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WHO WE ARE



FOUNDED IN 2000, FOCUS TRAVEL ORGANIZES VACATIONS IN INDOCHINA SPECIALIZING IN LUXURY, LEISURE, AND ADVENTURE TRAVEL. A MEMBER OF FOCUS VIETNAM HOLDINGS (FVH), A MULTI-BUSINESS HOSPITALITY GROUP BASED IN VIETNAM, FOCUS TRAVEL HAS BEEN CONNECTING OUR CLIENTS WITH THE REAL INDOCHINA FOR OVER 20 YEARS.

From world-renowned World Heritage sites to lesser-known but equally magnificent destinations in Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar, we aim to uncover a side of Indochina that goes beyond expectations. This is complemented by our extensive network of travel products and services which include hotels and resorts, river cruises and sea tourism, as well as sailing and yacht charters.

WHAT WE OFFER



TRAVEL SERVICES: FOCUS TRAVEL MEETS THE SPECIFIC TRAVEL NEEDS OF OUR CLIENTS BY PROVIDING EVERYTHING FROM A SINGLE SERVICE TO A MULTI-DESTINATION PACKAGE. WHETHER A RELAXING BEACH VACATION OFF THE COAST OF CAMBODIA, A LUXURY YACHT CRUISE IN THE WATERS OFF THE VIETNAMESE COAST, OR THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME IN THE MOUNTAINS OF LAOS, FOCUS TRAVEL IS YOUR TRUSTED ONE-STOP TRAVEL PROVIDER.

OUR HIGHLY-TRAINED TEAM IS ON HAND AROUND THE CLOCK TO SERVICE CUSTOMERS IN A VARIETY OF LANGUAGES - ENGLISH, FRENCH, GERMAN, CHINESE, ITALIAN, SPANISH, CZECH, RUSSIAN, AND POLISH. WITH ACCESS TO AN EXTENSIVE ONLINE DATABASE AND UP-TO-DATE LOCAL KNOWLEDGE, OUR PROFESSIONAL TRAVEL CONSULTANTS ARE A REAL "LOCAL OFFICE" FOR OUR PARTNERING AGENTS.

COMMERCIAL AIR TRAVEL AND TICKETING: AN INTEGRAL PART OF FOCUS TRAVEL, OUR TICKETING DEPARTMENT IS ONE OF THE GSAs OF VIETNAM AIRLINES, THE FLAG CARRIER OF VIETNAM.

FOCUS TRAVEL PROVIDES DOMESTIC AND LONG-HAUL FLIGHT TICKETING AS PART OF OUR TRAVEL PACKAGES. WE ALSO PROVIDE LOGISTICS FOR FLIGHT OPERATIONS, LANDING SERVICES, AND CHARTER SERVICES WITHIN THE REGION.

BOUTIQUE CRUISES: FOCUS TRAVEL IS AN EXPERT IN THE CRUISE INDUSTRY, JOINTLY OWNING AND OPERATING A LUXURIOUS FLEET OF SHIPS SAILING RIVER CRUISES IN VIETNAM'S LUSH MEKONG DELTA AND SEA CRUISES IN STUNNING HALONG BAY, A UNESCO-LISTED WORLD HERITAGE SITE. OUR FLEET OF 6 SHIPS IN THE MEKONG DELTA WITH A TOTAL OF 266 CABINS IS THE LARGEST ON THE MEKONG RIVER, INTRODUCING MORE THAN 8,000 DISCERNING TRAVELERS EVERY YEAR FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD TO THE TIMELESS BEAUTY OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA.

The leading man
DANG BAO HIEU



WE AT FOCUS TRAVEL PROVIDE 'TAILOR-MADE' PERSONAL EXPERIENCES AND THEREFORE LISTEN CAREFULLY TO YOUR INDIVIDUAL TRAVEL TASTES, NEEDS & WANTS.

Dear valued traveler,

Focus Travel is a member of Focus Vietnam Holdings (FVH) - a multi-business hospitality group from Vietnam. In 2018, we celebrated our 18th anniversary. Throughout these 18 years we have proven our unwavering dedication in delivering excellent standards of travel services as well as connecting people to their next adventure.

With nearly 2 decades in business, we can confidently guide you through magnificent Indochina, from famous World Heritage sites to the unseen grandeur of Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar. We provide and operate wide range of travel needs, from leisure beach vacations to extreme adventures; from a single service to a sophisticated package. Each destination presents their own unique atmosphere and special appeals. Our professional travel consultants are ready round the clock to make Focus Travel a real "local office" for our partnering agents. In other words, we at Focus Travel provide "tailor-made" personal experiences and therefore listen carefully to your individual travel tastes, needs and wants.

We wholeheartedly endeavor to ensure the happiness of our guests from the moment they arrive at our beautiful travel destinations until they return home. We are committed to making your visit an enjoyable and memorable one by providing our heartfelt outstanding service.

Whichever destination you choose, you will fall in love with our beautiful sceneries, pristine beaches, diverse cultures and of course, people with great hospitality.

On behalf of the entire Focus Travel family, we look forward to welcoming you to our travel destinations soon.

Yours sincerely,

Dang Bao Hieu - Founder & Chairman

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The history of Focus Travel



2000
- Focus Travel founded by Mr. Dang Bao Hieu, headquartered in Hanoi.



2005 - 2006
- Open the office in Nha Trang, Phan Thiet, Mui Ne.



2009
- Launches Mekong River Cruise product with first 5-star river vessel La Marguerite on the Mekong (46 cabins).
- Open Focus Ticketing office.



2011
- Open *Outbound* department - Introducing river & ocean *cruising* to Vietnamese market.



2014
- *Yacht & leisure* rental in Nha Trang.
- National Press Conference *Mekong Rally*.
- Opening *Riviera Residences & Resort* in Nha Trang.



2019
- Opening *Ana Marina Nha Trang*.
- First International Marina in Vietnam.

2000

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2020



2003
- Becomes the pioneer in bringing Russian speaking travelers back to Vietnam.



2007-2008
- Focus Travel Cambodia opens.
- *Join venture with Indochina Sails* to build and operate luxury cruises in Halong Bay.



2010
- Focus Investment Group founded.
- New business include hotel & resort investment, ship & yacht building, hotel management, marina setup.
- *Start up Mekong Waterways*.
- *Start up Riviera Voyage and Mekong Expedition*.



2013
- The construction of RV Mekong Prestige II in Sai Gon.



2017
- Focus Travel becomes a division of Focus Vietnam Holdings.



2020
- Opening *Selectum Noa Resort Cam Ranh*.
- Celebrating 20 years of FOCUS TRAVEL.





Our Group Companies



Focus Vietnam Holdings



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Mission & Vision

Our Company's Vision

To strengthen our position as the leading provider of high-quality travel and hospitality services in the region.

Our Company's Mission

To connect our *clients* to their next adventure by providing innovative services that exceed expectations.

To provide our *staff* with opportunities to grow and further their career.
To create and nurture a favorable business environment for our *partners* where we both benefit.

To demonstrate a commitment to the communities we visit by supporting *sustainable tourism*. To date, our wide-ranging projects include investing in tourist facilities and a marina in the coastal Vietnamese city of Nha Trang.



Why *Focus Travel?*

**BECAUSE WE
PROVIDE ALL TRAVEL
AND HOSPITALITY
SERVICES IN THE MOST
PROFESSIONAL WAY.**

YOUR LOCAL EXPERTS

Since 2000, **FOCUS TRAVEL** has been proud to showcase the unique beauty, the rich history, the diverse cultures, and the beautiful people of Southeast Asia to our clients. Our clients enjoy a high level of comfort and confidence before and during their journeys with us, thanks to our team of experts, both in our offices and out in the field. Available around the clock, our team of highly trained experts is on hand to provide updated travel information and thoughtful recommendations while on the ground, our network of professional and engaging tour guides helps guests get the most out of each destination through local insights and in-depth knowledge.

FOCUS TRAVEL also curates an array of accommodation options to ensure guests enjoy a comfortable stay, with easy access to notable attractions and tourists hotspots.

Promoting experiential travel is one of our core beliefs, and each and every destination, we make sure our clients go beyond the surface for close encounters with local sights and sounds, crafting travel moments which last a lifetime. From private and custom-designed itineraries for small tours to large groups of 100 or more on MICE travel, **FOCUS TRAVEL** is supremely equipped to accommodate all our clients' needs.



WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO?



VIET NAM - CAMBODIA - LAOS - MYANMAR



Tribal children near mountain rice fields

GEOGRAPHY

Vietnam is situated on the Eastern seaboard of the Indochinese Peninsula. Its neighbours include China to the north, Laos and Cambodia to the west, with its coastal waters the East Sea and the Pacific Ocean. The country's total length from North to South is 1,650km. Its width, (from East to West) is 600km at the widest point in the North, 400km in the South and 50km at the narrowest point - Quang Binh Province - central Vietnam. The coastline is 3,260km long and the inland border is 4,510km. Vietnam is also a transport junction between the Indian Ocean and the Pacific Ocean.

WEATHER

Vietnam has both tropical and temperate climate zones. It is characterized by strong monsoon influences, but has a considerable amount of sun, a high rate of rainfall with high humidity. Districts located near the mountainous regions are endowed with a temperate climate.

PEOPLE & CULTURE

Vietnamese people are a special mix of cultures, languages and historical backgrounds. The common denominator amongst them is that, as in most Southeast Asian countries, they love to smile and are genuinely interested in foreign visitors. The new generation of Vietnamese are

largely unfamiliar with the devastation the country suffered years ago.

With around ten million followers and 20,000 pagodas, Buddhism is undoubtedly the largest established religion, however Vietnam has a rich and wide variety of religions based on imported faiths and popular beliefs, with several indigenous groups embracing animism, theism and ancestor worship. Catholicism, introduced by European missionaries, is the second largest religion, with about six million followers, and more than 6,000 churches.

Vietnam's indigenous religions, including the Cao Dai and Hoa Hao sects, have their holy lands in the city of Tay Ninh and the provinces of Chau Doc and An Giang in the Mekong Delta. They peacefully coexist with one another and have contributed to the struggle against foreign aggression through the Vietnam Fatherland Front.

Visitors entering Buddhist pagodas are expected to remove their shoes and it is considered impolite to point your feet especially the soles towards people or Buddha statues.

Donations to the upkeep of temples are not expected, but are received gratefully. Permission should be asked before taking photographs of people or in places of worship.

TOURISM POTENTIAL

Vietnam's diverse natural environment, geography, history and culture have created great potential for the tourism industry. Vietnam consists of long coastlines, forests and mountainous regions with a variety of unique geographic landscapes. Vietnam has a long history and is culturally diverse with fascinating architecture throughout the land for the tourist industry. Vietnam consists of long coastlines, forests and mountain regions with a variety of unique geographic landscapes.

THE VIETNAMESE EXPERIENCE

Vietnam is an evolving nation. Its people are energetic, friendly, motivated and resilient by nature. This is a delightful and fun country to explore. The locals love to laugh, and you'll have plenty of opportunities to socialize, especially in the rural regions. Vietnam is developing at an astonishing pace.

WHEN TO VISIT

The nation's weather patterns consist of two distinct seasons - WET & DRY. Winter brings some monsoonal rains in the South, between October and March with cold 'wind chill' temperatures in the North. From April to October, summer season

brings very hot and often humid weather to the entire country.

The peak international travel season is from November to March and again in July/August. Domestic travel continues to grow with the busiest months being July/August.

Some visitors like to plan a visit during the famous Tet holiday period (Vietnamese Lunar New Year). This is the biggest festival in the lunar calendar, which falls in late January or early February. It is an extremely quiet and peaceful time to visit, where the majority of the population return to their homeland villages to spend time with families, friends and relatives.

For those considering a summer vacation, then focus on the coastal areas to enjoy the sea breezes and cooler climate.

<p>POPULATION: 95,540,000 (2017) CAPITAL: Hanoi LANGUAGE: Vietnamese AREA: 331,210 km² RELIGIONS: Buddhist 90%, Others 10% CURRENCY: Vietnamese Dong (VND)</p>	
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Iconic Vietnamese

HANOI

THE CITY OF *PEACE*

Hanoi is the oldest capital city in Southeast Asia and located on the Red River Delta - North Vietnam. With a history of more than 1000 years, Hanoi is a culturally interesting travel experience. Many ancient architectural features are still preserved, particularly in the fascinating backstreet district - "The Old Quarter". Lakes, parks, shady boulevards and abundance of more than 600 temples & pagodas add to the city's appeal. Stroll or ride by cyclo through the lively "Old Quarter", shop for silk, lacquer and ceramics, enjoy the famed water puppet theatre and more!

Within the city, the Ho Chi Minh Complex (Including Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Museum, One Pillar Pagoda) is a must- see for all travelers.

The Temple of Literature is the oldest university in Vietnam. For insight of Northern Vietnam's culture, visit the Museum of Ethnology, Tran Quoc Pagoda, Museum of Women, Hoa Lo Prison, Hoan Kiem Lake and Ngoc Son Temple. Some 10-20km outside the city are traditional trade villages such as Bat Trang Ceramic Village, Duong Lam Ancient Village and Van Phuc Silk Village. Each one with its own unique characteristics.

Hanoi is typically the departure hub for travelers en route to world-famous Ha Long Bay. It is also close to Ninh Binh Province (Hoa Lu Citadel, Bai Dinh Pagoda, Nature Reserves Center of Tam Coc, Trang An, Kenh Ga, Van Long) to the East; or Mai Chau Valley, Sapa Hill Station to the North West; or Ba Be Lake, Ha Giang mountainous province to the North East.

HA LONG BAY MAGNIFICENT *WONDER OF THE WORLD*

Discover a world of mystical grottoes, ancient islets, pure beaches and floating villages when you take off over the beautiful emerald waters of Ha Long Bay.



Floating fishing village and rock island in Halong Bay

Situated in the northeast region of Vietnam, Halong Bay is part of Bac Bo Gulf and comprises the sea area of Halong City, Cam Pha Town and a part of Van Don island district, Quang Ninh Province. It borders Cat Ba Island to the south-west, the mainland to the West, with a 120km-long coastline. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1994, this mystical landscape of limestone islets is often compared to Guilin in China or Krabi in southern Thailand. In reality, Halong Bay is more spectacular. It covers a total area of 1,553km², including 1,969 islands of various sizes, 989 of which have been given names. There are two categories; limestone and schist, which are concentrated in two main zones: the southeast (belonging to Bai Tu Long Bay) and the south-west (belonging to Halong Bay). The average

geological age of the islands is between 250 and 280 million years old. Halong Bay has been called by the great national poet Nguyen Trai: "a marvel of the earth erected towards the high skies". While exploring the bay, visitors step back in time amidst the legendary world of ancient islands. Many have adopted names to describe their shapes and forms such as Hon Dau Nguoi (Human Head Islet), Hon Rong (Dragon Islet), Hon Canh Buom (Sail Islet), Hon Trong Mai (Cock and Hen Islet)! However, the beauty of Halong Bay does not consist only of mountains, but also has an infinitely rich system of grottoes and caves such as Thien Cung (Heavenly Palace Grotto), Dau Go (Driftwood Grotto), Sung Sot (Surprise Grotto), Tam Cung (Three Palace Grotto), Trinh Nu (Virgin Grotto) and many more.

