before going to visit the Mebon temple and you admire sunset from the top of Pre Rup temple.

Dinner in a local "modern khmer" style restaurant "The Square 24".

Night at the hotel.

DAY 5: SIEM REAP / PHNOM PENH

Breakfast at the hotel.

Road to Phnom Penh, on the way, visit **of Sambor Prei Kuk site** (seventh century) which is the most important pre-Angkorian complex. Back on the road with a short stop in the **village of Skun**, famous for its culinary specialty: spiders! You can eat them and take them on your hands if you want. **Lunch on the road.**



Arrival to Phnom Penh and check-in at your hotel.

Dinner and night at the hotel.

DAY 6: PHNOM PENH / CHAU DOC

Breakfast at the hotel.

City tour of the historic capital: Silver Pagoda, located in the Royal Palace; where are kept the treasures of the crown, the National Museum which offers a wonderful collection of bronze coins, sculptures and bas-reliefs etc. **Early lunch near the pier.**



Boarding on a speed boat in the direction of Chau Doc.

Navigation along the Mekong, administrative formalities at the border. Arrival in Chau Doc, greeting by your Vietnamese tour-guide and check-in at the hotel. **Dinner and night at the hotel.**

DAY 7: CHAU DOC / CAN THO

Breakfast at the hotel



Departure to the **forest Tra Su**, the garden birds.

Boarding on a small boat to cross small arroyos and to contemplate storks, night herons and other tropical birds. On the way, visit of a crocodile farm. **Lunch in a local restaurant.**

Road to Can Tho. On the way, visit of the **ancient house of Binh Thuy**, one of the most beautiful houses of South Vietnam and very representative of the colonial architectural style.

Arrival in Can Tho and check-in at your hotel. **Diner in a restaurant on the river banks.**

Night at the hotel.

DAY 8: CAN THO / Le Cochinchine

Breakfast at the hotel.

Departure by boat on the canal Nong Cai to discover the river activities and the **Cai Rang floating market**, the most vivid of the region. Thousands of boats come every day to sell products on the river. Tasting of fresh fruits of the area, directly bought from a boat on the river.

Back to the pier and embarkation aboard a traditional wooden boat. Welcome drink.

The boats are a special mean to explore the river and the delta, an exotic and off the beaten track experience. Cabins are equipped of fans, private bathroom with showers and hot water.



Lunch aboard the boat while cruising through the canals.

After lunch, **bicycle ride** across small green paths. Along the way you will observe the real life of the delta, the friendly locals and the luxuriant gardens.

You will stop in the Lach village in order to visit one of the gardens and taste some of the tropical fruits. Back on the boat and pursuit of your **cruise towards Cai Be**. You will enjoy a magical sunset from the deck of the boat.

The boat will anchor for the night. **Dinner and overnight on the boat.**

DAY 9: Le Cochinchine / CHO LACH

Those who get up early will have the chance to witness the sunrise on the Mekong, life begins on the river, the birds are singing and the small boats are starting to navigate. **Breakfast on the boat** and sailing through Cai Be **wholesale floating market**.



Back on land and visit of a **small village** specialized in handcrafts, warm meeting with the locals, visit of ancient houses and tasting of tropical fruits. You will then get on a small boat to **navigate across the small arroyos** between the islands. Then a short bicycle ride across on luxuriant small paths. Back on the main boat and disembarkation.

Transfer by boat towards Cho Lach, small and authentic village of Ben Tre province.

Arrival to Nam Hien cottage where you will spend the night, typical wooden house of the delta.

Lunch of local delicacies. You will get the chance to discover the local life and the history of the area where arboriculture is very important as it has always been a very fertile land.

Bicycle trip along the shaded little backways of the village and get back in time for **cooking dinner along with the family**. **For dinner, duck cooked in coconut milk, a specialty of the family.**

Night at the cottage.

DAY 10: CHO LACH / HO CHI MINH

Breakfast at the cottage.

Bicycle ride to the nearby local market filled with fresh products from the delta. Road back throughout the little trails, great way to get in touch with the local life.

