# **\$SILVERSEA**Tour Programme

Silver Shadow 3834X / 12 Days

December-08-2018 / December-20-2018 Bangkok (Klong Toey), Thailand / Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam



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Date		Arrive	Depart
8	Bangkok (Klong Toey), Thailand		
9	Bangkok (Klong Toey), Thailand		4:00 PM
10	Sihanoukville, Cambodia	12:00 PM	
11	Sihanoukville, Cambodia		6:00 PM
12	Day at sea		
13	Day at sea		
14	Chan May, Vietnam	8:00 AM	
15	Chan May, Vietnam		2:00 PM
16	Qui Nhon, Vietnam	8:00 AM	6:00 PM
17	Nha Trang, Vietnam	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
18	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	12:00 PM	
19	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam		
20	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam		2:00 PM

# **General Information**

#### ORGANISED SHORE EXCURSIONS

Booking Direct with Silversea gives you peace of mind. Our local tour operators are fully insured and have been comprehensively vetted. In the unlikely event of issues with a Silversea tour, we assume responsibility and the ship will wait for our delayed shore excursion. These are important factors when comparing value. Looking for a special program with your travelling companions? In a nod to our Italian heritage, let us reserve for you our Silver Shore "Privato" service - a private vehicle with driver and/or guide. Create your own itinerary or leave it to us. This service is available in most ports which you can reserve on MySilversea (my.silversea.com) or at the Shore Concierge desk onboard for a truly tailor-made arrangement. Please bear in mind as we traverse many far reaching destinations, the local infrastructure varies and is beyond our control. Road conditions and vehicles available locally may not be up to standards we are accustomed to. Guides and drivers may speak with a heavy accent at times depending on the port of call. Be assured however that at Silversea, we contract only the best tours and best operators available at each destination. Please Note: Silversea reserves the right to make any changes or modify a tour in case of unforeseen circumstances and/or to ensure the safety and comfort of our guests.

#### **BOOKING & CANCELLATION DEADLINES**

Shore excursions must be purchased on or before the booking deadline for each port of call. Tours are available on a first-come, first-served basis; some tours are very popular with guests often ending up being wait-listed: in order to avoid disappointment, it is therefore suggested to book in advance via my.silversea.com from 120 - 7 days prior to sailing. Last-minute requests to participate on excursions are subject to space availability, which in some cases may not be determined until departure time pier-side. Please note that certain shore excursions may have different reservation deadlines and may incur cancellation fees if cancelled after the deadline. Unless otherwise indicated in the tour description for a particular shore excursion a 100% cancellation fee will be charged for shore excursions cancelled within 48 hours of the scheduled start time. If changes or cancellations are required once onboard, tickets must be returned to the Shore Concierge desk within the cancellation deadline period.

#### ONLINE ADVANCE RESERVATION OF SHORE EXCURSIONS

For those of you that are not aware, at Silversea you can pre-reserve your excursions at leisure prior to your journey on the internet, log on to MySilversea (my.silversea.com) up to 7 days prior to your sailing date. If you have pre-reserved your excursions on line, your tickets will be delivered to your suite upon embarkation and all charges will be billed to your shipboard account.

#### ON BOARD RESERVATIONS

Once on board, you may also reserve and purchase your shore excursions. You will find a consolidated tour booking form in your suite and at the Shore Concierge desk. Select the tours in which you wish to participate, then leave the completed and signed form at the Shore Concierge desk prior to the booking deadline indicated. Tour tickets will be delivered to your suite and your selected excursions charged to your shipboard account. Overland and exclusive excursions must be pre-paid by credit card through your reservation agents. If still available they may also be purchased on board. Shore excursions require a minimum number of participants in order to operate as described. If this minimum number is not met, Silversea reserves the right to offer the programme at a different rate or to cancel the specific departure.

#### SHORE EXCURSION PRICING

Prices are generally quoted per person, per tour, with the exception of Silver Shore Privato or group-designated excursions. Prices are subject to change without notice. Please visit MySilversea (my.silversea.com) for the most up-to-date information. Discounts for children under 12 years of age are available on some, but not all tours. Prices for children, if available, will be adjusted onboard. Please meet with the Shore Concierge team prior to your excursion to discuss the availability of children's pricing.

#### **ON-TIME TOUR DEPARTURES**

As a courtesy to fellow guests, tour departures generally will not be announced unless there is an unforeseen change. Departure times from the ship are published in the ships daily newspaper, the Silversea Chronicle. Guests are kindly requested to proceed ashore at least ten minutes prior to the tour departure time. The Shore Concierge team will be pier-side to direct you to the appropriate transportation. When the ship is at anchor, guests must allow additional time to tender ashore.

Silversea Cruises reserves the right to adjust itineraries and tour departures as local conditions dictate. Please note that pier departure times are also listed in MySilversea (my.silversea.com)

#### **TOUR SUITABILITY**

At Silversea we offer a broad range of activities for our guests of all physical capabilities. Some excursions are decidedly only for the physically fit and active guest. Each excursion offered is clearly identified with an activity level to assist you. For your safety and enjoyment and that of your fellow guests, please be certain you're selecting excursions that meet your physical capability. We therefore encourage guests to review the tour description carefully including the PLEASE NOTE section which includes useful information and attend the port talks onboard. If you still have any questions or concerns regarding this, please contact Shore Concierge (shoreconcierge@silversea.com) prior to your cruise or visit the Shore Concierge desk for more detailed information once onboard.

#### ON LAND SILVER SHORE CONCIERGE SERVICES

Let Silversea Cruises customise a special event or excursion exclusively for you. Expert Shore Excursion professionals are available to assist with knowledgeable suggestions, personalised planning and coordination of all private, independent touring including area highlights, flightseeing, water sports and more. To take advantage of this service, requests should be submitted no later than 30 days prior to sailing and guests must have a deposited or fully paid cruise booking. Strict cancellation policies apply to your confirmed, exclusive programme. When calling or emailing, please have your booking number available. There is a service fee of \$100 per port to secure your arrangements, however this fee will be applied to your confirmed programme in that port. Call +1.800.968.9518 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:shoreconcierge@silversea.com">shoreconcierge@silversea.com</a> The Shore Concierge may be contacted by phone, to arrange tailor-made tours, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (East Coast time U.S.) You may leave a detailed message when calling outside of these hours. You may also e-mail your request for your personalised programme.

#### ONBOARD SHORE CONCIERGE TEAM

Whether you wish to participate in an organised shore excursion or bespoke tailor-made tour, Silversea's experienced Shore Concierge team are happy to assist you in ensuring your shore- side experiences are nothing less than a memory that lasts forever.

The Shore Concierge team is available onboard on sea days from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Office opening hours in port may vary whilst staff is shore-side assisting you on tour. Please refer to the Silversea Chronicle for daily office opening hours. When contemplating a tailor-made program onboard, please contact the Shore Concierge team as early as possible at the beginning of your cruise, as time may be a factor in reaching local contacts. Please be aware that once arrangements have been confirmed, 100% cancellation fee will be applied. Unfortunately, we are unable to change or cancel airline tickets, car rental, hotel or any other reservations you made previously with your travel agent or on your own. In many ports of call there may be a local hospitality representative on board to provide additional information, for two hours after the ship's arrival. In some ports, local information may be found in the tourist information centre ashore.

#### PORT TALKS

Throughout your cruise we'll be offering Port & Shore Excursion information given by our Shore Concierge Manager and Destination Consultant prior to arrival in each port of call. Our aim is to give you a travel experience that goes beyond the ordinary and many of your questions about our ports of call will be answered in these briefings, giving you more time to enjoy and immerse yourself in each port. The information is presented in the theater or is pre-recorded and played on your in-suite entertainment system.

#### SILVERSEA SHUTTLE SERVICE

Complimentary transportation may be provided by Silversea when the local town is beyond a reasonable walking distance from the port. This service may not be possible in ports where a strong taxi union exists, preventing Silversea from providing a complimentary shuttle. The availability and schedule for this service will be announced onboard and listed in the Silversea Chronicle. We are not able to advise this in advance. Operationally, intervals between shuttle bus departures could be affected by local traffic. Silversea is not liable for any unforeseen delays. There will be a break in service for driver meal times. Shuttle service is offered during the day only. The shuttle service is designed to augment local transportation; guests requiring more flexibility may prefer not to wait for a shuttle and secure a taxi at their own expense.

#### CHILDREN ON TOUR

To ensure the safety of our younger guests, participation by children in certain shore excursions may be restricted. To ensure the safety of our younger guests, children up to the age of 8 years old are only permitted to participate in suitable Silver Shore Excursions and the shuttle service, if the vehicles are equipped with the correct safety harness and seating equipment, to accommodate a child. Such harnesses' and secure seating cannot be guaranteed. Alternately guests may use their own approved safety seat, booster seat or harness as long as they are compatible with the local touring vehicle and can properly secure the young guest. Silversea reserves the right to refuse children under the age of 8 years old on any tour on the basis of safety.

#### **GRATUITIES**

Gratuities for local guides and drivers are not included in the excursion price. It is customary to tip tour guides and drivers. Such gratuities if extended, should be done so on a voluntary, individual basis.

#### **MOBILE TELEPHONES**

As a courtesy to fellow guests, kindly refrain from using mobile telephones while on tour so as not to interfere with the guide's explanation. Most tours make frequent stops, allowing time for guests to use their mobile telephones. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

#### **SMOKING**

For reasons of safety and comfort, smoking is not permitted on any tour vehicles used by Silversea. Your understanding in this matter is appreciated.

#### VIDEO/PHOTOGRAPHY CHARGES

At some museums, sites and monuments, photography and/or the use of video cameras may not be allowed or may incur a charge. These charges are not included in the tour price and are at guests' own expense.

#### **SHOPPING STOPS**

While our organised excursions are not generally geared to the serious shopper, some tours allow for short shopping stops as indicated in the tour description. In the interest of all tour participants, guests should adhere to the allotted time and return to the tour vehicle promptly as advised by the tour guide or ship's escort. Please Note: The selection of shops is generally left to the discretion of the tour operator. Silversea does require that establishments be reputable, of general interest to our quests and offer quality goods. However, all purchases are the responsibility of the individual.