Hue

THE CITY OF
ROYAL HERITAGES



Hue has a diverse and scenically beautiful landscape. Explore the Bach Ma (White Horse) National Park or stroll the pristine remote beaches such as Thuan An, Lang Co and Canh Duong. This province provides a well-balanced blend of royal heritage with traditional folk culture. Visitors discover dozens of handicraft villages, with annual festivals that are often organized months in advance.

Hue is also an important center of Buddhism. In and around Hue are dozens of pagodas constructed more than 300 years ago. Some of these temples were built in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Hue Citadel has been recognized as a World Cultural Heritage Site by UNESCO since December 1993, Hue Royal Musical (Nha Nhac) has been declared as a Intangible Cultural Heritage since November 2003.

Hue has its own renowned style of cuisine which is especially hot and spicy. Many unique Asian recipes originate from here.



Truong Tien Bridge



Imperial Royal Palace of Nguyen dynasty in Hue

DESTINATIONS

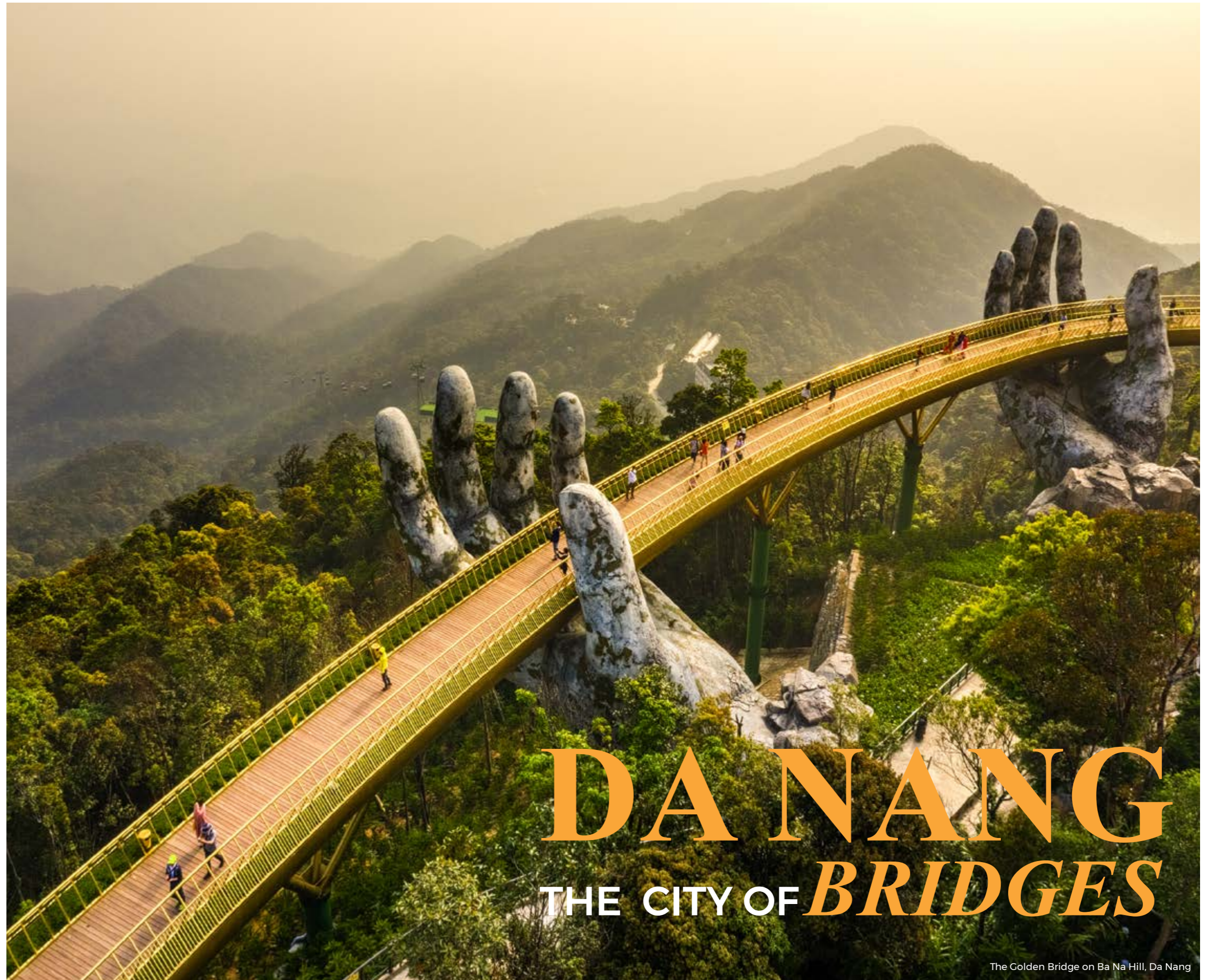


Da Nang is situated in the center of Vietnam, 764 km from Hanoi and 964 km from Ho Chi Minh City. Separated from Laos by the western Truong Son Mountains, it is surrounded by Thua Thien-Hue along the northern border and Quang Nam on the southern border. It is bordered by the East Sea with 150 km of coastline and lies on the north-south transport axis of land, rail, sea and air routes. From Da Nang, visitors can conveniently access four famous World Heritage Sites, comprising Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park, Hue Citadel, Hoi An Old Town and My Son Cham Sanctuary.

Tien Sa Port is a pivotal part of the 'East-West Economic Corridor' - gateway to the coastal ports of Laos, Thailand, Myanmar & central Vietnam. Located on international sea and air routes, Da Nang is growing fast and today it is a modern destination renowned for rapid and sustainable economic developments.

Da Nang is an ancient city, closely related with the Sa Huynh cultural traditions. With many imposing palaces, towers, temples, citadels and ramparts, the vestiges from 1st to 13th century can be seen in the Cham Museum.

Da Nang has other interesting travel experiences such as the Ba Na Tourist Resort, Ngu Hanh Son (Marble Mountains), the Linh Ung Pagoda, Han River and My An, Non Nuoc beaches.



DANANG

THE CITY OF *BRIDGES*

The Golden Bridge on Ba Na Hill, Da Nang



HOI AN

THE ENCHANTING
ANCIENT TOWN OF LANTERNS

Hoi An is an old town on the banks of the Thu Bon River, on the coastal plain of Quang Nam Province. Around 30 km south of Da Nang City, Hoi An used to be known as Lam Ap, Faifo, Hoai Pho and in more modern times - Hoi An.

What is so special about Hoi An is its state of preservation. It offers some of the most densely concentrated sights in Vietnam with ancient streets, classic architecture, imposing assembly halls, pagodas, temples, ancient wells and ancestral tombs. In total, more than a thousand places of interest for the discerning traveler. The architecture of Hoi An is characterized by a harmonious blend of Vietnamese, Chinese and Japanese influences. After many centuries, Hoi An is still respectful of its traditions, folk festivals, beliefs and of its sophisticated culinary art. Set in a quiet environment, Hoi An is surrounded by peaceful villages that have crafts such as carpentry, bronze making, ceramics and more.



Historians say most of the buildings in Hoi An underwent restoration at the beginning of the 19th century. The classical architecture is most visible in the Ancient Town - Minh An Ward. It covers about 2 km² and it's like stepping back in time or entering a movie set. The 'crisscross' chessboard styled streets are short and narrow. The buildings in the old town are built mostly with traditional materials such as brick, wood and limited to two stories only. Having inherited a multi-cultural architecture, so varied & sophisticated, in the past Hoi An must have attracted talented craftsman - experts in carpentry, ceramics & woodcarving.

For centuries, Hoi An was a 'melting pot' of various nationalities bringing their own cultures and styles from throughout SE Asia. Today, Hoi An is one of Vietnam's most multicultural cities.



DESTINATIONS

Nha Trang is a coastal city and capital of Khanh Hoa province on the South-Central Coast of Vietnam. It is well known for its pristine beaches, excellent scuba diving and sailing conditions propelling it to become a popular destination for international visitors. It is seasonally popular amongst backpackers, Turkish & Russian travelers as well as more affluent markets from Southeast Asia. It is also popular with domestic tourists. Nha Trang Bay is widely considered as one of the world's most beautiful bays.

This city was established in 1924. Its climate tends to be more temperate

than other destinations in the South Central Coast. Average temperature reaches 26°C. This makes Nha Trang an outstanding destination for people who love hot, tropical sunlight and beach life. The setting is stunning, with towering mountains looming up behind the city and the sweeping beaches stretching into the distance. The turquoise waters are unpolluted and dotted with numerous offshore islands.

There are several famous resorts such as Vinpearl, Diamond Bay and Ana Mandara. On the beachfront there are amusement and water parks, both in the city and on the island. A cable car system, reportedly



NHA TRANG IN HARMONY WITH MOUNTAINS AND SEA

Welcome to Nha Trang! For many this is Vietnam's most beautiful beach & coastal city. It is also renowned for world-class scuba diving and ideal sailing conditions.

the longest in the world, links the mainland to the five-star resort and theme park on Hon Tre.

Nha Trang provides a rich variety of tourist activities. Water sports are popular, and sailing is fast becoming a favorite pastime. Experience an old-school spa treatment with a visit to a mud bath or explore centuries-old Cham towers - still standing in the center of town. Throw Vietnamese culture 'to the wind' and experience Vinpearl Land, Nha Trang's attempt at Disneyworld. Whatever your taste - Nha Trang has something for everyone.

The local cuisine is most famous for fresh sea foods and barbecued pork rolled in rice paper. The famous 'Bird's nest soup' is deemed one of the best in Vietnam. Bird's nests are collected in the wild, on bird farms on the islands and even from some houses in the inner city.

On the coast, there is a 'foreign residential quarter' located on Hung Vuong, Tran Phu, Biet Thu, Tran Quang Khai streets... Each restaurant and pub has been named according to the owner's nationality - another example of Vietnam's modern multicultural appeal.



DESTINATIONS

Saigon resonates best sights and sounds of motorcycles creating a 'chaotic calm' in Vietnam's most populous city. Renamed Ho Chi Minh City, after the historic Viet Cong victory, this metropolis beckons exploration. Colorful markets appear around every corner and mopeds swarm the streets - there's energy & action. Juggling its war-torn past with its forward-thinking economic future, Saigon boasts charm, intrigue and a youthful spirit that will delight you at every turn.

Situated within the core of the Mekong Delta, Ho Chi Minh City, formerly known as Saigon, is Vietnam's second most important city after Hanoi. It is not only a commercial center but also a scientific, technological, industrial and tourist center. The city is traversed by many rivers, arroyos and canals; the biggest river being the Saigon River. The Port of Saigon, established in 1862, is accessible to ships weighing up to 30,000 tons, a rare advantage for an inland river port.

The climate is generally hot and humid. There are two distinctive seasons: the rainy season, from May to November, and the dry season, from December to April. The annual average temperature is 27°C. The hottest month is April and the coolest is December. It is warm to hot year-round.

Many centuries ago, merchants from China, Japan and many European countries would sail upstream to reach the islet of Pho, a trading center. In 1874, Cho Lon merged with Saigon forming the largest city in Indochina; celebrated as the Pearl of the Far East. After the reunification of the country, the 6th National Assembly in its meeting on 2nd of July 1976, officially renamed Saigon as Ho Chi Minh City.



"Phở" - famous Vietnamese street food



Floating flower market, Saigon river



Landmark - the highest building in Vietnam



Vietnamese Trishaw (Cyclo)

The history of the city relates closely with the struggle for the independence and freedom of Vietnam.

Saigon is a name so evocative that it conjures up the iconic romance of South East Asia. Wander through timeless alleys to ancient pagodas or teeming markets, past ramshackle wooden shops selling silk, spices and baskets, before fast-forwarding into the future; modern skyscrapers or designer malls, gourmet restaurants and minimalist bars.

Whether you fancy the finest hotels or the cheapest guest houses, the classiest restaurants or the humblest street stalls - Saigon has it all. The Saigon experience is about so many things - memorable conversations, tantalizing tastes and 'even moments of frustration'. Stick around this paradoxical city long enough and you may just unravel its mysteries... or not!

Today, Ho Chi Minh City attracts the largest number of foreign tourists in Vietnam. Ho Chi Minh City has various iconic attractions such as the Ho Chi Minh Museum, (formerly known as Dragon House Wharf), Cu Chi Tunnels, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Opera House, Reunification Palace and numerous cultural houses. More recently, modern visitor sites such as Thanh Da, Binh Quoi Village, Dam Sen Park, Saigon Water Park and Suoi Tien, Ky Hoa are gaining popularity.

After more than 300 years of existence, Ho Chi Minh City presents many ancient architectural styles, famous vestiges and renowned sights. It is remarkable for its harmonious blending of traditional national values with Eastern and Western cultural features.



Traffic in front of Ho Chi Minh City Hall

HO CHI MINH CITY
UNIQUE ATMOSPHERE
and *GOOD VIBES*

DESTINATIONS

Vietnam's 'rice basket', the Mekong Delta is a watery landscape of green fields and sleepy villages, everywhere crisscrossed by the canals and rivulets fed by the mighty Mekong River. Its inhabitants – famously friendly – have long toiled on the life-sustaining river for generations.

THE MEKONG DELTA

From the heights of the Tibetan Plateau, the mighty Mekong flows through seven culturally diverse countries, giving life and a home to some 60 million people. As such, it was once named "Mother of all rivers". The Mekong is one of the most eco-diverse rivers of the world, with approximately 1,300 varieties of fish and numerous kinds of reptiles and birds.

After a journey of over 4,500 km (3,000 miles), it reaches the South China Sea. Nine estuaries carry enormous amounts of silt to form one of the greatest (50,000 km²) ever-growing deltas in the world. Cuu Long (nine dragons) is the Vietnamese name for the nine main estuaries.

The delta, which yields enough rice to feed the country with a sizable surplus, was formed by sediment deposited by the Mekong. The process continues today, with silt deposits extending the shoreline by as much as 80m per year. Lush with rice paddies and fish farms, the Mekong Delta plain also nourishes the cultivation of sugarcane, fruit, coconut and prawns. Although the area is primarily rural, it is one of the most densely populated regions in Vietnam and nearly every hectare is intensively farmed.

The uniquely southern charm with its welcoming introduction to life along the river is the real draw. Visitors can explore quaint riverside towns, sample fruits bartered in the colorful floating markets or dine on home-cooked delicacies, before overnighting as a homestay guest. Other highlights include visits to local orchards, flower markets and fish farms. There are also bird sanctuaries, rustic beach getaways like Hon Chong and impressive Khmer pagodas in the regions around Soc Trang and Tra Vinh.

