

#### TRAVEL PASSES

# Rice Field Bamba Express Ways (from Hanoi)

Backpacking
21 Days / 3 Countries
Vietnam , Cambodia & Thailand
Departure city: Hanoi, Vietnam
End city: Bangkok, Thailand



#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend 2 days partying in beautiful Halong Bay
- Learn about the dark history of Vietnam and Cambodia
- Discover the legendary temples of Angkor Wat
- Weave through the vibrant city of Bangkok
- Explore on your own in your free time

Discover the best of Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam on this exciting Asian adventure that takes you from Hanoi down to Bangkok. Visit magical Halong Bay, discover ancient ruins, learn about the region's history, meet friendly locals and experience some of Southeast Asia's most beautiful landscapes!

#### MAP



# What is included

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#### **Travel Passes**

Include all of your transport and experiences while giving you full flexibility to change the dates and pick your accommodation on the go.

#### Transport: 9

• Siem Reap to Bangkok

Nha Trang to Dalat

• Sihanoukville to Siem Reap

Hoi An to Nha Trang

• Phnom Penh to Sihanoukville

Hue to Hoi An

• Ho Chi Minh City to Phnom Penh

Hanoi to Hue

• Dalat to Ho Chi Minh City



#### Meals: 4

• 1 Breakfast(s), 2 Lunch(es), 1 Dinner(s),

#### 1,[

#### Experiences: 7

• Bangkok Bike Explorer

Countryside Motorcycle Adventure

Angkor Wat Day Trip

Hoi An Bicycle Day Trip

• Killing Fields & Prison S21 Experience

Halong Bay Party Cruise 2D/1N (from

Hanoi)

• Cu Chi Tunnels Half Day Experience

# What is not included

• Guide throughout the trip

• Meals not mentioned in the itinerary

Travel Insurance

Tips

Personal Expenses

Accommodation pick-up drop-off from Bus

Stations

\*Prices for optional activities are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Please confirm these prices before departing on your trip.

# **Experiences Included**

### Halong Bay Party Cruise 2D/1N



Travel from Hanoi to nearby Halong Bay for a fun 2-day party cruise with new friends and exciting activities.

#### INCLUDED

- 1 night cabin on cruise
- Transfers to/from accommodation & Dier
- Hanoi accommodation pick-up & Damp; drop-off (Old Quarter)
- Roundtrip bus transfers Hanoi-Halong Bay pier
- 1B / 2L / 1D
- Water & amp; cultural activities
- Kayaking
- Swimming
- Snorkeling
- Cooking demonstration
- English speaking guide

#### NOT INCLUDED

- Airport pick-up & dropoff
- Other meals & drinks
- Personal expenses
- Tips
- Travel insurance

#### Hoi An Bicycle Day Trip



Ride through the Vietnamese countryside just outside of Hoi An to small islands, local artisans, and have a homemade lunch with a local family.

#### INCLUDED

- Minivan Transportation
- English Speaking Guide
- Bicycle
- Entrance Tickets
- Boat Trip
- Lunch

#### NOT INCLUDED

- Soft Drinks and Alcoholic Beverages
- Other Meals/Drinks
- Tips
- Personal Expenses
- Travel Insurance

### Countryside Motorcycle Adventure



Take an exciting motorcycle ride around Dalat with an English speaking driver/guide. Ride on the back of a motorcycle and admire the region's beautiful lakes, waterfalls, lush forests in the countryside and discover the local culture.

#### INCLUDED

- Motorcycle Tour with English Speaking Guide
- (You ride on the back of the motorcycle with a guide to take you around.)

#### NOT INCLUDED

- Meals
- Drinks
- Personal Expenses
- Travel Insurance

# Cu Chi Tunnels Half Day Experience



Learn about the history of Vietnam as you visit the Cu Chi Tunnels - an amazing complex of underground tunnels used during the Vietnam war.