Road to Ho Chi Minh. **Lunch along the way.**



Tour in Chinatown for its special atmosphere, very commercial area, the great **Binh Tay Market**, **herbalists alleys**, these plants are essential in traditional medicine and the **Thien Hau Temple**, known for his statuettes glazed ceramic.

Visit of a lacquer factory where are exposed many lacquered objects and incrustated with nacre, ancestral tradition of Vietnam.

Diner cruise on the Mekong River with traditional music show.

Night at the hotel.

DAY 11: HO CHI MINH → YOUR CITY

Breakfast at the hotel.



Walking tour around the old colonial district, where most the buildings from the colonial era are located. Photo stop in front of the **Reunification Palace**.

Visit of the **central post office**, designed by Gustave Eiffel's workshop, followed by **Notre Dame Cathedral**, constructed in 1880. Walk on the ex-Catinat street to the city hall, the municipal theatre and the historic "Continental" hotel.

Lunch in a local restaurant.

According to your return flight, Transfer to the airport for your return flight.

Check-in formalities and boarding. Dinner and night on board.

DAY 12: YOUR CITY

Breakfast on board. Arrival to **your city**.

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- 3/ The program can be amended according to the departure of the cruises on the Mekong.
- 4/ Il faut réserver les chambres le plus tôt si possible parce qu'elles ne sont pas nombreuses.
- 5/ The visit to the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda, Baphuon, Angkor Wat and Banteay Srei requires visitors to cover shoulders and wear long pants or a long skirt.
- 6/ The main tower of Angkor Wat will be closed during the holy day.
- 7/ The visit to the Royal Palace and National Museum will be performed by site guides. Our guides are not allowed to guide.
- 8/ The Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda sometimes close without notice for official ceremonies. The visit would be interchanged with another visit if possible.

THE MIGHTY MEKONG AND ITS PEOPLE 12 DAYS/ 9 NIGHTS



The Best of The mighty Mekong and its people

- **The must see in the south of Vietnam:** The colonial district of Ho Chi Minh City, the Mekong Delta and quaintness local life.
- **The culture of Cambodia,** Phnom Penh the cultural capital and the mind-blowing temples of Angkor.
- Circuit **“off the beaten path”** to be closer to local life, selected visits outside of mass tourism. ➤ Transfer by speed boat between Vietnam and Cambodia, nice accommodations to transit between two countries and **observe different ways to live on the river.**
- **Diversity of means of transportation:** bus, bike on the town, boat rides, short walks, speed boat, tuk-tuk ...
- **Diversity of restoration and activities:** tasting of regional specialties, meals with local people to discover popular gastronomy, country rides, visiting Angkor’s temples.
- **Good selection of hotels,** authentic guest house in Cho Lach.
- Two nights **homestay** in Long Xuyen and Kampong Thom, **two different and unforgettable experiences.**

The Mighty Mekong and its people 12 Days / 09 Nights

- DAY 1:** YOUR CITY → HO CHI MINH
- DAY 2:** HO CHI MINH WELCOMING
- DAY 3:** HO CHI MINH – CHO LACH
Night in a countryside cottage
- DAY 4:** CHO LACH – LONG XUYEN
Homestay
- DAY 5:** LONG XUYEN – CHAU DOC
- DAY 6:** CHAU DOC – PHNOM PENH
- DAY 7:** PHNOM PENH – KAMPONG CHANG
Homestay
- DAY 8:** KAMPONG CHANG – SIEM REAP
- DAY 9:** SIEM REAP
- DAY 10:** SIEM REAP
- DAY 11:** SIEM REAP → YOUR CITY
- DAY 12:** YOUR CITY



DAY 1: YOUR CITY → HO CHI MINH

Departure at your expense to the airport of departure

Registration formalities and flight to **Ho Chi Minh on regular flight**

Dinner and overnight on board. DAY 2: HO CHI MINH WELCOME

Breakfast on board.

Lunch on board or in local restaurant according to the flight schedule.

Arrival in Ho Chi Minh. Airport welcoming by your guide and then transfer to the city.

