

Highlights of Cambodia 7 days

Trip overview

Embark on a soul-stirring journey through the heart of the ancient Khmer Empire. From the celestial sunrise over the spires of **Angkor Wat** to the gilded elegance of **Phnom Penh's Royal Palace**, this tour offers a profound window into Cambodia's glorious past and resilient present. Wander through the vine-strangled ruins of Ta Prohm, lose yourself in the enigmatic smiles of Bayon, and witness the rhythmic pulse of life at the **Tonle Sap floating villages**. This is more than a sightseeing trip—it is an immersive encounter with a civilization that shaped the history of Southeast Asia.

- **Durations:** 7 Days
- **Destinations:** Siem Reap - Ta Prohm - Banteay Kdei - Angkor Thom - Angkor Wat - Battambang - Phnom Penh - Sihanoukville
- **Price from:** ~~\$1647~~ **\$1318** /Pax
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://asiachinatour.com/highlights-of-cambodia/>

Itinerary

Day 1: Ho Chi Minh City Arrival

Welcome to Ho Chi Minh City, a vibrant metropolis still affectionately called "Saigon" by the local community. Upon your arrival at the airport, your dedicated guide and driver will be waiting to greet you at **Pole No. 10**, located directly outside the terminal gate. From there, you will enjoy a comfortable private transfer to your hotel. Standard check-in is typically at 2:00 PM; however, should you require an earlier arrival, please let us know so we can arrange it for an additional fee.

Optional Activities: If you are eager to begin your exploration of Saigon's dynamic energy immediately, consider these immersive first-day experiences:

- **Water Puppet Show:** Witness a unique Vietnamese art form with a history spanning over 1,000 years.

- **Art Performance:** Experience one-of-a-kind stages that bring Vietnam's rich history and traditions to life.
- **Saigon Street Food Tour:** Embark on a flexible culinary journey to savor the very best traditional dishes found on the city's streets.

Accommodation: Stay overnight at a hotel in Ho Chi Minh City.

Meals: N/A

Expert Tips:

Look specifically for the Pole No. 10 marker at the airport to find your team quickly amidst the bustle. If you choose the street food tour, come with a healthy appetite as the variety of flavors is extensive. Since the city's humidity can be quite different from Guilin or Cambodia, we recommend staying well-hydrated from the moment you land to ensure you remain energized for the rest of your Indochina journey.

Day 2: Half-day City Tour in Saigon

Begin your second day in Ho Chi Minh City with a half-day exploration designed to provide a comprehensive overview of this bustling metropolis. Your itinerary features some of the city's most significant historical and architectural landmarks.

- **Reunification Palace:** Visit this impeccably preserved site, which served as the backdrop for the final moments of the Vietnam War.
- **Architectural Symbols:** Explore two of the city's most iconic structures: the historic **Saigon Notre Dame Cathedral** and the **Old Post Office**.
- **Ben Thanh Market:** Conclude your tour at this famous market. It is the perfect place to shop for souvenirs and practice your bargaining skills like a local.

Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City.

Meals: Breakfast.

Expert Tips:

Since this is a half-day tour focused on the central districts, the walking distances between the Post Office and the Cathedral are very short, but the Reunification Palace grounds are quite expansive. We recommend wearing comfortable walking shoes and carrying a bottle of water. Ben Thanh Market can be quite warm and crowded; for the best experience and the most successful bargaining, try visiting earlier in the morning when the energy is high but the midday heat has yet to peak.

Day 3: Ho Chi Minh City to Mekong Delta: Rice Market & Tan Phong Island

Enjoy a hearty breakfast at your hotel before departing at 8:00 AM for a private transfer to Cai Be, the gateway to the Mekong Delta. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by our local expert guide and treated to a sampling of seasonal fresh fruits. Your exploration begins at the Cai Be floating rice market, renowned as the most significant rice trading hub in Vietnam's Southwest region, where you can witness the traditional river commerce that defines the local economy.

Accommodation: Stay overnight at the Mekong Eco-lodge on Tan Phong Island.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Expert Tips:

The best time to experience the vibrant activity of the floating market is shortly after arrival, as the morning energy is peak for local traders. We recommend wearing light, breathable clothing and a sun hat for the boat journey and island exploration. This transition from the urban bustle of Saigon to the tranquil Mekong Eco-lodge is a perfect opportunity to disconnect; ensure your camera is charged, as the boat ride offers unique perspectives of the riverside stilted houses and lush orchards that are characteristic of this region.

Day 4: Mekong Delta Immersion: Cai Be Floating Market & Tan Phong Island

Enjoy a tasty breakfast at your hotel before departing at 8:00 AM for a private transfer to the heart of the Mekong Delta. Upon arriving in Cai Be, you will meet our expert local guide and refresh with some seasonal fresh fruit. Your exploration begins at the **Cai Be Floating Rice Market**, the largest and most significant rice trading hub in Vietnam's Southwest region. Witness the vibrant river commerce as hundreds of boats gather to trade, offering a glimpse into the authentic soul of the Mekong.

Accommodation: Stay overnight at the Mekong Eco-lodge on Tan Phong Island.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Expert Tips:

The floating market is most active in the morning, so your 8:00 AM departure is perfectly timed to catch the bustle of the local traders. We recommend wearing a sun hat and using sunscreen for the boat journey, as the reflection of the sun on the water can be quite strong. Tan Phong Island is known for its lush fruit orchards; if you're interested in local agriculture, don't hesitate to ask your guide about the different varieties of fruit in season during your visit.

