

ESSENTIAL VIETNAM, CAMBODIA & THAILAND

CALGARY | HANOI | HALONG BAY | SIEM REAP | PHUKET | BANGKOK | CALGARY

14 DAYS / 13 NIGHTS

Encounter the highlights of history, culture, and spectacular scenery of Southeast Asia on this signature tour; Cruise Ha Long Bay, experience incredible Angkor Wat, and soak up in Thailand's tropical climate.

TOUR PRICES:

Member Price

C\$3894

Non-Member price

C\$3994

Single Supp.

C\$958

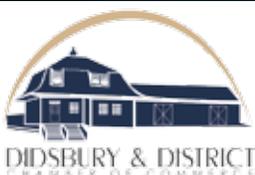
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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Enjoy the colonial splendor and experience the lively atmosphere of dynamic Hanoi
- Admire the scenery and dramatic rock formations as you sail on a traditional boat in Halong Bay
- Visit the temple complex of Angkor Wat, the largest religious monument in the world
- Explore the Wat Trimitr is home to a gigantic gold-plated reclining Buddha, in Bangkok's Chinatown
- Take in the atmosphere at the largest island in Thailand, Phuket



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TOUR LODGING INFO:

11 Nights Hotel + 02 Nights on board.

Accommodation will be provided on a twin sharing basis.

CITY	NIGHTS	SUPERIOR HOTELS
Hanoi	02 Nights	The Ann Hotel
Halong Bay	01 Night	La Regina Royal Cruise
Siem Reap	02 Nights	Somadevi Angkor Resort & Spa
Phuket	04 Nights	Cachet Resort Dewa Phuket
Bangkok	02 Nights	The Lit Bangkok Hotel

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 10 Nights' accommodation at listed hotels or similar
- 01 Night accommodation at the listed cruise or similar
- Daily buffet breakfast
- 01 lunch on the cruise
- 01 dinner on the cruise
- 01 brunch on the cruise
- Arrival & departure transfers
- Transportation in an AC deluxe vehicle
- Services of English-speaking tour guides in each country
- Sightseeing & entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Half day city tour in Hanoi
- Guided visit of Angkor Wat temple
- Half day city and temple tour in Bangkok
- International round-trip airfare from Calgary
- Regional & Domestic airfare: Hanoi – Siem Reap – Phuket – Bangkok
- All air taxes and fuel surcharges
- All local applicable taxes

EXTRA SERVICES:

Extra post night in Bangkok incl. breakfast and airport transfer:

Per person in Double/Twin Sharing Room:

CAD 143 per person

Single Supplement:

CAD 124

* Please note any deviation to the group dates will involve additional fee of USD 150 per person

Meal Plan in Vietnam & Cambodia:

CAD 91 per person

This meal plan includes lunches on day 4, 7 and 8 plus one 7 buffet dinner with dance show on day 7

TOUR ITINERARY:

* Depending upon the flight schedule, arrival and departure days of the itinerary are subject to change

DAY 01, MON: 26OCT CALGARY – HANOI

Make your way to Calgary airport to board your flight to Vietnam. Enjoy in-flight meals and services.
Overnight onboard the flight

DAY 02, TUE: 27OCT ON BOARD FLIGHT

Enjoy in-flight meals and services

DAY 03, WED: 28OCT HANOI ARRIVAL

Although it is the modern-day capital of Vietnam, Hanoi still retains the mystery and charm of past centuries. Narrow lanes and traditional shophouses invite exploration, while its many beautiful public spaces; lakes, parks, tree-lined boulevards, and monuments; give the city an air of elegance and harmony with nature unique among Asian capitals. On arrival at Hanoi international airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel for check-in.
Overnight in Hanoi

DAY 04, THU: 29OCT HANOI – HALF DAY CITY TOUR (B/-/-)

This morning after breakfast, visit Ho Chi Minh Complex (Close on Monday & Friday, all afternoons and from October until November for maintenance), a lovely park setting home to Ho Chi Minh's final resting place, as well as a museum and other memorials. Visit Ho Chi Minh's Stilt House, the simple two-room dwelling where Ho Chi Minh lived from 1958 until his final days in 1969. Preserved in the same condition as, during his life, it may be viewed through windows only. Visit the miniature One Pillar Pagoda dating from the 11th century but rebuilt after being destroyed by the French in 1954. Nearby visit Tran Quoc Pagoda, the oldest Buddhist temple in Hanoi, is located on a small island near the southeastern shore of Hanoi's West Lake. If taking a combo meal plan: Enjoy lunch with authentic Vietnamese cuisine while on tour (price not included, available at an additional cost). Remaining day at leisure, or join our optional tour
Overnight in Hanoi