#### **ADDITIONAL TERMS & CONDITIONS**

Silversea Cruises Ltd. and its associated or affiliated companies act solely as agents for airlines, motorcoach companies, railroads and other service providers. The provisions in the cruise ticket contract govern Silversea Cruises Ltd.'s responsibility to guests and Silversea Cruises Ltd. shall not be liable in any manner, for any reason, with respect to other services provided. Silversea Cruises Ltd. cannot be held responsible for conditions prevalent ashore at ports of call. Some of these conditions might preclude individuals with disabilities from safe or practical participation in organised shore excursions. Silversea Cruises Ltd. cannot accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay in rail, plane, vessel or other services, sickness, weather, strikes, war, quarantine or other causes. These tour descriptions are a general overview of the programme and are subject to change. Our local operator reserves the right to substitute other sites if local situations, including holidays, closures, weather, delays, congestion, etc. require. Silversea Cruises Ltd. reserves the right to adjust shore excursion pricing.

#### **INSURANCE**

The extent of insurance coverage in foreign countries varies widely and depends on their laws and customs. It is suggested that guests consider short-term health and accident policies from their own insurance company prior to leaving home. Silversea Cruises, Ltd. cannot assume liability for baggage or other personal effects lost or damaged while those items are in the custody of an airline, hotel or other service provider. Baggage is always 'at owner's expense' at all times.

# **Activity Level and Icon Definition**



#### Minimal Activity

Excursions are easily paced without the need for excessive walking or physical activities. Being able to board motor coaches and negotiate steps can be encountered.



#### **Evening Excursion**

The excursion is taking place in the evening.



#### Moderate Activity

Full participation may include a limited number of



A meal is included in the excursion.



steps, uneven surfaces and/or periods of standing.



#### **New Excursion**

This shore excursion is brand new to Silversea.



#### Extensive Activity

Full participation requires being in good physical condition and may involve inclines, steps, uneven surfaces and/or extended periods of standing.



#### Privato

Silversea Privato excursions include private use of a local driver and car. Please see the Shore Concierge for more information and reservation.



#### Adventure Tour – Physically fit

Active excursions are recommended only for those guests in good physical health, with considerable amounts of physical activity.



#### Limited Space Available

Please be aware that there is only limited space available on this tour. Places are delivered on a first come first served basis.



#### Wheelchair and disabled-friendly tours

Guests in a standard wheelchair must be accompanied by their own helper and be able to board a motor coach, van or boat. Once on tour you will be unattended. We kindly ask you to inform the Shore Concierge staff promptly at embarkation when using a wheelchair. For guests with serious mobility issues please contact the Shore Concierge staff promptly so they can help make arrangements. In certain ports wheelchair accessible vehicles are available at an extra charge and advanced reservation.



The shore excursion is offered on a complimentary basis as part of a free shore excursion promotion (the "Promotion"). Please check your booking terms and condition or up to 7 days MySilversea to determine whether your booking qualifies for the Promotion. If your booking does not qualify for the Promotion there will be a cost associated with this shore excursion.

## December 09 2018, Sunday

# Bangkok (Klong Toey) - Thailand

#### BKK-A / GRAND PALACE & SCENIC OLD BANGKOK

DIFFICULTY





Price:\$69; Duration:4.25 hrs



Explore the Imperial treasures of Bangkok, the Grand Palace and its Emerald Buddha, on this half-day orientation tour. A sightseeing drive through the old city completes your outing.

Following a 45-minute coach trip from the Port of Bangkok through the bustling streets of the city centre, arrive at Bangkok's greatest treasure, the Grand Palace. During a 1.5-hour guided walking tour, visit or view some of its most important highlights:

#### Royal Palace Grounds

These vast grounds encompass over 100 buildings, representing 200 years of history and architectural experimentation. Most of the architecture, royal or sacred, can be classified as old Bangkok style. Extensive murals line the inside walls of the compound. The temple structures are colourful, comprising gilded stupas, polished orange and green tiled roofs, mosaic-encrusted pillars, and rich marble pediments.

#### **Grand Palace**

The main building is the Grand Palace, one of the most beautiful examples of an ancient Siam Court. Built in 1782 by King Rama I at the beginning of the Chakkri Dynasty, the palace was at one time the residence of the Kings of Thailand. Today, royal ceremonies and state events take place here. Visit the audience hall and marvel at its splendid interior.

#### Wat Phra Kaew

Known also as the 'Temple of the Emerald Buddha', Wat Phra Kaew adjoins the Grand Palace and houses the revered image of the 23- inch-high (58-cm-high) Emerald Buddha. The jade statue is enshrined in a glass case, sitting on a pedestal high above the worshippers. This mystical figure and its legendary spiritual power draw pilgrims from all over.

At the end of your visit, re-join the coach for a sightseeing drive through Old Bangkok.

#### Sights of Old Bangkok

Enjoy viewing major highlights from your coach as it passes the City Pillar Shrine, Chitraladarahotarn Palace (official residence of King Bhumibol and Queen Sirikit), the Democracy Monument (built in commemoration of the change of government from absolute monarchy to democracy with the king as head of state), and the City Pavilion, primarily used today for royal ceremonies and official events.

#### Ananta Samakom Throne Hall

Stop for exterior photos of the majestic Ananta Samakom Throne Hall, the ornate grey-marble Italian renaissance-style building, built by King Chulalongkorn in 1907 to receive guests and foreign dignitaries. Currently, the Royal Throne Hall it is only used for the ceremonial opening of the first session of Parliament, royal receptions, and private functions. Following your tour, time permitting, a brief stop will be made at a local store that offers a range of vibrant Thai silks, local souvenirs and superb jewellery before being transferred back to the ship.

Conclude your tour with the return to the ship.

Please Note: This tour requires an extensive amount of walking with approximately 50 steps to climb. It is not suitable for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Dress for hot and humid weather. However, there is a strict dress code for visiting the Grand Palace. No sleeveless shirts or blouses are allowed. Tight or see-through blouses are not permitted, even if a jacket is worn over them. Guests may not wear shorts of any kind, and skirts must cover the knees. Tight-fitting trousers or leggings are not permitted, and trousers must be full length to cover the ankles. Shoes must be removed when entering into the Temple of the Emerald Buddha; wear slip-on shoes and bring a pair of socks for comfort. Video and still cameras are allowed within the Palace grounds, but no photography is permitted inside buildings. The Grand Palace can become crowded; your patience is appreciated. Traffic conditions can affect tour duration. Order of sites may vary. Bring local currency for any purchases.

#### BKK-C / BANGKOK TEMPLES WITH TUK TUK RIDE

**DIFFICULTY** 



Price:\$69; Duration:4.00 hrs



Visit three of the most impressive temples in Bangkok: Wat Po, kno wn as the 'Temple of the Reclining Buddha', Wat Trimit home of the 5.5 tons solid Gold Buddha image, and Wat Benchamabophit, the 'Marble Temple'. A short Tuk Tuk ride compliments your half-day outing.

As 95% of Thailand's population is Buddhist, there are around 400 wats (temples) in Bangkok. Begin your outing with a 30-minute drive from the pier to Wat Trimit, formerly called "Wat Samjeentai. This temple was built by three Chinese comrades around 150 years ago. It was restored in 1937 and granted the new name of Wat Trimitwitthayaram. The main attraction in the temple is the incredible Golden Buddha Temple. Weighing in at five and a half tons, and standing over 10 feet high, this massive statue dates back to the 700 year-old Sukhothai period.

#### Tuk Tuk Ride

Next, board a Tuk Tuk for a sightseeing ride to Wat Po. Tuk Tuks are three-wheeled, motorised taxis or 'auto rickshaws', named after the noise they make. Covered, with room for two, these quaint scooters are nimble at navigating the congested city streets.

#### Wat Po

Arrive at the 'Temple of the Reclining Buddha', or Wat Pho, one of the largest and oldest wats in Bangkok. Home to more than one thousand Buddha images, it is named after the largest single Buddha image, that of a reclining Buddha, 150 feet (46 metres) long and 50 feet (15 metres) high. It is decorated with gold plating on the body and mother of pearl on the eyes and the soles of his feet.

#### Wat Benchamabophit

Re-board your coach and proceed to visit is to Wat Benchamabophit, the 'Marble Temple', bui It of Italian marble with unique European ecclesiastic details.

Complemented by stained -glass windows housing a Sukhothai-style Buddha statue, a superb cloister-collection of bronze Buddha images are housed here.

The coach then takes you back to the port and your awaiting ship.

Please note: This tour requires an extensive amount of walking, for approximately one mile (1.6 kilometres), with many steps to climb. It is not suitable for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Comfortable, flat walking shoes are recommended. Two guests occupy each Tuk Tuk. Order of sites may vary

#### BKK-D / HIGHLIGHTS OF BANGKOK

DIFFICULTY



Price:\$199; Duration:7.50 hrs

Experience the spectacular highlights of Bangkok during this unforgettable, full-day sightseeing excursion.

#### Bangkok City, Flower Market and Tuk Tuk Ride

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 40-minute drive through the bustling streets of the city centre. Your first stop is at the Flower Market for a stroll amongst the colourful display of the country's exotic flowers. From here, board a three-wheeled, motorised rickshaw, or *tuk tuk*, for a sightseeing ride around the Old City, Bangkok's historic area. Along the way, a photo stop is made at the Royal Reception Pavilion.

#### Grand Palace and Royal Palace Grounds

Next, head to Bangkok's greatest treasure, the Grand Palace. Upon arrival, take a 1.5-hour guided walking tour through the Royal Palace Grounds and Grand Palace. The vast grounds encompass over 100 buildings, and extensive murals line the inside walls of the compound. The colourful temple structures feature gilded stupas, polished orange and green tiled roofs, mosaic-encrusted pillars, and rich marble pediments. Visit the late-18th-century Grand Palace, one of the most beautiful examples of an ancient Siam Court and former residence of the Kings of Thailand. Stop by the Audience Hall, and marvel at its exquisite interior.

