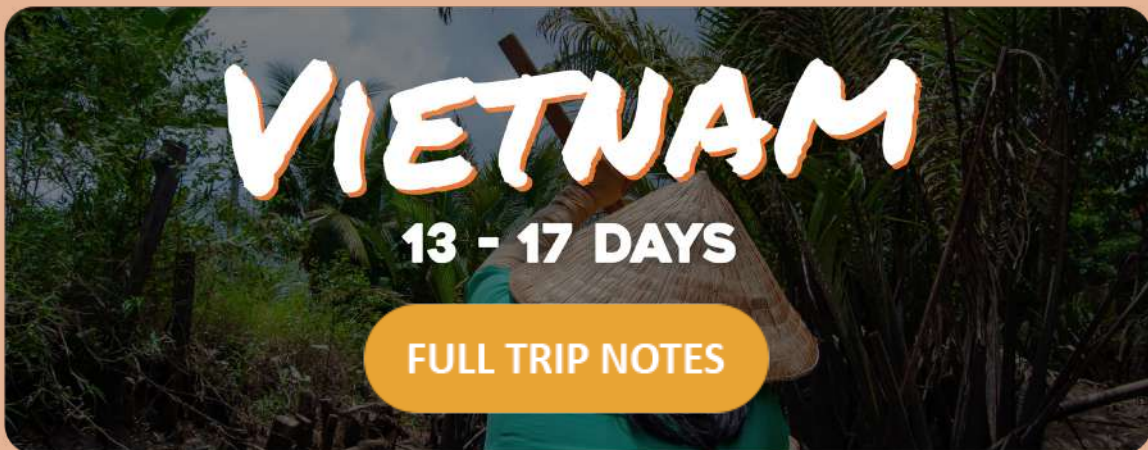




ADVENTURE GROUP TOURS THAT GIVE BACK



WAY TO TRAVEL

DISCOVER VIETNAM 13 - 17 DAYS

THE TRIP

Experience the very best of Vietnam but with a difference. You'll not only be on an adventure of a lifetime in some of Vietnam's most beautiful destinations, learning about a fascinating new culture & visiting world famous heritage sites... but you'll be making a difference and changing lives while you're at it. From an overnight cruise in one of the 7 natural wonders of the world, sleeping in bamboo bungalows in the countryside, learning to cook like a local to mucking in as a team on our community giving back project... we promise you 13 or 17 unforgettable days of fun, laughter, sweat and tears, all with a bunch of new travel friends for life.

WHATS INCLUDED

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Day 15 - MEKONG HOMESTAY

Wave goodbye to the concrete jungle that is Saigon and say hello to the green rice fields, mangroves and stunning landscapes of the Mekong. Today is as local as it gets with our authentic homestay experience. You'll be greeted by the heart warming local family who'll have your lunch ready for when you arrive. Pick your own coconuts and learn to make traditional cakes before an experience you'll never forget... fishing like a local! You may get a little dirty as you attempt to catch catfish with your bare hands.

Day 16 - LIFE IN THE MEKONG & BACK TO SAIGON

You're time in the Mekong isn't up yet. The last river cruise we promise... but this time we will be taking multiple stops to show you how the locals make a living in the area. A candy factory, a honey farm and a brick factory (much more interesting than it sounds) are just a few of the places we'll check out. We'll have to drag you away from paradise now to head back to Saigon for our last night where we've got a lovely included farewell dinner waiting for you.

Day 17 - CHECKOUT DAY

That's it, it really is over now so it's time to say goodbye to your travel family. Our guides will be around if you need any help with your onward travel plans. We know you'll have had the most incredible time on this journey, safe travels!

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

THE DETAILS

Activities: Hanoi Walking Tour, Rickshaw Ride, Water Pupper Show, Ha Long Cruise, Kayaking Ha Long, Sunrise Tai Chi, Ninh Binh Bicycle Tour, Tam Coc River Cruise, Dragon Boat Cruise, Bamboo Basket Boats, Local Cooking Class, Farming Experience, Saigon Walking Tour, Cu Chi Tunnels Tour, Mekong Homestay, Mekong River Cruise, Mud Fishing

Transport: Airport Pick Up, Private Bus, Public Overnight Train, Electric Car, Public Domestic Flight.