Optional: Explore the best of Hanoi: CAD 46 per person based on Min. of 2 pax

Begin your tour with a visit to the Temple of Literature with its walled courtyards and graceful gateways. Start the walking tour to explore Hanoi's Old Quarter which is famous with "36 guild streets" in the past time. Discover the charm of the French Quarter and learn more about the history of Vietnam. Visit St. Joseph's Cathedral - is a Roman Catholic cathedral with neo-gothic style, which was built about 120 years ago. Visit outside Sofitel Metropole Legend Hotel – one of three 5-star hotels in Asia with a history of more than 100 years, built in 1901. Our next stop will be the Hanoi Opera House (small version of Garnier Opera House in Paris) and August Revolution Square. Leisure time for shopping in Old quarter area.

DAY 05, FRI: 30OCT HANOI – HALONG BAY (4 hours' Drive) (B/L/D)

After breakfast, depart for Halong Bay, a Natural World Heritage as designated by UNESCO since 1994. En-route you will pass by the Red River Delta with many rural villages, fascinating towns, and paddy fields. On arrival at Halong Bay Tuan Chau International Marina, a tender boat

will take you Halong Cruise. Once your check-in into your cabin after small rest enjoy seafood lunch on board. A delicious set menu lunch is served in the restaurant while you can enjoy the amazing scenery. Cruise amongst the hundreds of islands. You will pass by several islands and islets on the Bay. As the sun sets over the bay, we head back to our cruise. Relax with Coffee, tea, and fruits on the sundeck or order your favorite drink while your boat cruise to the night's anchorage area. Dinner will be served with local seafood. After dinner, you may choose to spend time on the top deck or experience squid fishing before retiring to your cabin.

Overnight on board the cruise

*The above itinerary is subject to change without prior notice and depends on weather condition! Our guide will not escort on board. There will be cruise manager (English speaking) and his staffs to take care of all passengers during the trip in Ha Long.

DAY 06, SAT: 31OCT HALONG – HANOI – SIEM REAP (BR)

Relish the morning view of the beautiful landscape with a cup of coffee or tea. Continue cruising the bay, visiting some other highlights. Enjoy brunch on board during cruising towards the harbor or in a local restaurant. After disembarkation, you will then be transferred back to Hanoi to catch a flight to Siem Reap. On arrival at Siem Reap International airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel for check-in.

Overnight in Siem Reap

DAY 07, SUN: 01NOV SIEM REAP (B/-/-)

Early Morning before breakfast; join our optional tour to see magnificent sunrise at Angkor Wat.

Optional: Magnificent sunrise at Angkor Wat: CAD 26 per person based on Min. of 2 pax

Early morning, pickup from your hotel to Angkor Wat for sunrise. Our local guide will lead you to the best photo spots before retreating once again from the crowds to enjoy your peaceful moment of reflection at this World Heritage site. Take a walk around the temple (we will not go inside) in the soft morning light and cool temperatures - A special Angkor Wat experience unlike any other.

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and then start a tour with a visit to Angkor Wat, the crowning jewel of Khmer architecture, Angkor Wat is the national symbol and the highlight of any visit to Cambodia. The largest, best preserved, and most religiously significant of the Angkor temples, Angkor impresses visitors both by its sheer scale and beautifully proportioned layout, as well as the delicate artistry of its carvings. To approach the temple, first cross the vast moat, continuing along a broad causeway lined with naga balustrades. As you enter the main building, ascend through a series of galleries and courtyard before reaching the central sanctuary, which offers beautiful views back over the causeway and across the surrounding countryside. On the way, stop to enjoy the intricate stone carvings that adorn nearly every surface, with some 1,700 Apsaras, or celestial dancers, sculpted into the walls. Along with the outer gallery, walls run the longest continuous bas-relief in the world, which narrates stories from Hindu mythology, including the famous Churning of the Ocean of Milk. If taking a combo meal plan: enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Spend the remaining day at leisure or join our optional tour. If taking a combo meal plan: Relish your dinner with an Apsara/Khmer traditional dance performance at a local restaurant