#### INCLUDED

- Mini van transportation
- English-speaking guide

#### NOT INCLUDED

- Optional shooting range
- Entrance fees
- Lunch
- Tips for guide
- Other personal expenses
- Travel insurance

#### Killing Fields & Prison S21 Experience



#### INCLUDED

- Hotel pick up and drop off (inner city)
- Tuk Tuk Transportation
- Entrance Fees & Audio Guides at the Genocide Museum & Killing Fields

#### **Angkor Wat Day Trip**



#### INCLUDED

- Shared Transportation
- Local English Speaking Tour Guide
- 1 Bottle of Drinking Water

# NOT INCLUDED

# **Recommended Itinerary**

This is a recommendation for your trip, but travel passes are flexible and you can decide how long to stay in each destination.

# Day 1: Halong Bay, Vietnam



#### ( Halong Bay Party Cruise 2D/1N (from Hanoi)

DepartureTimes: 08:00, 08:30

Hanoi Old Quarter accommodation pick-up & transfer to Halong Bay (L/D)

Today you will be picked up from your hotel in the Hanoi Old Quarter between 8:00 - 8:30 am depending on the location of your hotel. Please be ready and waiting in the lobby from 8:00 am. Take a scenic 3.5-hour bus ride through rural Vietnam en route to Halong Bay arriving to the marina at around noon. Take a quick ferry to your Party Cruise to get settled in to your cabin and then have a traditional Vietnamese lunch on board as you set sail into the calm waters and stunning scenery of Halong Bay. Pass by several unique islets in the form of different animals and objects; Duck Islet, Swan Islet, Fighting Cocks Islet, Incense Burner Islet and Stone Dog Islet. After lunch go for 2hr kayaking trip through a tunnel to get off the beaten path and discover Halong Bay's Frog Pond. The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy. Jump off the boat into emerald waters, go for a swim, and try out the "water trampoline," the outdoor jacuzzi, or some volleyball until dinner is served around 7pm. Eat your fill because the next item on the agenda is partying with a live DJ until the sun comes up!

# Day 2: Hanoi, Vietnam



#### ( Halong Bay Party Cruise 2D/1N (from Hanoi)

DepartureTimes: 08:00, 08:30

See Halong Bay & return to the Hanoi Old Quarter (B/L)

Wake up this morning to the peaceful atmosphere on the bay with the gentle waves and cheerful seabirds singing their morning songs as the sun rises over the horizon. Have breakfast at 8:00 am and enjoy the breathtaking scenery of Halong Bay in the morning. Check out of your cabin and pay your bill as your ship cruises back to the pier. Enjoy a Vietnamese cooking demonstration and your last traditional Vietnamese meal on board before arriving back at the pier.

Relax on your return bus ride back to Hanoi watching the rural scenery pass by. Upon arrival, you will be dropped off at your hotel in the Hanoi Old Quarter where your trip will come to an end around 5 - 5:30 pm.

# Day 3: Hanoi, Vietnam



#### Hanoi to Hue

Type: Transfer

DepartureTimes: 18:00 Duration: 13 hrs.

# Day 4: Hue, Vietnam

#### Free Day

Explore on your own, or add an optional extra experience

# Day 5: Hoi An, Vietnam



### Hue to Hoi An

Type: Transfer

DepartureTimes: 08:00, 13:15

Duration: 4 hrs.

# Day 6: Hoi An, Vietnam



# Hoi An Bicycle Day Trip

DepartureTimes: 08:00 Duration: 5 hrs.

This morning you will be picked up at your accommodation to go pick out a bike before heading out on your unforgettable day tour to Cam Kim island. We will cross the Thu Bon river along with plenty of locals heading to school or to the central market. Here we will make a stop in the Kim Bong carpentry village and take a look at the fishing boat builders on the riverbank. Here there are several families famous for generations of boatmaking and carpentry. They also contributed in building Hoi An's beautiful wooden houses for Chinese and Japanese traders that make the town such a charming destination today.

Leaving the town, we will cycle past a scenic rice field and small river branches where you can see large fishing nets hanging over the water. We will visit a family on a small local island to see the most common local occupation: weaving sleeping mats, a tradition hundreds of years old.

Finally, we will cycle through the tranquil countryside to another family's house for a homemade local lunch. After a great meal with even better company, we will cycle back to town. After returning your bike you will be dropped off at your hostel in the afternoon.