#### Wat Phra Kaew, Lunch and River Cruise

Your tour continues with a visit to the Wat Phra Kaew, the 'Temple of the Emerald Buddha', which adjoins the Grand Palace and houses the revered image of the 23-inch-high (58-centimetre-high) Emerald Buddha. This jade statue is enshrined in a glass case, and perched on a pedestal high above the worshippers. Following your visit, proceed for lunch at the *Sala Rim Naam* restaurant. After lunch, embark a private boat for a cruise on the Chao Phraya River and through some of the more peaceful canals. En route, observe local residents living and working along the water, and stop to visit Wat Arun, or 'Temple of Dawn', a magnificent temple and one of Bangkok's most recognised landmarks.

#### Royal Barge Museum

Leaving Wat Arun, resume your cruise through the klongs (canals) and head toward the Dockyard, home to the ceremonial Royal Barges. Today, these elaborately-decorated boats are preserved in this specially-constructed museum. Following your visit, cruise to the boat landing, re-board your minivan and commence the approximately 40-minute drive back to the pier.

Please note: This tour involves an extensive amount of walking for approximately 1.1 miles (1.8 kilometres), at times on uneven surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and embark/disembark the boat, and 30 steps at the Emerald Buddha Temple and 20 steps at Wat Arun. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Lightweight, comfortable clothing, flat, closed-toe walking shoes and sun protection are recommended. Proper attire is required to enter the Grand Palace; shorts, bare shoulders, tight-fitting trousers and leggings are not permitted, and trousers must be full-length to cover the ankles. Shoes must be removed prior to entering some of the sites visited. Video and still cameras are allowed within the grounds of the Grand Palace, but no photography is permitted inside the buildings. Camera fees may be assessed at the Royal Barge Museum. The tour sequence may vary. Space on this tour is very limited; we suggest you book in advance to avoid disappointment. On the 17th and 18th October there could be the possibility that the visit of the Grand Palace will be substituted with the Ananta Samakom Throne Hall which houses Arts of Kingom Museum.

#### BKK-E / RIVER CRUISE & ROYAL BARGE MUSEUM

DIFFICULTY



Price: \$59; Duration: 4.00 hrs



This half-day tour offers a visit to the Flower Market followed by a boat trip on the bustling Chao Phraya River makes for a fascinating experience. In addition, take in two of Bangkok's major attractions, the 'Temple of Dawn' (Wat Arun) and the Royal Barge Museum.

#### Flower Market & Boat Cruise

A coach drive of 45 minutes takes you to the Flower Market, where you can stroll amongst the colourful display of the country's exotic flowers. Then, board a private boat for a cruise on the Chao Phraya River and through some of the more peaceful canals. Here you have the opportunity to observe the busy river traffic as well as the traditional way of the local people living and working along the water.

#### Wat Arun

At the 'Temple of Dawn', Wat Arun, the boat pauses to allow you a closer look at this magnificent temple, which is among Bangkok's most recognised landmarks. While the temple is best seen from the river, its curious decorations and statues of mythical figures are well worth a visit.

#### Royal Barge Museum

Leaving Wat Arun, resume your cruise through the *klongs* (canals) and head toward the Dockyard, home to the ceremonial royal barges. Once a year, the king would proceed down the river to Wat Arun in a flotilla of royal barges. Today, these elaborately decorated boats are preserved in this specially constructed museum and are a rare treat to visit.

Your cruise ends at the boat landing where the coach stands ready for the transfer back to the port.

Please note: This tour requires a moderate amount of walking with few steps to climb. Guests must be able to manoeuvre in and out of the boat and cross over pontoons, requiring some agility. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Rubber-soled shoes and light-weight clothing are recommended. Bring local currency for any purchases.

#### **BKK-F / ANCIENT CITY PARK BY TRAM**

**DIFFICULTY** 



Price:\$79; Duration:4.50 hrs



Explore the history of Thailand in a single location during this panoramic, half-day sightseeing excursion to the Ancient City.

#### **Ancient City**

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 75-minute drive to the Ancient City. Built to encourage the Thai people to learn about their nation's history, this vast outdoor museum spans approximately 230 acres (about 93 hectares) and is shaped in the form of Thailand. It comprises more than 100 sites of replicated and reconstructed monuments and works of art depicting the Thai legacy and culture throughout its history.

#### **Ancient City Tram Tour**

Upon arrival, board a tram for a sightseeing tour of the Ancient City. Along the way, view numerous palace halls, temples, stupas, stone sanctuaries, and traditional houses that were duplicated from the originals and/or recreated from historical evidence. In addition, see several reconstructed historical buildings that were relocated from their original sites, authentic communities with their daily chores and representative villages from all regions of the country.

#### Notable Landmarks, Floating Village and Refreshments

Due to the expansive size of this venue, most of the sites are observed from the local tram, with inside visits to three highlighted sites. Notable sites within the Ancient City include the Dusit Maha Prasat (the Throne Hall in the Grand Palace in Bangkok), Sanphet Prasat Palace (Ayutthaya), Wat Mahatat (Sukhothai), Prasart Phra Viharn or Preah Vihear (Sri Saket), Old Market Town, and Northern Thai Village. Following your tour, a refreshment stop is made at the Floating Village. At the conclusion of your visit, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 75-minute drive back to the pier.

Please note: This tour involves walking from the ship to the bus parking of approximately 656 yards (about 600 metres), with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and to the tram. This tour is suitable for guests with limited mobility but not for guests who utilise a wheelchair. Lightweight, comfortable clothing nd sun protection are recommended. Guests must be at least four years old to participate on this tour. Shoes must be removed when entering into the rooms; wear slip-on shoes and bring a pair of socks for comfort.

#### BKK-G / AYUTTHAYA - A WORLD HERITAGE SITE

**DIFFICULTY** 



Price:\$149; Duration:8.00 hrs

This full-day excursion offers a visit to one of Thailand's most majestic historical sites, included on UNESCO's World Heritage list since 1991. Begin your outing with a 90-minute drive north to Ayutthaya, considered one of Thailand's major attractions. Then, enjoy visiting the following highlights:

Bang Pa-In Summer Palace

En route to Ayutthaya wall, make a visit at the Bang Pa-In Summer Palace. The palace comprises a collection of buildings of various ages and various architectural styles surrounded by a lake. Built in the 17<sup>th</sup> century and left unoccupied when Bangkok became the capital, the palace gained importance again in 1851 when King Mongkut restored it and resumed residence there. Enjoy a visit and marvel at the richly decorated turn-of-the-century European aristocratic style, interspersed with whimsical Thai touches.

#### Ayutthaya Historical Park

Continue drive to the ruined city of Ayutthaya was once the ancient capital of Siam for four centuries and in its heyday was said to be more beautiful than either London or Paris. Located on a 2.5-mile (four kilometre) island at the confluence of three rivers, Ayutthaya was once encircled by a seven-mile (11-kilometre) wall. After the destruction of the city by the Burmese in 1767, a new dynasty was established and the capital was moved to Thonburi. Today, much of the ancient fabled city is contained within a Historical Park, where archaeological studies are still carried out.

While many of the buildings are in ruins, those drawn to relics of the past still find a visit to the remaining temple compounds and numerous structures awe-inspiring and a memorable experience. Begin the historical park tour with a noteworthy visit at the spectacular Wat Chai Wattanram, reminiscent of Angkor Wat in Cambodia.

Take a break from sightseeing and enjoy lunch at the Krungsri River Hotel (or similar).

#### Wat Na Phra Meru

Another good example of typical Ayutthaya-style temple, it was not destroyed by the Burmese. Constructed during the late 14th- and early 15thcenturies, the name suggests it was a royal cremation site. Of special note are the Buddha images - one fully decorated in regal attire and the other of black stone.

Following your visit, re-join your coach for the trip back to Bangkok and the ship.

Please note: This tour requires an extensive amount of walking, for approximately 1 mile (1.6 km), with about 50 steps to climb. It is not suitable for quests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Anticipate hot and humid weather. Wear comfortable shoes and light-weight clothing; however, shorts and sleeveless shirts are not permitted and guests must dress modestly. Shoes must be removed to enter the buildings visited. We suggest you wear slip-on shoes and bring a pair of socks for comfort. Order of sites may vary and traffic can affect the tour duration. The drive between the pier and Ayutthaya is approximately 90 minutes in each direction.

#### BKK-H / JIM THOMPSON'S HOUSE & THAI CUISINE

**DIFFICULTY** 



Price:\$119; Duration:4.00 hrs



Indulge your senses as you explore Jim Thompson's Thai house with its renowned silks before enjoying a Thai cooking demonstration on this half-day tour.

Depart the ship by mini-van for the 30-minute drive to Jim Thompson's world famous Thai house. Built in old Thai style, this rambling house was the work of the legendary American adventurer, Jim Thompson, who came to Thailand at the end of World War II and revitalised the Thai silk industry. His disappearance into the Malaysian jungle still remains a mystery today. The house, now a museum, displays Mr. Thompson's extensive collection of Thai paintings, pottery, Benjarong porcelain, and exquisite furniture. One part of the complex includes show rooms and a store where bolts of beautiful silk fabric and finished items are on display.

Re-board your mini-van and drive to the Bussaracum Restaurant (or similar), Thailand's first restaurant to specialise in royal household dishes, which are known for their distinctive ingredients, decorations and flavours. It is a spacious renovated home compound surrounded by the gardens where many of the herbs and spices used by the restaurant's skilled kitchen staff are grown. Here you are invited to practise on a cooking demonstration, followed by a sampling of Thai refreshments.

Afterwards, your mini-van returns you to the ship.

Please note: This tour requires a moderate amount of walking, approximately 1,300 feet (425 metres), with about 30 steps to climb. This tour is not wheelchair accessible. Transportation is via mini-vans as the road to Jim Thompson's House is too narrow for coaches. Shoes must be taken off before entering the Thai Houses at Jim Thompson's House; wear slip-on shoes and bring socks for comfort. There is limited space on this tour; we suggest you book in advance to avoid disappointment.

#### **BKK-I / BANGKOK'S HIDDEN TREASURES**

**DIFFICULTY** 



Price:\$69; Duration:4.00 hrs



Discover some of Bangkok's most renowned and historic landmarks during this picturesque, half-day sightseeing excursion.