CLIMATE

The temperatures in the Mekong Delta fall within a range of 25°C to 28°C with only slight variations.

The dry season in the Mekong Delta from October /November to April /May is the preferred travel time. Nevertheless, even during the rainy season from May to October, the Delta can be visited too. The rain usually comes in short, heavy showers, mostly in the afternoon and only lasts for an hour or so. There are few days during the year where the temperature dips below 20°C. The main visitor season lasts from October to January.

THE CULTIVATION OF MEKONG DELTA

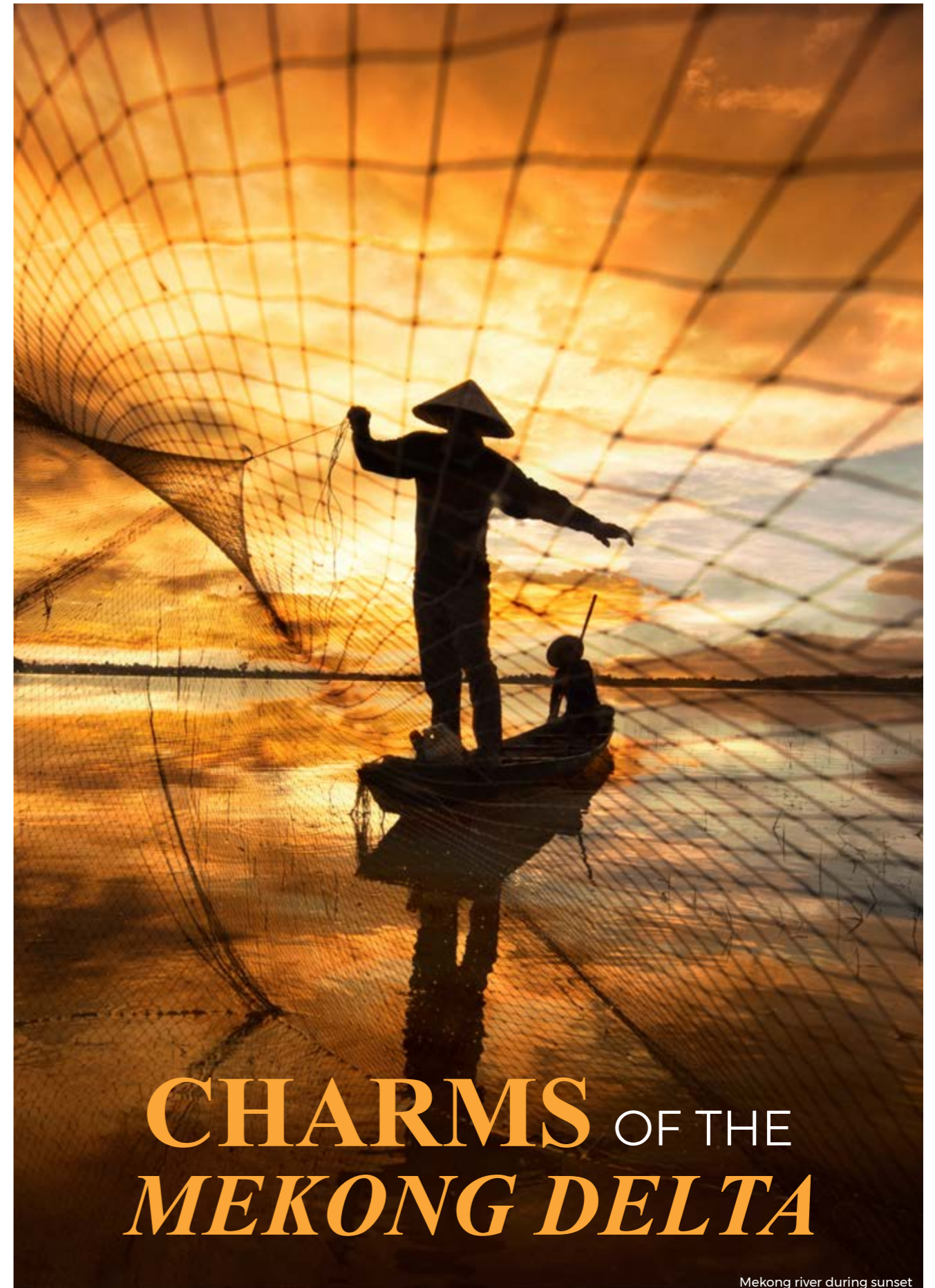
The beginning of cultivation of the Mekong delta can be dated back to 1750 when Vietnamese monarchs started to build canals and drain swamps to gain more land for cultivation. However, the main part of the development was conducted by the French at the end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th century.

Thousands of waterways form a labyrinth of major currents and secluded canals lined with lush vegetation, mangrove swamps and verdant rice fields. Due to its fertile soil and the production of 16 million tons of rice per year (harvested in three crops), the Mekong Delta is also called "rice basket" of Vietnam.

There are also many floating markets in the region, e.g. Cai Rang, Phong Dien or Phung Hiep near Can Tho. Local merchants offer plenty of fruit and vegetables. To witness the sights and sounds of a floating market at dawn can be the experience of a lifetime.

Most of the boats in the area have a pair of eyes painted on the bow for good luck. The local mariners believe these eyes "help them find their way in the dark".

Most visitors undertake their visit to the Mekong Delta as a daytrip from Saigon. Increasingly there are Mekong Delta overnight options, either by river cruise boats or onshore resorts such as Can Tho, the largest city in the Delta.



Mekong river during sunset



CAMBODIA SPIRIT WORLDS OF
THE BUDDHA AND THE NAGA

Traditional Aspara Dancers in Siem Reap Cambodia

GEOGRAPHY

Cambodia is a country in mainland Southeast Asia, bordering Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, the Gulf of Thailand and covers a total area of 181,035 km² (69,898 sq mi). Its geographical coordinates are 13°N, 105°E. Its 2,572-km border is divided between Vietnam (1,228 km), Thailand (803 km) and Laos (541 km). Cambodia covers 180,000 km² in the South-Western part of the Indochina peninsula. It lies within the tropics; its southernmost points are only slightly more than 10°C above the equator. Much of the country's area consists of rolling plains. Dominant features are the large, almost centrally located, Tonle Sap (Great Lake) and the Mekong River, which traverses the country from north to south. As a tropical country, the climate is monsoonal and has marked

wet and dry seasons of relatively equal length. Both temperature and humidity generally are high throughout the year. Forest covers about two-thirds of the country, but it has been somewhat degraded in the more readily accessible areas by burning (a method called slash-and-burn agriculture), and by shifting agriculture. The Mekong River and Tonle Sap Lake are linked. The Mekong River is the 12th longest river in the world.

WEATHER

Like most of Southeast Asia, Cambodia is warm to hot year-round and the climate is dominated by the annual monsoon cycle with its alternating wet and dry seasons. The monsoon cycle is driven by cyclic air pressure changes over central Asia. As the pressure drops during the summer

months (June through October), moist air is drawn landward from the ocean bringing the southwest monsoon rains to Cambodia and much of Southeast Asia. Come the winter months (November through May), the air pressure over central Asia rises, driving cool dry air back across Southeast Asia and bringing on a largely rainless dry season to Cambodia.

The rainy season – June to August
Cool and wet – September to early November.

Cool and dry – November to February.
Hot and dry – March to May.

PEOPLE & CULTURE

Contemporary Cambodia is the successor state to the Mighty Khmer Empire, which formally ruled much of what is now Laos, Thailand & Vietnam. The remains of this empire can be seen at



Stone Asura on causeway near South Gate of Angkor Thom in Siem Reap

the fabled temples of Angkor Wat. These monuments are unrivaled in scale and grandeur in Southeast Asia.

THE CAMBODIAN ADVENTURE

Just as Angkor is more than its famous “wats”, Cambodia is more than just its temples. The chaotic yet charismatic capital of Phnom Penh is a hub of political intrigue, economic vitality and intellectual debate. All too often overlooked by travelers, this revitalized city is finally earning recognition in its own rights thanks to its developing riverside location, a cultural renaissance, its modern and ancient history and modern dining experiences. Siem Reap and Phnom Penh may be the icons by reputation, however Cambodia is also a classic rural and culturally diverse countryside destination. This is the place to experience the rhythm of daily life and timeless landscapes of dazzling rice paddies and swaying sugar palms. The South Coast is fringed by tropical islands, with just a handful of beach huts in sight. Inland from the coast lie the Cardamom Mountains, part of

a vast tropical wilderness that provides a home to wildlife and ecotourism adventures. The Mighty Mekong River cuts through the country and is home to some of the region's last remaining freshwater dolphins. The Northeast is a world unto itself, with its wild and mountainous landscapes, is a home for Cambodia's ethnic minorities.

THE CAMBODIAN SPIRIT

Besides being custodians of the 8th Wonder of the World, Cambodia's real treasure is its people. Due to an unbreakable spirit and infectious optimism, they have prevailed over recent times with a tremendous sense of style, good humor and fortitude. Few travelers depart without a measure of admiration and respect for the people of the Kingdom of Wonder.

WHEN TO VISIT

The average daily temperature is 27°C Celsius. The best time of the year to travel to Cambodia is between October and March (cool and dry season) when temperatures are more moderate. In April, Cambodia's climate can easily reach temperatures of 40°C. The rainy season runs from the second half of June through to the first half of October. This time of the year is wet and less dusty; the scenery is deep green and the waterfalls and rivers are at their most spectacular. During this time of year, the daytime temperature is approximately 24°C, the evenings can be slightly cooler.

POPULATION: 15,760,000 (2016)
CAPITAL: Phnom Penh
LANGUAGE: Khmer
RELIGIONS: Theravada Buddhist 95%, Others 5%
CURRENCY: Khmer Riel (KHR)



Young Buddhist monks sharing a laugh



Independence Square in Phnom Penh



Phnom Penh Royal Palace

PHNOM PENH THE FLOURISHING CITY

Phnom Penh is the vibrant multicultural capital of Cambodia. Situated at the confluence of three rivers: The Mighty Mekong, the Bassac & the Great Tonle Sap, Phnom Penh exudes a provincial charm and tranquility with French colonial mansions and tree-lined boulevards amidst monumental Angkorian architecture.

Places to explore include the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda, National Museum, Toul Sleng Genocide Museum, Choeng Ek Killing Fields and Wat Phnom. There are several markets selling carvings, paintings, silk, silver, gems, antiques and more.

The city is named after the renowned Wat Phnom Daun Penh (nowadays Wat Phnom or Hill Temple), which was built in 1373 to house five statues of Buddha on a man-made hill 27 meters

high. Phnom Penh was also previously known as Krong Chaktomuk (Chaturmukha) meaning "City of Four Faces". Phnom Penh is also the gateway to an exotic land - the world heritage site, the largest religious complex in the world, the temples of Angkor in the west, the beaches of the southern coast and the ethnic minorities of the northeastern provinces. It has a bustling landscape encompassing five star hotels and budget guest houses, fine international dining, sidewalk noodle shops, neighborhood pubs, international nightclubs and plenty of local street markets.

Phnom Penh is in the midst of rapid change. Over recent years the number of restaurants and hotels have grown considerably and in 2013, this city experienced a marked increase in the number of overseas visitors.

DESTINATIONS

Set in northwest Cambodia, Siem Reap is best known for being home to the incredible Angkor ruins. A sprawling World Heritage listed site, comprising ancient temples with the magnificent Angkor Wat as the focal point.

While the Angkor park is one of the World's most amazing historical sites, Siem Reap province is also home to an array of other ruins; namely Beng Mealea, Bantaey Srei and the holy mountain Phnom Kulen. So, if ancient temple ruins are your interest, this province is the place to explore.

The provincial capital of Siem Reap is also a transportation hub, with many people coming through here en route to Phnom Penh, Poipet (the northwest border crossing to Thailand) or by bus or boat to Battambang. More often travelers are now using it as a base from which to visit the renowned Preah Vihear temple.

Siem Reap's international airport welcomes more visitors daily than Phnom Penh. Arrival numbers are expected to triple between 2015 and 2019.

The town itself is situated only 3 km² south of the temple park and has blossomed from a relatively small backwater town to the fastest growing settlement in the region. Annually, two million visitors now travel through the small city to see the adjacent Angkor ruins. This tourism hub has three PGA-rated golf courses, the presence of international hotels such as Sofitel, Raffles, and the Le Meridien; and an airport with 36 international and domestic flights arriving daily.

French explorer Henri Mahout described Angkor Wat as "a rival to that of Solomon and erected by some ancient Michelangelo... grander than anything left to us by Greece or Rome."

At its heart, Siem Reap is a charming, quaint town with old French shop-houses, shady tree-lined boulevards and a slow-flowing river. It has a famed nightlife in and around Pub Street and colonial architecture that adds a cosmopolitan balance.

Most travelers tend to visit the ruins in the morning or late afternoon, taking a break back in town during midday, when the heat and daylight detract from the temples.

Siem Reap & Angkor Wat are places to be savored. Take your time to experience the 8th Wonder of the World and revel in the Kingdom of Wonder.

SIEM REAP THE LAND OF *FILLED MYSTERY*



Beautiful aerial view of Angkor Wat at sunrise

DESTINATIONS

GEOGRAPHY

A landlocked nation in Southeast Asia occupying the northwest portion of the Indochina peninsula, Laos is surrounded by China, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, and Burma. It is twice the size of Pennsylvania. Laos is a mountainous country, especially in the north, where peaks rise above 9,000 ft (2,800 m). Overall, the country extends about 650 miles (1,050 km) from northwest to southeast. The capital, Vientiane, is located in the north and accessible via the Mekong River.

The geologically diverse landscape of Laos, with its dense forests cover the northern and eastern areas, upland plateaus and lowland plains, supports an equally diverse population that is united largely through agriculture, particularly the cultivation of rice.

The Mekong River, which forms the boundary with Burma and Thailand, flows through the country for 932 miles (1,500 km) of its course.