Sightseeing in the old French quarter. The central post office: Constructed between 1886 and 1891, this building is a real footprint of the French. It was designed by Gustave Eiffel's workshop and is inspired from Parisian buildings.

The Notre Dame Cathedral: This red bricked cathedral is one of the landmarks of the city. It was constructed by the French between 1877 and 1880.



Rest of the day to rest and explore the city at leisure. Welcoming dinner in a restaurant in town. Night at the hotel.

DAY 3: HO CHI MINH – CHO LACH

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit **Chinatown Cho Lon** and the big market **Binh Tay**. This neighborhood is the shopping heart of the city where life never stops. Stroll through the streets of this neighborhood **to explore typical shops as traditional medicine shops. Departure to the Mekong Delta.**



Boarding for a ride in one of the Mekong arm. Visit of the traditional brick factory followed by a factory where objects based on coconut fibers are made. Bike ride to get in touch with the local way of life passing through schools, rice field, orchards... **Breakfast in a garden to discover Mekong Delta's specialty; "elephant ears" fish.**

Road to Cho Lach. Settlement at Mr. Nam Hien's countryside cottage, a typical one along the Mekong Delta. Watching the preparation of traditional dishes, which will be served for dinner.

Apéritif with the host family. **Dinner** with duck cooked in coconut milk, the house speciality.

Night the cottage, private room.

DAY 4: CHO LACH – LONG XUYEN

Breakfast at the cottage.

Ride bike to Cho Lach's local market, to observe the local life and discover the delta's variety of fruits and vegetables. Road through little streets, fruits gardens, countryside and garden center to know better about the handcrafts and the traditional life in the region. Discovering of the arborist profession with Mr. Hien Nam. **Lunch in a charming house**, typical meal with agricultural products from the region. Transfer to Long Xuyen, a quiet town on Mekong's shores across the river aboard a shuttle driven locals. Landing on the Ong Ho island, for a bike ride on the trails,

which offers a glimpse of daily life. Then homestay accommodation. **Dinner and night at a homestay.**



DAY 5 : LONG XUYEN – CHAU DOC Breakfast at the homestay.

Morning visit of the floating market of **Long Xuyen**, which is the most authentic in the region. Discovering a floating village, living of fish farming and a water garden. Boarding and drive to Chau Doc through peaceful landscapes of the Mekong. **Lunch on the road**



Arrival at destination, orientation tour of the city. Chau Doc, small border town of Cambodia, stretch on the Mekong side. It is distinguished by its lively little streets, its cultural and religious diversity, its modest houses on stilts and its natural site offering to visitors' unforgettable moments.

Departure to the **forest Tra Su**, the garden birds. Boarding on a small boat to cross small arroyos and to contemplate storks, night herons and other tropical birds. **Dinner and night at the hotel.**

DAY 6: CHAU DOC – PHNOM PENH

Breakfast at the hotel

Boarding on a speed boat in the direction of Phnom Penh. Navigation along the Mekong, administrative formalities at the border. Picnic lunch on board.

Arrival at the port of Phnom Penh, welcoming by your tour-guide and transfer to the hotel.

Afternoon, **discovering historic capital city with the silver pagoda**, located in the Royal palace, where are kept the treasures of the crown, the National Museum which offers a wonderful collection of bronze coins, sculptures and bas-reliefs etc.

Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight at the hotel.



DAY 7: PHNOM PENH – KAMPONG THOM

Breakfast at the hotel

In the morning, visit of the **Vat Phnom** pagoda: very shady pleasant site, on the top on the small hill and emblematic of the city. Then visit of Khmer Rouge régime's old prison of the Tuol Sleng (S21), who became the **museum of Genocide**. At the end of the morning, a little stroll in the Russian market (Psar Toul Tom Pong). **Lunch at the local restaurant.**

Afternoon, departure to Kampong Thom and on the way there is a stop at Skun market which has the distinction of having specialized in the trade of insects



Continuation of the road, stop at Wat Nokor Kohear (dated XI century) where you can discover typical Cambodian homes. Arrival at Kampong Thom and meeting with your host family.

