ULTIMATE VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA
17 DAYS/16 NIGHTS
As of November 21, 2014

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Itinerary Overview

Explore beautiful Cambodia and Vietnam on this culturally engaging adventure that takes you from the big cities to the countryside, the beach to the jungle. Take in the stunning karst limestone landscape of Ha Long Bay, one of Vietnam’s most recognizable landmarks. You’ll bike through the countryside near Hue and Hoi An, where the gardens and markets are famed all across Vietnam for their quality of vegetables and herbs. Visit small villages to witness traditional crafts and local farming and fishing techniques. Some villagers will welcome you into their homes, where you’ll savor delicious home cooked meals with them. In Vietnam’s major cities of Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City you’ll visit palaces, monuments, and museums and talk with veterans from both sides of the conflict to give you a window into the history of this remarkable country.

In Cambodia visit the capital, Phnom Penh, once known as the "Pearl of Asia". The city retains much of its historic architecture and attractions, including many French colonial buildings. Explore the glorious remains of the once mighty Khmer empire, the most notable being the breathtaking monument of Angkor Wat. Built in the 12th century, it's the largest religious monument in the world. In the nearby town of Siem Reap, local bustling markets and food stalls await. Round out your exploration with a visit to a landmine rehabilitation center, an opportunity to see how the resilient Cambodians are building their lives after decades of war and harsh rule.

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Itinerary in Detail

Day 1: Arrival in Hanoi
Begin your Vietnam and Cambodia adventure with a warm welcome after passing through customs. After transferring to your hotel for check-in, spend the afternoon exploring the remarkable city of Hanoi. Overnight at Lan Vien Hotel.

Day 1: Hanoi’s Old Quarter
Today explore Hanoi’s historic Old Quarter, a maze of streets dating back to the 13th century. The Old Quarter is the vibrant hub of Hanoi, home to buzzing motorbikes, bicycles, and hawkers. Its chaos is also part of its charm. Meet with a local family who will familiarize you with the Northern Vietnamese lifestyle. Stop in quaint communal houses while sampling the delicious local street food.

From the Old Quarter, make your way to the Temple of Literature, home to Vietnam’s first university. The temple was built in 1070 to educate Vietnam’s royalty, Mandarins, and members of the elite. The beautifully manicured gardens and architecture of the grounds offer a fascinating glimpse into Vietnam’s past. Your day will wind down with a visit to gorgeous West Lake, a large freshwater lake in the center of Hanoi. Surrounding the lake are several historic temples and pagodas, including Quan Thanh Temple, a Taoist temple dated to the 11th century, and Tran Quoc Pagoda, a Buddhist Pagoda located on a small island in the center of the lake. Overnight at Lan Vien Hotel. [B]

Day 3: Ha Long Bay
This morning you will take a shuttle to Ha Long Bay, one of the most spectacular UNESCO World Heritage Areas and home to the world’s largest marine karst landscape. The limestone karsts are the product of over 20 million years of impact from the tropical wet climate. The bay itself is home to nearly 2,000 islets. Board a wooden junk built in the style of old Vietnamese court vessels with sails, a wide transom, and rectangular superstructure. The boat will weave through the majestic bay, taking in the sights and grandeur of one of Vietnam’s most recognizable destinations. Overnight on the Gray Line Cruise [BLD]
DAY 4: HA LONG BAY - HANOI
Wake to the astonishing landscape of Ha Long Bay. Cruise leisurely back to harbor, enjoying the breathtaking views. Disembark and take the shuttle back to your hotel in Hanoi. You have a free afternoon.

Share a delicious homemade dinner with Colonel Ban in his traditional Vietnamese home. Ban was a central figure in the Vietnam War, who started his career during the Dien Bien Phu battle in the first Indochina war and continued against the Americans until 1975. Overnight at Lan Vien Hotel [BLD]

DAY 5: HUE
After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Hue. Upon arrival, you will be greeted at the airport and with your guide make your way to the Forbidden Purple City. Located inside the Citadel of Hue, the Forbidden Purple City was constructed in the early 19th century under the reign of Emperor Gia Long. Wander the grounds of the Imperial City and marvel at the striking architecture. Enjoy a special vegetarian lunch arranged by nuns of Dong Thuyen before heading to the Tu Doc Tombs, one of the most fascinating works of royal architecture that stands to remind people of the old monarchy. Overnight at Indochine Palace [BL]

DAY 6: HUE – BIKING TO VILLAGES
Today you have two biking options. The first is a morning-only food tour. Take a leisurely bike ride across the historic bridge Trang Tien to the colorful Dong Ba market. Here you’ll take in the sights and sounds of the local market. Continue biking through the busy streets to explore more of this amazing town including the royal palace and many other beautiful Hue sites. Stop along the way at a number of famous street restaurants to enjoy the delicious and authentic street food.

