

Mekong Cruise with Vietnam and Cambodia

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VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA WITH MEKONG CRUISE

On this tour we visit the historically intertwined countries of Vietnam and Cambodia, taking in bustling metropolis cities, ancient kingdoms, world heritage sites, and the spectacular beauty of Halong Bay and the Mekong Delta.

With its fascinating history, terraced rice fields, floating markets, French influenced food, and scenic waterways, Vietnam has so much to offer the traveller. Vietnam is a long, narrow nation on the eastern edge of the peninsula known as Indochina. As a communist country, Vietnam has no official religion, but people are free to worship if they want to, and many follow what's called the "Three Teachings" of Confucianism, Taoism, and Buddhism. Vietnam's neighbours include China to the north and Laos and Cambodia to the west. A 1600 km long coastline stretches along the east, with the mountains of the Annam Cordillera dominating most of the western side of the country. Two of Vietnam's largest rivers, the Mekong in the south and the Red in the north, end at the South China Sea in huge swampy plains called deltas. These regions are home to much of the country's population and provide fertile ground to grow rice and crops. On this journey, we will cruise the serene waters of both the delta and UNESCO World Heritage-listed Halong Bay in northeast Vietnam, which consists of more than 1,600 islands and inlets.

The Kingdom of Cambodia is about twice the size of Tasmania and has a population of over 14 million, 95% of whom are Buddhists. From the 9th to the 15th century, the country was the centre of the Khmer Empire. It became a French protectorate in 1863 and then part of French Indochina a few years later. The decades following their independence in 1953 were nothing short of turbulent and bloody. Between 1969 and 1973 some half a million civilians and soldiers were killed by the "secret" American carpet bombing. Fanatical dictator Pol Pot ruled from 1975 until 1978 and it's estimated that one fifth of the country's population perished during this period from government related activity. Today, Cambodia is a private enterprise economy with foreign investment and tourism imperative to the nation. The capital Phnom Penh is by far the largest city with a population of over 2 million. Physically, the country is picturesque with fertile valleys, the mighty Mekong River and Tonle Sap freshwater lake as core sightseeing must sees. Of course, Cambodia's main tourist attraction is the stunning Angkor Wat.



Day 1, Saturday 12th October ARRIVE SAIGON (HO CHI MINH)

Depart Australia for arrival at Saigon airport and transfer to the hotel. There will be free time to explore. Dinner in hotel. Overnight in Saigon (arrival time to be advised). **D**

Day 2, Sunday 13th October CRUISE DEPARTURE

Today we board the Mekong Navigator, a beautiful colonial-style vessel built in 2014, for a maximum of just 68 guests. Your cabin is a Vista Suite complete with your own balcony, and private ensuite and comes in double or twin share format. Upgrades are subject to availability and additional cost. After lunch at around 2.30 pm the group will transfer from Ho Chi Minh City to My Tho Port, South Vietnam. From there, we begin our journey aboard the luxurious Mekong Navigator cruise ship. After settling into your well-appointed Suite- cabin, that evening, following a welcome reception, safety briefing, and introduction to key members of the crew, a delicious Vietnamese 'Mekong Delta' Welcome Dinner will be served in Le Marche Dining Room. The Mekong Navigator cruise ship departs My Tho after all guests have boarded, at about 5:00 pm. **D**



Day 3, Monday 14th October CAI BE – SA DEC

Around 8.30 am on arrival to Cai Be, local sampans will meet us at the cruise ship. As we board the sampan boats and leave the ship, we will cruise amongst a myriad of local boats from the delta provinces. You may see larger boats selling various items, and the stilted houses of Cai Be. Continuing into Cai Be's smaller canals, stops will be made to visit the Ba Duc House, a traditional Vietnamese home and garden, and a rice factory, where pop rice candy, rice paper, and other rice products are made. The Mekong Navigator cruise ship departs Cai Be area at about 11:00 am and will arrive in the Sa Dec area at about 2:00 pm. The sampans return for leisurely, scenic navigation of the narrow canals of the Mekong, where you will observe the daily routines of the villagers en route to the historic town of Sa Dec where we visit the home of Mr. Huynh Thuy Le, the inspiration of Marguerite Duras' novel, L'Amant (The Lover), as well as the Chinese Temple - Kien An Cung which was built in honour of the Huynh Thuy Le Family. From there, a walk through the town's market, to experience the sights, sounds, and smells and provide some wonderful photo opportunities taking in the colourful fresh produce, meat, live fish and seafood for sale. The cruise ship departs Sa Dec area after all guests are back on board about 5:00 pm. Overnight mid-river My An Hung area. **B/L/D**



