



## IMAGES OF INDOCHINA & ANGKOR WAT - A LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY (2024)

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Asia, Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos,  
Thailand



13 days from AU\$18,425 pp



18 Guests

## Journey Overview

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### Journey Highlights

- Experience the complex history of Vietnam, north and south, from the infamous “Hanoi Hilton” to the Cu Chi Tunnels, where you meet with a former Vietcong soldier
- Discover a tranquil corner of Ha Long Bay, gliding among its stunning limestone islands and watching sunset and sunrise, on a relaxing overnight cruise
- Rise early for a *cyclo* ride through Ho Chi Minh City’s streets, observing local life, stopping for coffee and savouring sensational *pho* at a little-known culinary hotspot
- Spend two days in Siem Reap with your expert local guide, exploring Angkor Wat, Bayon Temple and Ta Prohm Temple
- Connect with serene Luang Prabang, joining locals in their home for a *baci* ceremony and taking part in an alms-giving tradition that immerses you in the community’s spiritual life



## Itinerary

### **Day 1: Arrive Hanoi, Vietnam**

Arrive in Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam, and transfer to your colonial-style hotel.

#### ***Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi***

### **Day 2: Hanoi | Exploring the Historic Old Quarter**

Hanoi is the country's cultural heart, bearing traces of centuries of changing dynasties. Visit Ho Chi Minh's house, a simple structure that served as home to the revolutionary guerrilla leader. After lunch, visit the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" prison, where American prisoners of war were once confined, and hear from a war veteran about his firsthand experiences. Ride Like a Local by *cyclo* through the city's Old Quarter. This evening, gather with your fellow guests for a welcome dinner.

#### ***Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 3: Ha Long Bay | Cruising Among the Karsts**

Travel to the shores of the Gulf of Tonkin, where you board 'Orchid' for a cruise of picturesque Ha Long and Lan Ha bays. Relax on deck as 'Orchid' snakes her way past countless islets, their striking karst outcrops rising dramatically from the emerald waters. Disembark on Cat Ba Island and discover Trung Trang Cave's intricate features, formed over millennia. Back on board 'Orchid,' view the sunset framed against the Gulf of Tonkin shoreline, followed by dinner aboard.

#### ***'Orchid' | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 4: Ha Long Bay & Ho Chi Minh City | Sunrise Tai Chi**

Greet the day on deck with sunrise tai chi overlooking the bay. Set out for an early morning kayak excursion among the towering limestone pinnacles. Return for brunch on board as 'Orchid' sails home to port. Back on terra firma, proceed to Hang Kenh Temple in Hai Phong and take in a local water puppet show. Later, fly to Ho Chi Minh City, the former Saigon, where you settle in at your hotel.

#### ***The Reverie Saigon | Meals: BL***

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## Day 5: Ho Chi Minh City | Vibrant, Evocative Saigon

Recently experiencing a resurgence of art and culture, Ho Chi Minh City is a lively, evocative hub of activity. Rise early for a carefully curated, A&K-exclusive experience that starts with a *cyclo* ride through the streets as the city slowly comes to life. Stroll through Tao Dan Park, a neighbourhood gathering place, and then enjoy specialty Vietnamese coffee at a local shop. Continue along Nguyen Dinh Chieu Street to visit a little-known, hard-to-find war-era weapons bunker. Round out your morning exploration of local life by sampling some of the city's most sensational pho at one of its most popular restaurants. Return to your hotel to enjoy the rest of the morning at leisure. At lunch, participate in a Chef's Table experience where you try your hand at making banh xeo, a savoury Vietnamese pancake. This afternoon, view examples of the city's colonial legacy, including Reunification Palace and the Central Post Office, and then explore a Cao Dai temple to get in touch with southern Vietnam's spiritual side. Tonight, gather for dinner at a local culinary hot spot.

### ***The Reverie Saigon | Meals: BLD***

## Day 6: Ho Chi Minh City | Design Your Day

Today, venture outside of the city to explore the Cu Chi Tunnels, learning how this vast subterranean network was used to conceal and support a stealthy underground fighting force. This afternoon, enjoy one of these **Design Your Day** activities.