# Day 7: Hoi An, Vietnam



### ( Hoi An to Nha Trang

Type: **Transfer** 

DepartureTimes: 18:15

Duration: hrs.

### Day 8: Nha Trang, Vietnam

Free Day

Explore on your own, or add an optional extra experience

# Day 9: Dalat, Vietnam



#### Nha Trang to Dalat

Type: **Transfer** 

DepartureTimes: 07:30, 13:00

Duration: 4 hrs.

# Day 10: Dalat, Vietnam



#### Countryside Motorcycle Adventure

DepartureTimes: 08:30 Duration: 8 hrs.

Take an exciting motorcycle tour around Dalat with an English speaking driver/guide. Ride on the back of a motorcycle to admire the beauty of this region filled with natural wonders such as lakes, waterfalls, lush green forests and floral gardens. Take a break at the Truc Lam meditation center and see the beautiful Paradise lake, Elephant waterfall and Linh An pagoda. Immerse yourself in the local way of life at a Chicken minority village (K' ho people) and learn about the local industry as we stop by a vegetable farm, a mushroom farm, a coffee farm and a silk factory. Arrive back to Dalat around 16:00 pm.

# Day 11: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam



#### Dalat to Ho Chi Minh City

Type: **Transfer** 

DepartureTimes: 08:00, 21:30

Duration: 8 hrs.

# Day 12: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Free Day

Explore on your own, or add an optional extra experience

## Day 13: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam



# Cu Chi Tunnels Half Day Experience

DepartureTimes: 7:45, 13:00

Duration: 6 hrs.

Get an early start around 7:45am and head to the historic Cu Chi tunnels (Ben Dinh), approximately 70kms away from central Ho Chi Minh City. The Cu Chi tunnels represent one of the most famous vestiges of the Vietnam War and one of the keys to Vietnam's victory. This vast and amazing subterranean network consists of over 200kms of tunnels connected with one another in an intricate cobweb formation. With determination and endurance, the tunnels were dug with rudimentary tools and the openings were camouflaged so well that no enemy could find them. Upon arrival around 9:30am, view a short presentation video about the Cu Chi tunnels originally used during the Vietnam War before experiencing the famous tunnels from the inside. Crawl into these fascinating underground dwellings to get a feel of the stamina and grit it took to live in the tunnels. Afterwards, you can try the steamed tapioca root which was the main staple food in Cu Chi during the war. Next, for those interested, there will be an opportunity to fire off rounds from an AK47 or MK16 at the nearby rifle range (not included). Around 13:30 pm, we will be back in Ho Chi Minh, where the tour will come to an end.

# Day 14: Phnom Penh, Cambodia



# ( Ho Chi Minh City to Phnom Penh

Type: Transfer

DepartureTimes: 06:30,08:30, 11:30, 15:30

Duration: 6.5 hrs.

## Day 15: Phnom Penh, Cambodia



#### Killing Fields & Prison S21 Experience

DepartureTimes: 08:00 Duration: 5:15 hrs.

Get picked up and start your intriguing tour to the S21 Prison and the Killing Fields. Visit the Genocide Museum, also known as Prison S21 under Khmer Rouge regime. An audio-guide will help you learn about some basic insights at this prison. The prison is composed of 4 buildings, and there are different exhibitions on different floors / rooms. Two prison survivors sometimes come to the museum and talk to the visitors.

You will also visit the Killing Fields, about a 40 minute drive away from the Phnom Penh city center. Upon arrival you will receive an Audio Tour with headphones and a control device with numbered buttons. You can follow the map provided and start the Audio Tour. Then we will make the return trip and you will be dropped off at your accommodation.

#### A bit of history...

The S21 Security Prison, also known as Tuol Sleng, is where an estimated 17,000 people were imprisoned between 1975 - 1979. They were repeatedly tortured and coerced into naming family members and close associates, who were in turn arrested, brought to S21, tortured and eventually killed. In 1979, the prison was uncovered by the invading Vietnamese army who toppled the Khmer Rouge and its leader, Pol Pot. In 1980, the prison was reopened by the government of the People's Republic of Kampuchea as a historical museum.

