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Treasures of Angkor Wat & Vietnam

Departure Dates:

Departure Dates: 2011 4 & 25 Feb, 11 & 24 Mar, 12 May, 2 Jun, 15
- Sept, 13 Oct, 3 & 10 Nov
2012 19 & 26 Jan, 2 & 16 Feb, 15 Mar, 12 Apr

Price from : Double £3,499.00 per person *

Single Supplement: £740

*Prices are per person double/twin and include flights from Heathrow , with door-to-door transfer within 100 miles of the airport. Flights available from other UK airports – please call for your quotation. These holidays are operated by Collette Worldwide Holidays, ATOL 4832.

All space is first come first served and subject to availability



17 Days • 32 Meals: 14 Breakfasts • 10 Lunches • 8 Dinners

Highlights... Bangkok • Angkor Wat • Hanoi • Halong Bay • Hoi An • Hue • Ho Chi Minh City • Mekong Delta



Day 1: Overnight Flight

Your tour begins with an overnight flight to Thailand.

Day 2: Arrive Bangkok, Thailand

Arrive in one of the most fascinating cities in the world, Bangkok.

Day 3: Bangkok

A captivating city tour of Bangkok introduces you to this land's religious beliefs. Visit two of Bangkok's famous temples: the Golden Buddha and the Reclining Buddha. Also tour the Grand Palace, an ornate royal residence built in 1782. This evening, enjoy a welcome reception followed by a dinner cruise on a rice barge along the Chao Phraya River. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 4: Bangkok

Today visit Jim Thompson's house, a magnificent Thai-styled home containing an extensive collection of art objects and antiques. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy on your own. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 5: Bangkok - Siem Reap, Cambodia

Take a morning flight* to Siem Reap, the gateway to the mystical temple complex of Angkor. Enjoy a tour of the remarkable fortified city of Angkor Thom and visit the mysterious temple of Bayon with its astonishing smiling faces and detailed bas-reliefs depicting scenes of everyday life in the 12th century. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 6: Angkor Wat

During a full day excursion, behold the exotic Ta Prohm, a haunting, jungle-bound temple. Following lunch, visit the

intricately carved Angkor Wat. Constructed between the 9th and 13th centuries, it is revered as one of the world's most impressive temple sites. You may opt to remain at Angkor Wat to witness the sunset over the temple; this beautiful site is enigmatic at twilight. After dinner at your hotel, relax or take a stroll down Siem Reap's lively streets. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 7: Angkor Wat

Drive through Angkor to its rural outskirts and visit the Banteay Srei temple – a true jewel of Khmer art. Its red sandstone walls, decorated with elaborate carvings, are amazingly preserved. This afternoon set off for Preah Khan. Originally a Buddhist monastery, this temple was dedicated to Jayavarman VII's father and showcases elaborate carvings to complement its stunning library. Now overgrown with trees and other vegetation like its sister Ta Prohm, Preah takes its name from the sacred sword protecting

Cambodia. Today breakfast and lunch will be included.

Day 8: Angkor Wat - Hanoi, Vietnam

This morning, drive into the countryside. En route, visit a local village before setting sail on a cruise of Tonle Sap – the Great Lake of Cambodia. Discover how communities live and work on the lake; see floating schools, markets, police stations, and observe the daily lives of the population. Visit a typical house and enjoy an opportunity to interact with local families. Later, fly* to Hanoi, Vietnam's gracious capital city. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 9: Hanoi

Discover some of Hanoi's cultural treasures during visits to the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum. See Minh's simple house and enjoy a short walk to the One Pillar Pagoda. The Temple of Literature features a presentation on Vietnamese history spanning a thousand years. Learn about the varied aspects of Vietnamese culture that have shaped this nation. The afternoon allows time for exploring the Old Quarter, revered as the jewel of Hanoi because of its idyllic setting around pristine Hoan Kiem Lake and the nearby labyrinthine streets dedicated to regional merchandise. Visit the Lake of Restored Sword and discover the legend that gives the lake its name. Tonight, enjoy a performance at the world-famous Water Puppet Theater. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 10: Hanoi - Halong Bay