Day 4, Tuesday 15th October MY AN HUNG – LONG KHANH A ISLAND

This morning, we make a short journey from ship to shore by traditional sampan, visiting a typical evergreen farming village on the Mekong Delta, the My An Hung village. We walk through the verdant village, interact with villagers, enjoy fresh coconut in the garden. Enjoy the “don ca tai tu” folk music, followed by an impressive VOVINAM Vietnam Martial Arts performed by the teenagers of the village. About 11:00 am the cruise ship departs for Long Khanh A Island area arriving about 3.00pm. In the afternoon, your sampans will take you to the local island village of Hong Ngu, not far from the Vietnam- Cambodia border. Hong Ngu produces a large number of traditional Khmer scarves. Before returning to the sampans, we will walk around this evergreen island and visit the home of a local War Veteran. The Mekong Navigator will depart Long Khanh Island area at 17:30 hrs. Overnight at the border area. **B/L/D**

Day 5, Wednesday 16th October BORDER CROSSING – CRUISING UPSTREAM

The vessel will cross the border into Cambodia and after border formalities, depart about 9:30 am. This morning we sail upstream to enjoy a leisurely cruise, taking in the sights along the Mekong River, reaching Phnom Penh in the evening. Some cultural activities are planned on board. Arrive into Phnom Penh about 8:00 pm. Overnight docking at Phnom Penh Port. **B/L/D**



Day 6, Thursday 17th October PHNOM PENH

In the morning, there's an opportunity to learn more about the darkest days of Cambodian history. You'll arrive at the Choeung Ek killing

fields, where you may walk through the fields, visit the small museum and Memorial Stupa, and learn more about the atrocities committed during the Khmer Rouge regime. Before returning to the ship, you'll visit tour Tuol Sleng (also known as S-21), the former school converted to the main prison and torture headquarters of the Khmer Rouge. After returning to the ship enjoy a free afternoon in Phnom Penh - exploring the city independently. A scheduled shuttle coach with your local guide is provided from the Port to the Central Market for shopping. Before dinner, join us on the Sun Deck to watch Cambodian cultural performances including Cambodian's national dance as well as Apsara blessing dance. Overnight docking at Phnom Penh Port. **B/L/D**



Day 7, Friday 18th October PHNOM PENH

After breakfast on board this morning, Tuk Tuk drivers will meet us on the pier for an exciting morning tour of Phnom Penh. You are gently transported along the riverfront to the Royal Palace complex, where you enjoy a leisure walk through the grounds. After viewing Throne Hall and Moonlight Pavilion, you visit the famous Silver Pagoda, home of Cambodia's Emerald Buddha and the Maitreya Buddha, which is encrusted with more than 9,000 diamonds. Your Tuk Tuk is waiting outside to take you on the short ride to the open-air National Museum,

housing the largest collection of Angkorian and pre-Angkorian artefacts excavated at the Angkor Temple complex at Siem Reap, as well as other areas around Cambodia. After returning to the ship, enjoy another free afternoon in Phnom Penh or join an optional excursion (additional cost) where you'll visit one of the local silk weaving villages: Board a local boat and cruise about 40 minutes around the headlands from the Tonle Sap River back into the Mekong River reaching the silk weaving area. You'll get an in-depth briefing on silkworm raising and weaving the beautiful silk products like silk Sarong, Phamuong, Hol and silk Karma. Returning by boat the same way, whilst cruising along Sisowath Quay and the Royal Palace, during the sunset. The cruise ship departs Phnom Penh about 7.00pm. Overnight mid river at Angkor Ban. **B/L/D**



Day 8, Saturday 19th October ANGKOR BAN – WAT HANCHEY – KAMPONG CHAM

This morning, we'll visit the charming village of Angkor Ban. Here, you will have a glimpse into the lives of the local people, starting with a visit to a family's home to see how the locals live, along with an opportunity to meet the family and discuss their lifestyle. Next, you will continue through the village to the local private school, where you will join the children in their classroom and experience their typical school day. You will then walk back through the village to the ship, including a brief stop at the local monastery complex. The Mekong Navigator cruise ship departs Angkor Ban after all guests on board about 11:00 am arriving into Wat Hanchey about 3.00 pm. In the afternoon, your excursion will start with a walk up the hill to the local monastery of Wat Hanchey and receive a traditional Buddhist Water Blessing from the resident monks. After enjoying a walk around the monastery and the amazing views of the Mekong River valley, you descend 303 steps and return to the ship.