Optional: Explore Angkor Thom: CAD 46 per person based on Min. of 2 pax

Visit Angkor Thom, the fortified city of Angkor Thom covers an area of 10 square km. Enclosed by a wall and wide moats, the city includes many of Angkor's most popular sights. Enter by the monumental South Gate over a causeway lined on either side by statues of demons and gods, each carrying a giant naga. Continue to the Terrace of The Elephants and the Terrace of the Leper Kings, former spaces for public ceremonies, both adorned with dramatic bas reliefs. Visit the ruined Baphuon, Royal Enclosure, and Phimeanakas before continuing to the mysterious Bayon Temple. In this temple, one of the most popular and compelling in Angkor, explore the galleries of beautifully preserved bas reliefs and ascend narrow stairs to reach the central sanctuary, where you will find giant stone faces smiling enigmatically down at you from every angle.

OR

Optional: Enjoy white Gold show: CAD 78 per person based on Min. of 2 pax

Transfer to Phare circus for the cultural show – White Gold show. The phrase 'white gold' refers to rice. Since in the Khmer language, 'nourishment' cannot be expressed without the word 'rice'. Cambodians are born, live work and die in the rice fields. Rice is eaten morning, noon and night. Rice represents the richness of Cambodia but also how Cambodia is exploited by the outside world. 'White Gold' narrates about a story of the value of rice to Cambodians and how a Cambodian keep balance between a bustling life and his inside peace following Buddha's teaching that has become Cambodian's official religion. After the show, you will be transferred to your hotel

DAY 08, MON: 02NOV SIEM REAP – PHUKET (B/-/-)

After breakfast, today is at your own leisure to explore the city or go shopping until being transferred back to Siem Reap International airport for your flight to Bangkok. If taking a combo meal plan: enjoy your last lunch in Siem Reap with authentic Khmer cuisine prior to your departure. Later you will be transferred to the Airport for your flight to Phuket. On arrival, you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel.

Overnight in Phuket

Optional: Phuket's night food testing and culture walk: CAD 130 per person based on a Min. of 2 pax

FREQUENCY: Daily

TIMING: 1700-2200

Learn about Phuket's culinary culture & night tour of Phuket old town. First stop at Sapan Hin, a public park located by the sea at the end of Phuket Road. Sapan Hin is a recreational park for both locals and tourists. Dozen of food carts stationed every evening serving families, a bunch of friends and couples who come for a picnic on the lawn along the seaboard or buy back home. You'll sample a variety of foods here such as Hor Mok (Thai Curried Fish Custard), Grilled chicken, Meats sausages and balls street-style. You can have them grilled, deep-fried or steamed, depending on the food carts you come across, varieties of mixed spicy salad, fried insects or some sweets Chao Kuay (black jelly drinks). A short stop at The Sapan Hin Chinese shrine named "View Tian Geng", one of the important Chinese temples during the Vegetarian Festival. Next stop with the ancient dishes of Phuket named O-Tao, a famous hot dish in Phuket. O-Tao, is a fried oyster or seafood dish prepared with eggs, flour, bean sprouts, and taro root. 1-2 more stop for Roti pancake & some dessert. Take a short walk sightseeing at Phuket old town for a snapshot with local street art at night before returning the hotel

DAY 09, TUE: 03NOV PHUKET (B/-/-)

Enjoy your day at leisure; no services provided, you can pre-book an optional tour.

Overnights in Phuket

Optional: Phuket city tour: CAD 78 per person based on a Min. of 2 pax

FREQUENCY: Daily

TIMING: 0800-1300 & 1330-1800 min. 2 persons

NOTES: Tour with English speaking guide only

Tour Phuket town and take in the magnificent views of the island from Phromthep Cape and Phuket viewpoint. Discover the biggest temple on the island and on the way back visit the Gems Gallery, where you will see a gigantic aquarium and a magnificent dark ride "Gems Gallery the Ride" which affords the audience with a unique way of demonstrating gemstone mining.

