

# EXPLORE ENCHANTING VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

with MCBC's Paul Farmer

**12 DAY TOUR**

**SAN FRANCISCO • HANOI • SAIGON  
SIEM REAP • ANGKOR • SAN FRANCISCO**

From Hanoi to Phnom Penh, see the best of Indochina on this unforgettable trip. Experience the energetic cities, tranquil villages, ancient capitals, and fascinating natural beauty perfectly blended with an elegant stay!

**Departure Date: APRIL 10, 2024**

Price per person on  
double occupancy:

**\$ 2995**

Single Person  
Supplement:

**\$ 899**



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## TOUR SUMMARY:

This tour begins in Vietnam's capital Hanoi, a city which is a blend of long-established traditions and modern imprints of Western colonization. From here, you will get an opportunity to enjoy cruising on Halong Bay River, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy the spectacular and breathtaking scenery of this imposing place. Then fly to Siem Reap, a strikingly memorable place that will take you back in time and offer you a pick of the ancient Khmer civilization thanks to their many Angkor temples.



**TOUR LODGING INFO:** 9 Nights hotel accommodation on double occupancy basis + 2 Nights on board the flight

CITIES	NIGHTS	DELUXE HOTEL
Hanoi	4 Nights	Melia Hanoi Hotel
Saigon	3 Nights	Pullman Saigon Centre
Siem Reap	2 Nights	Angkor Miracle Resort

*Hotels may be replaced with similar deluxe property for operational reasons*

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- Admire the colonial splendor and experience the lively atmosphere of dynamic Hanoi
- Tour the historic city of Saigon and the nearby villages
- Visit the temple complex of Angkor Wat, the largest religious monument in the world

## INCLUDES:

- International round-trip airfare from San Francisco
- Domestic flight: Hanoi – Saigon
- Regional flight Saigon – Siem Reap
- 9 Nights' accommodation at the listed hotels or similar
- Daily buffet breakfasts
- Arrival & departure transfer
- Transportation in an AC deluxe vehicle
- Sightseeing and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- All air taxes and fuel surcharges
- All local applicable taxes

## TOUR ITINERARY:

### DAY 1, WED: DEPART SAN FRANCISCO

Arrive in time at San Francisco Airport to check-in and board your flight to Vietnam. Enjoy in-flight meals and services. Overnight onboard the flight.

### DAY 2, THU: ON BOARD FLIGHT

Enjoy in-flight meals and services. You lose a day when the International Dateline is crossed in the Pacific.

### DAY 3, FRI: 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 4, SAT: HANOI (B/L/D)

Enjoy your day at leisure to explore at your own pace in Hanoi or join us on an optional excursion to Ha Long Bay.

Overnight in Hanoi

**Optional: Overnight on Ha Long Bay cruise: \$250 per person. Minimum 2 persons required.**

Depart from Hanoi to Halong Bay, one of the most beautiful landscapes in the world. Covering more than 149,000 hectares, this vast bay is filled with more than 3,000 "peaks" of limestone or karsts that gush out of deep blue water as far as the eye can see. We will spend a day and a half there, including a night out with dinner and lunch on board, exploring this incredible seascape from the decks of a traditional Vietnamese boat. You will spend the night on Pelican Cruise before returning to Hanoi on Day 5.

### DAY 5, SUN: HANOI (B/-/-)

After breakfast on the cruise, you will explore the Sung Sot cave, swim and relax. Return to the pier while brunch is served while sailing through the bay and return to Hanoi.

Overnight in Hanoi

### DAY 6, MON: HANOI (B/L/-)

After breakfast you will be taken for a Hanoi City Tour that includes lunch. Begin your Hanoi city tour with a visit to Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, where one can pay respect to the embalmed body of Ho Chi Minh. Continue through the park to 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. Then visit the Temple of Literature, a peaceful series of walled courtyards and graceful gateways, and one of the best examples of traditional Vietnamese architecture. Founded in 1070 and dedicated to Confucius, this was also the site of Vietnam's first university. Return to the center of Hanoi for a rickshaw ride to the old quarter before taking in a water puppet performance.

Overnight in Hanoi

**DAY 7, TUE: HANOI – SAIGON (BY FLIGHT) (B/-/-)**

Today you will be transferred back to Hanoi international airport to check in for your flight south to Saigon. Saigon teems with energy, activity, and motion. Everywhere you look, you see the meeting of traditional and modern life. The emerging modern skyline stands cheek by jowl with colonial buildings and traditional temples. Outside on the streets, young professionals zip by on motorcycles, chatting on cell phones; inside the quiet temple courtyards, worshippers pray amidst clouds of incense. On arrival, you will be met and enjoy a tour of this vibrant metropolis.