Dinner and overnight homestay who offers a basic comfort; bed + blanket + mosquito net. WC. Cold shower. Electricity battery from 18h00 to 21h00.

DAY 8: KAMPONG THOM – SIEM REAP

After the breakfast, departure to **Sambor Prei Kuk** site (VII century) which is the largest preAngkor complex. Continuation on the road to Siem Reap and **lunch on the way.**

Stop in **Kampong Khleang, a village located** at fifty kilometers from Siem Reap and is spared from mass tourism. This is a village where all the houses are on stilts and floating. It's offering a exceptional landscape. An amazing ride that lasts an hour by boat to one of the largest villages on stilts: Kampong Khleang. A fishing village of 5,000 inhabitants nestled on the most important fish natural reserve of Asia: the Great Tonle Sap.



On arrival, installation at the hotel. **Dinner and night at the hotel**

DAY 9: SIEM REAP

Breakfast at the hotel

Trailer day visit who starting early, visit the **Angkor Thom site the** Baphoun, the unbelievable Bayon,

Temple with many faces. Finally, the Terrace of Elephants and Terrace of the Leper King. Lunch at local restaurant



Discovering Ta Keo's temple and then joining by walk Ta Nei, just located at 800 meters from there, it is a small temple which is not so much visited and it is in the forest. It gives a mysterious atmosphere. Continuing the road to the **famous Ta Prohm's temple**, it is engulfed by the vegetation that puts visitors in the skin of the first explorers. Then visiting Banteay Kdei, a Buddhist monastery at the end of 12th century and Srah Srang temple, known as the "pool of ablutions".

Dinner at the hotel. Overnight in the hotel

Option : At the end of the afternoon, possibility to flight in captive balloon, about 200 meters away from and allow you in 10 minutes to have a breathtaking panoramic of the view of Angkor and surrounding area. For security reason, the hot air balloon flight can be changed depending on the condition of the climate.

DAY 10: SIEM REAP

Breakfast at the hotel.

Start the day early to enjoy the sunrise on **Angkor Wat**, the first rays illuminate the five famous towers, an unforgettable experience! Discovering Angkor Wat, a masterpiece of Khmer art, who became a Cambodia's symbol.

Dinner at Bong Thom Home Stay restaurant, a traditional wooden house.



Road to visit the temple of Banteay Srei. On the way back to Siem Reap, stop at the Mining Museum of Mr Aki Ra, the museum's founder, was trained as a child soldier during the Khmer Rouge regime and works now as a minesweeper. The museum is also a rescue center for children amputees, victims of mines. Continuation the visit of Banteay Samre before returning in the city.

In the evening, circus show at 20.00 by the famous Phare Ponleu Selpak troupe- mixing of theater, music, dance and acrobatic. **Dinner at the local restaurant** Night at the hotel

DAY 11: SIEM REAP → PARIS

Breakfast at the hotel

Stroll in the local market and pagodas of Siem Reap.

Lunch at local restaurant.

Afternoon, visit to the factory "Scents of Angkor" who candles, soaps and other creams are made, and processing of spices such as pepper, chilli, curry etc.

Before departure, visit of the Artisans d'Angkor's workshops, transfer to airport, departure flight to your city.

DAY 12: → PARIS

Breakfast on board

Arrival in your city

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- 6/ To the many monkeys that live on Wat Phnom and can sometimes be aggressive. Do not approach.

The Best of TREKKING, SIEM REAP EXPLORER

- Discovery of **temples off the beaten track**, feeling as one of the first explorers.

- **Unforgettable homestays**, exclusive moments with locals. ➤ **Diversity of sceneries:** jungles, valleys, high grass, waterfalls, villages, etc...
- Local **English speaking guide** specialized in trekking.

TREKKING, SIEM REAP EXPLORER

03 DAYS / 02 NIGHTS



TREKKING, SIEM REAP EXPLORER 03 DAYS / 02 NIGHTS

Day 1: Siem Reap – Kbal Spean – Sras Srang

Day 2: Siem Reap – Phnom Kulen

Day 3: Phnom Kulen – Siem Reap -Departure

DAY 1: SIEAM REAP / KBAL SPEAN / SRAS SRANG

Early departure with your tour-guide for a **jungle walk**, a peaceful and wild environment that will make you feel like an explorer.