Bangkok, Suan Pakkad Palace Museum and Traditional Thai Houses

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 40-minute drive into the heart of Bangkok City. Upon arrival, your first stop is at the Suan Pakkad Palace Museum. During your guided walking tour, see the well-tended tropical garden with serene ponds surrounding eight traditional Thai houses owned by Prince and Princess Chumbhot. Some of the houses belonged to the prince's family, and all are more than a century old.

#### Ancestral Artefacts and Lacquer Pavilion

Most of the art objects on display in the houses belonged to Prince Chumbhot's ancestor, and depict the daily life of royalty. Included are food containers decorated with mother-of-pearl and silver, betel nut boxes, clothing and ecclesiastical fans. Other noteworthy artefacts include archaeological finds from Ban Chieng, rocks and mineral collections, shells, Benjarong pottery, and other Thai ceramics. The significant house is the 17th-century Lacquer Pavilion, which was originally located at a temple near Ayutthaya. Now fully-restored, it's an exquisite example of Thai architecture, with richly-carved gilded wood walls and an interior filled with lively Ramayana and Buddha mural paintings drawn in gold on black lacquer.

#### Wat Ratchanadda, Loha Prasart and Gold Buddha

Next, re-board your coach and drive towards Bangkok's Old City. En route, a visit is made to Wat Ratchanadda, a royal temple best known for the Loha Prasart, or 'Metal Castle', which was built in 1846 at the request of King Rama III, and inspired by two other similar temples found in India and Sri Lanka. Loha Prasat is an approximately 118-foot-high (about 36-metre-high) structure supporting 37 metal spires, which represent the 37 virtues toward enlightenment. The main chapel of the temple also houses a beautiful golden seated Buddha image, along with murals, paintings and door carvings. Afterward, re-board your coach and proceed for a brief shopping and comfort stop at a local store (time permitting). At the conclusion of your visit, re-board your coach and comment the short drive back to the pier.

Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking, at times over uneven surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and 60 steps to negotiate at the sites visited (30 steps at each stop). This tour is suitable for guests with limited mobility, but is not wheelchair-accessible. Lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes and sun protection are recommended.

#### **BKK-J / FLOATING MARKET & RAILWAY MARKET**

**DIFFICULTY** 



Price: \$79; Duration: 5.50 hrs



Learn about the traditional ways of local Thai life from a unique perspective during this scenic, half-day sightseeing excursion via minivan, train and boat.

#### Scenic Drive and Damnernsaduak Canal

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 1.5-hour drive to Damnernsaduak, a provincial district of the Rajburi Province. In this locality, most people live along both sides of the densely-populated canal, and the majority of them are agriculturists due to the fertile land in this area. Fruits and vegetables grown here include oranges, grapes, papayas, cabbage, beans, onions, and more. In addition to serving as a means of transportation, the Damnernsaduak Canal also provides farmers with water for agricultural purposes throughout the year.

#### Damnernsaduak Canal Cruise and Floating Market

Upon arrival in Damnernsaduak, a comfort stop is made before embarking a local boat for a scenic cruise along the Damnernsaduak Canal. En route, pass by orchards and traditional houses, and view local people going about their everyday lives. Your boat-ride ends at the Floating Market, a popular hub for locals and tourists alike. Here, see hundreds of vendors and purchasers floating in their small rowboats, and selling, buying or exchanging their produce from their own orchards. Local food and drinks, as well as souvenir and handicrafts shops, can be found on the platform around the Floating Market.

#### Mae Klong Railway Market

Next, re-board your van for the drive to the nearby Mae Klong Railway Market, a unique market that is held literally on the railroad tracks. As soon as the siren signals the approaching train, the shoppers hop off the tracks. When the train arrives, the vendors quickly remove their produce from the tracks and pull back their awnings. Once the train is gone, everything returns to normal. Each morning to late-afternoon, this market springs to life, selling a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, meat, seafood, snacks, and clothes and accessories. Following your exciting train-ride, market visit and a comfort stop, re-board your van and commence the approximately 75-minute drive back to the pier.

Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking for approximately 547 yards (about 500 metres), with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and train, and embark/disembark the boat. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes and sun protection are recommended. Guests must be at least four years old to participate on this tour. The old railway cars are air-cooled, and the ride is quite bumpy and noisy. Space on this tour is very limited; we suggest you book in advance to avoid disappointment.

## Silver Shore "Privato"

Explore the surrounding at your leisure during your private tour. Customize your own itinerary or choose to see and overview of the area's highlights. Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to arrival in the port. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this program. Please see the Shore Concierge Office on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary

BKK-V / SILVER SHORE PRIVATO: PRIVATE CAR & GUIDE (HALF DAY)

**DIFFICULTY** 



Price:\$399; Duration:4.00 hrs; Capacity:2



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# December 10 2018, Monday

# Sihanoukville - Cambodia

#### SIH-A / SIHANOUKVILLE HIGHLIGHTS

**DIFFICULTY** 



Price:\$139; Duration:4.50 hrs

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#### Wat Krom Temple, Stupas, Rooftop Naga Snakes, Ocean View, and War Memorial

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#### Local Market, Wat Leu Temple, Buddha Paintings, Monks, and Sihanoukville Beach

Next, re-board your coach and head to the local market, with its colourful displays of fish, poultry, palm sugar, tropical fruits, flowers, fabrics, and crafts. From here, continue on to the pastel-coloured Wat Leu Temple, renowned for its elaborate paintings depicting the life of Buddha. Here, young monks dressed in red robes will eagerly practice their English with you. Leaving the temple, re-board your coach and drive to Sihanoukville Beach for a refreshment stop. At the conclusion of your visit, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 30-minute drive back to the pier.

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#### SIH-D / KAYAKING AT REAM NATIONAL PARK

DIFFICULTY



Price: \$99; Duration: 4.50 hrs



Embrace the exquisite natural splendour of Ream National Park in an invigorating new way during this picturesque, half-day kayaking excursion. Sihanoukville, Ream National Park, Forests and Diverse Bird Species

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 45-minute drive to the kayaking station at Ream National Park. This splendid park is comprised of more than 37,000 acres (about 14,973 hectares) of primary forests, and approximately 15,000 acres (about 6,070 hectares) of marine habitat. The park is home to at least 155 bird species, including many regionally and globally endangered birds of prey, such as the Brahminy kite, grey-headed fish eagle and white-bellied sea eagle.

#### Mangrove River Kayaking, Fish and Tropical Trees

Upon arrival at the kayaking station, receive your safety and kayaking instructions. Afterward, don your life vest, embark your kayak and begin your panoramic, approximately 75-minute kayaking journey. Glide at a leisurely pace along the mangrove river, which is home to coral fish, king

fishers and hawks, and bordered by tropical trees such as local palms and water willows. En route, your guide answers any questions you might have about your surrounds.

#### Bungalow Station, Refreshment Stop and Ochheuteal Beach

Following your kayaking experience, a stop is made at the Bungalow Station for a refreshing coconut juice. Leaving the Bungalow Station, reboard your coach for the drive to Ochheuteal Beach. Upon arrival, some free time is made available to relax on the beach or take a swim in the azure waters. At the conclusion of your visit, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 30-minute drive back to the pier.

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#### SIH-E / PANORAMIC SIHAOUKVILLE BY TUK TUK

DIFFICULTY



Price:\$39; Duration:1.00 hrs

Discover the local culture and sights of Sihanoukville Town in a unique new way during this fun-filled excursion via tuk tuk.

#### Sihanoukville Town via Tuk Tuk

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During your journey, enjoy splendid views and photo opportunities of the Monkey Ground, Water Pond, city symbol of two lions, Wat Krom Buddhist Temple, and the posh Independence Hotel, where Jacqueline Kennedy once stayed. At the conclusion of your tuk tuk tour, commence the short walk back to the pier on-foot.

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#### SIH-F / REAM VILLAGE & SPIRITUAL FOREST PAGODA

**DIFFICULTY** 



Price:\$129; Duration:4.00 hrs



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#### Ream Pagoda

Travel on foot just up the road in this small sleepy town to arrive at the Ream Pagoda, a Buddhist temple peacefully situated on a tree-covered hill just 1.5km from Sihanoukville city center. This local pagoda is filled with a rich history that your local, knowledgeable tour guide is able to describe. Step back into Cambodia's spiritual and cultural traditions as you inhale the sweet scent of incense sticks that are lit to pay appreciation and respect to the spirits. Explore the many glorious statues created by the local people from the original mountain stone. In this peaceful place, listen to chanting with the monks to pray for peace and happiness. Then sip from a fresh coconut as you take in your surroundings.

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Drive just 15 minutes to make a quick stop at the very local and bustling "psar" (market) to see first-hand how Cambodian's provide for their families on a day-to-day basis, a trip to the market daily is necessary for most families who cook their meals fresh. At the psar see the typical fruit, vegetables, meats and household items that the locals purchase.

#### Village Visit

Continuing back towards town, stop at a local village house and witness local traditional activities such as weaving. All too soon, it is time to return back to the port, feeling enriched and even a little enlightened about the enchanting country of Cambodia.

Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of activity, including 45 minutes of walking to Ream Pagoda and some stairs and uneven surfaces. Guests in wheelchairs will need to provide advance notice in order to be accommodated and must travel with a companion to provide assistance. Guests are recommended to bring a bathing suit and towel for swimming. Please note that while this tour is suitable for children, no safety seat can be provided on the tour vehicle.

## December 11 2018, Tuesday

# Sihanoukville - Cambodia

#### SIH-A / SIHANOUKVILLE HIGHLIGHTS

**DIFFICULTY** 



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Your half-day tour begins with a short drive to the Wat Krom Temple, ideally situated on a hill overlooking the ocean. The temple is surrounded by numerous stupas, and its Khmer influence is evident in the intricately decorated Naga snakes on the rooftop. Following a guided tour of the temple, re-board your coach and proceed for a photo stop at the city's War Memorial.

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### SIH-B / HIKING AT REAM NATIONAL PARK

**DIFFICULTY** 



Price:\$129; Duration:7.00 hrs



Experience the spectacular beauty, flora and fauna of Ream National Park on-foot during this panoramic, full-day hiking excursion.

#### Sihanoukville, Ream National Park, Forests and Diverse Bird Species

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 30-minute drive to the boat station at Ream National Park. This splendid park is comprised of more than 37,000 acres (about 14,973 hectares) of primary forests, and approximately 15,000 acres (about 6,070 hectares) of marine habitat. The park is home to at least 155 bird species, including many regionally and globally endangered birds of prey, such as the Brahminy kite, grey-headed fish eagle and white-bellied sea eagle.