The second option for today is a full-day scenic countryside bike ride to visit the gardening village of Vi Da which lies on the Perfume River. Along the way you’ll soak up the sensational sights of the Vietnamese countryside along the Nhu Y Canal. Continue your adventure to An Hoa village to visit the Chat Vi Pagoda and Cu Lia Market. After a refreshing lunch at a local restaurant, bike along the green rice paddy fields to see the unique architecture of the Thanh Toan Bridge. Located near the bridge is a small and informative museum displaying many of the tools and instruments used in the fields by Vietnamese farmers. From here, you will return by bike to Hue. Overnight at Indochine Palace [BL]

DAY 7: HOI AN
From Hue, take a scenic train ride to Hoi An. Check in to your hotel then embark on a walking tour of this coastal town. Stroll past historic houses, congregational halls, pagodas, and covered bridges. During the 18th century Hoi An was considered by many merchants to be the best trading destination in all of Southeast Asia. The town’s buildings and streets reflect the indigenous and foreign influences this town had, defining it as a unique heritage and multi-cultural site. Hoi An has plenty to offer: beautiful Japanese covered bridges, the Pottery Museum, the 200 year old Tan Ky House, Chua Ong Pagoda, and the vibrant local market. Overnight at Boutique Resort [B]
Day 8: Hoi An – Biking to Villages
Spend the day on bicycle exploring villages where you meet with betel harvesting, fishing and farming families who can introduce you to life in Hoi An countryside. This region is known throughout Vietnam for the quality and variety of its vegetables and herbs, grown using a specific method of organic farming. Tour the gardens with a local farmer who will describe the crops. Join him in preparing the land and fertilizing it with seaweed from a nearby lake, after which you will relish a home-cooked meal at the farmer’s house. Say goodbye and cycle to a local ferry for a short ride to Kim Bong where you will visit a traditional boat building yard. Return by ferry and bike to Hoi An. Overnight at Boutique Resort [BL]

Day 9: Ho Chi Minh City
Transfer to the airport for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City where you will be greeted and taken to your hotel. Ho Chi Minh City, or “Saigon” as it is still commonly known, is famous for its bustling atmosphere and millions of motorbikes. Start your exploration of this fascinating city with a visit to The Reunification Palace, the former residence of the presidents of South Vietnam before 1975. Also visit several other intriguing sites, including the War Remnants Museum, the old colonial Post Office, and the Notre Dame Cathedral. Finish your tour at Benh Market where you can learn the art of making traditional spring rolls with a hands-on lesson.

Later, meet a war photographer who survived the Vietnam War. He will welcome you into his home and show his remarkable black and white photographs to you. Enjoy listening to his incredible story and learn details of famous battles from the Vietnam War. Overnight at Novotel Hotel [B]

Day 10: Ho Chi Minh City – Cho Lach Village Home-Stay
Leave the bustling city today for the quiet canals of the Ben Tre province. A rowboat takes you to a farmhouse where you take part in a local ceremony where the entire family gathers to worship at the family altar. Learn about the religious practices of the South Vietnamese as you chat with guests and relatives over lunch. This afternoon you will bike through the coconut groves to see a rice paper and candy workshop and watch the locals as they weave traditional mats. A boat meets you to visit the local coconut and brick workshops before you reach Cho Lach, where you’ll stay overnight in a local home. Enjoy dinner with the family and experience another evening of delicious Vietnam cuisine. Overnight in Cho Lach, Traditional House [BLD]

Day 11: Cho Lach – Ho Chi Minh City
Bike through the countryside to the market of Cho Lach; here you visit a fruit garden and meet a local arborist who will explain his work. Enjoy lunch in a traditional home before returning to Ho Chi Minh City where you’ll have the afternoon free. Overnight at Novotel Hotel [BL]

Day 12: Ho Chi Minh City – Phnom Penh
Transfer this morning to the airport for your international flight to Phnom Penh and glorious Cambodia. Upon arrival in Cambodia’s capital and largest city, you will be met by your private driver and guide who will transfer you to your hotel for check in. Take lunch at Friends Restaurant, which provides opportunities for under-privileged children to gain first-hand experience in the hospitality industry. Then travel in a traditional cyclo tour through the heart of Phnom Penh to visit Wat Phnom, home to a 14th century stupa and small pagoda. Continue along the riverside promenade, stopping at the Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda. This is one of the best places in all of Cambodia where objects embodying the brilliance of the Khmer civilization can still be viewed. Visit the National Museum with its huge collection of Khmer sculpture and artifacts recovered from Angkor and the Toul Sleng Genocide Museum that offers a glimpse of the devastating horrors that prevailed during Cambodia’s Marxist movement. Overnight Phnom Penh [BL]
**DAY 13: PHNOM PENH – KAMPONG THOM - VILLAGE HOME-STAY**

Drive through the beautiful countryside to Kampong Thom to visit the temple complex of Sambor Prei Kuk and to sample a local specialty of fried spiders, should you dare! Sambor Prei Kuk was the capitol of the Chenla Kingdom and predates Angkor by several centuries. Each of its 10 or so ancient ruins is set in the forest and is accessible by foot or bicycle. Here you can enjoy an intimate version of Angkor Wat with fewer visitors. You may feel you are the first to discover these marvels! Should fried spiders not be to your taste, you can enjoy a picnic lunch in front of the temples.

