

# *J Yang Tours* Customized Group Travel Specialist to Asia

China • Vietnam • Cambodia • Thailand • Laos • Bhutan • Japan • Mongolia

## Signature Indochina

**Duration:** 11 nights/12 days

**We visit:** Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos

Feel the influence of the Khmers, Chinese and French in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia as you marvel at ancient temples and ruins that exemplify craftsmanship and devotion. Discover a progressive post-war Vietnam that still embraces many of its traditions, floating markets on the Mekong, and an overnight "junk" cruise on Ha Long Bay; visits to the treasures of Angkor, Charming ancient city Luang Prabang and much more!

Throughout your journey, gain insight into daily life through the cuisine, markets and local interaction.

### Highlights:

- Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam) - Notre Dame Cathedral, Old Saigon Post Office, Saigon Opera House, Hotel d'Ville, Cholon, Wholesale Quarter
- Cruise on Mekong Delta
- Siem Reap ( Cambodia) - Angkor Wat, the Complex of Angkor, the South Gate, the Bayon, Baphuon, the Royal Enclosure, Phimeanakas, Banteay Srei, Banteay Samre, Ta Praom, Prasat Kravan, Srah Srang, Banteay Kdei, Thommanon, Chaosay, Tevorda
- Luang Prabang ( Laos) - Wat Visoun, Wat Aham, Wat Mai, Phou Si Hill, Wat Xiengthong, Royal Palace Museum, Pak Ou Caves
- Hanoi (Vietnam)- Ho Chi Minh Complex, Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, the Presidential Palace, Ho's House on Stilts, One Pillar Pagoda, the Temple of Literature, Cyclo ride in Old Quarters
- Halong Bay - Cruise on a traditional Junk

### Tour Itinerary

**Day 1 Arrive Ho Chi Minh City**

Transfer to your hotel.

**Day 2 Ho Chi Minh City**

Ho Chi Minh City, called "The Pearl of the Sea" by locals, still has its French charms, even as it embraces twenty first century commercialism. This frenetic metropolis is crowded with bikes and motorbikes, with bustling shopping areas and sidewalk cafes. You will take a city orientation tour which includes visit to the Notre Dame Cathedral, the grandest expression of French Catholic architecture in the country; the Old Saigon Post Office, designed by Gustav Eiffel's firm; Saigon Opera House, and the French Colonial Hotel d'Ville (City Hall). Visit Cho Lon, Saigon's Chinatown, which is packed with sacred temples and mysterious, narrow lanes. (B/L/D)

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**Day 3 Ho Chi Minh City**

This morning prepared for an outing to the extensive flood plains of the Mekong Delta. The Mekong River known as Cuu Long, the River of Nine Dragons, refers to the nine branches that flow into the South China Sea. On arrival in My Tho, you embark on a boat and travel through the intricate small canals of the delta region passing lush green vegetation and visit the floating market. (B/L)

**Day 4 Ho Chi Minh City-Siem Reap**

You will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Siem Reap, Cambodia, the gateway to Angkor the magnificent ancient capital of the Khmer Empire. Transfer to the hotel upon arrival. You will be wonderfully entertained with dinner and a Khmer Traditional Dance Show this evening. (B/D)

**Day 5 Siem Reap**

You start today's tour with visit to Banteay Sre, Banteay Samre and the fabulous Ta Prohm and Prasat Kravan. Then you will visit Srah Srang, a lake, also called "the royal bath" as it was used for ritual bathing. Visit Banteay Kdei, called "the citadel of cells" and is believed to be a Buddhist temple. Next visit Thommanon and Chaosay Tevorda Temple. (B/L)

**Day 6 Siem Reap**

This morning you take Tuk Tuk, the most popular local transport, to visit the awe-inspiring Angkor Wat Temple; the largest religious monument ever built which is spectacular. Its five towers are recognized around the world. This afternoon you explore the vast archaeological treasure and wonder, the temple complex of Angkor. The South Gate of the royal city of Angkor Thom is your first stop. The Bayon is a pyramid type temple with huge carved faces throughout. Then visit the Royal Enclosure, Phimeanakas, also visit the Grand Elephant Terrace, and Terrace of the Leper King. (B/D)

**Day 7 Siem Reap-Luang Prabang**

Fly to Luang Prabang, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After check in your hotel, you will take on a city tour including the temples of Wat Visoun, Wat Aham and Wat Mai. You then climb up to Phou Si Hill, from where you will have a magnificent view over Luang Prabang and the Mekong River beyond. (B/D)

**Day 8 Luang Prabang**

This morning you visit the beautiful Wat Xieng Thong and then enjoy a leisurely cruise on the Mekong River to Pak Ou Caves, which are adorned with Buddha images of various styles, ages and size. (B/L/D)

**Day 9 Luang Prabang-Hanoi**

Today you will visit the National Museum at the former Royal Palace displays a collection of artifacts reflecting the richness of Lao culture dating from the days of the early kings right through the last sovereign. You also have time to visit the Central Market before transfer to airport for flight to Hanoi.

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Day 10 **Hanoi-Halong Bay**

Today you drive to the Gulf of Tonkin to visit the spectacular Halong Bay, which includes some 1,600 islands and islets, forming a spectacular seascape of limestone pillars. Embark on a traditional Junk ship. Visit Sung Sot cave, one of the most amazing caves in Halong Bay. The two chambers that form this amazing grotto are decorated with thousands of spectacular stalactite and stalagmite forms. Enjoy kayaking with guideline around the fishing village then return to the vessel for free time at your leisure. (B/L/D)

Day 11 **Halong Bay-Hanoi**

Return to Hanoi in the afternoon.

Later taking a relaxing cyclo tour through the Old Quarter. This bustling area of narrow streets is home to literally thousands of small businesses and shopkeepers. (B/L)

Day 12 **Hanoi**

Today you will make a city tour of Vietnam's capital Hanoi, taking in all of Hanoi's essential sites, such as Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, the Presidential Palace, the One Pillar Pagoda and Ho Chi Minh's House on Stilts. You will also visit the Temple of Literature. (B/L/D)

Day 13 **Depart Hanoi**

After breakfast, you travel back to Hanoi Airport for your onward flight. (B)

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