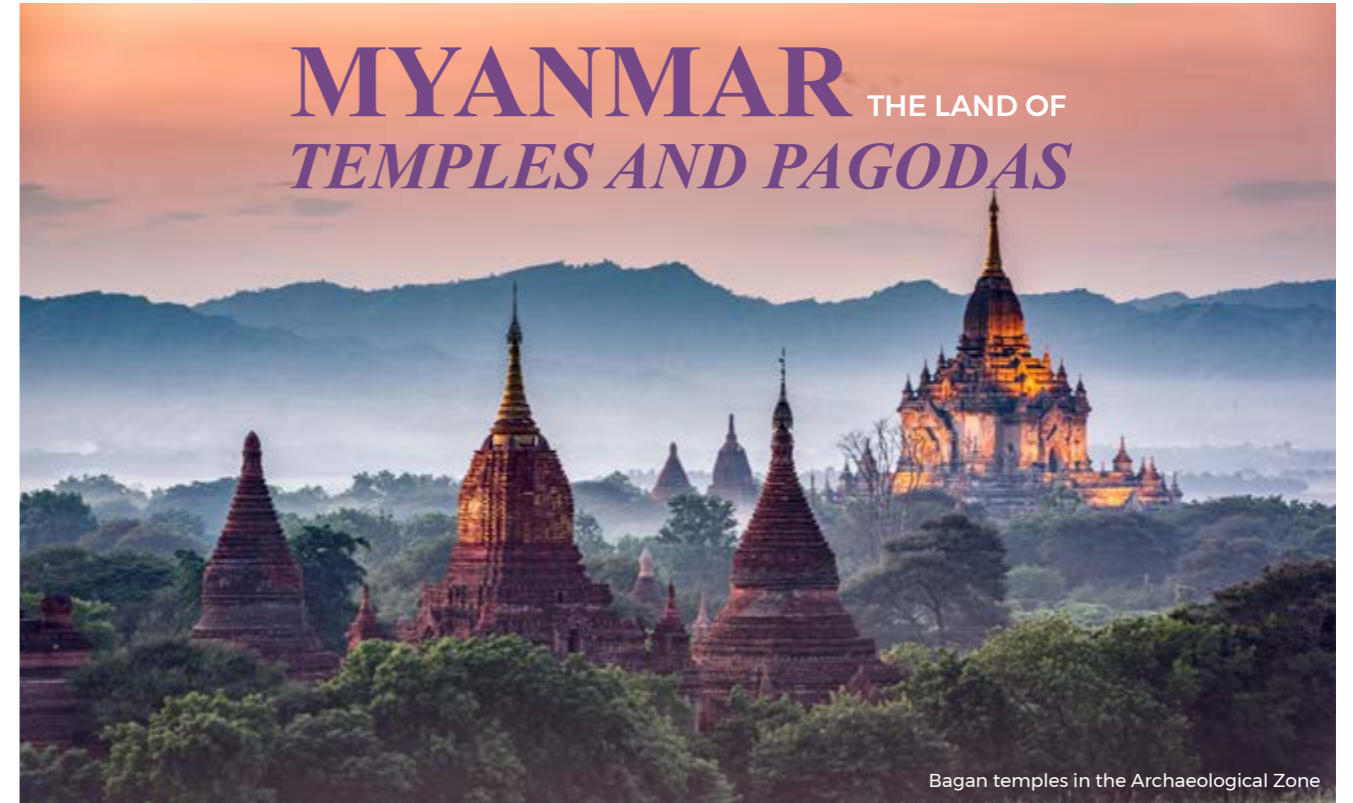
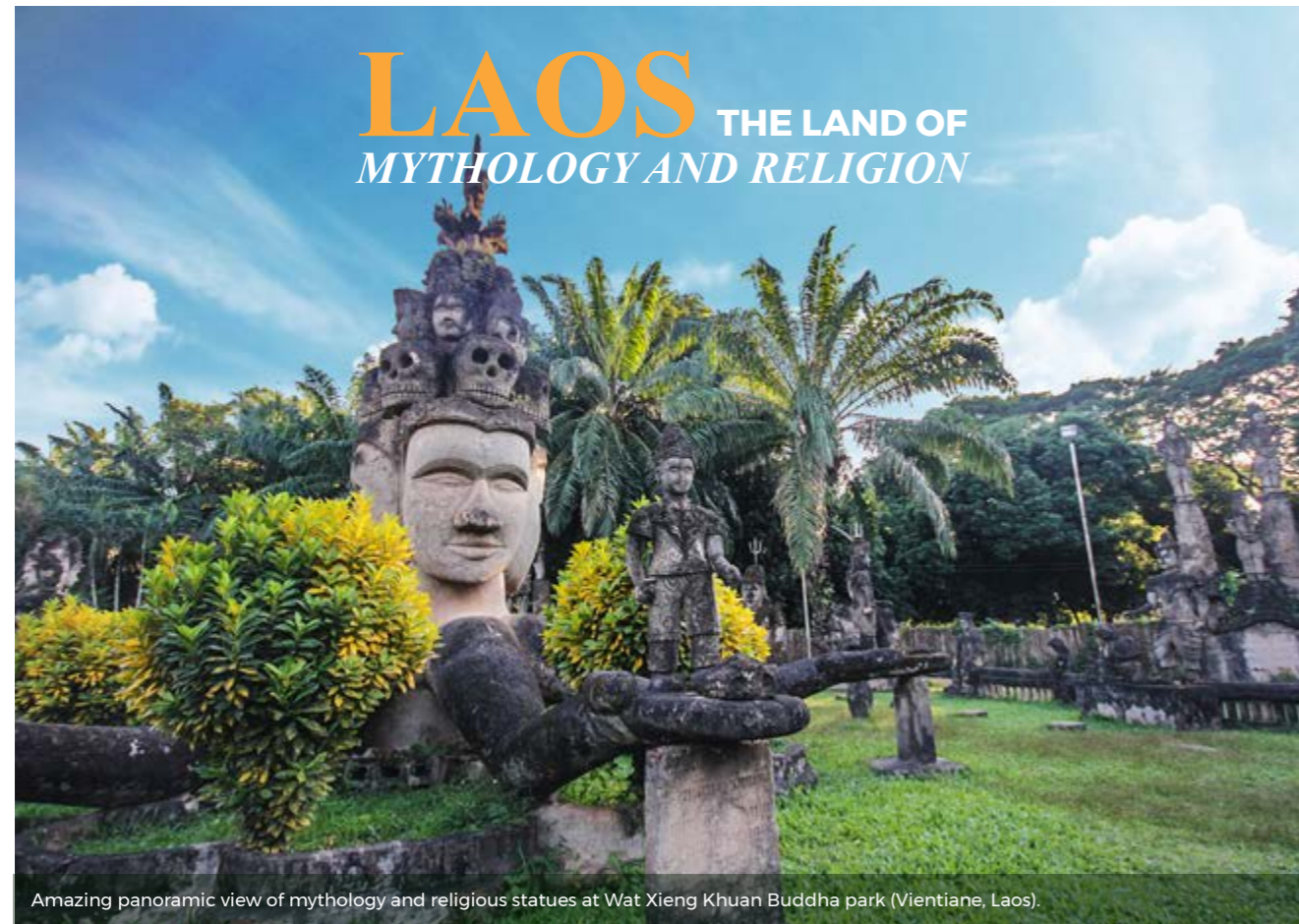
WEATHER

Laos has the typical tropical monsoon (wet-dry) climate of the region, though the mountains provide some variations in temperature. During the rainy season (May to October), the winds of the southwest monsoon deposit an average rainfall of 50 to 90 inches (1,300 to 2,300 mm), with totals

reaching some 160 inches (4,100 mm) on the Bolovens Plateau. The dry season (November to April) is dominated by the northeast monsoon. Minimum temperatures average between 60°F and 70°F (16°C and 21°C) in the cool months of December through February, increasing to highs of more than 90°F (32°C) in March and April, just before the start of the rains. During the wet season the average temperature is 80°F (27°C).

PEOPLE & CULTURE

One of the lowest population densities in Asia, at 19 persons per square km, and an estimated population of only 5.4 million people, belies the fact that Laos is home to 68 different ethnic groups. They fall into three groupings, based on language, culture and traditions. The fertile Mekong River valley and lowland plains are where 68% of the total population live and this group is classified as the Lao Loam. The mountainous slopes of Laos are inhabited by the Lao Thing, who make up 22% of the country's population. The Lao Soung (Mountain Lao), including Hmong (or Meo) and Yao (or Mien) tribes' peoples make up a further 9% of the Laos population, while the remaining 1% are ethnic Vietnamese and Chinese.



GEOGRAPHY

Myanmar is situated in Southeast Asia and is bordered on the north and north-east by China, on the east and south-east by Laos and Thailand, on the south by the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal and on the west by Bangladesh and India. It is located between latitudes 09O32'N and 28O31'N and longitudes 92O10'E and 101O11'E.

The country covers an area of 677,000 km² (261,228 sq miles) ranging 936 km² (581 miles) from the east to west and 2,051 km² (1,275 miles) from north to south. It is a land of hills and valleys and is rimmed in the north, east and west by mountain ranges forming a giant horseshoe. Enclosed within the mountain barriers are the flat lands of Ayeyarwady, Chindwin and Sittaung River valleys where most of the country's agricultural land and population are concentrated.

WEATHER

The climate of Myanmar is roughly divided into three seasons: Summer, Rainfall and Winter. Summer stretches between end of February to the beginning of May, with March and April being the hottest months in central Myanmar whereby temperatures soar to more than 110°F (43.3°C) while in Northern Myanmar it is about 97°F (36.1°C) and on the Shan Plateau between 85°F (29.4°C) and 95°F (35°C). Rainy Season is from mid-May to the end of October, with annual rainfall of less than 40 inches in Central

Myanmar while the coastal regions of Rakhine and Tanintharyi get about 200 inches. Winter begins in November and lasts until the end of February with temperature in hilly areas of over 3000 feet dropping below 32°F (0°C).

PEOPLE & CULTURE

The Burmese culture is very different from the western interpretation of life and politesse. Have a read below about different aspects and facets of life in Burma. It's fascinating, gentle and very spiritually alive.

Burmese is the country's official language, though English is spoken in large towns and by elderly folk. There are also many languages and dialects among the 135 different national races. The modern alphabet consists of 33 letters (consonants) and 12 basic vowels (sequential extensions result in 21 vowels) which are combined with various symbols (4 in basic, 11 in total consonant combination symbols) to indicate the tones.

Myanmar is a union of over 100 national races with their own languages and dialects, the major races are Bamar, Chin, Kachin, Shan, Kayah, Kayin, Mon and Rakhine. Myanmar embraces all the national races. The population of Myanmar is 51 million with the Bamar, the majority race making up about 70%. Buddhism is the predominant religion of Myanmar and Theravada Buddhism is embraced by about 80% of the population.

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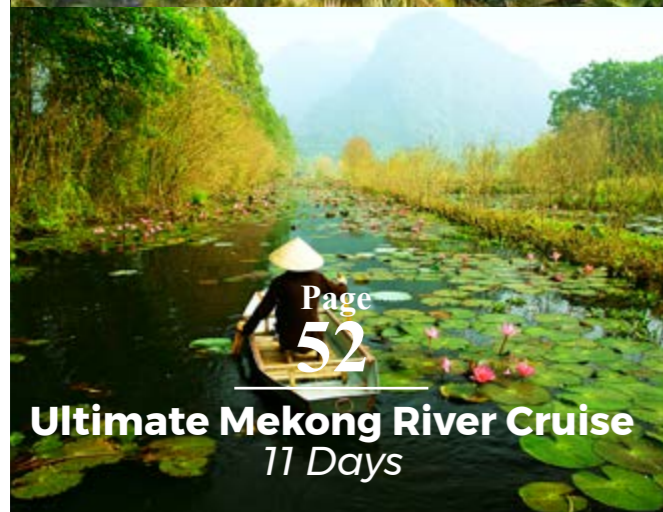
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A Taste OF VIETNAM

10 Days

DAY 1 **Hanoi Arrival (D)**

1

Upon arrival in Hanoi you'll be warmly welcomed and transferred to city centre for hotel check-in and tour briefing. This evening you'll be introduced to Vietnamese gastronomy at one of the finest restaurants in the city.

DAY 2 **Hanoi City Tour (B, L, D)**

2

Hanoi retains numerous tree-lined boulevards, lakes, verdant parks, *unique blend of French colonial buildings* and *Sino-Viet architecture*. Today we explore this fascinating city, taking in the *One Pillar Pagoda*, the *Fine Arts Museum*, the *Temple of Literature*, and the *Lake of the Restored Sword*, the bustling "*Old Quarter*", and the *famed Water Puppet Theatre*.

DAY 3 **Cooking Class (B, L)**

3

This morning we go with teacher chefs from *Hoa Sua cooking school* to a local market to choose the freshest things for the class at a *French villa*. No doubt we'll be introduced to "Nuoc Mam", a fermented fish sauce that compliments most Vietnamese dishes, and spring rolls. Not only the beautiful setting and food, the young and friendly staff also makes for the restaurant's reputation. *Chilling out at "bia hoi" (beer) corner*.

This is probably the most exciting and culturally fun thing to experience in Hanoi. *Ta Hien Street* is a popular spot for locals as well as tourists. Many of the shops brew the beer daily on their premises, so if they run out, that's it for the day. And don't expect any award-winning quality here either.

The spot comes alive at night, and even more packed on weekends. There are other great little restaurants and bars spilling onto the side streets around it.

DAY 4 **Hanoi - Halong (B, L, D)**

4

Today we journey east to Vietnam's greatest natural wonder, *Halong Bay*. Arrival at around 12:00 we'll board a nice junk and set sail. From the comfort of our junk, we'll spend the day exploring this incredible setting and discovering the many islands and inlets found in the bay made famous in the film *Indochine*. You can challenge

yourself with kayaking and swimming. Vietnamese seafood lunch and dinner included. **Overnight on board.**

DAY 5 **Halong - Hanoi - Hue (B, D)**

5

Wake up to the morning coffee and a wholesome breakfast whilst cruising on to other spectacles of the bay. **Get ashore about noontime, bid farewell to Halong and return to Hanoi for an early evening flight to Hue.** The dinner tonight will give us first impression of the former capital's cuisine: Spicy and well displayed, reflecting the climate in Middle Vietnam and its imperial roots.



DAY 6 **Hue Sightseeing & Cuisine (B, L, D)**

6

This morning, we accompany *Mrs. Cuc*, the hostess of Y Thao Garden House to *Dong Ba central market* and have a lesson on the ingredients for the cooking class at her property. Lunch is the food we've prepared. In the afternoon, we travel a dragon boat upstream the romantic *Perfume River to Thien Mu*, the most revered pagoda in Middle Vietnam. Proceed to the *Imperial Citadel*, the base of the last dynasty in the country. Round off the evening by attending a sample *Royal Banquet*. We'll dress regal costumes, served ambrosia and entertained by court music.

DAY 7 **Danang**

7

This morning we drive to visit *Tu Duc Tomb*, a burial complex on a serene hill. There we'll have a lecture on Vietnamese people's thinking about life after death. We leave Hue mid-morning on a scenic journey through vivid green fields of rice and the photogenic fishing village of *Lang Co*, climbing over the *Pass of Ocean Clouds*. **Stop over in Danang** to visit the famous *China Beach* and the sacred *Marble Mountains*. Drive on to *Hoian*; settle in to hotel and rest. Dinner will be at *Tam Tam*, an eatery located in a meticulously restored colonial property and appropriately run by a French man.