#### River Cruise, Mangrove Forest, Thmor Thom Village, Koh Som Poch Beach, and Lunch

Upon arrival at the boat station, embark your boat for a picturesque cruise along the Prek Tuk Sap River, which traverses a beautiful mangrove forest. A stop is made at the small village of Prey Trabaek, where you can experience the way most Cambodians live. From the village, continue your trek by the side of the forest to the bus stop to drive to Koh Som Poch Beach. Upon arrival, proceed for a barbecue lunch at the Sun & Moon restaurant. After lunch, some free time is made to relax on the white-sand beach, or take a refreshing dip in the azure waters.

#### Meditation Mountain and Buddha Statue-Carving

Next, re-board your coach and drive to Meditation Mountain (Phnom Samathik), considered a holy place where many villagers come to gather medicinal plants. They believe the mountain's plants are blessed by the ancient spirits that dwell there, which gives them extraordinary potency. Leaving Meditation Mountain, a stop is made to observe locals using the native stone to carve beautiful statues of Buddha. At the conclusion of your tour, re-board your coach and commence the approximately one-hour drive back to the pier.

Please note: This tour involves an extensive amount of walking, at times over uneven surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and embark/disembark the boat. Walking at Koh Som Poch Beach is at the discretion of each guest. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe

walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a bathing suit and change of clothing from the ship. Restroom facilities are basic. Although frequently encountered on this type of tour, animal sightings are not guaranteed. The tour sequence may vary.

#### SIH-C / SIHANOUKVILLE BEACH AND BBQ

**DIFFICULTY** 



Price: \$159; Duration: 7.50 hrs



Experience a slice of daily life in Sihanoukville with lunch and free time at one of Cambodia's best seaside resorts during this relaxing, full-day sightseeing excursion.

#### Sihanoukville, Wat Krom Temple and Battrang Primary School

Depart the pier for the short drive through Sihanoukville en route to the Wat Krom Temple, ideally situated on a hill overlooking the ocean. The temple is surrounded by numerous stupas, and its Khmer influence is evident in the intricately decorated Naga snakes on the rooftop. Following a guided tour of the temple, re-board your coach and proceed for a visit to the Battrang Primary School, where you can observe students participating in school activities.

#### Local Village/Home Visit and Phsar Leu Market

Next, re-board your coach and head for a visit to a local village. Upon arrival, take a unique opportunity to visit a local home to gain a unique insight into the daily life of Cambodians. Leaving the village, continue on for a stroll through the bustling Phsar Leu Market, with its colourful displays of fish, poultry, palm sugar, tropical fruits, flowers, fabrics, and crafts.

#### Sokha Beach Resort, Barbecue Seafood Lunch, Free Time, Beach, and Swimming

Following your visit, re-board your coach and drive to the Sokha Beach Resort, voted one of the 'Best New Hotels in the World' by Condé Nast Traveller magazine. Upon arrival, proceed for a barbecue seafood buffet lunch at the resort. After lunch, some free time is available to relax at the resort at your leisure. You can take a refreshing dip in the pool or stroll the hotel's mile-long, white-sand beach, with its crystal-clear water and lush vegetation. At the conclusion of your visit, re-board your coach and commence the short drive back to the pier.

Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking, at times over uneven and sandy surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and at the sites visited. Walking at the Sokha Beach Resort is at the discretion of each guest. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection, a swimsuit, towel, and a change of clothing from the ship. The tour sequence may vary.

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DIFFICULTY



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DIFFICULTY



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December 14 2018, Friday

Chan May - Vietnam

#### CHM-A / THE STREETS OF HOI AN

DIFFICULTY



Price:\$89; Duration:8.00 hrs



Vietnam's culture and heritage fascinate all who visit. On this full-day exploration of the streets of Hoi An, Vietnam's treasure chest of history. This picturesque river town has remained unchanged for centuries. Initially an important trading port, Hoi An boasts some of Vietnam's most historic architecture as well as colourful temples and old community houses. Visit the Hoi An Museum, experience a guided walking tour of the town and enjoy a traditional lunch. Enjoy some shopping time and the opportunity to take some photos at Marble Mountain to round out the day's journey.

#### Hoi An

Travel for approximately 75-minutes via coach from the pier to Hoi An, a pretty river town that has earned a UNESCO World Heritage Site designation. Your walking tour begins along its colourful streets, which have remained largely unchanged for centuries before you enter the Hoi An Museum. Housed in a traditional merchant's house, this museum is known for its fine collection of objects relating to the town's heyday as an important trading port.

#### Phuoc Kien Temple

Next, visit the Phuoc Kien Temple, a structure built in honour of Thien Hau, the Goddess of the Sea.

Perhaps one of the most intriguing and beautiful of Hoi An's sights is the Japanese covered bridge. Built in 1593 over a stream, it is a wonderful amalgamation of Chinese, Vietnamese, and Japanese architectural characteristics. Appropriately, it connects Hoi An's Japanese and Chinese districts. At the centre of the bridge stands a small temple.

Following lunch at a local restaurant, return to the town and its busy streets to do some shopping in the lively open-air market.

Your tour concludes at the pier.

Please note: This tour requires an extensive amount of walking to take in all the sights; exploration of the town is entirely on foot, for approximately 2.5 hours, mainly on flat ground, with some steps to climb. Lightweight clothing and comfortable walking shoes are recommended. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Guests wishing to independently hire a trishaw for the open air market visit may do so. Due to the popularity of sights visited, dense crowding can be anticipated and the order of sights seen may vary. Please exercise caution with personal items in the market area, particularly when walking through crowded areas frequented by tourists. Bring local currency for any purchases; US dollars and credit cards are accepted in many stores.

#### CHM-B / CHAM CIVILISATION

DIFFICULTY



Price: \$169: Duration: 8.00 hrs

This full-day excursion combines an exploration of Da Nang's Cham Museum with a visit to My Son Holysee, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Savour lunch at Marble Beach and take in the views of Marble Mountain on this overview of the southern areas of Vietnam.

#### Da Nang

Depart the pier and travel by coach to the Cham Museum in Da Nang, a journey of approximately 75 minutes. The road south from Chan May is scenic, with tall sand dunes along the coast and numerous rice paddies and water buffalo in the fields. As you venture through the centre of Da Nang, discover a charming town, with ornate temples and colonial-style buildings.

Arriving at the Cham Museum, stroll through its outdoor exhibits of sandstone sculptures and temple decorations created between the 4th and 14 centuries by the Cham people. The displays are grouped into four time periods, and named after the regions in which the sculptures were discovered. Your guide, well-versed in Cham history provides a comprehensive explanation of these relics.

#### My Son Holysee

Your next destination is My Son Holysee. This World Cultural Heritage Site is a large complex of religious relics that comprises more than 70 architectural works, and includes temples and towers connected to each other by a series of intricate red brick designs. The main component of the site's Cham architectural design is the tower, which was built to reflect the divinity of the king. During your visit to My Son Holy Land, listen to your guide's lecture and see the 1,000-year-old brick ruins of temples built by Central Vietnam's Hindu Chams, which were damaged during the Vietnam War.

#### Marble Beach

Venture next to Marble Beach, the famed stretch of sandy coastline that served as a place for military personnel to find some R&R, and for Hollywood to shoot movies. With its Marble Mountain views and five-star resorts, it has become a favourite stomping ground for international travellers and ex-patriots. Enjoy lunch and a refreshment and a chance to relax at the resort on the beach.

#### Marble Mountain

Re-board the coach and travel next to the village at Marble Mountain. Shaped like a dragon at rest, Marble Mountain is actually a series of marble and limestone formations, each named after an element: metal, wood, water, fire and earth.

After your brief visit here, travel back to Chan May and the ship.

Please note: This tour requires moderate amount of walking, some of which is over uneven ground. It is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Guests who would like to swim at Marble Beach should bring a swimsuit with cover up. The order of sights seen may vary. Please exercise caution with personal items in the market area, particularly when walking through crowded areas frequented by tourists. Bring local currency for any purchases; US dollars and credit cards are accepted in many stores.

#### CHM-D / ANCIENT HUE - PERFUME RIVER

**DIFFICULTY** 



Price:\$129; Duration:8.25 hrs



Relive Vietnam's royal grandeur and become immersed in her culture as you visit the imperial city of Hue (pronounced 'whay'), with a cruise on the Perfume River. Adding to your experience is a stop at a lively marketplace and a visit to the magnificent tomb of Emperor Minh Mang. Begin your day at the pier in Chan May, where you board an air-conditioned coach for the approximate 1.5-hour journey to Hue.

#### Hue

Located eight miles (thirteen kilometres) from the coast and close to the Laos border, Hue has long been known as the 'Imperial City of the Nguyen Emperors'. The Emperors rose to glory during their reign from 1802 to 1945 and were the last ruling family of Vietnam. The city's fascinating treasures include the Imperial Citadel, Kings' Tomb, temples, and pagodas.

#### Royal Citadel

Functioning as the centre of imperial activity for 13 emperors of the Nguyen Dynasty, the city boasts impressive buildings and a sense of history. Gain an appreciation of that history with an exploration of the Royal Citadel. Built by Emperor Gia Long in 1804, the citadel features what is called the Noon Gate, or 'Ngo Mon'. This is the spot where kings announced the yearly calendar and the names of new doctors of philosophy.

The Palace of Supreme Harmony and adjoining Esplanade of Great Salutation were equally important in imperial life, hosting coronations, emperors' birthday parties, and court proceedings. Having been restored, the early-19th-century palace retains much of its original grandeur.

Continue your walking introduction of the Citadel with a look at the Imperial Enclosure. The Citadel's comparison to China's Forbidden City will be apparent as you observe this intriguing citadel within a citadel.

#### Thien Mu Pagoda

Next, visit Thien Mu Pagoda, located a short drive from the Citadel. Founded in 1601 by Lord Nguyen Hoang, the governor of Thuan Hoa Province, Thien Mu is the symbol of the city and one of the holiest pagodas in all of Vietnam. With its days as a hot-bed for anti-government protests long past, the pagoda today is a serene place where novice gardeners tend bonsai and monks deliver incantations.