Stay the night in a village which is part of the Isanorei Community. In 2004 a tourism project was started to generate direct income for the local people in addition to conserving the historic temples and nature in the area. The trained guides are from the 7 local villages which comprise the community. Villagers also provide home-stays and make crafts to sell here and in other Cambodian towns. You will feel part of the village. Depending on the season, you can assist with rice or palm sugar harvesting and production. You may take a cooking class, ride on an ox-cart or borrow a bike. Accommodation is simple with your own room and shared toilet and local bath (no hot water). Overnight in a village **Home Stay [BLD]**

**DAY 14: KAMPONG THOM – SIEM REAP**

This morning continue through the countryside to Siem Reap stopping at Kampong Kdei to see one of the ancient Angkor bridges built to span the river. Tour Beng Mealea, another spectacular jungle temple that is seldom visited. Located about 25 miles East of Siem Reap, here you can witness nature fighting to reclaim this stunning temple. Continue to Siem Reap and check in to your hotel. Overnight **Suorkear Villa [BL]**

**DAY 15: ANGKOR WAT**

Wake before sunrise and depart for Angkor, the largest and most breathtaking monument in all of Cambodia. Built as the funerary temple for Suryavarman II, who ruled from 1112 to 1152, Angkor never fails to reward the first time or repeat visitor with its grand scale, surreal bas reliefs, and unbelievable attention to detail. Spend the early morning exploring this marvelous structure at a time with fewer visitors before returning to your hotel for breakfast.

Enter by the southern gate of Angkor Thom to see the temples of Bayon, Baphoun, Phimean Akas, the Royal Enclosure, the terraces of Elephants, and the Leper King. After enjoying a revitalizing lunch drive to Ta Phrom; this jungle-clad temple with overgrown trees exudes a haunting and exotic atmosphere. Perch on one of the temples to enjoy a lovely sunset view as a fitting finale to a grand day. Overnight **Suorkear Villa [BL]**
**DAY 16: BANTEAY SREY – KAMPONG KLEANG**
Travel outside the main Angkor Wat area to Banteay Srey, a 10th-Century Hindu temple dedicated to the god, Shiva. This petite temple is celebrated for its beautifully carved walls. For many years it was off limits due to its remote location and Khmer Rouge activity.

Also visit the Cambodian Landmine Museum Relief Facility (CLMMRF). In Cambodia, efforts at clearing mines around Angkor Wat and the major tourist sites have been successful, however millions of mines remain buried and impact the lives of the Cambodian people. The Facility goes well beyond a place to show artifacts – it also provides education and support for dozens of at-risk youth and landmine affected children rescued by the associated NGO. Many children have suffered overwhelming hardships. The Cambodian Landmine Museum Relief Facility was created to serve as a place of healing for bodies, hearts and minds through love, support and education.

After lunch at a local restaurant, drive to Kampong Kleang, a village featuring houses on 30-foot-tall stilts, surrounded by water during the wet season. Watch the local fishermen demonstrate some of their inventive ways they have to catch fish. Speak with students in the local school who will be as interested to hear about your life back home as you are to learn about theirs! In the late afternoon take a boat to view the ravishing sunset over Tonle Sap Lake. After returning to your hotel, you will have time to explore Siem Reap during your final night in Cambodia. Overnight **Sourkear Villa [BL]**

**DAY 17: DEPARTURE**
Meet with your guide and driver to say goodbye after your transfer to the Siem Reap International Airport for your departure flight. [B]

**END OF SERVICES**

*Actual routes and activities may vary. Local trip coordinators reserve the right to change accommodations to similar quality alternatives.*
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* Additional charges may apply for holiday departures between December 20, 2014 and January 10, 2015. Airfare is estimated and subject to change until purchased.