Road back to Angkor area for a **local lunch on the banks of Sras Srang reservoir**. After lunch time for a nap in a hamac.

After this nap, road to a nearby village and greeting by a host family for a **walk around the village.**

For dinner, a typical Khmer meal with your hosts.

Overnight homestay.

DAY 2: SIEM REAP / PHNOM KULEN

Breakfast at the homestay.

Road towards Phnom Kulen for a trek in the countryside. **Hiking to the top of Phnom Kulen** hill following the path of the pilgrims, this hill is a sacred site for the Khmer. Along the way you will witness a river with thousands of **Shiva Lingas sculpted on its rocks**, a great reclining Buddha and a magnificent pagoda where often held religious ceremonies.

Lunch at your expense, possibility to take a swim in a nearby waterfall.

After lunch road towards Anlong Thom village on a moto taxi throughout the jungle and many villages. **Arrival a short walk around the village.**

Dinner and overnight homestay.

DAY 3: PHNOM KULEN / SIEM REAP DEPARTURE

Breakfast at the homestay.

Walk across the jungle, karstic valleys and high grass to discover the **tour of Krobei Krab** and the **exceptional site of Sras Damrei**, giant monolith representing elephants and lions, lost in a thick tropical jungle.

Pic-nic lunch at the Preah Kraal pagoda very popular among the ones seeking for a spiritual retreat who come there for meditation.

Road back to Siem Reap by car and transfer towards airport.

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TREKKING AND ADVENTURE SIEM REAP



04 DAYS / 03 NIGHTS

The Best of TREKKING AND ADVENTURE SIEM REAP

- Discovery of **temples off of the beaten track**, feeling as one of the first explorers.
- **Unforgettable homestays**, exclusive moments with locals.
- **Diversity of sceneries**: jungles, valleys, high grass, etc...
- Local **English speaking guide** specialized in trekking.

TREKKING AND ADVENTURE 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS

Day 1: Siem Reap – Phnom Kulen – Preah Kral (*Trek 25km*)

Day 2: Preah Kral – Ta Penh village (*Trek 15km*)

Day 3: Village de Ta Penh – Preah Anghom waterfall (*Trek 19km*) **Day**

4: Road back to Siem Reap

DAY 1: SIEM REAP / PHNOM KULEN / PREAH KRAL (Trek 25km)

Early departure towards Kulen Hill where you will be trekking all morning. You will walk across the thick forest up to the waterfalls.

Lunch in a village nearby the waterfalls from where you can enjoy an outstanding view over the area.

After lunch **walk towards Sras Damrei**, giant monolith representing elephants and lions, and the Bat cave. Late afternoon, way back to Preah Kral to spend the night in a monastery.

Lunch in the monastery. Overnight at the monastery.

DAY 2 : PREAH KRAL / VILLAGE DE TA PENH (Trek 15km)

Breakfast at the monastery.

Trek throughout the forest to **discover hidden temples** constructed by the king Jayavarman II during the 9th century, the Pa Ong temples. **Lunch during the tour.**

Afterwards, continue the trek towards Ta Peng village where you will be greeted by a host family.

There are around 200 families in this village, all leaving out of farming.

Dinner with the host family. Overnight homestay.

DAY 3: VILLAGE DE TA PENH / PREAH ANGHOM WATERFALL (Trek 19km)

Breakfast at the homestay.

Trek throughout villages, rice fields and jungles towards **Kra Hom temple** on the top of a hill. On the way you will see a big reclining Buddha before hitting the **Preah Anghom waterfalls** where you will be able to take a swim and enjoy lunch.

Then way towards a village nearby. Time at leisure in the village to walk around and get to know your hosts, **warm encounters with the locals. Dinner with your hosts. Night at the homestay.**

DAY 4: RETOUR À SIEM REAP

Breakfast at the homestay and road back to Siem Reap.

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