Day 5: Tan Phong Island Heritage Cycle & Flight to Da Nang

Wake up early to embrace the invigorating fresh air and the harmonious sounds of the countryside—from the morning calls of roosters to the singing of birds. Take a peaceful stroll through the village to observe the bustling morning routines of local farmers before returning to your homestay for a hearty breakfast.

After breakfast, embark on an immersive cycling tour around **Tan Phong Island**. This journey offers a unique window into the heart of Mekong culture through visits to traditional handicraft workshops and hands-on cultural activities:

- **Signature Rice Paper Making:** Learn the art of creating this essential Vietnamese ingredient used in spring rolls and "Vietnamese pizza".

- **Traditional Nipa Leaf Roofing:** Discover how locals skillfully use natural materials to construct durable shelters.
- **Artisanal Handcrafts:** Observe the intricate process of knitting banana hammocks and crafting products from water hyacinths.
- **Jackfruit Leaf Cake Workshop:** Challenge your culinary skills in a cooking class focused on the traditional art of leaf-warping.
- **Local School Visit:** Meet the bright and dynamic children of the island at their local school.

Following these enriching activities, you will be transferred back to Ho Chi Minh City for your flight to the coastal beauty of **Da Nang**.

Accommodation: Hotel in Da Nang.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

Expert Tips:

The morning cycle on Tan Phong Island is relatively flat and suitable for all fitness levels, but we recommend wearing comfortable, light clothing and closed-toe shoes for the handicraft workshops. Since the day involves both rural exploration and a domestic flight, keep your camera and essential documents in a small daypack for easy access during the transition.

Day 6: Mekong Village Life, Artisan Workshops & Flight to Da Nang

Start your day by embracing the tranquil rhythm of the countryside. Wake up early to enjoy the invigorating fresh air and the harmonious sounds of nature—from the morning calls of roosters to the singing of local birds. Take a peaceful stroll through the village to observe the busy morning routines of the farmers as they begin their day.

After returning to your homestay for a hearty breakfast, embark on an immersive **cycling tour around Tan Phong Island**. This journey offers a unique window into the heart of Mekong culture through visits to traditional handicraft workshops and hands-on cultural activities:

- **Rice Paper Artistry:** Learn to make this signature ingredient used in iconic dishes like Vietnamese spring rolls and "Vietnamese pizza".
- **Eco-Friendly Architecture:** See how locals skillfully use nipa leaves to create durable, natural roofs for their homes.
- **Traditional Handcrafts:** Observe the intricate techniques behind knitting banana hammocks and crafting products from water hyacinth.

- **Jackfruit Leaf Cake Class:** Challenge yourself in a local cooking workshop, mastering the delicate art of leaf-wrapping.
- **Community Connection:** Visit a local school to meet and interact with the bright and dynamic children of the island.

Following these enriching activities, you will be transferred back to Ho Chi Minh City for your flight to the coastal charm of **Da Nang**.

Accommodation: Hotel in Da Nang.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch.

Expert Tips:

The cycling paths on Tan Phong Island are flat and scenic, making it a leisurely ride for everyone. However, some handicraft workshops involve sitting on low stools or interacting with traditional tools, so we recommend wearing flexible, comfortable clothing. As you will be heading to the airport in the afternoon, keep your passport and flight details easily accessible in your daypack during the morning's activities.

Day 7: Hoi An Ancient Town Discovery & Evening Street Food Odyssey

Spend your morning and afternoon at leisure, exploring the timeless charm of **Hoi An Ancient Town** at your own pace. This UNESCO World Heritage site is a living museum of historic merchant houses, iconic pagodas, and vibrant yellow-walled alleys that are perfect for independent discovery.

As evening approaches, your culinary adventure begins. Your guide will meet you in the late afternoon to lead you on an immersive walking street food tour. Together, you will navigate Hoi An's hidden corridors, visiting local coffee shops, family-run restaurants, and bustling street stalls. Discover the secrets of authentic Hoi An flavors, from savory snacks to signature regional specialties, as the town transforms into a lantern-lit wonderland.

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoi An.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner (Street Food Tour).

Expert Tips:

For your free time in the morning, we highly recommend visiting the Japanese Covered Bridge early to avoid the crowds. If you are interested in custom-made clothing, this is the perfect day to visit a local tailor for a fitting. For the evening food tour, come with a very empty stomach—you'll be sampling a wide variety of small dishes, and it's best to save room for every authentic bite your guide discovers.

Booking Policy

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation by Customer

- Cancellation received before 60 days: FREE of charge
- Cancellation received from 30 days to 59 days prior arrival date: 20% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 15 days to 29 days prior arrival date: 40% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 7 days to 14 days prior arrival date: 70% of total rate
- Cancellation received less than 7 days prior arrival date or No show: 100% of total rate

Children Policy

The rate for children applicable for one child sharing a twin or double cabin with two adults.

- For infant (<04 years old): Free of Charge
 - 04 - 11 years old without bed: 50% adult rate
 - 04 - 11 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate
 - Above 11 years old with extra bed: 100% adult rate
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