Scheduled Departure Dates:
- December 15 – 31, 2014
- January 30 – February 15, 2015
- March 13 – 29, 2015

Included Services
- Accommodations on double-occupancy, bed and breakfast basis as listed
- All guided tours and excursions per the itinerary including entrance fees with private, English-speaking guides
- Airport-hotel transfers, land and sea transportation and internal flights (Hanoi – Hue & Danang – Ho Chi Minh City)
- Private air-conditioned vehicles with driver
- Meals as indicated [B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner]
- Wildland Adventures travel consultation and pre-departure services

Not Included
- International Airfare
- Visa Fees ($45 for Vietnam in advance and $30 for Cambodia on arrival. We can provide a Visa on Arrival Letter for Vietnam for additional $15 per person)
- Tips and gratuities
- Drinks, alcoholic beverages and meals other than listed above
- Personal expenses for extra services, optional activities or changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control
- Travel insurance for trip cancellation, medical services or evacuation
Accommodations

LAN VIEU HOTEL, HANOI
Situated in Hanoi’s Old Quarter, Lan Vien is a convenient distance from Hoan Kiem Lake (Sword Lake) Trang Tien Plaza, Dong Xuan Market, and Ngoc Son Temple. The 115 air-conditioned rooms all come equipped with flat screen cable TV, coffee makers, safety deposit boxes, and free Wi-Fi. They offer views of the lake or the famous Opera House. The Lan Vien restaurant on the 11th floor offers a nice lake view and Vietnamese as well as International cuisine. There’s also a rooftop terrace where you can unwind with a drink while taking in the spectacular view of the city.

GRAY LINE CRUISE, HA LONG BAY
This Gray Line Cruise takes place on a modern recreation of the traditional Vietnamese “junk boat”, an ancient Asian ship that has been used for thousands of years, characterized by its colorful sails. The boat is comprised of 3 decks and has 14 luxury cabins furnished with oak-wooden walls. All rooms have a view of the bay, a private balcony, and a Jacuzzi bathtub. The boat also has 2 distinctive bars, one outdoors and one indoors. There are also opportunities to kayak and snorkel during your excursion.

INDOCHINE PALACE, HUE
The five-star Indochine Palace is located in downtown Hue, close to Perfume River and the former Royal Citadel. The 222 rooms are designed in Indochine opulence with the elegance of a noble house, and all open up to balconies. All rooms have air-conditioning, plasma TVs, complimentary Wi-Fi, mini bars, and safes. The hotel has numerous restaurants with a variety of options including the fine dining of La Brazzerie, the live music at Au Rendezvous, and the lounge Le Club Indochine. You can relax in the outdoor pool, steam room, or sauna. The on-site spa uses fresh fruits and vegetables from the local market for natural face and body treatments.

BOUTIQUE RESORT, HOI AN
Boutique Resort is conveniently located on Cua Dai Beach, just five minutes from the center of Hoi An. All 82 rooms have flat screen TVs with satellite channels, and all rooms at the hotel face the sea with private balconies. You’ll also find free Wi-Fi in all rooms and public areas. The on-site restaurant offers authentic Vietnamese cuisine and a full buffet at breakfast time. While staying at Boutique Resort, you can take advantage of their many amenities including the spa and massage facilities, steam room, Vietnamese cooking class, swimming pool, and fully equipped gym. They also have complimentary bicycles you can use to explore nearby Hoi An.
**Novotel, Ho Chi Minh City**
Novotel is located in the heart of the business and commercial district, just a 5 minute drive from major attractions like Notre-Dame Basilica, Saigon Opera House, and the War Remnants Museum. The 247 contemporary rooms are all equipped with a flat screen TV, personal safe, and mini bar. You’ll also find air conditioning and free Wi-Fi access in each room. The hotel offers a full workout center, sauna, and spa treatments, or you can take a dip in their outdoor pool. The Square restaurant offers an international buffet, and drinks and snacks can be enjoyed at 167 Faubourg lobby bar.

**White Mansion, Phnom Penh**
White Mansion is located at the heart of Phnom Penh, providing easy access to the city’s attractions such as the Royal Palace, National Museum, and What Phnom. The mansion’s 30 rooms and suites are among the nicest and largest in all of Phnom Penh. Rooms and suites come equipped with air conditioning, flat screen TV, electronic safety box, coffee maker, and free Wi-Fi internet access. The hotel offers a family room, outdoor pool, and 24 hour room service. Many rooms also have a balcony so you can enjoy a view of either the city or the pool.

**Suorkear Villa, Siem Reap**
Featuring 17 spacious rooms and suites, Suorkear Villa is located close to town and about 20 minutes from Angkor Wat. The hotel recently underwent a renovation in the summer of 2014. Rooms feature many modern amenities Wi-Fi access, and views of the garden or the pool. There are also complimentary bicycles you can use while staying at the hotel. There is an on-site restaurant that serves both western and Khmer dishes. They also offer a cooking class where you can learn to cook traditional Cambodian dishes. There is also an outdoor pool with a poolside bar so you can relax.
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  - 91 or more: $300
  - 61-90 days: Initial deposit amount
  - 31-60 days: 50% of land cost
  - 30 or less: 100% of land cost

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