Not Included: Flights to and from Vietnam, Visas & Vaccinations, Travel Insurance, spending money, other meals, drinks.

WHERE WE STAY

Hanoi Hotel x 2 nights, Ha Long Overnight Cruise x 1 night, Ninh Binh Bungalows x 1 night, Overnight Train x 1 night, Hue Hotel x 4 nights & Hoi An Hotel x 3 nights.

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DISCOVER CAMBODIA 11 DAYS

THE TRIP

Prepare to uncover the extraordinary sights that lie within 'The Kingdom of Wonder.' If you're ready to embark on an epic adventure and immerse yourself in some of Cambodia's most enchanting destinations, then please read on.

Delve into the country's recent history, and unearth its recent tragic past. Be ready to explore the world-renowned Angkor Wat temple complex, where the sunrise backdrop will etch itself into your memory for years to come. But that's not all – as you travel this remarkable land, you'll also make a profound impact on local communities, forever changing lives along your journey.

From floating along the Mekong and Tonle Sap Rivers to immersing yourself in a traditional homestay, you'll experience the very essence of Cambodia.

Jungle waterfalls, awe-inspiring beauty, and kind-hearted people are all waiting for you. Join forces with our team and your fellow travelers to contribute to a community project in Siem Reap, leaving a lasting legacy behind.

WHATS INCLUDED

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11 DAYS

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- WATERFALL TREK
- ANGKOR WAT SUNRISE TOUR
- ELEPHANT PROJECT VISIT
- 3 DAY COMMUNITY PROJECT



ITINERARY

DAY 1 - PHNOM PENH - Welcome to the Kingdom Of Wonder

Hey there, fearless travellers! The time has come to unite with the ultimate squad – your travel dream team! Whether you're touching down at Phnom Penh International Airport or blazing your own trail to the accommodation, get ready to be welcomed with open arms and a fancy "Welcome" sign that's just for you!

After much anticipation, surely it's time to "Choul Muoy!" to new adventures.

Arrival days are as wild as a rollercoaster ride, so we're keeping things flexible like a yoga pro. No strict schedule here – we believe in giving everyone a fair shot at arriving before we start the trip.

So, once you've found your cosy abode, let the unpacking begin, or if that sounds like too much effort simply kick back, relax, and fuel up with some nom-worthy grub. And hey, if lounging by the pool tickles your fancy, we know a place.

DAY 2 - PHNOM PENH - Khmer Killing Fields & S21 Prison

Prepare yourself for a profound journey to the Killing Fields - a place that helps you understand Cambodia's recent tragic past. Here, amidst the solemn grounds, millions of lives were lost during the Cambodian genocide. It's a sad start to a tour, but a place that needs to be explored nonetheless. It will help you to connect with the people you'll meet along the way.

The audio-guided tour will walk you along the paths that many men, women and children took as their final journey. S21 Prison matches the killing fields as a grim reminder of the Khmer Rouge regime. This converted school was turned into a prison for unlawful interrogation, where only a few people survived.

Visiting these sites will not be a light-hearted endeavour. However, this significant chapter of Cambodia's recent history shaped the tapestry of its modern culture, making it imperative for every visitor to experience. After this humbling day, we have some time to reflect before reconvening for a shared meal along the bank of the Mekong River.

DAY 3 - CHAMBOK VILLAGE - Traditional Khmer Homestay In Chambok Village

We're leaving the capital and making our onward journey to Chambok Village. This is where you'll spend the night at a traditional Khmer homestay. Accommodation is basic and rural, but this is an experience that very few visitors to Cambodia get to have.