*For those wanting help, there is a small coach provided bringing you up and down the hill. The cruise ship departs Wat Hanchey about 17:30. In the evening, you gather in the Sun Deck in front of the Le Salon Lounge for a Farewell Reception with the entire crew, before enjoying a Cambodian Farewell Dinner in Le Mache Dining Room. The Mekong Navigator cruise ship arrives Kampong Cham port at about 19:00. **B/L/D**



Day 9, Sunday 20th October KAMPONG CHAM – DISEMBARKATION – SIEM REAP

Following breakfast, say goodbye to the crew as we disembark the cruise ship and transfer from Kampong Cham to Siem Reap, Cambodia, with a lunch stop, arriving early afternoon at your hotel in Siem Reap, Cambodia. Coaches depart Kampong Cham for Siem Reap about 8:30 am. Then, in the afternoon, your guide will see you again for a Tuk-Tuk ride around the suburb of Siem Reap city followed by a blessing ceremony by Buddhist monks for happiness, prosperity, and safety. Tonight, enjoy dinner with the Apsara Dance show at the

local restaurant. Overnight at a hotel in Siem Reap.
B/L/D

Day 10, Monday 21st October **ANGKOR WAT (OR FREE DAY)**

Today is an early start for a transfer to enjoy the sunrise over the Angkor Temple. Then head back to the hotel for breakfast before continuing to discover the Angkor Wat, a temple complex built for King Suryavarman II in the early 12th century as his state temple and capital city. We'll explore the ruins including the South Gate of Angkor Thom, the impressive Bayon Temple, the Royal Enclosure, Phimeanakas, the Elephant Terrace, the Terrace of the Leper King, and the Preah Khan temple. In the afternoon you explore the fabulous Ta Prohm temple embraced by fig and silk-cotton trees puncturing the roofs of Ta Prohm's towers. At the end of the day, enjoy watching the sunset at the Preah Rup temple. Dinner in local restaurant Overnight at a hotel in Siem Reap. **B/D**

Day 11, Tuesday 22nd October **BANTEAY SREI (OR FREE DAY) / FLIGHT TO HO CHI MINH CITY**

After breakfast the group will head out of town as we make our way by to the intricately carved and well-preserved temple of Banteay Srei. Along the way we make a stopover at the Preah Dark village and we follow this with a visit to the Banteay Samre Temple adorned with impressive reliefs depicting scenes of Vishnu and Krishna legends. In the afternoon (flight schedule to be determined), you'll fly from Siem Reap to HCM City then transfer and check in to your hotel. **B/D**

Day 12, Wednesday 23rd October **SAIGON (HO CHI MINH)**

Today we'll explore the Saigon including Reunification Palace, which used to be the residence of the President of the Republic of Vietnam. Stop at War Remnants Museum, a place with many photographs from both Vietnam and US sources; US military vehicles like tanks, jets, and booms display outside. Visit Notre Dame Cathedral and Old Post Office, 2 of the most famous and oldest classical French colonial architecture constructed more than 100 years ago. In the afternoon, we continue the city tour by discovering the city's eastern side at Giac Lam Pagoda, the oldest one in Ho Chi Minh City. Ride to Cho Lon (Big Market) and Thien Hau Pagoda, located inside China Town. Stop for shopping at Ben Thanh Market in the city centre, before heading back to your hotel in Saigon in time for dinner. **B/D**

Day 13, Thursday 24th October **CU CHI TUNNELS – CAO DAI TEMPLE**

After breakfast, we depart for a long day starting with the Cao Dai Temples. Located in Tay Ninh province, Cao Dai Temple is a great place to learn about the Vietnamese religion. In its main building, four prayers are conducted daily, and travellers can witness or even join in the ceremonies. Afterwards we continue to the famous Cu Chi Tunnels. Located 70 km northwest of Saigon, Cu Chi Tunnels were an incredible underground network constructed by Vietnamese soldiers in the American war. Return to hotel and have dinner in local restaurant. Overnight in Saigon. **B/D**