#### **Dragon Boat Cruise**

Awaiting you in front of the pagoda is your dragon boat. Climb aboard and cruise on the Perfume River in a similar manner to that of the kings who travelled this route before you. Take in the sights and savour tranquillity as you relax. Afterwards, travel to the lunch venue, where Vietnamese cuisine is offered.

#### **Emperor's Tomb**

There is one more stop on your comprehensive itinerary: a visit to the magnificent tomb of Emperor Minh Mang. Considered the most brilliant emperor of the Nguyen Dynasty, Minh Mang had his tomb built on the west bank of the river. The tomb features unique green and yellow tiles.

From this picturesque spot, begin your return journey to Chan May.

Please note: The driving distance between Chan May and Hue is approximately 1.5 hours in duration. Sightseeing in Hue requires an extensive amount of walking; comfortable shoes are essential. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. The order of sites seen or visited may vary. Please exercise caution with personal items in the market area, particularly when walking through crowded areas frequented by tourists. Bring local currency for any purchases; US dollars and credit cards are accepted in many stores.

#### CHM-E / COOKING CLASS & HOI AN EXPLORATION

**DIFFICULTY** 



Price:\$129; Duration:8.25 hrs

Experience a taste of Vietnam's cuisine in one of its more picturesque towns, on this full-day local culinary exploration.

Meet your guide on the pier and depart via coach for the approximate 75 minute ride to Hoi An, a pretty river town that has earned a UNESCO World Heritage Site designation.

On arrival, meet the chef of the "Morning Glory School" and head off to the local market with its neat displays of wares and produce. The chef will select items that will be used later in the preparation of local delicacies.

Walk to the cooking school, one of Hoi An's best, and learn about Vietnamese cuisine. At your cooking station, follow the demonstrations of an expert chef who will teach you to prepare such Vietnamese delicacies as spring rolls, grilled chicken, rice pancakes and chicken and mango salad. Then sit back, relax and enjoy the dishes you have prepared.

After lunch, set off with your guide to the Hoi An Museum. Housed in a traditional merchant's house, this museum is known for its fine collection of objects relating to the town's heyday as an important trading port.

Next, visit perhaps one of the most intriguing and beautiful of Hoi An's sights, the Japanese covered bridge. Built in 1593 over a stream, it is a wonderful amalgamation of Chinese, Vietnamese, and Japanese architectural characteristics. Appropriately, it connects Hoi An's Japanese and Chinese districts. At the centre of the bridge stands a small temple.

Board the coach for the journey back to the ship.

Please note: This tour requires an extensive amount of walking to take in all the sights; exploration of the town is entirely on foot, for approximately 2.5 hours, mainly on flat ground, with some steps to climb. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Guests wishing to independently hire a trishaw for the market visit may do so. Lightweight clothing and comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Due to the popularity of sights visited, dense crowding can be anticipated and the order of sights seen may vary. Please exercise caution with personal items in the market area, particularly when walking through crowded areas frequented by tourists. Bring local currency for any purchases; US dollars and credit cards are accepted in many stores.

#### CHM-F / HOI AN BY BIKE AND ON-FOOT

**DIFFICULTY** 



Price: \$99; Duration: 8.00 hrs



Embrace the spectacular beauty and history of Hoi An by bicycle and on-foot during this panoramic, full-day sightseeing excursion.

#### Chan May, Da Nang, Rice Fields and Rural Villages

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 75-minute drive to Da Nang, a lovely town situated on the banks of the Han River. Upon arrival, receive your safety instructions and helmet, and begin your guided bicycle adventure to Hoi An. Along the way, pass by rural villages and family temples decorated in varied motifs, and see local people farming in their fields and vegetable gardens, working on their long boats and drying fishing nets. On the approach to Hoi Ann, cycle past rice fields and rural agricultural villages, then cross a beautiful bridge spanning the river and enter the historic town of Hoi An.

#### Hoi An, Free Time and Marble Mountain

The 15-century town of Hoi An is an exceptionally well-preserved example of a traditional Asian trading port. Upon arrival, take a guided walking tour of Hoi An. The moss-covered walls and well-preserved communal houses and pagodas of Hoi An offer a unique insight into what life was like in centuries past, and reveal why the city is an UNESCO World Heritage Site. Highlights include the Japanese Covered Bridge, Hoi An Museum and local market. Afterward, some free time is made available to explore Hoi An at your leisure. You can take a stroll through the market and museum, browse for souvenirs, and visit the Fukien Sea Goddess Temple and Ancient House.

#### Lunch and Marble Mountain

Next, proceed for a Vietnamese lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, proceed for a photo stop at panoramic Marble Mountain via coach. At the conclusion of your visit, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 75-minute drive back to the pier.

Please note: This tour involves an extensive amount of bicycling for about 1 hour (about 9 kilometres in total), and walking for approximately 1.24 miles (about two kilometres). Walking in Hoi An is at the discretion of each guest. This tour is recommended for guests who are in good physical condition and experienced bike riders, and have recently ridden or are confident on a bicycle. Participants must also be comfortable with hand brakes, and riding downhill. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing in layers with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection and raingear from the ship. Helmets are included, and must be worn at all times during the bicycle-riding portion of this tour. The maximum weight of each participating guest must not exceed 198 pounds (about 90 kilograms). Guests must be at least 18 years old to participate on this tour. A signed waiver is required to participate on this tour. The tour sequence may vary. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions.

#### CHM-H / HOI AN ON YOUR OWN

DIFFICULTY



Price:\$89; Duration:7.50 hrs



Hoi An is the ancient and charming town. Take a walking tour through this pedestrian-friendly village, which was known as Faifo when it was the Cham Kingdom's main international port. Between the 17th and 19th centuries, Hoi An was considered the best trading destination in all of Southeast Asia. Full of history and culture, the city's Old Town is a delight, with its small shops and winding lanes. It is the only town in Vietnam that been so well preserved, and this port town's international history is reflected in its architectural styles and customs. The wooden houses,

temples and pagodas reflect Chinese and Japanese influences, as do the textile and ceramic crafts that can be purchased as a souvenir of your visit

This transfer may suit you if you would like to explore on your own. It consists of a motor coach ride from the ship to Hoi An. The coach escort will advise you of the pick-up time and location for the return journey. Please be at the pick-up point 15 minutes prior to departure, as the coach is not allowed to wait.

Please note: Guide service, taxi transfers, entrance fees and lunch are not included in the transfer price. It will be your responsibility to be at the drop-off point at the given return time. An English-speaking escort will be aboard the transfer motor coach to answer questions en route. Wear comfortable shoes. Bring a hat, sunscreen and water. Modest attire is required to enter religious monuments; knees, shoulders and midriffs must be covered. Meal is not included.

#### CHM-I / HOI AN BY EVENING

**DIFFICULTY** 



Price: \$99; Duration: 7.00 hrs



Vietnam's culture and heritage fascinate all who visit. On this exploration of the streets of Hoi An, Vietnam's treasure chest of history. This picturesque river town has remained unchanged for centuries. Initially an important trading port, Hoi An boasts some of Vietnam's most historic architecture as well as colourful temples and old community houses. Visit the Hoi An Museum, experience a guided walking tour of the town and enjoy a traditional dinner. Enjoy some shopping time and the opportunity to take some photos at Marble Mountain round out the day's journey. Hoi An

Your next destination is Hoi An, a pretty river town that has earned a UNESCO World Heritage Site designation. Your walking tour begins along its colourful streets, which have remained largely unchanged for centuries before you enter the Hoi An Museum. Housed in a traditional merchant's house, this museum is known for its fine collection of objects relating to the town's heydays as an important trading port.

#### Phuoc Kien Temple

Next, visit the Phuoc Kien Temple, a structure built in honour of Thien Hau, the goddess of the sea.

Perhaps one of the most intriguing and beautiful of Hoi An's sights is the Japanese covered bridge. Built in 1593 over a stream, it is a wonderful amalgamation of Chinese, Vietnamese, and Japanese architectural characteristics. Appropriately, it connects Hoi An's Japanese and Chinese districts. At the centre of the bridge stands a small temple.

#### **Boat Ride**

Following a boat ride from Thu Bon river wharf on Bach Dang Street, you begin to sail along the major branch of the river and enjoy the beautiful scenery along both sides of the rivers. You will see the local life which performs gently at the late of the day; have dinner at a deluxe local restaurant. Your tour concludes at the pier after the return drive through Da nag by night streets.

Please note: This tour requires an extensive amount of walking to take in all the sights; exploration of the town is entirely on foot, for approximately 2.5 hours, mainly on flat ground, with some steps to climb. Lightweight clothing and comfortable walking shoes are recommended. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility or those who utilize a wheelchair. Due to the popularity of sights visited, dense crowding can be anticipated and the order of sights seen may vary. Please exercise caution with personal items in the market area, particularly when walking through crowded areas frequented by tourists. Bring local currency for any purchases; US dollars and credit cards are accepted in many stores.

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Explore the surrounding at your leisure during your private tour. Customize your own itinerary or choose to see and overview of the area's highlights. Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to arrival in the port. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this program. Please see the Shore Concierge Office on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary

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## December 15 2018, Saturday

# Chan May - Vietnam

#### CHM-C / DA NANG & MARBLE MOUNTAIN BEACH

**DIFFICULTY** 



Price: \$79; Duration: 5.50 hrs



Discover the history of Vietnam, both ancient and more recent, on this visit to Da Nang and Marble Mountain Beach. Highlights of this half-day outing include the Cham Museum, Han Market, Marble Mountain village, and Marble Mountain Beach.

#### Da Nang

Your adventure begins with a transfer of approximately 75 minutes to Da Nang. Visit the Cham Museum, a rather primitive yet altogether charming museum boasting an extensive array of Cham artefacts. The museum's more than 300 pieces are displayed outdoors, which proves to be an appropriate space for its collection of temple decorations and sandstone sculptures. The exhibits represent four time periods and are named after the geographic regions where the pieces were found.