Situated on the cusp of Kirirom National Park, it's around three hours southwest of Phnom Penh (depending on traffic, weather and if anyone has left something behind). The National Park is a far cry from the chaos of the city, offering a peaceful respite in the form of lush plateaus, cascading waterfalls and sweet-smelling pine forests. The Kirirom area is also home to a wide array of wildlife, including gibbons, leopards, deer, monkeys and birds.

This is a real opportunity to immerse yourself in the community and wander around this remote region. No phones, zero signal, just us back in nature. We have a whole section as to why we are supporting this community which will be shared later on.

DAY 4 - PHNOM PENH - Mekong Sunset River Cruise

We're heading back to Phnom Penh, the ultimate hub of travel links in this Cambodian wonderland. Sure, the roads may be playing catch-up in this developing country, but hey, that's what adds to the thrill of our adventure! It may feel like *Deja Vu*, but fear not, because we've got a secret treat up our sleeve – and it's gonna blow your socks off!

But before we unleash the excitement, you've got some free time to wander and wonder in the vibrant streets of Phnom Penh. Get your adventure juices flowing with a visit to the Royal Palace or the dazzling Silver Pagoda - If history is your jam, the National Museum is your go-to spot to uncover some ancient artefacts.

Feeling more chillaxed? No problemo! Simply grab a seat at a riverside café, sip your favourite drink, and watch the world dance by like a group of disco-loving flamingos!

As the sun starts to dip below the horizon, get ready for a river cruise along the Mekong. Free beer and soft drinks, folks! It's time to sit back, relax, and groove to the rhythm of the river as you bid farewell to Phnom Penh in grand style. And yes, you can totally do a "happy dance" on the boat – in fact, we encourage it!

DAY 5 - SIEM REAP - Phnom Penh to Siem Reap

Now, as the sun rises on a brand-new day, we're off to the ancient town of Siem Reap – a place that'll steal your heart faster than a cheeky monkey snatching a banana! The 6-hour journey to Siem Reap will depart at 8:45 a.m. It's comfortable and air-conditioned, and the bus usually has Wifi.

Once we arrive in Siem Reap, you'll have time to check in, unpack, freshen up and get used to your new surroundings. Later on, you'll meet one of our volunteer coordinators for an update on which project we'll be getting stuck into on our giving-back programme. Once all the official stuff is out the way, it's time to introduce you to PUB STREET! Yeah, that's right, a place of bustling bars, weird and wonderful food, and bright lights that puts the Las Vegas strip to shame (well, almost)

We've got a welcome meal thrown in because why not? But let's not get too crazy, as you'll need to be in bed early for the big day tomorrow! It's Angkor Wat.

DAY 6 - SIEM REAP - Sunrise Angkor Wat

Wakey-wakey, Cambodia Adventurers! Today's the day you've been waiting for – a highlight of your epic Cambodian escapade!

Now, we know it's an early rise, but trust us, you won't want to miss this! We're heading to the colossal Angkor Wat, the heavyweight champion of religious monuments worldwide. A whopping 500-acre site! But fear not, we've got your ride sorted with super cool tuk-tuks. Just remember to pack your comfy shoes – this adventure will have you walking like explorers on a mission!

As the sun peeks over the horizon, we'll arrive at the UNESCO Heritage site in perfect time for sunrise. Say cheese! Get those cameras ready and charged, because this is where the real-life Tomb Raider vibes come alive. You'll be uncovering ancient secrets and memories that'll have your friends back home green with envy!

And hold onto your sun hats – there's still plenty more to explore! Your expert guide will dish out the juiciest historical tidbits and show you the absolute best spots for those Insta-worthy photos. It's like having a personal paparazzi but less annoying.

After a day packed with adventure, the afternoon is all yours to unleash your inner explorer in Siem Reap! With 101 places to eat, drink, and be merry, your taste buds are in for a wild ride. Explore bustling night markets, shop till you drop, or perhaps get those feet pampered with a delightful massage – you've earned it after conquering 10,000 steps like a true champion!