This morning drive to Halong Bay. After a seafood lunch, enjoy an excursion by boat through Halong Bay. Cruise on a traditional wooden boat among the emerald waters and craggy limestone cliffs, stopping to explore one of the many caves in this area and observe the rhythms of daily life on the bay. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 11: Halong Bay - Hanoi - Danang - Hoi An

This morning return to Hanoi for a short flight* to Danang, then drive to the city of Hoi An, the 16th- and 17th-century trading port of Vietnam. Enjoy leisure time this afternoon in this preserved merchant town which was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1999. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 12: Hoi An

Begin your day with coffee at Hai Scout Café before proceeding to the Hoi An



market to purchase the ingredients for your cooking class! Next, take a leisurely cruise up the Perfume River arriving at the cooking school. Learn the secrets of Vietnamese cooking as you help prepare five traditional dishes to enjoy for lunch. After lunch, take a cyclo (pedal cab) tour of Hoi An where the traditional lifestyle and Chinese architecture have remained unspoiled since the 17th century. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 13: Hoi An - Hue

Your journey takes you along the coast, travelling from Hoi An to the city of Hue. Travel along the Hai Van Pass, whose name means “pass of the ocean clouds,” as the peak of the mountain is above cloud level while its base is close to the sea. After arriving in Hue, visit the old Imperial City, including the Citadel, the “Forbidden Purple City” and the Thien Mu Pagoda.

Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.

Day 14: Hue - Ho Chi Minh City

Fly* to Ho Chi Minh City, a vibrant metropolis, and take a guided tour of the historic city landmarks including the Thien Hau temple and Cholon, the city’s Chinatown. Then, take a walking tour of the historic city centre for a view of the Notre Dame Cathedral, Central Post Office, the Opera House and the ornate city hall. Visit the War Remnants Museum, featuring a diverse collection of weapons from two Indochina wars. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included.*

Day 15: Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta

Travel this morning to My Tho, a bustling town in the rich agricultural region of the

Mekong Delta, and visit the Vinh Trang Pagoda, a beautiful temple and a sanctuary for orphans and other needy children. Board a small boat to explore the Mekong River islands, stopping at a fruit orchard for fruit and tea and to listen to some local music. Prior to dinner, visit the home of the former US Ambassador, Henry Cabot Lodge, and enjoy a lecture on the economy and politics of both Vietnam and Saigon. This enlightening visit is followed by a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 16: Ho Chi Minh City - Tour Concludes

Your tour concludes today with a day at leisure in Ho Chi Minh City. *Today breakfast will be included.*

YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day	2 - 4	Rembrandt Hotel, Bangkok
Day	5 - 7	Angkor Century Hotel, Siem Reap
Day	8, 9	Movenpick Hanoi Hotel, Hanoi
Day	10	Novotel Halong Bay, Halong Bay
Day	11, 12	Life Resort, Hoi An
Day	13	Mercure Hue Gerbera Hotel, Hue
Day	14, 15	Sofitel Plaza Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City

Add pre nights in Bangkok from only £40 per person per night and/or add post nights in Ho Chi Minh City from only £70 per person per night.

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

OPTIONAL EXCURSION ON REQUEST

French Dinner - Ho Chi Minh City - Price from £60 per person

EXTEND YOUR STAY

HONG KONG POST TOUR EXTENSION from only £409 per person (3 nights)

Day 16 - Ho Chi Minh City - Hong Kong

This afternoon you arrive in Hong Kong, one of Asia's most cosmopolitan and dynamic cities. You will stay in Kowloon, located in the heart of Hong Kong's bustling shopping district. The remainder of your day is at leisure. Hong Kong is noted for fabulous savings on jewellery, silk and leather products.