The Killing Fields is the name given to numerous burial sites in Cambodia where huge numbers of people were killed and buried by the infamous Khmer Rouge regime between 1975 and 1979. Over 20,000 mass grave sites have been found across Cambodia, estimates place the number of dead between 2 and 4 million. Many of these deaths were as a result of the Khmer Rouge policies that resulted in the disease and starvation of much of its population.

# Day 16: Sihanoukville, Cambodia



#### Phnom Penh to Sihanoukville

Type: Transfer

DepartureTimes: 07:00, 08:30, 9:30, 12:30, 13:30, 15:00, 17:30

Duration: 5 hrs.

# Day 17: Sihanoukville, Cambodia

# Free Day

Explore on your own, or add an optional extra experience

# Day 18: Siem Reap, Cambodia



# (S) Sihanoukville to Siem Reap

Type: **Transfer** 

DepartureTimes: 07:00, 12:30

Duration: 11 hrs.

#### Day 19: Siem Reap, Cambodia



# (😭) Angkor Wat Day Trip

DepartureTimes: 8:30 Duration: 7 hrs.

You will be picked up in the morning and you will first visit the Angkor Thom complex. Bayon temple, with 54 towers and 216 faces of Budhhistsatva Avalokestesvara, is the highlight of all the temples in the center of Angkor Thom City. Then we continue to visit several other historic sites such as Baphoun, the Ancient Royal Palace, the Elephant terrace and Ta Prohm temple. Ta Prohm temple is the temple where gigantic tree roots have grown that was made famous by the Hollywood film "Tomb Raider" starring Angelina Jolie.

Before we continue to other interesting sites, we will have lunch. After lunch, we will see the temple of Angkor Wat which has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage since 1992. Finally we continue to Phnom Bakheng as the day fades to night. Then, we will drive you back to your hotel.

A bit of history...Stretching over some 400 square kilometers, including forested area, Angkor Archaeological Park contains the magnificent remains of several capitals of the Khmer Empire of the 9th to the 15th centuries, including the largest pre-industrial city in the world. Angkor Wat is a temple complex at Angkor, built by Tamil King Suryavarman II in the early 12th century as his state temple and capital city. As the best-preserved temple at the site, it is the only one to have remained a significant religious centre since its foundation – first Hindu, dedicated to the god Vishnu, then Buddhist. In the late 13th century, Angkor Wat gradually moved from Hindu to Theravada Buddhist use, which continues to the present day. Angkor Wat is unusual among the Angkor temples in that although it was somewhat neglected after the 16th century it was never completely abandoned, its preservation being due in part to the fact that its moat also provided some protection from encroachment by the jungle. It has become a symbol of Cambodia, appearing on its national flag, and it is the country's prime attraction for visitors.

# Day 20: Bangkok, Thailand



#### Siem Reap to Bangkok

Type: **Transfer** 

DepartureTimes: 08:00

Duration: 8 to 10 hrs (Depending on border crossing) hrs.

# Day 21: Bangkok, Thailand



# Bangkok Bike Explorer

DepartureTimes: 08:00, 13:00

Duration: 4 hrs.

Get to know the lively city streets of Bangkok bustling with street vendors, shops and multitudes of people rushing to and from during their busy work day. Make your way to the meeting point, where you will get geared up with your bike and meet your guide for the tour. Head off into the busy city of Bangkok and peek into the lives of local city dwellers by riding across wooden bridges and through squatter settlements nestled under highways and near railroad tracks. Get a feel for the daily habits and rituals of locals throughout the city.

Enjoy a refreshing drink stop before cycling to the pier where you will board a longtail boat with your bike and cross the Chao Praya River to reach Bangkok's green heart. Leave the hustle and bustle of the city behind as you cycle through beautiful lush green natural areas on elevated pathways, an area that was once home to old plantations. Observe the contrasts of this great city as you keep an eye out for the occasional sun-bathing turtle or skittish lizard.

Stop to rest up with another cold drink and snack before returning to the longtail boat. Enjoy the view of Bangkok's skyline as you ride back across the river after an invigorating morning tour. Cycle back to the office where your tour will come to an end. (Approximately 13 - 16 kilometres in total)