DAY 7 to 9 - SIEM REAP - GIVING BACK

Time to roll up your sleeves as you spend 4 days working on a community development project in Siem Reap. This is where you will contribute to building a stronger future for Cambodian communities (and get a little sweaty too).

One of the main issues Cambodia faces today is rural poverty within the country. Many people living in rural areas do not have access to clean water or sanitation and often live in housing that's in very poor condition.

FIND OUT MORE

Our development projects are based on the outskirts of Siem Reap. You will be picked up every morning and transported to the project by tuk-tuk to start our work. Lunch and water will be provided every day, and you will be picked up each afternoon and taken back to your hotel for a rest and to freshen up.

No one is pressured to work any harder than they wish. Cambodia is hot, and some may find it easy while others may not. Anything you can do will help, so don't panic.

Development projects vary and are based on the needs of the communities at the time of the tour. This means we could be involved in one of several things, such as; helping construct toilet blocks for villagers or working alongside local builders to repair/build a house for a family in need. Perhaps a water pump needs to be installed, or the local village school may need some repairs and maintenance. Whatever it is, you'll be making a difference. For many, volunteering is the highlight of the trip.

After returning from the project each day, the time will be yours to try one of the many restaurants or bars that Siem Reap has to offer. We love visiting the Phare Circus, stocking up on souvenirs at one of the night markets, or catching a traditional Khmer Apsara dance show. The options are endless, and you definitely won't be stuck for things to do. Our team will be on hand should you need assistance organising anything.

DAY 10 - SIEM REAP - Meet the elephants!

Today will be ele-fun. You will be visiting an elephant project that provides a safe and comfortable home for retired, overworked elephants that have previously been used in tourism and logging. The project ensures they provide the elephants with access to plenty of space, vegetation and clean water, to give them as natural a habitat as possible.

This project is new to Siem Reap, recently opening in March 2023. The organisation previously worked in Thailand but since the banning of elephants working at Angkor Wat temple, they have recently expanded to Cambodia to continue their great work.

We can't guarantee how many elephants will be there at the time of our visit, because they are only just starting off, but we can guarantee this is a great way to help support and build the project up, so more elephants can be rescued. As of July 2023, there are 2 elephants enjoying their retirement.

There are no riding elephants here, and there are no chains used. It goes without saying that the elephants' well-being is the priority. You will get to spend some time with the elephants, bathing them and preparing their food! You can expect to spend 2-3 hours at the project learning about elephant conservation in Cambodia, as well as getting hands-on.

This is a truly unforgettable day and you will be one of the first groups to experience it. Not only that, your visit ensures these beautiful animals can continue to be cared for. What a way to finish hey?! Is it beer o'clock yet? One for the road?

Day 11 - SIEM REAP - Goodbyes

Congratulations, Adventurers! You've reached the end of this wild ride. What a whirlwind of emotion it has been! But hey, all good things must come to an end, and now it's time to bid farewell to your travel family.

Fear not, though! Our trusty guides are still here, ready to sprinkle their magic dust on your onward travel plans. Need help with anything? Just give them a shout – they're like travel wizards with a pinch of unicorn sparkle!

And oh, the memories you've made! You've experienced the extraordinary, the incredible, and had a taste of true Cambodian culture. It's been a journey of a lifetime.

So, as you venture forth into the great unknown, we wish you safe travels. May your future adventures be filled with even more magical moments and laughter that light up the sky!

Farewell, dear travellers! Until we meet again on another Way To Travel adventure, keep the spirit of adventure alive, and never stop chasing those dreams. Bon voyage!

THE DETAILS

Activities: Guided tour of S21 prison & The Killing Fields, Chambok Village homestay experience, Waterfall trek (optional), Sunset river cruise, Explore the markets of Siem Reap, Angkor Wat sunrise tour, Development project, Elephant project visit.

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Day 13 - FLIGHT TO SAIGON (HO CHI MINH)

That's it! It's time to say bye-bye to some of you on the shorter trip. We will be there to help you arrange any transport you might need, be it back to the airport or wherever you're heading next. Those of you lucky enough to be spending more time with us, will be taking a short domestic flight to Saigon (Ho Chi Minh).

