

Tour SEA – Southeast Asia Discovery (16 Days)

Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Siem Reap, Ho Chi Minh City, Danang, Hoi An, Hue, Hanoi and Halong Bay

INCLUSIVE FEATURES

- Roundtrip airfare from LAX on ChinaPlus designated airlines
- Air and land transportation for all included tour programs specified in the itinerary
- Fully escorted by ChinaPlus professional tour director
- English-speaking guide in each city
- 5 or 4-star hotels indicated in the itinerary
- 29 meals
- Private air-conditioned coach
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours
- Group luggage handling for one bag per person

TOUR PRICE

\$4,398 per person (double occupancy) for departure from LAX.

For land-only package, deduct \$550.

For single room occupancy, add \$1,250.

2010 DEPARTURE DATES

11/1; 11/29



Day 1: Los Angeles / Bangkok

Your journey begins with a flight to Bangkok, Thailand.

Day 2: Arrive Bangkok

On arrival you are met by your guide and transfer to conveniently located **The Tawana Bangkok** (4 star).

Day 3: Bangkok

Today's highlights start with a visit to the magnificent Grand Palace which is the Thai royal seat of power and one of the world's most spectacular sights. We will visit the key attractions around the Grand Palace including the Emerald Buddha Chapel, Royal Pantheon, Coronation Throne Hall, Royal Reception Hall and Royal Funeral Hall. The remainder of the day is free at leisure (This is the chance you may want to go to a tailor, which is a well-known business in Bangkok). Traditional Thai cuisine for our welcome dinner, followed by a music and dance performance. B, L, D

Day 4: Bangkok

In the morning, we will visit Bangkok's another famous temple: Temple of Reclining Buddha. Then, we will take a boat on Chao Phaya River and enjoy scenes of life by the water. The afternoon is free at leisure. B, L

Day 5: Bangkok/Chiang Mai

Take a short morning flight (about one hour) to Chiang Mai, which has a history of 700 years and known as the "Rose of the North". Visit the Handicrafts Village, where you will witness local artisans making umbrellas, lacquerware, silverware, teak-wood carving and etc. The



highlight in the afternoon is a visit to Wat Pharthat Doi Suthup, where you will find Chiang Mai's most important and visible landmark, Lord Buddha. Stay in centrally located **Empress Hotel** (4 star). B, L

Day 6: Chiang Mai

Today we will drive to the teak forest and visit the Elephant Training Camp, where you will watch elephants at work – just unbelievable! (Elephant ride in the jungle and bamboo rafting on the Ping River are available as options at additional cost). This evening, you may want to stroll and shop in the famous Night Market, which is only a block away from your hotel. B, L

Day 7: Chiang Mai / Siem Reap

Take a flight from Chiang Mai to Siem Reap, Cambodia, where the mystical temple complex of Angkor Wat (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) is located. Visit the Angkor Thom and Bayon, one of the most significant temples of Angkor Wat complex. Stay in the centrally located **Sokha Angkor Resort** (5 star). B, D

Day 8: Siem Reap

Continue exploring the stunning Angkor complex and learn more of the fascinating structures that make up this former capital and religious center of the Khmer Empire. Start the tour with and then we will visit the Ta Prohm (aka Jungle Temple), one of the most popular attractions of Angkor as much of the jungle has not been cleared. Then the Banteay Srei Temple, which is renowned for its intricate decoration carved in pink sandstone; then we'll stop by a village and see how local



people make sugar. The highlight in the afternoon is the world-renown Angkor Wat, where you can also enjoy the beautiful sunset. B, L, D

Day 9: Siem Reap/Ho Chi Minh City air

Take a short morning flight to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon). City tour includes The Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral, General Post Office and The War Remnants Museum. Stay in **Hotel Equatorial** (5 star). B, D

Day 10: Ho Chi Minh/Danang/Hoi An air/coach

This morning we will visit the Cu Chi Tunnels, which was an important base during the war because of its strategic location. Completely dug by hand tools over a 25-year period, it was a hidden, 200 km long network of tunnels used for storage, shelter, command posts, and hospitals in wartime. This afternoon we will fly to Danang located in the middle of central Vietnam and drive to Hoi An, a century-old town listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Stay in **Hoi An Hotel** (4 star) conveniently located in the Old Town. B, L

Day 11: Hoi An

Temples, markets and handicraft stores. Walking tour in the morning through the narrow winding streets of the Ancient Quarter including temples, souvenir stores and markets with varieties of food, vegetables, and handicrafts. The rest of day is free at leisure. B, D

Day 12: Hoi An / Hue coach

Depart Hoi An in the morning and drive to Hue, the former imperial capital of Vietnam. En route, we will stop at the beautiful China Beach and also visit the famed Cham Museum in Danang, which houses the finest collection of Cham sculpture in the world. Then we will continue driving to Hue. Enjoy the mountain scenery, experience the modern tunnel and visit a fishing village. After lunch in Hue, we will visit the Imperial Citadel, where the emperors once lived with their families. Stay in centrally located **Hotel Huong Giang** (4 star). B, L

Day 13: Hue

In the morning, we will take a boat ride on the Perfume River and disembark at the Thien Mu Pagoda. After lunch, We will tour the Tombs of Tu Due (ruled 1847 – 1884) and Tombs of King Khai Dinh (ruled 1916 – 1925), where the contrast between Oriental and Occidental architectures is shown. B, L

Day 14: Hue / Hanoi air

Take a morning flight to Hanoi, capital of Vietnam. Hanoi is a unique Asian city with tree-lined boulevards, French colonial architecture, peaceful lakes and oriental pagodas and temples. Today's tour includes Hanoi's most interesting sights such as the Ho Chi Ming's House and Mausoleum; the One Pillar Pagoda, the Temple of Literature, the Ho Lo Prison, known as the "Hanoi Hilton" during the Vietnam War, the old quarter of Hanoi and Water Puppet show. Stay in elegant **Sofitel**



Plaza Hanoi Hotel (5 star) located by the West Lake. B, L

Day 15: Hanoi/Halong Bay/Hanoi coach

A full-day excursion to Halong Bay, a World Heritage Site and known as the "Bay of the Descending Dragon". We will cruise the magnificent Halong Bay with 3,000 islands and islets and surrounded by a fairytale landscape of limestone cliffs, secret grottoes, and hidden caves. Seafood lunch is served on board. Return to Hanoi after the cruise tour. B, L

Day 16: Departure for USA

Depart Hanoi for home. B

*****IMPORTANT NOTES*****

*Abbreviations in the itineraries:

B – Western buffet breakfast; L – Lunch; D – Dinner

*For excluded meals, your guides will provide you with sufficient information for dining in your hotel or in local restaurants (some flights serve in-flight meals).

*The tour itinerary and hotel arrangements are subject to change in case of unexpected and unavoidable circumstances.

*The list tour prices do not include any departure taxes and fees, fuel surcharges, entry visa fees (no visa is required for Thailand), travel insurance, gratuities and passenger service fee charged by Siem Reap Airport. Details are described in "Terms and Conditions".

*We mostly use U.S. air carriers as our designated airlines for transpacific flights. Flight schedules are based on airline routes. Business Class upgrade is available at additional cost (for upgrade with mileage points, please handle with airlines yourself and take land-only package).

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