Day 14, Friday 25th October **SAIGON / FLIGHT TO DA NANG / HOI AN**

Your morning is free before we are transferred to the airport for your flight to Da Nang (schedule TBA). On arrival, you'll be collected and transferred to Hoi An. The ancient town of Hoi An is in Central Vietnam. In the 16th and 17th centuries, it was a busy international commercial port for foreign merchants. Today, it's popular for its peaceful beauty, eclectic architecture, tailors and cafes. In the afternoon, we will have a walking tour in this beautiful town, recognised by UNESCO as a world heritage site. The tranquil and charm of Hoi An with its low-tiled houses of Chinese appearance, Japanese-covered bridge, and the colourful riverside market make it one of Vietnam's must-see destinations. Dinner in a local restaurant. Overnight in Hoi An. **B/D**



Day 15, Saturday 26th October **HOI AN – TRA QUE VILLAGE**

After breakfast, we'll transfer to Tra Que Vegetable Village. In this place, you will have the opportunity to participate in daily activities of the local residents in the old time. You'll savour boiled sweet potatoes dipping them into ground salty roasted peanut, drink lotus tea gathered from Tra Que lotus lagoon and listen to folk songs about Quang Nam native country. Then local farmers will take you to see vegetable gardens and teach you the techniques of planting and cultivating many kinds of vegetables planted in the gardens. Back to Tra Que's family house, you will enjoy working with the family chef to learn the traditional ways of preparing and cooking Vietnamese food. Then, sit down and savor the dishes you have just prepared. In the afternoon, Visit Nipa Plam Village by basket boat and participate in catching mussels, snails, fishing, or making souvenirs (watches, rings, hats...) from nipa palm leaves with the help of locals. Dinner in local restaurant. Overnight in Hoian. **B/L/D**

Day 16, Sunday 27th October **HOI AN – HUE**

After breakfast, depart for Ba Na hills and take the Cable Car to Ba Na Hills Station to visit Vong Nguyet hills, Linh Ung pagoda, The Old French Villas. Continue moving up by cable car to the Nui Chua Mountain – the top of Ba Na range, visiting Nginh Phong top, Le Nim Villas, Orchid Garden. Also visit Jardin D'amour and Linh Ung Pagoda, walking on the Golden Bridge amid the foggy hills of the mountain where you'll enjoy the gorgeous view of Da Nang City. Lunch is at a local restaurant before taking the cable car down and heading out to Hue (100km). On arrival into Hue – the ancient capital – check in your hotel Overnight in Hue. **B/L/D**





**Day 17,
Monday 28th
October
HUE**

Today we will have full day to visit Hue, taking the boat on the Perfume River, to the picturesque Thien Mu

pagoda, or Heavenly Lady Pagoda. Built in 1601, it is one of the best known religious and must-see sites in Hue. Disembark the boat to visit the elaborate mausoleum of former emperor Tu Duc. Stretching along the Perfume River, Tu Duc mausoleum is considered the most picturesque site of Hue. The tomb was designed by the Emperor Tu Duc himself and this is the largest architectural work of Nguyen Dynasty's royal palaces and tombs. In the afternoon, visit the Citadel and the Forbidden Purple City. Built in the 19th century by Nguyen dynasty, the Citadel becomes Vietnam's most important historical and cultural monument. It is a square 2 km wall encompassing 3 walled enclosures: the Citadel, the Yellow Imperial city, and the Forbidden Purple city. After this explore the Dong Ba market before returning to the hotel. Tonight enjoy the royal dinner with royal dress in the beautiful restaurant, listen to royal traditional music. **B/D**

**Day 18, Tuesday 29th October
HUE – HANOI**

In the morning the group will visit the Minh Mang Tomb to explore the opulent and exotic resting place laid out in formal Chinese style. Next, we'll make our way to Thanh Tien Village, well-known for over 300 years of crafting paper flowers. Meet the local villagers and learn how to make ornate paper flowers. Lunch is at a local restaurant before transferring to the airport for your flight to Hanoi (schedule TBA). On arrival, pick up and transfer to your hotel where you'll have dinner. **B/L/D**