OR

Optional: Phuket Fantasea Show Including Dinner: USD 70 / CAD 91 per person based on Min. of 2 pax

FREQUENCY: Daily

TIMING: 0700-1900

NOTES: Daily Except Thursday

Inspired by Thailand's rich and exotic heritage, Phuket FantaSea not only showcases the charm and beauty of Thailand, but you will see a Las Vegas-style theatrical show with state-of-the art technology and special effects to enhance the grace and beauty of Thai myths.

DAY 10, WED: 04NOV PHUKET (B/-/-)

Enjoy your day at leisure; no services provided, you can pre-book an optional tour.

Overnights in Phuket

Optional: The Hidden Phuket including Dinner: CAD 124 per person based on Min. of 2 pax.

FREQUENCY: Daily

TIMING: 1530-2030

NOTES: *SIC tour with English speaking guide only

Wandering through the Sino-Portuguese center of traditional Phuket there is no better means to smell, feel and touch Phuket's architecture along its side streets and historical buildings crafted and designed in accordance to old and still practiced measures. Outside its rich cultural heritage, its quaint colonial mansions, Phuket Town is a true melting pot of street side eateries and stalls that serve only the best. All this, including a visit to an old Chinese temple and finishing the evening off with a delicious dinner on top of Rang Hills, uncovers a different Phuket, hidden from its touristic trails.

DAY 11, THR: 05NOV PHUKET (B/-/-)

Enjoy your day at leisure; no services provided, you can pre-book an optional tour.

Overnights in Phuket

Optional: Phang Nga Bay by Speedboat inclusive of Lunch: CAD 137 per person based on Min. of 2 pax

FREQUENCY: Daily

TIMING: 0730-1700

Your magical full-day Thai island adventure begins when your friendly local guide picks you up from your hotel in Phuket. Leaving for Koh

Panak around 9am, you'll travel to the island by speedboat. Explore the mangrove cave or just admire the gorgeous wildlife as you wander around the island. Next, you'll travel to Khao Tapu, famous for its role in the James Bond film 'The Man with the Golden Gun' (for this reason, the island is often referred to as 'James Bond Island'). Here you can visit the Leaning Rock (Khao Ping Gun), a 164-foot behemoth situated atop other nearby rocks or wander through the mangrove swamp. A delicious buffet lunch will be then served at Koh Panyee, known for having its homes built on stilts in the water. After lunch it's time for canoeing through a sea cave and wandering through a mangrove forest on Tham Lod. Upon reaching magical Naka Island you might choose to swim, sunbathe or simply relax on the beach. From here you'll leave around 4pm and arrive back in Phuket between 4:30 and 4:45pm. Your guide will return you to your hotel at the end of the tour

OR

Optional: Coral Island by Speedboat including Lunch: CAD 72 per person based on Min. of 2 pax.

FREQUENCY: Daily

TIMING: 0800-1600

NOTES: SIC tour with English speaking guide. Pick up & drop off from Phuket Town, Tri Trang, Kalim, Patong, Kar Kata, Rawai, Yacht Club, Naiharn, Ban Krating beach area only. Pick up from other beaches are available on request at a surcharge.

A short 15-minute trip by speedboat to Coral Island (Koh Hey) to enjoy the white sandy beach, time to snorkel and swim in the turquoise water. There is various sea activities (optional) such as sea walking, diving, parasailing and the banana boat. Lunch will be at Hey Restaurant. The afternoon will be at leisure before returning to Phuket.

DAY 12, FRI: 06NOV PHUKET - BANGKOK (B/-/-)

After breakfast, today you will be transferred back the airport for your flight to Bangkok. Upon arrival in Bangkok, you will be met and transferred to your hotel for check-in
Overnight in Bangkok

Optional: Midnight food tour by Tuk Tuk: CAD 91 per person based on Min. of 2 pax

FREQUENCY: Daily

TIMING: 1930-2330

NOTES: Pick-up service is not included, tour guide will be meeting clients at the entrance of Exit 2, Samyan MRT station (in front of Chamchuri Square)

Go beyond tourist zones for the most enjoyable midnight eating adventure. After the moon comes up, cruise along Bangkok streets via this city's iconic 3-wheel, TukTuk, to visit Bangkokian's favorite places to eat. Taste a variety of savory menus, including the local favorite Northeastern Thai Food (Esan Food), the town's Best Pad Thai, and the popular home-style Thai snack. Between the bites, visit old-town landmarks and temples for a different perspective compared to the busy day time scene. Discover the side of Bangkok wholly unknown to visitors. We will finish the tour by the Cinderella's time.