#### Pedicab ride

Enjoy a pedicab ride from the Cham Museum to Han Market, winding through the small side streets of Da Nang to experience the heartbeat of the city. Riding in a pedicab, or cyclo, pronounced see-klo, offers a charming and intimate way to experience the hectic pace of Da Nang. Be pedaled through this animated and bustling city, and enjoy numerous opportunities for photos of the industrious vendors, streets full of motorcycles and pedicabs, local markets and colonial buildings

#### Han Market

Having become acquainted with the treasures of an ancient culture, continue with a drive to the nearby Han Market, where you will find the offerings of modern commerce.

After your investigation of this colourful marketplace, re-board the coach and travel next to the village at Marble Mountain.

#### Marble Mountain

King Minh Mang in 1837 named the mountains of Ngu Hanh after the five basic elements of the universe: Kim mountain (metal); Moc mountain (wood); Thuy mountain (water); Tho mountain (earth); Hoa mountain (Fire). In Marble Mountain Village, the skilful hands of the area's talented workers have created thousands of stone statues. Of particular note are the different coloured pieces, very interesting to most stone lovers.

#### Marble Mountain Beach

The sandy beach at Marble Mountain Beach is more than 25 miles (40 kilometres) long. During the Vietnam War, American Marines and South Korean troops used this area as a basecamp. Since then, many famous resorts have been built along the beach. Sip a local drink, relax, and enjoy the sea breeze, sun, and sand. If you feel adventurous, go for a swim, climb the nearby mountain with more than 100 steps to see both the area pagoda and caverns, or admire the view of Da Nang and Marble Mountain Beach.

Afterwards, the coach returns you to the ship in Chan May.

Please note: Pedicabs are not equipped with seat belts. All guests are required to sign a waiver before participating. This tour requires a moderate amount of walking, some of which is over uneven ground. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Guests who would like to swim at Marble Mountain Beach should wear a swimsuit with cover up. The order of sights seen may vary. Please exercise caution with personal items in the market area, particularly when walking through crowded areas frequented by tourists. Bring local currency for any purchases; US dollars and credit cards are accepted in many stores.

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## December 16 2018, Sunday

# Qui Nhon - Vietnam

#### QNV-A / A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE AT BANA – ETHNIC MINORITY VILLAGE

**DIFFICULTY** 



Price: \$99; Duration: 6.00 hrs

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Qui Nhon is a sea port city that is also the country of Nguyen Hue, a Vietnamese heroic king in 17th century. When Nguyen Hue rose up to fight against Nguyen Lords, Chinese Tsing troops, he was supported by many Bana ethnic minority.

Bana groups are living around Qui Nhon together with other minority such as the Cham and the Hore. The Bana minority embraces a matrilineal system, with inheritance passing through the mother. Women marry men by offering things such as cows, pigs, woods.

The Bana play bronze gongs very well. Recently Gong music has been recognized as the World Non-Physical Heritage. The Bana's communal house is also a special place for community rituals, settling disputes.

Leave the port for Van Canh sub-district. Enjoy the landscape of the countryside on both sides of the road. On arrival, take a short walk in the village. Stop to visit the Bana minority's houses, kitchen, pig pen. Try some local activities such as mortaring rice and corn, or watch the locals at work.

Enjoy the chance to chat with the village chief and hear his minority legends. Visit the communal house to hear traditional gong music played by the local men and women in the village and see traditional dance.

Try the jar wine specially made by the Bana people. Because the Bana practice a matriarchal system, women start tasting the wine first.

Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of activity, including 2km of walking, sometimes over unpaved surfaces, with stairs at some sites, making this tour unsuitable for guests with limited mobility or in wheelchairs. Guests are recommended to bring a camera, hat and sun screen. Please note that while this tour is suitable for children 7 years and older, no safety seat can be provided on the tour vehicle.

#### QNV-B / A GLIMPSE AT QUI NHON AND COUNTRYSIDE

DIFFICULTY



Price: \$79; Duration: 4.00 hrs



Enjoy a roving tour of Qui Nhon, a sea port city that was also the capital of King Nguyen Hue, a Vietnamese hero in 17th century. Leave the port for a city drive through main streets in this very calm city along the coastal line. Qui Nhon was also the capital of the Champa Kingdom in the 9th century. Much evidence of the city's past glory, such as towers, walls and dykes can be found in and around the metropolis. The prominent Doi Cham towers, where God Shiva is worshipped, marked a period of great development of Champa kingdom, and is a stop on the tour.

#### Qui Nhon Museun

Visit the Qui Nhon city museum, which has original exhibits dating from the Champa Kingdom, including statues of Hindu Gods and exhibits of the past wars; another reminder of a glorious past of which the local people are so proud. The museum also provides an overview Qui Nhon history, culture and economy.

#### Whale Temple

Continue to drive to the Whale Temple to see how local people worship whales that have been believed as the God who salvage all those who had accidents on the sea. Bone of whales have been collected and kept in coffins.

#### Cham Doi Tower

Leave the Whale Temple for the Cham Doi towers, famous for their ancient lineage and impressive stature. These structures date back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century and were worshipped by the Cham people in devotion to the God Shiva, who is one of three main deities of Hinduism.

#### Rice Paper Making

Visit a local family who makes rice paper that is the typical food in Vietnam. Watch and learn as rice powder is mixed with water and coconut milk and sesame seed as a paste, formed into round papers and added to boiling water. Try your rice paper, which can be eaten fresh or used to warp other food such as pork, shrimps, vegetables.

#### Local Market

Continue on to the largest market in downtown Qui Nhon, where local people go to the market every day for foods. Walk past arrays of food, vegetables, local fruits of all kinds and other items for purchase.

#### Qui Nhon Beach

Finally, at a sandy beach cooled by a gentle breeze, enjoy coconut juice and relax before returning to the port.

Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of activity, including 2km of walking, and stairs at some sites, making this tour less suitable for guests with limited mobility or in wheelchairs. Guests are recommended to bring a camera, hat and sun screen. Please note that while this tour is suitable for children, no safety seat can be provided on the tour vehicle.

## December 17 2018, Monday

# Nha Trang - Vietnam

#### NHA-A / NHA TRANG CITY & CHAM TOWERS

**DIFFICULTY** 



Price:\$59; Duration:4.00 hrs



Travel to see the impressive Cham Towers and catch a glimpse of the city and its well-known pagoda on this half-day, scenic drive and tour. Departing the pier, a 30-minute drive takes you north of the city to the site of the Po Nagar temple complex.

#### Po Nagar Cham Towers

Originally, there were eight of these magnificent towers standing on this granite hilltop overlooking the picturesque Nha Trang region. Today, only four remain. The towers were built between the 7th and 12th centuries and are reached via 70 sloping steps. Most visitors make the trip for the superb views from the top.

#### Long Son Pagoda

Heading back towards town, visit the best-known pagoda in Nha Trang. Note the ceramic tile and glass images of dragons decorating the roof and the entrance to the structure, as well as murals telling of local legends. Stairs to one side lead to a 30-foot (9.2-metre)-high white Buddha statue that can be seen from many parts of the city.

#### Nha Trang

Continue with an orientation drive through the city and along its beautiful beachfront. A visit is made to an embroidery and silk paintings workshop where you enjoy green tea and the arts of Vietnamese weaving.

Then, return to the port via the coastal road.

Please note: This tour requires a moderate amount of walking; however, the hilltop Cham Towers can only be accessed via 70 steps. It is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Shoes must be removed for the interior temple visit. Wear slip-on shoes and bring a pair of socks for comfort. We recommend you bring your camera. Order of sights may vary. Bring local currency for any purchases; US dollars and credit cards are accepted in many stores.

#### NHA-B / NHA TRANG RIVER CRUISE

DIFFICULTY



Price:\$69; Duration:3.50 hrs



Discover a few of Nha Trang's highlights today on this short outing, including a view of the city as the ancient mariners witnessed - from the river. A 30-minute drive takes you from the pier to the riverboat to begin a voyage on the Nha Trang River. The embarkation point is at the foot of the Po Nagar Cham Tower, perhaps the best preserved of all Cham sites. Dedicated to the goddess Uroja, the central tower features a black stone sculpture of a deity. Local villagers still bring offerings of flowers and incense to her shrine. The cruise takes you past numerous fishing boats and a lively fish market en route to a riverside clay-oven workshop and a rural village.

Come ashore at a local village where a family produces clay ovens used by the country people of Khanh Hoa Province. Every year, families mark the onset of Tet (the lunar New Year) by smashing their clay ovens. From the workshop, re-board the riverboat once more and head towards a refreshment stop where coconut juice, a local favourite is offered. On the river once again, cruise to a local farmers homestead and leaving the boat behind, explore his home and garden and sample some refreshing tropical fruit.

From the farm, begin the return to the ship via coach.

Please note: Although only a moderate amount of walking is required, the village path is unpaved and rough and guests must be able to manoeuvre on and off the boat. Flat, walking shoes are suggested. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility and those who utilise a wheelchair. The boat is traditional and rustic, with only some protection from the sun. We suggest you bring a hat, sun lotion, and glasses.

#### NHA-C / NHA TRANG BIKING TOUR

**DIFFICULTY** 



Price: \$99; Duration: 4.00 hrs



Explore the beautiful Vietnamese countryside and village lifestyles in a unique new way during this scenic, half-day bicycle excursion. Depart the pier for the short transfer to the Bicycle Station at the Nha Trang Beach Public Park. Upon arrival, receive your safety instructions and equipment, nest board your bicycle for a guided ride along national trails, through villages and towns, and past farms. Just outside of the city Nha Trang 's beach front is the picturesque countryside dotted with palm trees, fruit orchards and irrigated rice paddies.

#### Local Landmarks

During your bicycle tour, observe the local lifestyles of the Vietnamese people and explore local landmarks. Highlights include the Nha Trang Cathedral, Stone Church, Loc Tho Pagoda the nurturing and protection of disadvantaged and orphaned children, Ancient House, and a refreshment stop at a local restaurant.

#### Cai River

Then cycle along the Cai river to see the wooden bridge which is helping the islander in a daily life. Continue riding to visit a clay-cooked stove family workshop where many clay stoves have been produced. The local people in the countryside still use clay stoves for cooking at home instead of gas stoves. Every year, 7 days before the lunar New Year comes, people have a little ceremony to see off the Kitchen God and change for a new stove. The old stoves cannot be ruined. They bring them to the Cai River and drop them on thousands of rocks at the Cai river estuary.