**Day 19,
Wednesday
30th October
HANOI**

Today, we enjoy a full day city tour starting with the Ho Chi Minh Complex. This famous site

contains the mausoleum of the nation's founder Ho Chi Minh. Located in the center of Ba Dinh Square, this is the most important monument of Vietnam in which Ho Chi Minh's body is preserved. The next destination is the Presidential Palace and the Ho Chi Minh's house on stilts. The Ho Chi Minh's stilt house was completed on May 19th, 1958 as a birthday present for uncle Ho and becomes a symbol of his simple life. Close to this complex is the One Pillar Pagoda. The pagoda looks like a lotus blossoming from the square pond. It was constructed in 1049 by King Ly Thai Tong based on his dream of Goddess of Mercy seating on a lotus flower and giving him a boy. In 1954, it was destroyed by the French and then restored in 1955. We follow this with the Temple of Literature, which is well known as the first university of Vietnam. This temple provides an opportunity to learn more about education in Vietnam

since 1000 years ago until recent history. In the afternoon, visit the impressive Ethnologic Museum that is dedicated to Vietnam's 54 ethnic groups. To round off the day, the evening takes us to the old theatre for a water puppet show, a unique Vietnam traditional art. Dinner is at a local restaurant. Overnight at the hotel in Hanoi. **B/D**



**Day 20, Thursday 31st October
HANOI – DUONG LAM VILLAGE – TRAIN TO
LAO CAI**

Morning drive about 50km from Hanoi to visit Duong Lam ancient village in Son Tay province. Duong Lam, a purely agricultural village of the Northern Red River Delta. On arrival, we take a walk on the village path to visit Mong Phu temple where is dedicated to national heroes, King Ngo Quyen and King Phung Hung temples. Enjoy special Vietnamese lunch prepared by the host. While you are in the house you can also join the local people in producing local specialties such as soft green-lentil cake and rice cake filled with brown onion and enjoy these dishes (depend on the season of the year). Continue to visit Mia Pagoda – built in the 15th century- and admire 287 statues of all sizes before returning to your hotel in Hanoi. If you're interested, stop to visit Tay Phuong pagoda built in the 8th century, the best example of old typical pagodas in the North of Vietnam, being special with 18 ancient Arhan statues. Transfer to Hanoi. Tonight enjoy dinner in local restaurant and transfer to Hanoi station for overnight train to Lao Cai. Private carriage of 2 berths (train departs at 20:45 hrs). **B/L/D**



**Day 21, Friday
1st November
LAO CAI – CAU CAU
MARKET – SAPA**

An early morning arrival at Lao Cai station where you'll transfer to hotel and restaurant for breakfast before



departure for Can Cau Market. Can Cau is a busy market which is held every Saturday. Located just below the Chinese border, it is a colourful, vibrant market where you will encounter minority peoples such as the Flower Hmong (Red Hmong), Nung, Phu La and even Chinese people from across the border. All kinds of goods are traded here, from fabrics to various types of livestock to the powerful local corn wine. Take time to explore the market. Mingle with the locals and soak in the atmosphere, maybe try to haggle a bargain! After lunch we will drive to Ban Pho village and take a short walk around where the Flower Hmong, Tay and Nung minorities live. End the afternoon with a visit the house of Mr. Ho, a local Hmong man who performs traditional music, dance and storytelling. Then, drive to Sapa for Dinner in restaurant and overnight. **B/L/D**



**Day 22, Saturday 2nd November
SAPA – LAO CHAI – TA VAN**

Lao Chai & Ta Van Villages are the places where ethnic black H'mong and Dzay people live. Here you will enjoy the fresh air, marvel at the terraced fields and visit some of Black H'mong families to learn more about their culture and customs. Enjoy the beauty of the Muong

Hoa Valley, magnificent surroundings of mountains and rice terrace fields. Meet ethnic minority groups (H'mong, Zay, and Red Dao) whose stalls are along the way to sell fruits or sweets. From the main road, we will trek along a local path until we reach the Black H'mong village of Lao



Chai and experience the daily life of the villagers. Continue walking from Lao Chai to Ta Van village, where the Zay hill tribes live. Here you take a rest and enjoy a delicious lunch

prepared by your local guide in a local house. After lunch, relax and continue trekking to the meeting point on the main road for transferring back to Sapa town. The rest of this day is at leisure. Discover Sapa town on your own, its bustling market with colourful handmade brocatelle of the ethnic people, tea and coffee shops, and the local culture in this mountainous town (For those not wanting to trek, a transfer will be available). Dinner in a local restaurant. Overnight in Sapa. **B/L/D**