- **Visit the War Remnants Museum** to view photographs from Bunyo Ishikawa, a Vietnam War photojournalist, followed by a walking tour of a historic neighbourhood.
- **Explore the City's Bustling Culinary Scene**, sampling traditional dishes prepared by local street-food vendors.
- **Cycle the Countryside** around the Cu Chi Tunnels, passing through local villages to observe daily life.

Return to your hotel, where the rest of your afternoon and evening are at leisure.

### ***The Reverie Saigon | Meals: B***

## Day 7: Siem Reap, Cambodia | Mysterious Ta Prohm

Fly to Siem Reap, the town nearest to Angkor Thom and Angkor Wat. Begin your exploration at Ta Prohm, where the roots of great trees seem to have spilled over the roof of this iconic stone temple. Enjoy an evening at leisure.

### ***Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor | Meals: BL***

### **Day 8: Siem Reap | Hidden Temples & Treasures**

Today, explore a less-visited temple: Banteay Srei, known as the “Citadel of Women.” Learn about the essential work of the Cambodia Clean Water Project, an Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy project that builds wells in local rural communities. Next, visit Angkor Thom, the last capital of the Khmer kingdom, and Bayon Temple, with its carved stone faces — bearing beguiling smiles — of gods, goddesses and other beings from mythology. This evening, cruise by gondola on the tranquil Angkor Thom moat while sipping a cool drink on a Scenic Sundowner.

***Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor | Meals: BD***

### **Day 9: Siem Reap | Sunrise over Angkor Wat**

Rise early to experience the incomparable serenity and inspiration of watching the sun rise over mystical Angkor Wat before exploring the vast temple complex with a local expert. Return to your hotel for breakfast and time to relax. After lunch at a local restaurant, fly to Luang Prabang.

***La Résidence Phou Vao, Luang Prabang | Meals: BL***

### **Day 10: Luang Prabang, Laos | Living Temples**

Step back in time for a day as you explore charming Luang Prabang and its tranquil streets. Begin with a visit to the National Museum, once a royal palace. Then, follow quiet back lanes to the beautiful Heuan Chan Heritage House. After a refreshing tea in the gardens, proceed to the enchanting Wat Xieng Thong, a Buddhist Temple noted for its “Tree of Life” wall mosaic, and then visit Wat Khili. Later, join your fellow guests for a relaxing sunset cruise along the tranquil and iconic Mekong River before dinner.

***La Résidence Phou Vao, Luang Prabang | Meals: BD***

### **Day 11: Luang Prabang | Giving & Receiving**

Rise very early to give alms to Buddhist monks, putting you in touch with the local culture and community. Return to your hotel with some time to relax and pack. After lunch, join locals in their home for a *baci* ceremony — a good-luck ritual for a safe journey that is part of the local culture — before flying to Bangkok.

***Four Seasons Hotel Bangkok at Chao Phraya River | Meals: BL***

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## **Day 12: Bangkok, Thailand | Along the Chao Phraya River**

Visit the sprawling Grand Palace, a complex that is the historic Siamese court and home to Thailand's most important shrine, the green-jade Emerald Buddha. Continue by *tuk-tuk* to the 46-metre-long reclining Buddha at Wat Pho. Your afternoon is at leisure. Tonight, gather with your fellow guests for a farewell dinner of Thai specialties.

***Four Seasons Hotel Bangkok at Chao Phraya River | Meals: BD***

## **Day 13: Depart Bangkok**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport to depart for home.

***Meals: B***

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## **Journey Details**

Internal air included: Hai Phong/Ho Chi Minh City/Siem Reap/Luang Prabang/Bangkok

This journey contains some active elements.

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 8:30 a.m. on Day 2.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 12.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Please note that alternative accommodations for Days 9-10 will be featured on the following departure date: Oct 24, 2024. Guests will be staying at *Sofitel Luang Prabang*.

## **Included with every Luxury Small Group Journey**

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Travelling Bell Boy Luggage Handling
- Breakfast in Bed on Select Days
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Your Choice of Activity on Design Your Day
- Traveller's Valet Laundry Service
- Internet Access
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

## **Customise this Journey**

**Talk to one of our expert Journey Designers** or your travel agent about booking this tour as a private journey for your own small group with family or friends. Or, if you would prefer to travel privately, find out more about creating the perfect bespoke Tailor-Made Journey based on this itinerary.