DAY 8 **Hoian (B, L)**

8

A morning walking tour of the town's ancient area to see the *Japanese Covered Bridge*, several former merchant houses, one or two Chinese Assembly Halls, and the colorful market. *Savor Cao Lau*, the noodle unique to Hoian, for lunch. The whole afternoon is free. You can opt for leisure, shopping or water activities. The highlight of this evening is a sumptuous five course meal featuring Hoian's unique cuisine at the *White Lantern Restaurant*.

DAY 9 **Saigon - Mekong Delta (B, L)**

9

This morning we journey to *the watery world of My Tho in the Mekong Delta*, just a couple of hours by road from the hustle and bustle of Saigon. On arrival we take a boat trip along the narrow waterways overhung with dense vegetation. Visit some of the exuberant orchards and try exotic fruits. Lunch at a riverside restaurant serving *Elephant's Ear Fish, Rice Ball*, etc..., all Deltas' fare. **Return to Saigon for overnight.**

DAY 10 **Hoian - Danang - Saigon (B, D)**

10

We catch a morning flight to Saigon, the biggest and most dynamic city in Vietnam. Visit the *Reunification Palace*, *Notre Dame Cathedral*, the *Old Saigon Post Office* and *Saigon's Chinatown*. Enjoy *Vespa Foodie tour* by *Vespa scooters*.



INCLUSIONS

1 Night **STAY ON CRUISE** & 9 Nights **HOTEL ACCOMMODATION**



-Breakfast(B), Lunch(L), Dinner(D) as per itinerary.
-Supply of bottled water in all vehicle.



-Local English speaking guide.



-Government tax & service charge.
-Domestic flight as per itinerary.
-Admission fee to indicated sights.



-Private land transfer by AC Vehicle.

A Glimpse OF VIETNAM

6 Days



DAY 1

Welcome to Saigon, Vietnam (D)

You'll receive cordial welcome upon arrival at Saigon's international airport and transfer to the hotel for check-in and tour briefing. This evening you're honored guests at the Welcome Dinner - an interesting introduction to Vietnam.

DAY 2

Saigon City Centre & Cu Chi Tunnels (B)

Our morning tour takes in the most outstanding sights of Saigon such as the former **Presidential Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Central Post Office, the Opera House, the City Hall, Saigon's waterfront, and Ben Thanh market.**

Early afternoon we journey 50 km out of town to Cu Chi to explore the amazing tunnel system built by Communist guerillas during the Vietnam War. Known as the **"Iron Triangle"** during the war of the 60's, the story of Cu Chi is one of struggle, determination against all odds, and eventual victory. Late afternoon we return to town for the night.

DAY 3

Saigon - Mekong Delta - Saigon - Hanoi (B, L)

After breakfast we journey to the prosperous town of **My Tho in the heart of the Mekong Delta**, a world that lives and works on the water. We'll ride a local boat on the criss-crossing waters of the area to the Phoenix Island to see handicrafts and coconut candy workshops and exuberant orchards. Enjoy fresh fruits and live music by amateur artists and relax under a garden canopy. Next we take a horse cart to a farm to taste homemade honey-tea and proceed by boat through the small canals and side arms of the river to learn more about the daily life along the river banks. For lunch we'll sample regional specialties such as Elephant Ear Fish, Hot Pot, etc... After a pleasant break we return to Saigon to catch an early evening flight to Hanoi, the capitol of Vietnam. Meeting and greeting upon arrival and transfer to the hotel in city centre.

DAY 4

Hanoi (B)

We begin the full day tour of Hanoi with a visit to the memorial complex to Ho Chi Minh to know his amazing life. Continue to the **Single Pillar Pagoda** and the **Temple of Literature** to gain understanding of the two driving forces in Vietnamese culture Buddhism and Confucianism. Visit the Museum of Ethnology to see a large collection of artifacts about the cultures of the 54 ethnic groups and full size replicas of traditional buildings found across Vietnam. In the afternoon we enjoy a rickshaw ride through the lively Old Quarter, a series of 36 ancient streets where peddlers still trade the way they have done for centuries. We then walk to the water puppet theatre and enjoy a performance of the famed traditional art form created by village farmers around the **Red River Delta region.** Unique but recognized internationally.

Free time in the evening allows you to walk along the historic Old Quarter. This refined area of Hanoi provides a wonderful shopping experience and an array of excellent restaurants.

DAY 5

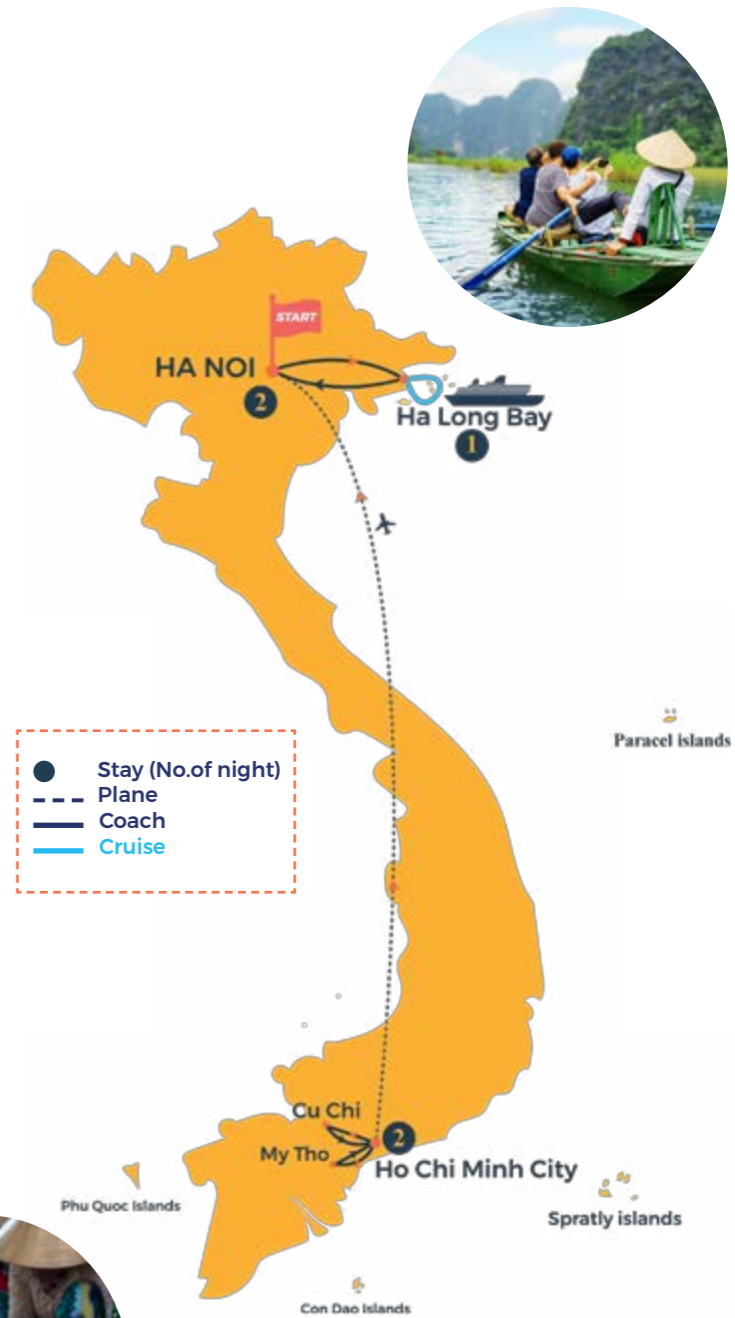
Hanoi-Halong (B, L, D)

Today we journey **east to Halong Bay**, Vietnam's greatest natural wonder. Arrival at around 12:00 PM we'll board a nice junk and set sails to explore the incredible seascape honored as one of the seven new wonders of the world. Here many hundreds of limestone islands and islets and the emerald waters blend fabulously. Wonderful setting for relaxation! There are opportunities to visit a floating village and a cave filled with astonishing rock formations, to challenge kayaking and swimming. Enjoy and overnight stay on our luxury boat.

DAY 6

Halong-Hanoi - Departure (Brunch)

Wake up to fresh coffee before cruising back to the shore. En route the junk weaves through strange-shaped rock formations that invite comparisons from fighting cocks to dragons and even further! Enjoy a wholesome breakfast before disembarkation. Back ashore around 11:00 AM we return to Hanoi for departure flight. Meet up with our local guide upon arrival and transfer to the hotel.



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Hoi An Essential

DAY

1

Arrival Hoi An (D)

You'll receive cordial welcome upon arrival at Danang airport. Transfer to hotel for check - in. Welcome dinner at a local restaurant. *Overnight in Hoi An.*

DAY

2

Hoian-My Son - Hoi An (B)

We pay a morning visit to the capital and religious centre of the former *Champa Kingdom, My Son*. There in a lush green valley 40km southwest of Hoian, stands dozens of red brick towers and sanctuaries dating from between the 7th and 13th centuries. Afternoon, on foot we explore Hoian town, visit Hoian museum, old merchants' house, assembly hall and Japanese covered Bridge. Enjoy leisurely walking along the bank of the lively *Thu Bon River*, once a prosperous and famous trading port.

DAY

3

Arrival Hoi An (B,L)

Depart to *Tra Que Vegetable Village* (3kms far from Hoian) by bicycle. It is time for you to experience a day of living and working with the local farmers in this village. A tour of the *organic vegetable and herb gardens* can include some time working in the field if you like, or merely observing and learning about the system and the fresh ingredients. Back to Tra Que's family house, you will be working together with our family chef to learn the traditional ways of preparing and cooking Vietnamese food. Followed by a well-deserved break to savour the dishes you have prepared. After lunch, cycling back to Hoi An.

DAY

4

Hoi An - Da Nang - Departure (B)

Free until transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

Ultimate Mekong River Cruise

11 Days

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DAY 3 Cruise Embarkation - My Tho - Cai Be (B, L, D)

3

Transfer *overland by motor coach to My Tho* port for embarkation aboard the Indochina Sails' ship for the journey. Welcome drinks served in Saigon Lounge. Short briefing is conducted before adjourning for lunch in Mekong restaurant. The cabins are ready for check-in after lunch. After port clearance formalities, captain raises the anchor and cruises towards **Cai Be**. Join the Cruise Director at Saigon Lounge for safety demonstration and briefing, followed by *Captain's Cocktails*. Enjoy the first gourmet dinner onboard with fellow travelers. Enjoy folk performances of the Mekong Delta in Saigon Lounge. The ship moors overnight midstream at Cai Be.

DAY 4 Cai Be - Vinh Long (B, L, D)

4

After breakfast take a morning junk trip around Cai Be. See floating market, go ashore to visit *French Gothic Cathedral* and colorful port area, filled with colonial buildings, delightful flower gardens and local rice paper manufacturers. Return to the boat at noon. After enjoying lunch while ship sails toward **Vinh Long** - the second largest city on the Mekong Delta. In the afternoon, take a short boat ride to get ashore for a walking tour of **Vinh Long** and visit a bustling market. Return to the ship at 17:00. Cocktail and briefing with Cruise Director at 18:00. After dinner, ship sails to and arrives in Sadech around 23:00. The ship moors overnight midstream at Sadech.

DAY 5 Sa Dec - Tan Chau (B, L, D)

5

This morning, follow guides to the hometown of *Marguerite Duras'* lover, Sadech, a quaint little city. Visit *the old house of Huynh Thuy Le*, partake in the bantering of local markets along the paved river banks, pagoda and the *Fujian Temple*, build and donated to the city by the late Le family. Pass by the home of Marguerite Duras from across the riverbanks. Reboard ship at 11:00 for lunch. After that, ship sets sail to **Tan Chau**. In the afternoon, Vietnamese tour guides will give a lecture about Vietnam - the Past and the Present in the Saigon Lounge at 16:00. Cocktails and briefing at 18:00 followed by dinner at 19:00. Ship arrives at Tan Chau around 18:30. After dinner, join the crew show in the Saigon Lounge. More music, more dancing afterwards. *Tonight the ship moors midstream at Tan Chau.*



DAY 6 Tan Chau - Border Crossing (B, L, D)

6

Today's highlight is a visit of **Tan Chau** - a small town untouched by tourism. In the morning, the excursion starts with sightseeing by local boats, navigating narrow channels to visit an evergreen island. Chance to visit floating fish farm and travels along the tiny tributaries where slit houses are haphazardly leaning on each other. Afterwards, go ashore and tour the town on rickshaw. Visit rattan mats and slippers making factories. Return to the ship and enjoy lunch while the ship departs for border. In the afternoon, enjoy Fruits Carving and Vietnamese Fresh Spring Rolls demonstration by *Executive Chef at Saigon Lounge*. Border formalities are carried out concurrently. Cocktail hour from 18:00 - 19:00, dinner at 19:00. After dinner catch the movie *"The Killing Fields"* in the Saigon Lounge. In the evening, sail overnight up the broad Mekong River, an international shipping route and moor mid-stream just outside of **Phnom Penh**.

DAY 7 Phnom Penh (B, L, D)

7

A busy day with many interesting sightseeing and activities, in the morning, sightsee Phnom Penh by bus. Visit *Royal Palace*, the spectacular *Silver Pagoda* and *the National Museum* where outstanding Khmer crafts are exhibited. Afternoon excursion facilitates understanding of a crucial part of the Cambodia's history: the *Khmer Rouge's grim Toul Sleng* (S21 detention center) and *the Killing Fields*. (For a free and easy afternoon, please inform Cruise Manager). Cocktail hours are served from 18:00 to 19:00. Dinner is served from 19:30 to 21:00. After dinner, join *the Khmer folk dances* and songs at the Saigon Lounge. Before midnight, opt to chill in one of the bars located across the road from the pier.

DAY 8 Chong Koh - Oudong - Kampong Tralach (B, L, D)

8

Early in the morning the ship sails towards little known *village Chong Koh*. After breakfast, take leisurely morning stroll through Chong Koh silk weaving village. Visit a school, some home workshops manufacturing traditional silk and cotton handicrafts and buy some local products. Return to the ship at 10:00. Enjoy a hearty lunch onboard at 12:30 as the ship sails to **PrekK'dam**. Interesting afternoon tour starts with a bus ride to visit **Oudong** - the second capital city of Cambodia. Visit a Buddhist Center here and join a blessing. After that, take another bus ride to **Kampong Tralach**, see *Kampong Tralach Pleu* temple and take a 20-minute ox-cart ride back to the ship. *Re-board ship in Kampong Tralach*. Ship sails to **Kampong Chhnang** afterwards. Cocktail hour from 18:00 to 19:00, dinner is served at 19:00. After dinner, join together in the Saigon Lounge with Cruise Director for a *"Nasty Quiz" night*. Ship arrives at *Kampong Chhnang* around 23:00 and moors midstream overnight.