Day 23, Sunday 3rd November SAPA – LAO CHAI – TRAIN TO HANOI

Today we transfer to Silver Waterfall, where you will take a short walk. Continue your trek to climb up Ham Rong Mountain, where you can climb up to the Cloud Yard to admire the panorama of Sapa with vibrant colours of over 300 species of orchids and numerous caves and stones. (Up hill around 1.5 hours – 2km). This afternoon from the hotel there will be a walking tour to the hill tribe villages of Cat Cat to the H'mong hill tribe minority peoples. Just 3 km from Sapa, Cat Cat village is a popular place for those who wish to explore the unique cultures of the Northwest mountainous region of Vietnam. Enjoy the beauty of Tien Sa, Gold, Silver streams and the Cat Cat Waterfall. Later in the afternoon, transfer to Lao Cai station for an overnight train journey back to Hanoi. Overnight in carriage of 2 berths. (Train departs at 20:15pm). **B/L/D**

Day 24, Monday 4th November HANOI – HALONG BAY CRUISE

Arrive Hanoi station around 05:30 am. Transfer to a local hotel for breakfast and then depart for Halong Bay. The group will be taken aboard our support vessel and travel from the wharf via the bay to board our luxurious craft, Mon Chéri Cruises. After a compulsory safety procedure session, check into the cabin and freshen up. A special lunch of fresh food and an assortment of appetising delicacies will be served. Around 3.30 pm, the group will visit the Dark and Bright cave, famous for Lan Ha Bay's pristine natural beauty and seascape. Afterwards, take in the emerald green water of Lan Ha Bay with swimming activities or enjoy the mini pool and jacuzzi. Later, hit the top deck for sundowners, and admire the magnificent sunset over the Gulf of Tonkin. Enjoy a delicious local dinner prepared and served by the wonderful catering staff. After dinner, order an indulgent spa service, watch movies, go squid fishing or relax on the rooftop deck under the cover of a brightly illuminated sky. Overnight on board the vessel. **B/L/D**

Day 25, Tuesday 5th November HALONG BAY CRUISE

After breakfast the group will be transferred to a day tour cruise to explore the region.

Start the journey at

Viet Hai village - a peaceful village with vast, beautiful rice fields. Stop to visit the old house made from straw, mud, and bamboo and learn about the lives of the locals. After lunch, head to the pristine beach area with its fine white sand to have a swim or participate in kayaking activities. Late in the afternoon return to Mon Chéri Cruises. You will watch the sun dip over beautiful Ha Long Bay while sipping on a cocktail before dinner. After dinner, enjoy the view of Ha Long Bay from the deck. Overnight on Mon Chéri Cruise. **B/L/D**



Day 26, Wednesday 6th November HALONG BAY – NINH BINH

After breakfast on board the boat, the cruise will motor to the Frog Pond area, where you'll have free time before checking out of your cabin. Then, transfer for the 3-hour journey to Ninh Binh via Thai Binh and Nam Dinh. Situated in the south of the Northern Delta region, Ninh Binh is well known as the first imperial capital of Vietnam under Dinh, Le & Ly Dynasties. Admire the stunning countryside with water buffalos, majestic limestone and grottos. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel. There'll be some free time before having dinner in the hotel. Overnight in Ninh Binh. **B/L/D**



Day 27, Thursday 7th November NINH BINH – HOA LU – TRANG AN - HANOI

After breakfast, we explore the beautiful countryside with an excursion to Hoa Lu. The former capital of Vietnam in the 10th century covers an area of 300 hectares. The ancient citadel no longer exists today, and few vestiges remain. In Hoa Lu there are now 2 temples dedicated to King Dinh Tien Hoang and King Le Dai Hanh. We then take a boat trip to visit the amazing Trang An Grottoes. Trang An has an area of 1500 hectares, including 31 valleys and 50 cross-water caves. It is home to 600 kinds of flora and over 200 kinds of fauna surrounded by magnificent forested mountains, making it a fascinating destination. After lunch, transfer back to Hanoi for free time. Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner in a local restaurant where we can share all our stories from our amazing adventure. Overnight in Hanoi. **B/L/D**

Day 28, Friday 8th November TRANSIT HOME

After breakfast, your day is free until your transfer to the airport for your flight home or next destination. (Flight to be confirmed).



Icon indicates a day where there is **moderate physical exertion**. A basic level of fitness is required: eg. A trek over 'mostly flat' terrain or climbing several flights of steps without the support of handrails or elevators.



Icon indicates a day where there is a **particularly active section**. A good level of fitness is required: eg. A longer trek over non-groomed, uneven terrain, or ascending to reach a panorama. May also include exposure to higher altitude. **An alternate activity may be offered if you choose to sit out an active section.** Please call - we are happy to discuss each tour in more detail.