#### Ponagar Cham Tower

Ponagar Cham Tower is the next stop and enjoy views of the historic, the best-preserved relic of the thousand-year-long Champa dynasty. The Champa Kingdom or Champa Dynasty was located along the coastal plains of southern and central Vietnam, between about AD 192 and 1832. The Chams controlled the coast and the sea-lanes between China and India. Descendants of the Champa still live along the coast, but are now part of Vietnam

Your tour concludes with photo stops at the Ponagar and Tram Huong towers before re-boarding your coach and transferring back to the pier.

Please note: This tour involves an extensive amount of activity, biking for approximately 7.5 miles / 12 km, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach. This tour is recommended for guests in good physical condition, and is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Lightweight, comfortable clothing, flat, closed-toe walking shoes or sneakers and sun protection is recommended. Guests must be between 13 and 75 years old and between 62 and 74 inches (157 and 188 centimetres) to participate on this tour. The maximum weight to participate on this tour is 210 pounds (95 kilograms) per person. Space on this tour is extremely limited; we suggest you book well in advance to avoid disappointment. Guest who would like to donate colouring books, crayons, pencils ect, can bring the items and give them directly to the children.

#### NHA-D / NHA TRANG BY PEDI-CAB

**DIFFICULTY** 



Price:\$49; Duration:2.75 hrs



Get an up-close look at the heart of the Vietnamese port city of Nha Trang from the seat of a pedi-cab on this half-day outing. Nha Trang

Board your coach and drive along the beach front of Nha Trang. A 15-minute ride takes you to Tran Phu Street, where you climb aboard your own pedi-cab. Travel through the main streets of the city which have colonial-style houses overlooking the Cai River. Take the opportunity to view and photograph the Xom Bong fishing village from your pedicab.

Next, leave your pedi-cab and explore Dam Market, the central market of Nha Trang. Some time is made available to explore the market and for shopping.

At the appointed time, meet your coach for the return ride back to the pier.

Please note: Pedicabs are not equipped with seat belts. All guests are required to sign a waiver before participating. This tour requires some walking at the market, at each guest's discretion. It is suitable for guests with limited mobility; however, guests must be able to embark/disembark the pedi-cab via steps. The pedi-cab ride is non-stop and guests will not get on/off the pedi-cabs along the route. Due to the requirements of the local traffic authority, the pedi-cab may only slow and not stop for photos. We thank you for your understanding. Light rain gear is provided if necessary. Tour sequence may vary. Pedi-cabs accommodate one guest only. Bring local currency for any purchases; US dollars and credit cards are accepted in many stores.

#### Silver Shore "Privato"

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# December 18 2018, Tuesday

# Ho Chi Minh City - Vietnam

SGN-A / SAIGON HIGHLIGHTS

DIFFICULTY

Price:\$59; Duration:4.00 hrs

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#### SGN-C / GOOD EVENING, SAIGON

**DIFFICULTY** 



Price:\$149; Duration:3.75 hrs

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Experience an evening of traditional Vietnamese food and cultural entertainment as you bid Saigon a 'good evening'.

#### Majestic Hotel

Begin with a transfer to the legendary *Majestic Hotel*, which, since 1925, has occupied one of the finest locations in Saigon, boasting stunning views of the Saigon River. After you are graciously welcomed by hostesses in traditional dresses, sip pre-dinner cocktails on the rooftop terrace, with its sweeping view of central Saigon. Both the old world boutique charm of the hotel and the elegance of the columned and arched classical French-colonial design help create a special ambiance for your evening.

The Majestic has gone through several reincarnations over the years, changes that reflect the tumultuous history of Vietnam. During World War II, the Japanese Imperial Army used this French colonial structure as their military barracks. During the Vietnam War, it was frequented by foreign correspondents and espionage agents.

Enjoy a special show featuring traditional music, dances, and costumes from the northern and southern regions of Vietnam. Following the entertainment, proceed to one of the finest Vietnamese restaurants in Saigon to savour a feast of local specialties.

All too soon this special evening of Vietnamese culture and tradition comes to a close and your coach returns you to the ship.

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December 19 2018, Wednesday

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#### SGN-B / SAIGON STREET FOOD EXPERIENCE

DIFFICULTY



Price:\$89; Duration:5.00 hrs



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#### SGN-D / LIFE IN THE MEKONG DELTA

DIFFICULTY



Price: \$99; Duration: 7.00 hrs

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Experience Vietnam, off-the-beaten path, to the heart of the Mekong Delta. Tour the local villages and cruise along the river for a rewarding and a truly unforgettable impression on this full-day excursion.

#### Mekong Delta

Depart the ship upon arrival for the 2.5-hour journey along a well-paved road to the Mekong Delta area. The mighty Mekong River, originating in Tibet and flowing through several countries before its 120-mile (193-kilometre) course through Vietnam, divides into nine river mouths, aptly called the Nine Dragon Delta by locals. This flourishing region is criss-crossed by numerous natural and man-made canals serving the local traffic.

#### Cai Be Floating Market

Following the drive through villages and small towns, arrive at a branch of the Cai Be River. Here, board a local long boat for an interesting ride past villages and lush vegetation to the floating market. Cruise between the many boats from which vendors sell their wares. Rising above the busy Cai Be village, you can spot the bell tower of a Catholic church built in the 19th century when the French tried to spread Christianity in the delta region.

#### Scenic Canal Cruising

Continue cruising along the river and through smaller canals to Tan Phong Island. Observe local sampans full of fruits and flowers being rowed to the market and children on their way to school. The scene offers some great photo opportunities and vivid impressions of life along the canals. Cross the Mekong River and stop for a visit at a local farm. Stroll through a garden of bonsai, flowers and fruit trees and then enjoy a refreshing cup of tea with your host.

Next, the boat brings you to a local restaurant for a tasty meal of spring rolls and freshly caught Mekong fish. After dining, re-join the van for the journey back to Ho Chi Minh City and the ship.

Please note: This tour requires an extensive amount of walking. All areas visited are wheelchair accessible; however, guests must be able to embark/disembark the van via steps and manoeuvre on and off the local boat with little assistance. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility. Lightweight, comfortable clothing and rubber-soled shoes are recommended. Transportation is by van. Bring local currency for any purchases; US dollars and credit cards are accepted in many stores. Order of sites may vary. Meal substitutions cannot be accommodated. The drive from the pier to the Mekong Delta is approximately 2-2.5 hours in each direction and timings can be affected by traffic.

SGN-F / CU CHI TUNNELS

DIFFICULTY



Price: \$79; Duration: 5.50 hrs



The Vietnam War, or the American War as it is known in Vietnam, pitched modern American technology against fierce Vietcong resistance waging a guerrilla war. On this half-day tour, experience a local perspective on wartime memories and the infamous Cu Chi Tunnels.

The two-hour drive southwest from Saigon to the Cu Chi Tunnels is a pleasant foray into the surrounding countryside. It is hard to believe you are entering a former war zone of such strategic importance. The busy road passes through tranquil rice paddies where entrepreneurial villagers use the hot roadside as a platform for drying all manner of produce. Hundreds of sheets of paper dot the countryside, drying on woven racks in the relentless sun. A short stop is made at a small village for photos of the countryside view and paddy fields.

At Cu Chi, your guide explains the underground network, shows the displays of tools and weapons used by the guerrillas, and provides insight into the ingenious methods that the Vietnamese soldiers employed to remain undetected. Work on the tunnels began in 1948 during the war against the French, and greatly expanded throughout the 1960s.

Measuring 31 inches (80 cm) wide and five feet (1.5 metres) tall, the maze of tunnels was extensive, extending over 120 miles (193 kilometres). They included storerooms, sleeping quarters, kitchens, medical facilities and classrooms, and at one time, over 16,000 people lived in the tunnels. Most only 2 or 2.5 feet wide by 5 feet high (60-72cm X1.5 metres), the tunnels had thick roofs capable of withstanding the weight of tanks or the impact of bombs weighing up to 200 pounds (91 kilograms). Some have been enlarged to accommodate visitors at the site.

Following your visit to the tunnels, board your coach for your return to the ship.

Please note: This tour requires a moderate amount of walking. It is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Walking through the tunnels requires additional exertion. Guests participating on this portion of the tour should be fit and not prone to claustrophobia; guests may opt not to enter the tunnels. In the tunnels closest to the surface the actual rooms may be open to the sky above, with the tunnels in between fairly short. Approximately one hour is spent on site Cu Chi site. In Cu Chi guests will see sensitive material, including graphic pictures and displays of the atrocities of war.

Sturdy shoes, sun protection, and mosquito repellant are recommended. The duration of the drive between the pier and the tunnel are is approximately 2 hours in each direction.

#### SGN-J / SAIGON WAR RELICS

DIFFICULTY



Price: \$59; Duration: 4.50 hrs



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#### War Museum

Next, re-board your coach and continue on to the War Museum. During your guided visit, explore war relics and detailed exhibits, at times shocking, about the American war in Vietnam. The museum comprises a series of themed rooms in several areas, with period military equipment placed within a walled yard. This museum is currently the most popular museum in Ho Chi Minh City, it has welcomed half of million visitors each day.

At the conclusion of your visit, re-board you coach for 20minutes drive back to the ship

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**DIFFICULTY** 



Price:\$49; Duration:4.50 hrs



Discover how coffee is intertwined with the local population, culture and history of Saigon during this fun-filled, half-day coffee excursion. Ho Chi Minh, *Pho* Noodle Shop, Vietnamese-Style Breakfast

Depart the pier for the short drive to your first stop, *Pho*, a local noodle shop. Most Vietnamese usually begin their new day with a breakfast of noodle soup or 'bánh mì', a type of sandwich that consists of a Vietnamese baguette that is split lengthwise and filled with various savoury ingredients, along with a cup of coffee. Coffee here is not just a drink, but a social aspect of life. Morning, noon and/or night, coffee is for people of all ages and classes, and a part of Saigon's history is brewed into every cup of coffee made here.

Following your Vietnamese-style breakfast, re-board your coach and head to Café Chung C, also known as the 'Apartment Café'.

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