*** Please note that this tour is not suitable for vegetarian ***

DAY 13, SAT: 07NOV BANGKOK (B/-/-)

After breakfast, start the day with a half day city tour visiting three of the most unusual Buddhist temples in Bangkok: Wat Trimitr with its invaluable Golden Buddha (5 1/2 tons of solid gold), Wat Po, the most extensive temple in Bangkok, with its colossal Reclining Buddha and the

Chedis of the Kings – Wat Benjamaborpitr, the White Marble Temple, one of the finest examples of Thai architecture. Enjoy your afternoon at leisure or you can pre-book one of the following optional tours. Overnight in Bangkok

Optional: Half Day Grand Palace Tour: CAD 72 per person based on a Min. of 2 pax

FREQUENCY: Daily

TIMING: 0830 - 1230 or 1330-1700

The Grand Palace was the seat not only of the king and his court but contained within its crenulated walls the entire government administration. The architecture is vibrantly Thai though there are some European designs as well. Brilliantly colored and gilded, and decorated with intricate detail, the overall effect is dazzling. The palace served as the official residence of the kings of Thailand from the 18th to the mid-20th century. The most famous building on the palace grounds is Wat Phra Kaew (Temple of the Emerald Buddha), regarded as the most sacred Buddhist temple (wat) in Thailand. Construction of the temple began when King Rama I moved the capital from Thonburi to Bangkok in 1785. Unlike other Thai temples, it does not contain living quarters for monks; rather, it has only the richly decorated holy buildings, statues, and pagodas. The main temple building is the central ubosoth, which houses the Emerald Buddha. Though green in color, the Buddha is carved from a single piece of jade, and though only 17 inches tall, is the most revered object in Thailand. Also, within the grounds are several palaces, used for various occasions: The Funeral Palace, Reception Palace, Throne Hall, Coronation Hall, and the Royal Guest House. Most halls and palaces can be viewed from outside only, but the exteriors are captivating enough to please.

OR

Optional: Bangkok by night: CAD 130 per person based on Min. of 2 pax

FREQUENCY: Daily except Saturday & Sunday

TIMING: 1700-2200

Exploring the bustling Chinatown, a popular tourist attraction and a food haven. Upon this 1-km strip packed with market stalls, street-side restaurants and a dense concentration of gold shops. Continue the

journey to PakklongTalaad, the biggest wholesale and retail fresh flower market in Bangkok. Drive to Wat Suthat and The Giant Swing. From here, we continue on foot passing Bangkok Metropolitan Office to a Bangkok's historic road, Rachadamnoen Avenue. Dinner at Hotel D' Moc's restaurant, then travelling by tram around Ratanakosin area with the fantastic views of "The Must-See" attractions in Bangkok, Ananta Samakhom Throne Hall, The Golden Mount, Wat Ratchanaddaram, The Democracy Monument, The City Pillar Shrine, The Grand Palace, Wat Pho and National Theatre. End up the night by exploring the Khao San Road for its famously described as "the centre of the backpacking universe".

DAY 14, SUN: 08NOV BANGKOK – CALGARY (B/-/-)

Today you will be transferred back to Bangkok international airport for your flight homewards.

END OF OUR SERVICES

PASSPORTS & VISA FEES:

All Passengers are responsible for securing proper documentation prior to joining the tour. Passports are required; in addition, travelers are advised to check with local consulates for full details regarding Visa requirements. Please note securing a valid visa for entry is sole responsibility of the traveler. Please ensure that passport/s are valid for a minimum of 6 months beyond the intended date of return and contains between 2-6 blank "Visa" pages.

SEAT RESERVATIONS:

We understand that our guests would like to confirm seat reservations for their flights. Please note that some airlines don't allow seat requests until the time of check in whether that is online or at the airport. When an airline does allow seat requests in advance there is often a cost associated with this. Each airline has its own fees, and this can often depend on the length of the flight or destination etc. If you would like us to pre-book a seat for you and it is possible for us to do so, we will charge \$25 per person plus any airline fees.