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DAY 9 Kampong Chhnang PrekK'dam (B, L, D)

9

Kampong Chhnang is a busy rural port town with bustling markets. Mooring mid-stream, take a truly wonderful motorboat excursion into the lakeside wetlands that form the mouth of the river. Here a stunning variety of birdlife may be seen, and of considerable interest are local life and floating village. Return to the boat and cast off towards **PrekK'dam** - a small village that is around 35km away from Phnom Penh. Join a lecture on general information of Cambodia with Cambodian tour guides in the Lounge. In the afternoon, join the "Towels and napkin folding demonstration" with the housekeeping and restaurant staff in the Lounge. Time for packing and prepare for Farewell Cocktail this evening. **The ship docks overnight in PrekK'dam.**

DAY 10 Disembarkation - Siem Reap (B, D)

10

Enjoy breakfast onboard. Bid farewell to the crew and guides. Disembark around 8:30 and take motorized boats to local jetty approximately 5 to 6 km away from the middle of the lake. Transfer by motor coach to the meeting point in **Siem Reap** and on to the hotel. This afternoon we start exploring the wonders left by a highly complex civilization that controlled the greater part of Southeast Asia for four centuries. Enter the Great City of Angkor Thom through the South Gate and traverse to admire Baphoun and Phimeanakas temples, Terraces of Elephant and Leper King, and especially the mysterious smiling Bayon. Hike up **Phnom Bakheng** to behold the magnificent sunset into the land of temples.

DAY 11 Siem Reap (B)

11

We continue the exciting quest of Siem Reap's famous **Archeology Park**. Visit the fascinating temples of **Ta Prohm, Banteay Kdei, Takeo, Thommanon, Chau Say Thevoda,** and the **Royal Bath of Sras Srang**. This afternoon we'll be touring the epic temples of Angkor Wat - a vast rambling complex of diverse temple structures dating from the 9th to the 13th centuries. Many are adorned with exquisite carvings and bas-reliefs; some are so entwined with trees and vines that they almost returned to the jungle.



INCLUSIONS

3 Nights **STAY ON CRUISE** & 7 Nights **HOTEL ACCOMMODATION**



-Breakfast(B), Lunch(L), Dinner(D) as per itinerary.
-Supply of bottled water in all vehicle.



-Local English speaking guide.



-Government tax & service charge.
-Admission fee to indicated sights.



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Mekong

RIVER CRUISE

RV Mekong Prestige 2

- 32 cabins

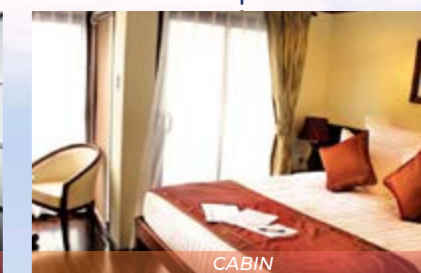
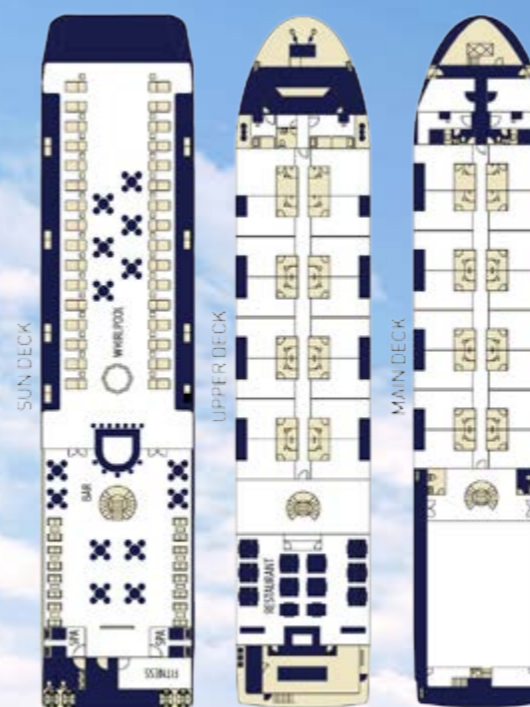
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Built in November 2013
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Cruising speed: 10 nautical knots
Electricity: 220v
Crews: 30

Capacity/ Cabins: 64 passengers/ cabins 32

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Boat Safety: Radio Comm., Radar, GPS, PA system, life jackets, life rafts, fire hydrants, flares and signals, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors in each cabin, CO2 engine room fire fighting system. See more: Indoor Lounge.





INCLUSIONS

3 Nights **HOTEL ACCOMMODATION**



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Essential ANGKOR

4 Days

DAY **1** **Welcome To Siem Reap, Cambodia (D)**

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DAY **2** **Siem Reap (B)**

Today we start exploring the wonders left by a highly complex civilization that controlled the greater part of Southeast Asia for four centuries. Enter *the Great City of Angkor Thom* through the **South Gate** and traverse to admire **Baphoun and Phimeanakas temples, Terraces of Elephant and Leper King**, and especially the mysterious smiling **Bayon**. After a break we'll visit the fascinating temples of **Ta Prohm, Banteay Kdei, Takeo, Thommanon, Chau Say Thevoda**, and the **Royal Bath of Sras Srang**. Hike up **Phnom Bakheng** to behold the magnificent sunset into the land of temples.

DAY **3** **Siem Reap (B)**

We'll be touring the epic *temples of Angkor Wat* - a vast rambling complex of diverse temple structures dating from the 9th to the 13th centuries. Many are adorned with exquisite carvings and bas-reliefs; some are so entwined with trees and vines that they almost returned to the jungle. Afternoon, we drive out of town to Pour Krom and walk through this lovely village to see rural Khmer life. Experience an ox cart ride before a cruise on *Tonle Sap Lake* - a **Biosphere Reserve** by UNESCO in 1997. We'll see floating villages and get a taste for life ruled by monsoonal rains and water-based agriculture.

DAY **4** **Departure (B)**

Free till transfer to airport for departure flight.

Highlights *OF CAMBODIA*

5 Days

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DAY 2 Siem Reap (B)

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DAY 3 Siem Reap (B)

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DAY 4 Siem Reap - Phnom Penh (B)

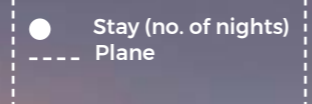
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We take a **morning flight to Phnom Penh** and pay a visit to the infamous **Cheoung Ek Killing Fields en route to city centre**. Later we tour the opulent Royal Palace with the dazzling Silver Pagoda, the impressive **National Museum**, and then the hilltop temple of Wat Phnom. Confront the tragic history of Cambodia on a visit to **the Tuol Sleng Museum**. Delve in the vibrant local life at the Central Market housed in a distinctive domed Art Deco building, a labyrinth of stalls selling everything from CDs and DVDs to silks, crafts, jewelry and more. **Mosey along Sisowath Quay** at sunset and take the opportunity to see stalls selling fried cockroaches, spiders, crickets or grasshoppers or other culinary delights.

DAY 5 Departure (B)

5

Free till transfer to the airport for departure flight



INCLUSIONS

4 Nights HOTEL ACCOMMODATION



-Breakfast(B), Lunch(L), Dinner(D) as per itinerary.
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-Local English speaking guide.



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-Admission fee to indicated sights.



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Overland CAMBODIA

8 Days

DAY 1 **Welcome to Siem Reap, Cambodia (D)**

1

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DAY 2 **Siem Reap (B)**

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DAY 3 **Siem Reap (B)**

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DAY 4 **Siem Reap - Battambang (B, L)**

4

This morning we transfer overland to Battambang province. The five hour drive affords a great opportunity to see local life along the way around the *Tonle Lake*. After refreshment we'll enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. This afternoon we'll explore *Phnom Banon* with its five sandstone towers on top and enjoy a magnificent view of the surrounding plains. Return hotel and sample the idyllic tranquility for reading and contemplating.

DAY 5 **Battambang (B, D)**

5

This morning we travel to *Odam Bang* village, some 3km from the town, to experience take the narrow gauge *Bamboo Train* through the rice fields to *Osroy Lov*, and then back. Pay a visit to *the Angkorian temple of Wat Ek Phnom*, dating from the 11th century. Afternoon we take a cooking course in a family house at Ch'Ngainh (Delicious). After shopping at the local market, we go to the familial house to learn how to cook some delicious Khmer dishes. You'll have a cooking lesson, marvelous time with a charming couple, a cooking book, a very good dinner, and may be some snake wine to drink.

DAY 6 **Battambang - Phnom Penh (B, L)**

6

A long day as we have 290 km to drive before reaching Phnom Penh.

DAY 7 **Battambang - Phnom Penh (B, L)**

7

This morning we pay a visit to the opulent *Royal Palace* with the dazzling Silver Pagoda, the flowery *National Museum*, the hilltop temple of Wat Phnom, and the central Independence Monument. Afternoon time is for the notorious *Toul Sleng Genocide Museum* and the infamous *Cheoung Ek Killing Field*. We also browse the *Central Market* before a leisure walk along the riverside *Sisowath Boulevard* to conclude the day.

DAY 8 **Departure (B)**

8

Free till transfer to the airport for departure flight.



● Stay (no. of nights)
— Coach



INCLUSIONS

7 Nights **HOTEL ACCOMMODATION**



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-Local English speaking guide.



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ITINERARIES

LAOS

DAY 1 Arrival in Luang Prabang (D)

1

Upon arrival you will be met & transferred to hotel for check-in and tour briefing. Time permitting we'll take an orientation tour around the city before welcome dinner.

DAY 2 Luang Prabang (B)

2

Early rise to take the fantastic opportunity to watch or participate in the unique daily morning ritual, where hundreds of saffron-clad monks walk in procession collecting offerings of sticky rice from devout residents along the roadside.

After breakfast we tour the city's oldest temple Wat Sene and the magnificent **Wat Xiengthong** with its roofs sweeping down to the ground. We then **embark on a cruise upstream** on the Mekong River to the mysterious **Pak Ou**, two linked caves crammed with thousands of gold lacquered Buddha statues of various shapes and sizes left by devoted pilgrims. We also visit Ban Xanghai, the village producing the wine called "Lao Lao", and **Ban Phanom village** of skilled hand weaving women.

DAY 3 Luang Prabang (B)

3

Today we visit the ethnic minority villages at **Ban Ouay**, **Ban Ou** and **Ban Thapene**. Afterwards we continue to the beautiful Khouangsi Waterfall that offers a chance to cool off in the turquoise pools. On the way back to town we'll stop at Ban Xangkong, the village well known for jute paper production. We then challenge the steps up Mount Phousi for an enjoyable exploration of the sacred, gilded stupa as well as a beautiful sunset view. Take a leisurely walk through the iridescent Night Market at the foot of **Mount Phosi** to admire a lovely selection of handicrafts.

DAY 4 Luang Prabang (B)

4

We drive to Lao Spirit Resort to see the protected Elephants at the "**Elephant Park Project**" along the Nam Khan riverbanks. Enjoy a one hour ride through the jungle on the back of an Asian Elephant and continue on foot to the **Fair Trek** project area to visit a small Khmu village community living at the foot of a high mountain range. The fair trek project enables remote villagers to benefit directly from tourism. After lunch at **Ban Houay Fai** we return to Tad Sae waterfall and take a boat back to Lao Spirit Resort and drive back to town.

DAY 5 Departure from Luang Prabang (B)

5

Transfer to the airport for your departure the journey.



Amazing
LUANG PRABANG

Highlights *OF LAOS*

6 Days

DAY 1 **Arrival in Luang Prabang (D)**

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DAY 2 **Luang Prabang (B)**

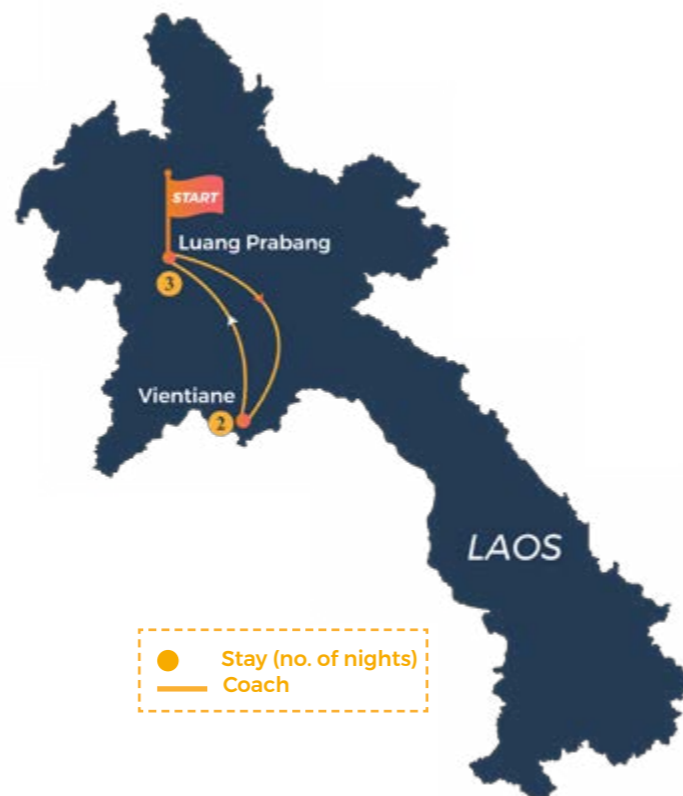
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DAY 4 **Vientiane (B)**

Begin our tour of the sleepy **capital city of Laos** from **Wat Sisaket**, the oldest standing temple in Vientiane. The temple is renowned for its remarkable fresco and many hundreds of Buddha statuette. Continue to **Haw Prakeo**, the former royal temple which ever housed the famous **Emerald Buddha** statue being worshiped in Thailand now. Pose in front of **Vientiane's own Arc de Triumph** called **Patuxay** for pictures



before touring That Luang Stupa – the symbol of Laos. Afterwards there's an opportunity to delve into the daily life of the locals at the markets **Talat Sao and Talat Kuadin**. Afternoon we tour the Buddha Park to see hundreds of Buddha statues on a riverside meadow. Conclude the day at a café overlooking the Mekong River.

DAY 5 **Luang Prabang – Vientiane (B)**

We embark on a cruise upstream on the Mekong River to the mysterious Pak Ou Caves, two linked caves crammed with thousands of gold lacquered Buddha statues of various shapes and sizes left by devoted pilgrims. On the way back to town we'll visit Ban Xanghai, the village producing the wine called "Lao Lao", and Ban Phanom village of skilled hand weaving women. Late afternoon/early evening, we fly to Vientiane for the night.

DAY 6 **Departure from Luang Prabang (B)**

Transfer to the airport for your departure journey.

INCLUSIONS

5 Nights HOTEL ACCOMMODATION



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PLAIN OF JARS

DAY

1

XIENG KHOUANG ARRIVAL

Upon arrival to **Xieng Khouang**, our guide and driver will be waiting to provide transport to the hotel for check in.

After checking into the hotel, take a brief city tour and pay a visit to the **MAC Center** in town. **MAC** is a humanitarian organization dedicated to clearing the remnants of conflict for the benefit of local communities worldwide. Laos is the most heavily bombed nation in the world (per capita).