Day 14 - CU CHI TUNNELS

For those of you with an inner history-geek and let's be honest, we all do! Today will see each of you guided through one of the most important pieces of Viet Cong infrastructure during the infamous US - Vietnamese War. Once a near impossible fortress to penetrate, the Cu Chi Tunnels are now open to tourists to see. This underground base-camp and transportation network is truly something not to be missed. After a busy day you'll have no doubt built an appetite for thirst, so let's go for a bite to eat and a few cold beers.

Day 15 - MEKONG HOMESTAY

Wave goodbye to the concrete jungle that is Saigon and say hello to the green rice fields, mangroves and stunning landscapes of the Mekong. Today is as local as it gets with our authentic homestay experience. You'll be greeted by the heart warming local family who'll have your lunch ready for when you arrive. Pick your own coconuts and learn to make traditional cakes before an experience you'll never forget... fishing like a local! You may get a little dirty as you attempt to catch catfish with your bare hands.

Day 16 - LIFE IN THE MEKONG & BACK TO SAIGON

Your time in the Mekong isn't up yet. The last river cruise we promise... but this time we will be taking multiple stops to show you how the locals make a living in the area. A candy factory, a honey farm and a brick factory (much more interesting than it sounds) are just a few of the places we'll check out. We'll have to drag you away from paradise now to head back to Saigon for our last night where we've got a lovely included farewell dinner waiting for you.

Day 17 - CHECKOUT DAY

That's it, your time in Vietnam has come to an end and it's time to take the bus over the border into the Kingdom Of Wonder.

After much anticipation, surely it's time to "Choul Muoy!" to even more adventures on the second leg of your trip, in Cambodia.

Once you're settled into your room and had some rest, we'll head out for our first taste of local Cambodian cuisine in the Capital City, Phnom Penh.

FIND OUT MORE

DAY 18- PHNOM PENH - Khmer Killing Fields & S21 Prison

Prepare yourself for a profound journey to the Killing Fields - a place that helps you understand Cambodia's recent tragic past. Here, amidst the solemn grounds, millions of lives were lost during the Cambodian genocide. It's a sad start to a tour, but a place that needs to be explored nonetheless. It will help you to connect with the people you'll meet along the way.

The audio-guided tour will walk you along the paths that many men, women and children took as their final journey. S21 Prison matches the killing fields as a grim reminder of the Khmer Rouge regime. This converted school was turned into a prison for unlawful interrogation, where only a few people survived.

Visiting these sites will not be a light-hearted endeavour. However, this significant chapter of Cambodia's recent history shaped the tapestry of its modern culture, making it imperative for every visitor to experience. After this humbling day, we have some time to reflect before reconvening for a shared meal along the bank of the Mekong River.

DAY 19 - CHAMBOK VILLAGE -Traditional Khmer Homestay In Chambok Village

We're leaving the capital and making our onward journey to Chambok Village. This is where you'll spend the night at a traditional Khmer homestay. Accommodation is basic and rural, but this is an experience that very few visitors to Cambodia get to have.

Situated on the cusp of Kirirom National Park, it's around three hours southwest of Phnom Penh (depending on traffic, weather and if anyone has left something behind). The National Park is a far cry from the chaos of the city, offering a peaceful respite in the form of lush plateaus, cascading waterfalls and sweet-smelling pine forests. The Kirirom area is also home to a wide array of wildlife, including gibbons, leopards, deer, monkeys and birds.

This is a real opportunity to immerse yourself in the community and wander around this remote region. No phones, zero signal, just us back in nature. We have a whole section as to why we are supporting this community which will be shared later on.

DAY 20- PHNOM PENH - Mekong Sunset River Cruise

We're heading back to Phnom Penh, the ultimate hub of travel links in this Cambodian wonderland. Sure, the roads may be playing catch-up in this developing country, but hey, that's what adds to the thrill of our adventure! It may feel like Deja Vu, but fear not, because we've got a secret treat up our sleeve – and it's gonna blow your socks off!