Day 17 - Hong Kong - Hong Kong Island

Begin your day being whisked by cable-car to Victoria Peak for spectacular views of the city and harbor below. Then, descend to Repulse Bay Beach and visit the longest beach on Hong Kong Island and its small temple of the Chinese Sea Goddess. Proceed to Aberdeen fishing village for a sampan ride inside the typhoon shelter. Continue to the Star Ferry and cross the harbor on one of these famous ferries.

Today breakfast will be included.

Day 18 - Hong Kong - Depart for home

You will board your overnight flight home.

Today breakfast will be included.

Day 19 - Arrive UK

IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

PASSPORTS & VISAS

Obtaining the proper proof of citizenship for entry to destination countries is the responsibility of each client.

A valid 10 year machine readable passport is required for each individual travelling outside of the United Kingdom. Passports must be valid for at least eight months beyond the return date from the destination.

Some countries require a visa in addition to a valid passport for entry into the country. It will be necessary for you to check with the appropriate embassy or consulate for specific information and entry requirements. Upon request, we can forward a visa application from a recommended visa service.

As some countries require your passport to be kept with you at all times as a form of identity, please ensure you keep it on your person in a safe and secure place. If your chosen destination does not require you to carry your passport, please ensure you leave it in a secure place, such as a hotel safety deposit box.

It is sensible to keep a separate note of your passport number and date of issue, therefore we recommend that our clients travelling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. These should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your chosen emergency contact. Please remember to complete the details of two relatives or friends who may be contacted in an emergency on the inside back cover of your passport.

Deposits are non-refundable. 60 - 29 days prior to departure: Cancellation fee of 50% of total price. 28 - 15 days prior to departure: Cancellation fee of 60% of total price. 14 - 8 days prior to departure: Cancellation fee of 75% of total price. 7 - 4 days prior to departure: Cancellation fee of 90% of total price. 3 days prior to departure or later: Cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For ocean/river cruises and holidays to Antarctica deposits are non-refundable. Balance due date to 90 days prior to departure: Cancellation fee of 50% of total price. 89-40 days prior to departure: Cancellation fee of 60% of total price. 44-21 days prior to departure: Cancellation fee of 75% of total price. 20-8 days prior to departure: Cancellation fee of 80% of total price. 7 - 4 days prior to departure: Cancellation fee of 90% of total price. 3 days prior to departure or later: Cancellation fee of 100% of total price.

Please Note:

Taxes/fees to be paid in local currencies upon exiting Cambodia is approximately 16 GBP.

**During the months of February - June, should the water levels at Tonle Sap be too low, you will instead visit the Rolous Group of temples.

Not all vendors accept credit cards or travellers cheques; therefore, it is recommended you bring small amounts of US dollars which are widely accepted for personal use.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.



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Please be advised that this tour is not exclusive to HPB Bondholders and that the group may be made up of various nationalities and age ranges. If you require further clarification please contact HPB Travel Club on 01638 674711

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Each client is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal doctor for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from.

Passports and Visas are required for this tour at your expense. The approximate cost for the Vietnam visa is £80 and you must obtain it prior to departure. You can obtain the visa for Cambodia at the airport upon arrival. The cost is approximately £20 and you will need 2 passport photos. Your Tour Manager will help you with the Cambodian visa. Cambodian visas can also be obtained in advance in the UK at a cost of approximately £45. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details.

Travel with just 24 passengers on this Explorations tour where a smaller group setting means a more personal travel experience.

Museum visits and shopping may be affected with observance of religious or local holidays.

Smithsonian Journeys Travel Adventures prides itself on bringing travellers the very best experiences a destination offers. Our itineraries include many activities and may consist of walking on uneven terrain or significant walking at times. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motorcoaches, especially in historic areas. For your comfort, we recommend bringing sturdy walking shoes. In addition, temperatures on this tour can be very high, so bring adequate sun protection.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilise your time on tour.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

Do I need to be a member of Smithsonian to take a tour?

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- o Discount of 10% at Museum shops and on catalogue purchases.
- o Personalized membership card.
- o Advance notice for seminars and events in your area.
- o Free admission to The Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum in NY.