Overnight in Xieng Khouang.

DAY

2

XIENG KHOUANG - PLAIN OF JARS (B)

In the morning, journey through **Phonsavan** to the **Plain of Jars**. The Plain of Jars is a huge archaeological complex filled with 2500-year-old stone jars sized from 70cm up to four meters. While archaeologists have their hypotheses, the true origin of the jars remains a mystery.

The trip includes visits to the three major sites. Begin at **Site 1**, the closest site to the town and the largest, before visiting **Site 2** at Hai Hin on Phou Salator. The tour ends at **Site 3** in Hai Hin Lat Khai, which is the most impressive site with over 150 jars. Nearby the site, pay a visit to Ban Xiengdi, where there is a small monastery known for its Buddha images. On the journey back, take note of the bomb craters that still scar the face of the land today.

Attention: The Plain of Jars was heavily bombed during the war; it is imperative to respect all signage and to stay along the defined trails due to bombs, UXO and landmines.

In the afternoon, enjoy a half-day trip to Muang Khou. Muang Khou is home to a unique sitting giant Buddha as well of some old pagodas that remain in ruins. The foundation and columns of Wat Phia Wat are still standing as is the 30-meter stupa constructed in the Lan Xang/Lanna period.

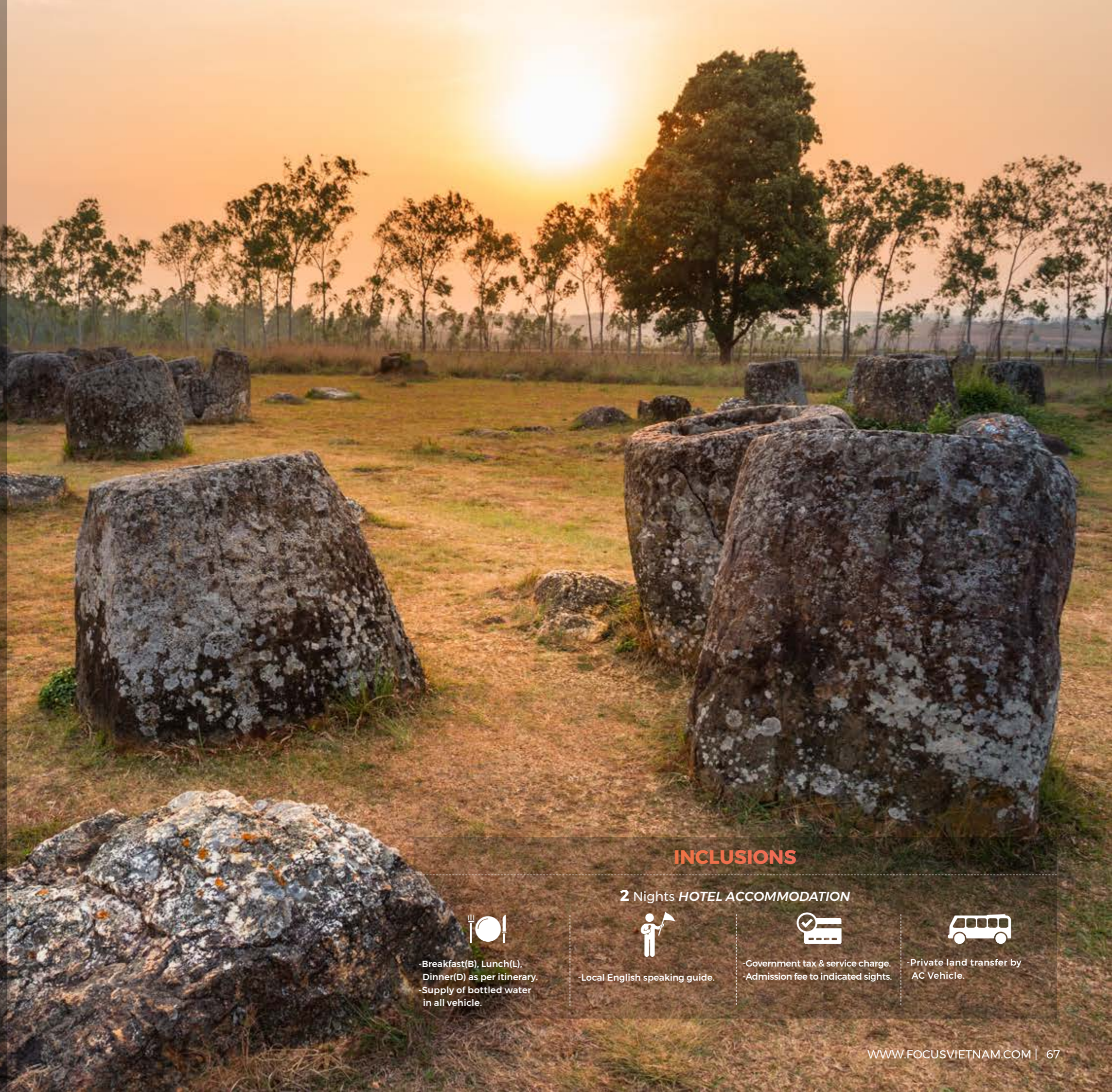
Then return to Xieng Khouang. Overnight in Xieng Khouang.

DAY

3

XIENG KHOUANG DEPARTURE (B)

After breakfast, enjoy free time at leisure until transport is provided to the airport for the onward flight.



INCLUSIONS

2 Nights **HOTEL ACCOMMODATION**



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Myanmar *IN STYLE*

10 Days

INCLUSIONS

9 Nights *HOTEL ACCOMMODATION*



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Dinner(D) as per itinerary.
-Supply of bottled water
in all vehicle.



-Local English speaking guide.



-Government tax & service charge.
-Domestic flight as per itinerary.
-Admission fee to indicated sights.



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AC Vehicle.

DAY 1 **Welcome to Yangon, Myanmar (D)**

1

Arrival at *Yangon International Airport* and transferred to hotel. If time permits, we take an orientation tour and a chance to acclimatize ourselves. Welcome dinner at a decent restaurant.

DAY 2 **Yangon (B)**

2

Today we tour the former capitol of Myanmar. Start from the *Sule pagoda*, *the Mahabandoola Park*, the colonial courthouse and the city hall in the very centre. Hop on a rickshaw and drive around the colonial area with a stop to enjoy Burmese tea. Continue along the famous Strand Road and visit the bustling Yangon harbor. In the afternoon, we'll visit the huge reclining Buddha image at **Chauk Htat Gyi** and especially the Shwedagon Pagoda with its glistening stupas covered with 60 tons of pure gold. The pagoda is regarded as holiest monument of Myanmar and a wonder of the world.

DAY 3 **Yangon - Bagan (B)**

3

Transfer to Yangon airport for a morning flight to *the ancient city of Bagan* in upper Myanmar. We'll tour a the city's most important pagodas and temples such as **Shwezigon**, **Ku Byauk Gyi**, **Khay Min Ga**, **Ananda**, **the Mon-styled Manuha**, **Nanbaya**, **Gu Byaukgyi**, the city's central market and a lacquer ware village in Myinkaba. Conclude the day at a vantage tower, *watching the sun set into the land of gods*.

DAY 4 **Bagan - Salay - Mt.Popa - Bagan (B)**

4

Drive south, parallel to the **Irrawaddy River**, to **Chauk** and explore a colorful morning market. Continue to **Salay (30 minutes)** an important center of Buddhism in Myanmar with many active monasteries. Salay, many years ago, created its own unique style of **Bagan-era architecture**. While visiting **Salay** you will learn more about monastic life, **Burmese Buddhism** and this unique architectural style as you visit several sights including Salay is **Yoke Sone Kyaung** monastery, one of the oldest wooden halls in the area. We then head east toward Mount Popa, an extinct volcano standing 1518 meters high. Arriving at midday, we'll first go to **Popa Mountain Resort** for lunch with fabulous views over the surrounding area. Challenge ourselves with climbing the 777 steps to the shrine at the top of the volcanic plug to the animistic shrine called by the locals as "Nats". Late afternoon we return to **Bagan** for the night.

DAY 5 **Bagan - Mandalay (B)**

5

Transfer to the airport for a morning *flight to Mandalay*. Proceed overland to Amarapura to visit the 200-year-old **U Bein teak bridge**; **Mahagandayon monastery** - home to over one thousand monks; **Bagaya Monastery** with a superb collection of Buddha statues. Afternoon we contemplate the spectacular Buddha image covered in thick layers of gold leaves at **the Mahamuni pagoda**, **Shwe Inbin monastery**, **the Golden Palace Monastery of Shwe Nan Daw Kyaung** - an example of a traditional wooden building, **Kuthodaw pagoda** - known for the huge book of 729 marble slabs engraved with Buddhist scriptures.

DAY 6 **Mandalay - Ava - Sagaing - Mingun - Mandalay (B)**

6

Excursion to the former *royal capital of Ava (Inwa)* starts with a short boat trip. *Continue on a horse cart* to **Nanmyint Watch Tower**, the remains of the palace building nicknamed "Leaning tower of Ava", **Maha Awingmye Bonzan and Bargayar Monasteries**, one famous its structure of brick and stucco and the other impressive ornate woodcarvings and teak posts. We then continue the former *capital of Mingun*. **Mingun** is famous for its huge unfinished pagoda housing **Mingun Bell**, the world's largest uncracked ringing bell, the beautiful white pagoda Hsinbyume and the unfinished Mingun Paya, one of the world's largest chedis by **King Bodaw Paya**. Return to Mandalay for overnight.

DAY 7 **Mandalay - Heho - Pindaya - Inle Lake (B)**

7

Transfer to the airport for a *flight to Heho*. Upon arrival we enjoy a drive to **Pindaya** through the picturesque countryside of **Shan State**. Visit Pindaya's limestone cave with its maze of chambers displaying more than 8,000 Buddha statues and local handicraft workshops producing Shan paper made from mulberry bark and traditional umbrellas made from the same paper that are used by monks all around the country. Continue the trip to **Inle Lake**, one of Myanmar's best-known sights.

DAY 8 **Inle Lake - Inn Dein - Inle Lake (B)**

8

We travel by boat to middle of the lake then continue down a small canal to the village of **In Dein**. After a walk around the village, we take the covered stairway to the beautiful **Alaung Sittou** where ancient stupas are partly covered by vegetation. **Alaung Sittou** offers a magnificent view over the lake. Return to hotel early afternoon and enjoy rest of the day at rest.

DAY 9 **Inle Lake - Heho - Yangon (B)**

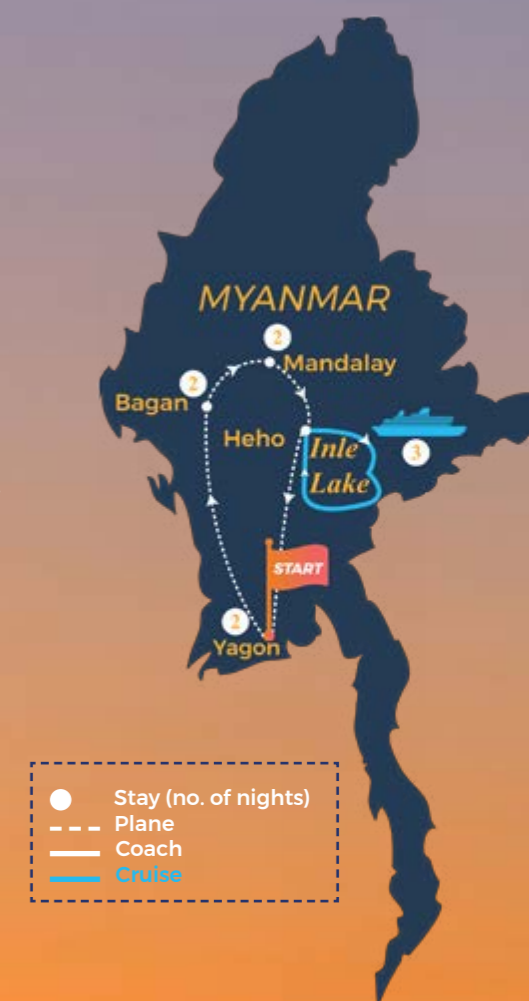
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Transfer to *Heho Airport* and catch a morning flight back to Yangon. We'll have ample time to further explore the former capital city of Myanmar and browse the rich and colorful markets of **Theingyi** and **Bogyoke Aung San** (formerly Scott's) for souvenirs.

DAY 10 **Yangon-Departure (B)**

10

Free till transfer to *Yangon International Airport* for departure.



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In short, it is a jewel in Nha Trang's crown! Check it out for yourself. It is well worth the trip across the bridge.



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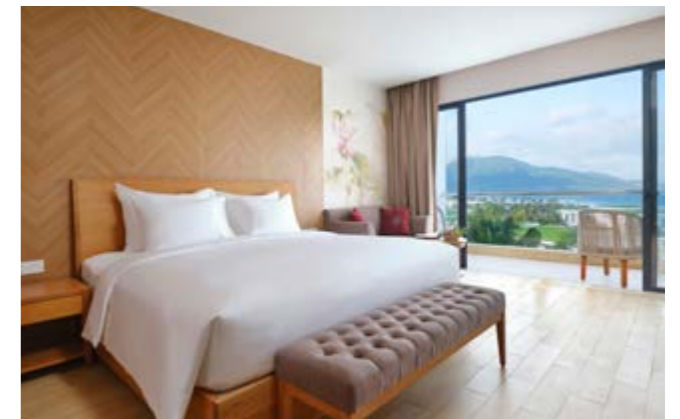
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GENERAL INFORMATION & CONDITIONS

The following terms and conditions ('booking conditions') form the basis of your contract with Focus Travel Co., Ltd ('we' or 'our'). Please read them carefully as they set out your and our respective rights and obligations. By asking us to confirm your booking, we are entitled to assume that you have had the opportunity to read, and have read these booking conditions; that you agree to them and that you agree to them applying to your holiday arrangements booked with us and which we agree to make, provide or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you. References in these booking conditions to your 'holiday package' are references to the tour or cruise package you have booked with Focus Travel. References to "excursions" are references to short trips or tours included or available as part of your holiday package.

Governing Law

These booking conditions are governed by the law in force in Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar.

BEFORE YOU BOOK

Prices – Deposits – Discounts – Payments

A deposit of 30% of the holiday package price will be required within seven days of booking confirmation. Once you pay your deposit your holiday package price is guaranteed (except for any changes resulting from a force majeure event – see below). Final payment of the balance of your holiday package price is due 30 days prior to departure unless stated in the terms of a special offer. Focus Travel reserves the right to cancel any ticket or booking or to refuse to carry any passenger where payment has not been received by Focus Travel within the specified time. All fares and charges are in US Dollar currency. Payment in full is required at time of booking for reservations made less than 30 days before departure from your home country. If Focus Travel is unable to confirm your reservation, all monies will be refunded.