But before we unleash the excitement, you've got some free time to wander and wonder in the vibrant streets of Phnom Penh. Get your adventure juices flowing with a visit to the Royal Palace or the dazzling Silver Pagoda - If history is your jam, the National Museum is your go-to spot to uncover some ancient artefacts.

DAY 22 - SIEM REAP - Sunrise Angkor Wat

Wakey-wakey, Cambodia Adventurers! Today's the day you've been waiting for – a highlight of your epic Cambodian escapade!

Now, we know it's an early rise, but trust us, you won't want to miss this! We're heading to the colossal Angkor Wat, the heavyweight champion of religious monuments worldwide. A whopping 500-acre site! But fear not, we've got your ride sorted with super cool tuk-tuks. Just remember to pack your comfy shoes – this adventure will have you walking like explorers on a mission!

As the sun peeks over the horizon, we'll arrive at the UNESCO Heritage site in perfect time for sunrise. Say cheese! Get those cameras ready and charged, because this is where the real-life Tomb Raider vibes come alive. You'll be uncovering ancient secrets and memories that'll have your friends back home green with envy!

And hold onto your sun hats – there’s still plenty more to explore! Your expert guide will dish out the juiciest historical tidbits and show you the absolute best spots for those Insta-worthy photos. It’s like having a personal paparazzi but less annoying.

After a day packed with adventure, the afternoon is all yours to unleash your inner explorer in Siem Reap! With 101 places to eat, drink, and be merry, your taste buds are in for a wild ride. Explore bustling night markets, shop till you drop, or perhaps get those feet pampered with a delightful massage – you’ve earned it after conquering 10,000 steps like a true champion!

DAY 23 to 25 - SIEM REAP - GIVING BACK

Time to roll up your sleeves as you spend 4 days working on a community development project in Siem Reap. This is where you will contribute to building a stronger future for Cambodian communities (and get a little sweaty too).

One of the main issues Cambodia faces today is rural poverty within the country. Many people living in rural areas do not have access to clean water or sanitation and often live in housing that’s in very poor condition.

Our development projects are based on the outskirts of Siem Reap. You will be picked up every morning and transported to the project by tuk-tuk to start our work. Lunch and water will be provided every day, and you will be picked up each afternoon and taken back to your hotel for a rest and to freshen up.

No one is pressured to work any harder than they wish. Cambodia is hot, and some may find it easy while others may not. Anything you can do will help, so don’t panic.

Development projects vary and are based on the needs of the communities at the time of the tour. This means we could be involved in one of several things, such as; helping construct toilet blocks for villagers or working alongside local builders to repair/build a house for a family in need. Perhaps a water pump needs to be installed, or the local village school may need some repairs and maintenance. Whatever it is, you’ll be making a difference. For many, volunteering is the highlight of the trip.

After returning from the project each day, the time will be yours to try one of the many restaurants or bars that Siem Reap has to offer. We love visiting the Phare Circus, stocking up on souvenirs at one of the night markets, or catching a traditional Khmer Apsara dance show. The options are endless, and you definitely won’t be stuck for things to do. Our team will be on hand should you need assistance organising anything.

DAY 26 - SIEM REAP - Meet the elephants!

Today will be ele-fun. You will be visiting an elephant project that provides a safe and comfortable home for retired, overworked elephants that have previously been used in tourism and logging. The project ensures they provide the elephants with access to plenty of space, vegetation and clean water, to give them as natural a habitat as possible.

This project is new to Siem Reap, recently opening in March 2023. The organisation previously worked in Thailand but since the banning of elephants working at Angkor Wat temple, they have recently expanded to Cambodia to continue their great work.

We can’t guarantee how many elephants will be there at the time of our visit, because they are only just starting off, but we can guarantee this is a great way to help support and build the project up, so more elephants can be rescued. As of July 2023, there are 2 elephants enjoying their retirement.

