

Kiwi Vietnam Tours – **Discovery Tour**

Vietnam & Cambodia Itinerary

DAY 1: NZ – SINGAPORE/BANGKOK

Depart Chch, Wgtn, or Auckland to our Singapore or Bangkok hotel.

DAY 2: ARRIVE HANOI

Morning flight to Hanoi, a city of tree-lined boulevards, French colonial architecture and lakes. We check into our hotel, exchange currency, and take a walking orientation to Hoan Kiem Lake.

DAY 3: HANOI CITY TOUR

A half-day tour of Hanoi including Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum (if open), Temple of Literature and the Ethnology Museum. In the afternoon we take a walking tour of the **Old French Quarter**.



DAY 4: HANOI – HALONG BAY

This morning we checkout of our hotel and drive to to **Ha Long Bay** for our overnight cruise of Ha Long Bay where over 2000 islands rise dramatically out of the Eastern Sea.

DAY 5: HALONG BAY – HANOI

After breakfast we continue cruising the bay and

then drive back to Hanoi. We stop at a ceramics centre along the way, before checking back into our hotel.

DAY 6: HANOI

Today is a free day for shopping or exploring Hanoi. There are options to visit other recommended museums and places of interest.

In the evening we enjoy a performance of the world famous **Water Puppets**.

DAY 7: HANOI - HUE

Transfer to Hanoi Airport for our flight to Hue. Check into hotel and take an orientation walk around Hue. The rest of the day is free time for shopping or relaxing.

DAY 8: HUE

Morning cruise on the Perfumed River. We visit **Minh Mang Tomb** and the Thien Mu pagoda on the riverbanks with its seven-storey tower.



DAY 9: HOI AN - HUE

We leave Hue with a stop-over at the spectacular **Hai Van Pass**. Here we enjoy expansive views of the coast and the photogenic fishing village of Lang Co. We continue on to explore **Marble Mountain** just outside Danang before arriving in Hoi An.

DAY 10: HOI AN

Hoi An is an ancient trading port famous for its Japanese, Chinese & Portuguese architecture. Today is free to shop and explore this unique town, famous for its clothing, art and silk markets. Take a walking tour of the **Old Town** to visit former merchants' houses and the 400-year-old Japanese bridge.

DAY 11: HOI AN

Today we continue shopping and exploring Hoi An. Alternately swim at the beach, relax at the hotel, or take in a Cooking Course.

DAY 12: HOI AN - QUI NHON

This morning we continue on to Qui Nhon, the capital of Binh Dinh province, with a stop at the **My Lai massacre** site.

DAY 13: QUI NHON - NHATRANG

We travel south to Nha Trang with a lunch stop on the way. We visit the Po Nager Cham Towers before checking into our hotel.



DAY 14: NHATRANG

A full day is spent cruising around the area's beautiful offshore islands and swimming in the South China Sea.

DAY 15: NHA TRANG - SAIGON

Today we continue south to Saigon (**Ho Chi Minh City**) via Highway 1 with a stop at Ca Na Beach.

DAY 16: SAIGON

Today we take in a **city tour of Saigon**: visiting the colonial-style Old Post Office, the Notre Dame Cathedral, Cho Lon (Chinatown) and the **Ben Thanh Market**.

DAY 17: SAIGON –MEKONG DELTA

A full day excursion to My Tho and the **Mekong Delta**. Cruise on the Tien River and visit Thoi Son Islet, where we enjoy tropical fruit with local tea, honey and coconut candy. Relax as we experience a boat ride through the small canals.

DAY 18: SAIGON-CU CHI

Excursion to the **Cu Chi Tunnels**: the amazing tunnel system where the Viet Cong lived and operated underground during the Vietnam War. We return to Saigon to visit the War Remnants Museum. Free time for shopping.



DAY 19: SAIGON – SINGAPORE/BANGKOK

For those not continuing onto Cambodia there is free time until transferring to the airport to depart Saigon to New Zealand.

DAY 20: SINGAPORE - NZ **Arrive back in Auckland.**

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DAY 19: SAIGON - CAMBODIA

After fare welling our travel companions we take the afternoon flight or travel overland from Saigon to Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Cambodia Visas' are processed at the airport/border. After checking into our hotel we make a short visit to Wat Phnom and the Independence Monument.

DAY 20: PHNOM PENH (B/L/D)

This morning visit the fabulous Royal Palace and the Silver Pagoda, and onto the National Museum. After lunch we

continue with a look into Cambodia's tragic past with a visit to Toul Sleng Museum and the Killing Fields. **(This tour is quite graphic.)**

DAY 21: PHNOM PENH – SIEM REAP (B/L/D)

We depart early to Kampong Thom and onto Siem Reap. After lunch we check into our hotel.

Siem Reap is the base for exploring the fabled temples of Angkor, the ancient capital of the Khmer empire.

DAY 22: SIEM REAP (B/L/D)

Start touring with a visit to Angkor Thom city (the South Gate of Angkor Thom, Bayon, Baphoun, the Royal enclosure, and the fabulous Ta Prohm, embraced by the roots of the enormous fig trees and creepers.) In the afternoon, visit Angkor Wat temple, the most renowned Khmer temple. Buffet dinner with APSARA show at a local restaurant.

DAY 23: SIEM REAP (B/L/D)

Continue to explore Siem Reap visiting the local handicrafts & clothing market and taking a boat ride on Tonle Sap Lake, the largest fresh water lake in South East Asia.

DAY 24: SIEM REAP - SINGAPORE (B)

Today we fly from Siem Reap to Singapore / Bangkok to New Zealand.

DAY 25: AUCKLAND

Arrive in Auckland Airport before transferring to flights homeward

This Tour Itinerary is correct at time of printing but may be subject to change given weather or road conditions in Vietnam and Cambodia.

Kiwi Vietnam Tours can arrange for you to stay extra nights in Singapore /Bangkok on the return or travel to other destinations after leaving Vietnam and Cambodia.