Travelling with Minors

Children of less than 8 years of age are not permitted on tours and cruises. Minors under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult and share their accommodation with an adult.

Included in Holiday Package

All coach/cruise and hotel accommodation, air tickets (as indicated in individual itinerary), airport transfers on the first and last day, sightseeing, specified excursions, meals, admissions, port charges, and luggage service as stated in your itinerary.

Choosing Your Holiday

The holiday packages contained within this brochure are carefully selected by our travel consultants. To maximize your enjoyment of your holiday and to ensure that it lives up to your expectations it is important that you choose the right holiday package for you. Our brochures contain limited information, however, there is also information available online at www.focusvietnam.com and our staff are available to discuss your options.

Gratuities/Tipping

Gratuities/Tipping for all staff on the land portion of your tour and on board your river cruise are not included.

Twin or Double Rooms

Accommodation in all hotels, regardless of the rating, is in standard rooms (sometimes named superior/deluxe) based on twins or doubles unless otherwise stated.

Passengers Needing Special Assistance

Focus Travel welcomes passengers with disabilities or special needs provided they are accompanied by a companion capable of providing all necessary assistance. Any disability or medical condition requiring special attention must be reported to Focus

Travel at the time of booking. Focus Travel will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of disabled customers, but is not responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, trains, restaurants or other independent suppliers, or for any additional associated expenses. Coaches and minibuses are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. River ships routinely dock mid-stream and require the use of tenders to access the shore. The Mekong river cruise ships do not have elevators. Cabin doors and restrooms on river cruise ships are not wide enough to allow access by standard wheelchairs. Wheelchairs and walkers cannot be carried on coaches, due to space limitations. Focus Travel is unable to provide individual assistance to any passenger for walking, dining, disembarking or embarking cruise ships and/or coaches or other transportation vehicles or other personal needs.

Health & Fitness

A good level of fitness and health is required to participate Focus Travel's holiday packages. In some destinations there are extensive sightseeing excursions by foot which includes the climbing of stairs. Mobility is needed boarding or alighting coaches, river cruise ships and trains. We recommend a visit to the doctor before travelling to overseas destinations and consult with them regarding any vaccinations which may be required. It is your responsibility to advise Focus Travel of any pre-existing medical conditions that may affect the normal conduct of a holiday package and the enjoyment of other passengers. A Health, Fitness & Mobility Questionnaire will be provided and requested to be completed at the time of booking if you advise of any health, fitness or mobility issues. Focus Travel is not liable for any injury, illness, or loss of enjoyment which could have been reasonably prevented had we been made aware of a pre-existing condition and been provided an opportunity to review it. We will not be responsible for any costs associated with cancellation penalties or the return of passengers from a tour, and a refund for lost touring cannot be claimed.

Visa & Passports

All passengers must have a valid passport that is valid for at least six months after the holiday package return date. Passengers must consult with the appropriate consulates to ensure that they have any applicable visas for countries included in the holiday package prior to departure. Passengers are solely responsible for meeting necessary passport and visa entry requirements and paying all associated costs. Focus Travel is not responsible for delays or missed portions of the holiday package resulting from incorrect travel documents or visas. Please contact our travel consultants for more details. Public Holidays & Festivals Virtually all countries have public holidays, religious or otherwise. The festivities may temporarily disrupt your holiday and some religious holidays may result in a reduction of facilities and entertainment.

BOOKING AND PAYING FOR YOUR HOLIDAY

Airfares

All domestic air travel will be arranged by Focus Travel in connection with your holiday package or as otherwise arranged with Focus Travel. All airfares are subject to flight and booking class availability. Airfares will be booked and ticketed upon receipt of your deposit to avoid price or tax increases. Airline schedules are subject to change without notice. Once air tickets are issued, airline amendment and/or cancellation fees apply and, in some cases, are non-refundable. Full names as per passport, including middle name are required for all flights within Asia. Name changes and voluntary date and schedule changes will incur fees. Focus Travel is not liable for delays or disruptions of air travel. Once tickets are issued, Focus Travel will have no other liability and

will not be responsible for refunding the cost of any services booked in conjunction with the flights. The maximum luggage allowance on all flights within Asia is 20 kilograms. Flying outside of the tour date range or re-routing your flight itinerary may incur additional surcharges. While we endeavor to accommodate your airline seating requests, these are never guaranteed and are subject to change at the airline's discretion.

Out of Date Range Flights

If airlines have not published their schedule at the time that this brochure was printed, or at the time of booking, Focus Travel will estimate the cost of airfares connected with your holiday package. When the airline releases flight inventory and airfares, Focus Travel will confirm seats and pricing with you by sending you an updated invoice. Once flights have been confirmed by you and payment has been received, Focus Travel will issue your ticket/s.

Travel Insurance

Travel Insurance is not included in your holiday package. For your protection, you are required to purchase comprehensive travel insurance that includes (without limitation) coverage for the cost of your holiday package, medical expenses, loss of luggage, cruise and land content and airfare charges that may occur due to cancellation, impossibility of performance or other frustration, disruption, loss of deposit or strikes.

Travel Information & Documents

After booking you will receive an invoice with all important information relevant to your holiday package. We strongly recommend you check the details carefully and read the included information.

Special Requests

Where a special request (e.g. dietary requirements, room location, twin- or double-bedded room, a particular facility at a hotel, flight seat requests and/or particular meals) is an important factor in your choice of holiday, you must advise us when your booking is made. Focus Travel will pass your request on to the hotel, airline or other supplier but cannot guarantee that it will be accommodated. Focus Travel will also pass on any dietary requests to the airline, but we strongly recommend that you check directly with the airline once your tickets have been issued. The provision of any special request does not constitute a term of your contract with us. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier or the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability.

Credit Card Surcharges

If you pay by credit card, a surcharge of between 1% and 3% will be added your tour price.

CHANGE OR CANCELLATION

Changes or Additions to Your Holiday

If you want to change any part of your holiday arrangements after the invoice has been issued, we will do our best to make the change, but it may not be possible. Any request for changes must be made in writing by the person who made the original booking. If it is possible to make the change, it will be subject to an administration charge and payment of any further costs incurred as a result of the change.

Cancellation Policy

For all holiday packages in this brochure, the following Focus Travel cancellation fees apply:

Days of Notice	Fee Per Person
31 days or more	Loss of deposit
30-16 day	50% loss of holiday package price
15 days or less	100% loss of holiday package price

All cancellations must be received in writing by Focus Travel and are not effective until this notification has been received. If your holiday has commenced, 100% of the full holiday package price is charged.

There is no refund for unused services or if portions of the holiday package are missed. Additional cancellation fees may also be charged in respect to accommodation reserved outside the holiday package dates. These cancellation fees are in addition to any fees that may be levied by Focus Travel. You acknowledge that the amounts estimated under the Cancellation Policy are reasonable and represent a genuine pre-estimate of Focus Travel's and are otherwise reasonably necessary to protect the legitimate interests of Focus Travel.

Cancellation of Ticketed Airfares

A cancellation fee of \$50 per person applies for ticketed airfares, in addition to any airline cancellation fees that are applicable. Changes to Ticketed Airfares If you wish to amend the date or routing on your ticketed air booking, an amendment fee of \$30 per person will be charged in addition to airline change fees and additional taxes that are applicable. If, for any reason, a name change to a ticketed airfare is required, a \$50 per person name change fee will apply for every change in addition to any applicable airline fees.

IF WE CHANGE OR CANCEL YOUR HOLIDAY

Brochure Accuracy

Focus Travel has endeavored to ensure that the information given in this brochure about accommodation, itineraries etc., is correct to the best of its knowledge at the time of going to print. However, advertised descriptions and facilities and prices may change after publication. We recommend that you confirm the details of your chosen holiday package at the time of booking. Additionally, flight times, carriers and routes in the brochure are given for guidance only as there may be changes. Final details will be shown on your documents sent by Focus Travel. Holiday package or excursion itineraries may change or be different from those described in the brochure as a result of local conditions, weather conditions and annual events. Focus Travel will endeavor to notify you of any significant changes prior to your departure. Focus Travel does not advise the flight timings in the brochure nor do we provide this on your documentation.

If We Change or Cancel Your Holiday Before Your Departure

Focus Travel endeavors to provide you with all the services confirmed to you at the time of your booking. However, we plan arrangements a long time in advance of your departure date using independent suppliers such as airlines, hotels etc., over whom we have no direct control. On occasions changes do have to be made, and Focus Travel reserves the right to cancel or amend holiday packages/excursions accordingly. Group tours require a minimum number of bookings in order for the tour to be financially viable and to have a pleasant group atmosphere. In the event that adequate numbers cannot be achieved, it may be necessary to cancel a scheduled departure and offer the nearest possible alternative date (or a full refund of monies paid for arrangements made by Focus Travel).

Force Majeure

Force Majeure means the occurrence of an event that is beyond Focus Travel's reasonable control and which could not have been reasonably prevented by Focus Travel, which includes, but is not limited to: (a) war, armed conflict, criminal damage, riot, civil strife, industrial dispute, terrorist activity or the threat of any such acts; (b) natural disaster (including but not limited to flooding, fire, earthquake, landslide), adverse weather conditions, high or low water levels; (c) nuclear or other industrial accident causing environmental pollution or contamination; or (d) change in law, meaning, enactment, amendment (including repeal) in the law or administration of any law in Vietnam or any jurisdiction or territory relevant to the booking contract, which includes changes in statute, regulation, determination, by-

law, declaration, license and the common law as applicable from time to time.

Termination of Booking Contract or Change of Travel Arrangements due to Force Majeure

If Focus Travel, in its reasonable opinion, considers that any Force Majeure event prevents Focus Travel (whether directly or through its employees, contractors, subcontractors and agents) from lawfully or safely providing any products or services subject of the booking contract with you, Focus Travel may immediately by written notice: (a) terminate the booking contract (in whole or in part); or (b) change your travel arrangements as reasonably practicable to ensure your safety and invoice you for any additional costs.

Limitation of Liability in the Event of Force Majeure

In the event that Focus Travel cancels or changes your travel arrangements in any way due to a Force Majeure event, Focus Travel will not be liable to you in contract, tort, statute or restitution for any loss (including, but not limited to, loss of deposit or purchase price and loss of enjoyment), damage, costs, charges, expenses or injury resulting from or in connection with (whether directly or indirectly): (a) the cancellation or change to your travel arrangements; or (b) the Force Majeure event. Focus Travel is not liable to refund any part of the deposit or purchase price paid by you if Focus Travel subsequently changes or cancels your travel arrangements in connection with a Force Majeure event. Force Majeure events are unpredictable and beyond Focus Travel's control. As you are required to purchase travel insurance to adequately protect yourself against such risks, your policy needs to respond to these risks. You acknowledge and accept that these terms are reasonably necessary to protect the legitimate interests of Focus Travel based on expected non-recoverable costs and expenses to be incurred by Focus Travel, including but not limited to overhead expenses and works or services performed personally by Focus Travel, leading up to the commencement of the holiday package, alternatively prior to the Force Majeure event.

ON HOLIDAY

Local Purchases

Focus Travel is not responsible for any items you may purchase locally i.e.: jeweler/furniture etc. You acknowledge that you are solely responsible for any import duty or freight costs.

Personal Belongings & Lost Items

For security reasons valuables should be kept to a minimum and packed in your hand luggage along with your medicines, camera, film, electrical or battery-operated appliances, as well as basic essentials such as a change of clothing and toiletries. It is your responsibility to look after your property at all times and you must ensure you are adequately covered by comprehensive travel insurance in the event of any loss.

Disruption to Cruising & Itinerary Arrangements

Under normal operating conditions itineraries will be delivered as per the brochure. However, sometimes for reasons beyond our control, it may be necessary to make alterations to your itinerary. On occasion, significant flooding or low water levels do occur that can cause disruption to itineraries.

We recommend you take out comprehensive travel insurance that includes coverage of events such as these, as we will not be liable for any direct or indirect costs incurred as a result of such events or other factors beyond our control happening. Additionally, you are not entitled to any refund for any alterations to your itinerary that are caused or contributed to by any flood or water level events or other such events which are beyond our control.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Limitation of Liability

1. Our holiday packages include the services of independent providers, such as hoteliers, airlines, cruise companies and other operators, who are not agents, servants or employees of Focus Travel. Although we take care in selecting the independent

service providers and the optional excursions conducted by some independent service providers, Focus Travel is not responsible for the conduct of the independent service providers, their servants and agents or for any ramifications of that conduct. Optional excursions may, depending on your holiday package, include activities such as climbing, exploring, bike riding, swimming and snorkeling. You accept and assume the risk involved with these activities.

2. If in the opinion of any representative of Focus Travel, your mental or physical condition, or general behavior is such as to affect your own health and safety, render you incapable to care for yourself, cause you to become a hazard to yourself or other passengers or result in you becoming objectionable to other passengers or staff, you will not be permitted to continue on the whole or any part of the holiday package. Abuse or harassment of any kind toward crew, contracted suppliers or other guests may result in immediate removal from the tour or cruise. Focus Travel is not liable to you for any costs associated with such decision and you will not be refunded for any part of the holiday package.

3. Focus Travel accepts no responsibility for any death, injury, illness, loss (including loss of enjoyment), damage, detention, delay (including mechanical breakdown) beyond its control.

4. Any term, condition or warranty express or implied by statute or otherwise in respect to the holiday packages contained in this brochure are excluded to the full extent permitted by law.

5. To the full extent permitted by law, Focus Travel's liability arising under or in connection with these booking conditions: (a) is limited to the re-supply of the products or services or the payment of the cost of re-supply of the products or services to you; and (b) excludes liability for any indirect or consequential losses suffered by you or any third party, howsoever caused, including but not limited to pure economic loss or any special, extraordinary or punitive damage to you or any other party.

Responsible Service of Alcohol

Our staff are trained in the responsible service of alcohol and are obligated by law to refuse service to any guest who, in their reasonable opinion, appears to be, or is intoxicated, or behaves in an aggressive or offensive manner.

Medical Assistance

Focus Travel does not employ medical staff on our tours or ships. If you require medical attention, local medical services can be contacted immediately. You are responsible for all charges that result from a visiting a medical facility, or for a medical practitioner visiting you. Focus Travel is not responsible for the type or quality of the medical services you may receive.

Service Enquiries

If a problem occurs during your holiday you should, in your own interests, advise your local guide, so that steps can be taken to resolve the matter. If you remain dissatisfied, any complaint must be made in writing to Focus Travel within 30 days.

Luggage Limits

Each passenger is entitled to take one piece of luggage that does not exceed 160 cm (63 inches), or weigh more than 20 kilograms (44 pounds). Dimensions for checked baggage are calculated by adding together the width, height and depth of the piece of baggage. An extra charge will be imposed to cover portage handling of any additional luggage. Your local guide will advise you of the exact additional charge. All luggage is at "owner's risk".

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