Overnight in Saigon

**DAY 8, WED: SAIGON (B/-/-)**

A day at leisure to explore at your own pace or join us for an optional excursion.

Overnight in Saigon

**Optional: Mekong Delta day tour including lunch: \$80 per person with min. 2 persons**

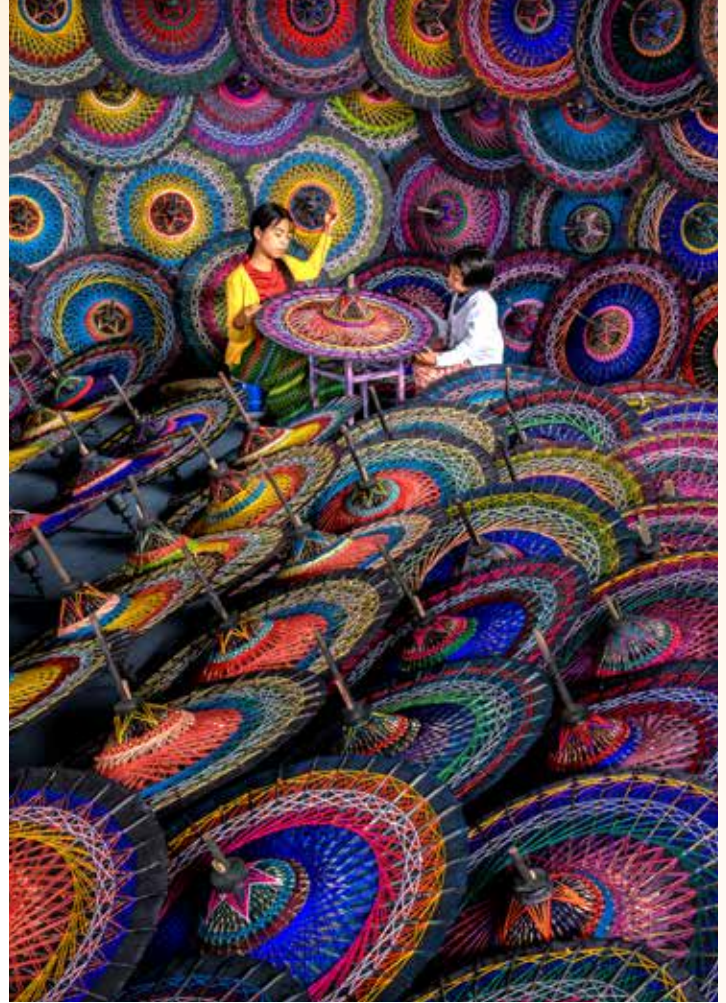
Departure for My Tho (80km / 2h30 of road), capital of the province of Tien Giang. Visit the Vinh Trang Pagoda and walk to the market. The Mekong River originates in the Himalayas and follows a 4500km route to the Sea of China through 9 arms (the 9 dragons) forming the Mekong Delta. A boat ride on one of the river's arms and its many canals, which form a network of several hundred kilometers, will lead you to the island of Thoi Son, famous for its exotic fruit orchards. Discover the island on foot.

**DAY 9, THU: SAIGON (B/L/-)**

A day at leisure to explore at your own pace in Saigon join us for an optional excursion.

Overnight in Saigon





**Optional: Saigon city tour including lunch: \$65 per person. Minimum 2 persons required.**

On this tour visit the Reunification Palace formerly the Independence Palace of the South Vietnamese president, this 60s style building was famously stormed by tanks on April 30, 1975, signifying the fall of South Vietnam. It has been preserved in its original state, and the original tanks remain on display near the entrance gates. Pay a visit to the neo-Romanesque Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office before spending time in the War Museum. The tour ends with a visit to the famous Ben Thanh Market where vendors display a vast array of goods and handi-crafts.

**DAY 10, FRI: SAIGON – SIEM REAP (BY FLIGHT) (B/-/-)**

Today you will be transferred to the airport for a flight to Siem Reap, Cambodia. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Overnight in Siem Reap

**DAY 11, SAT: SIEM REAP (B/L/-)**

Enjoy breakfast before proceeding on a full day tour of Angkor with lunch. 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 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. Then visit the fortified city of Angkor THom covering 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 Baphoun, the Royal Enclosure and Phimeanakas before continuing to the mysterious Bayon 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.

**DAY 12, SUN: SIEM REAP – SAN FRANCISCO (B/-/-)**

Today you will be transferred to International Airport to check-in and board your flight back home

**DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- Items of personal nature, tips, and gratuities
- Travel insurance
- Baggage fees may apply and vary by the carrier
- Optional Tours
- Visa fees if applicable
- Any other items not under inclusion