## Map





## Accommodation

### Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi



The beautiful French-colonial style Sofitel Metropole is located in the heart of Hanoi just a short walk from the vibrant Old Quarter. Sofitel Metropole wonderfully combines old and new with its colonial style rooms in the original hotel and the contemporary rooms in the modern Opera wing. A spa and outdoor pool makes this the perfect retreat in the centre of Hanoi.

After a day visiting museums, bartering in the shops and visiting Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, relax in a rattan armchair at the poolside bar, Bamboo, while sipping a signature cocktail. Enjoy an exquisite Vietnamese dinner at Spices Garden Restaurant in the courtyard or sample the best French cuisine in town at Le Beaulieu.

#### Why we like it

- One of the grand old colonial hotels of Southeast Asia
- Excellent central location walking distance from the Old Quarter
- Blend of old world colonial charm and contemporary modern living
- Three amazing restaurants to choose from – French, Vietnamese and International

## La Résidence Phou Vao, Luang Prabang



The only hotel located on Phou Vao Hill - the Hill of the Kites - affords glorious panoramic views of the golden dome of the Vat Chamsi Stupa and the sacred mountain of Mount Phou Si. Each elegantly appointed room commands a gorgeous vista as you soak in the views from your private balcony or terrace.

Swim in the freshwater infinity pool, indulge in traditional Laotian Spa treatments and sample authentic cuisine at the best restaurant in Luang Prabang. After exploring the famed UNESCO World Heritage designated town, experience a magnificent '500 candles dinner' or relax with an exotic cocktail under a starlit sky in the open-air Champa Bar.

### Why we like it

- Peacefully located on Phou Vao Hill overlooking beautiful views of sacred Mount Phousi
- Large outdoor pool overlooking lush tropical scenery
- Luang Prabang's first luxury spa

## Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor



Raffles Grand Hotel D'Angkor is a grand historic hotel that has been sensitively restored to its original architectural elegance, to offer guests a flavour of colonial times. Located in the heart of Siem Reap, close to the majestic Angkor Wat, it offers convenient access to some of the most intriguing ruins of the temple complex.

The hotel's 120 rooms and suites are tastefully appointed with Art Deco country style furnishings and Cambodian object d'art, reflecting the period architectural theme. Room options range from staterooms and suites to superb two bedroom villas.

### Why we like it

- Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor is situated only a few kilometres from the ancient Angkor complex
- Dining options include the international buffet at Café d'Angkor, fine dining at Restaurant Le Grand, a barbecue at the Poolside Terrace or an Asian style buffet and Cambodian cultural show at the Apsara Terrace
- Raffles Amrita Spa offers treatments combining the best of Western technologies and Eastern therapies
- A 35m lap pool is inspired by ancient royal bathing pools
- Other facilities include bars and lounges, a library, beautifully landscaped gardens, and, nearby, a wonderful local night market



## The Reverie Saigon



The Reverie is located in one of the city's most prestigious addresses with unrivalled views. The hotel has no comparison with a style of Italian design and luxury not seen in Vietnam before. The 62 luxury suites and 224 luxury rooms have been designed by the finest Italian interior designers; Colombostile, Giorgetti, Provasi and Visonaire. The hotel's restaurants all offer inspired fine dining and world-class service. The top-shelf bar is one of the places to be seen, whilst the luxurious spa offers the perfect escape from the buzz of the city.

### Why we like it:

- One of the most luxurious hotels in the city
- A hotel created for those that like to stand out from the crowd
- Fully non-smoking - unusual for Ho Chi Minh City
- Renowned for its opulent interior designs
- The highest hotel in the city with panoramic views from the floor to ceiling windows.

## Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

### Dec 5, 2024 - Dec 17, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$18,425 pp</b>	AU\$6,300	Included	Call for Availability

### Dec 13, 2024 - Dec 25, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$19,995 pp</b>	AU\$6,915	Included	Call for Availability

### Dec 20, 2024 - Jan 1, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$23,130 pp</b>	AU\$8,300	Included	Call for Availability

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