There are no riding elephants here, and there are no chains used. It goes without saying that the elephants’ well-being is the priority. You will get to spend some time with the elephants, bathing them and preparing their food! You can expect to spend 2-3 hours at the project learning about elephant conservation in Cambodia, as well as getting hands-on.

This is a truly unforgettable day and you will be one of the first groups to experience it. Not only that, your visit ensures these beautiful animals can continue to be cared for. What a way to finish hey?! Is it beer o'clock yet? One for the road?

Day 27 - SIEM REAP - Goodbyes

Congratulations, Adventurers! You've reached the end of this wild ride. What a whirlwind of emotion it has been! But hey, all good things must come to an end, and now it's time to bid farewell to your travel family.

Fear not, though! Our trusty guides are still here, ready to sprinkle their magic dust on your onward travel plans. Need help with anything? Just give them a shout – they're like travel wizards with a pinch of unicorn sparkle!

And oh, the memories you've made! You've experienced the extraordinary, the incredible, and had a taste of true Cambodian culture. It's been a journey of a lifetime.

So, as you venture forth into the great unknown, we wish you safe travels. May your future adventures be filled with even more magical moments and laughter that light up the sky!

Farewell, dear travellers! Until we meet again on another Way To Travel adventure, keep the spirit of adventure alive, and never stop chasing those dreams. Bon voyage!

WHO'S THIS FOR?

Are you 18 - whatever years old? OK!? You've passed the first step to knowing if this could be for you.

Come alone, bring a friend, drag your loved one, persuade your nan or force a reunion... everything goes! If you've got an open mind, a kind heart, a karaoke song at the ready and you love an adventure then this is for you.



THE DETAILS

Activities: Hanoi Walking Tour, Rickshaw Ride, Water Pupper Show, Ha Long Cruise, Kayaking Ha Long, Sunrise Tai Chi, Ninh Binh Bicycle Tour, Tam Coc River Cruise, Dragon Boat Cruise, Bamboo Basket Boats, Local Cooking Class, Farming Experience, Saigon Walking Tour, Cu Chi Tunnels Tour, Mekong Homestay, Mekong River Cruise, Mud Fishing, Guided tour of S21 prison & The Killing Fields, Chambok Village homestay experience, Waterfall trek (optional), Sunset river cruise, Explore the markets of Siem Reap, Angkor Wat sunrise tour, Development project, Elephant project visit.

Transport: Airport Pick Up, Private Bus, Public Overnight Train, Electric Car, Public Domestic Flight, Tuk Tuks, Private Bus, Premium Public Bus.

Not Included: Flights to and from Vietnam/ Cambodia, Visas & Vaccinations, Travel Insurance, spending money, other meals, drinks.

WHERE WE STAY

Hanoi Hotel x 2 nights, Ha Long Overnight Cruise x 1 night, Ninh Binh Bungalows x 1 night, Overnight Train x 1 night, Hue Hotel x 4 nights & Hoi An Hotel x 3 nights, Saigon (Ho Chi Minh) Hotel x 3 nights, Mekong Homestay 1 night, Phnom Penh x 3 nights, Chambok Village Homestay x 1 night, Siem Reap x 6 nights

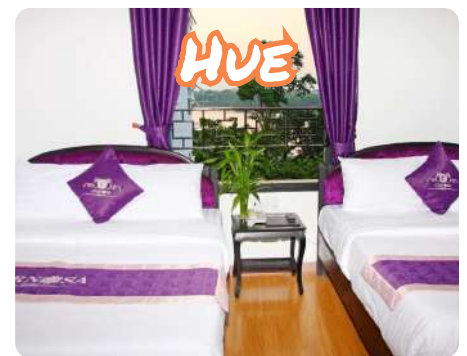
Twin/ Double Share

You'll be sharing with 1 other person of the same sex. If you would prefer your own room you can upgrade to a private room for \$1100, excluding the homestay which is multiple sharing.

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