



**NEW** LUXURY TAILOR MADE TRAVEL

## Tailor Made Family Indochina: Vietnam, Cambodia & Laos

9 days from \$7,395

Private Journey

*Travel with your private party on this Luxury Tailor Made Journey, departing when you choose and with expert local guides leading the way; you can even customize the itinerary to your interests.*

Set out on a comprehensive, family-friendly adventure through Southeast Asia, visiting essential and off-the-beaten-path destinations in Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos; taking private, farm-to-table cooking lessons; exploring the region by bike, kayak and ATV; juggling with members of a local theater troupe; and visiting inspiring, immersive community initiatives.

### A&K Advantages

Travel to three countries — Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos — on a single, comprehensive, family-friendly itinerary

Prepare and feed treats to elephants at a sanctuary and conservation center in the verdant Laotian countryside

Delve into Vietnam's complex history, descending into the Cu Chi Tunnels near Ho Chi Minh City

Participate in a private farm-to-table culinary experience, rolling up your sleeves in the fields to pick local crops and learning to cook an authentic Laotian dish

Embrace shared connections and give back when you visit a sustainable dairy farm and the Cambodia Clean Water Project from Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy (AKP)

Share quality family time when you embark on a scenic sunset cruise on the Mekong River

Gather your family for a round of *pétanque* with locals

Enjoy a leisurely bicycle ride from Ta Prohm to Bayon Temple

Set out on a thrilling, hour-long ATV adventure at sunset

Train with the stars of a local Cambodian theater company, experimenting with juggling and balance-building activities

Kayak on Tonlé Sap Lake and enjoy lunch out on the water

# Itinerary

Luxury Tailor Made Journeys depart on the dates that work for you and feature expert local guides throughout your journey. The itinerary below can be customized to your interests.

## DAY 1 ARRIVE HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City, where you are met and transferred to your colonial-style hotel.

Park Hyatt Saigon

## DAY 2 HO CHI MINH CITY | INTO THE CU CHI TUNNELS

Venture into the countryside to explore the expansive Cu Chi Tunnel network, a key Vietcong resource during the Vietnam War. You have the opportunity to squeeze into and crawl through the small tunnels once traversed by Vietcong guerrillas. Break for lunch at a local restaurant, and then discover Ho Chi Minh City's dynamic past, visiting Independence Palace (Reunification Hall), the home and workplace of South Vietnam's president during the Vietnam War. Also explore the Museum of Vietnamese History to view Khmer artifacts, Buddhas statues, relics from Angkor Wat and an impressive porcelain collection; or opt for the War Remnants Museum, to peruse exhibits relating to the Vietnam War and the first Indochina War. Next, escape to an oasis of calm on a quiet visit to a local seminary, which was one of the city's first Roman Catholic institutions. Continue to the Saigon Opera House, where you witness a contemporary dance and acrobatics show for all ages, accompanied by live Vietnamese music.

Park Hyatt Saigon | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 3 HO CHI MINH CITY & SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA | TRAVELLING BY CYCLO

Explore Ho Chi Minh City by *cyclo* (three-wheeled bicycle taxi), a leisurely peddle that takes you past by Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office — examples of the city's colonial legacy — en route to leafy Tao Dan Park, where locals gather for morning exercise. Pause for a refreshment, and then see the Venerable Thich Quang Duc Monument, a memorial to the monk who set himself on fire in protest of Buddhist persecution in Vietnam. A Vespa driver then picks you up and whisks you to a local street market, where you explore a secret, underground weapons bunker. Next, admire the colorful floral displays at the flower market and sit down to a traditional breakfast of *pho* (Vietnamese noodle soup) at one of the city's best noodle houses. Return to your hotel for time at leisure. Then, transfer to the airport for your flight to Siem Reap. Upon arrival, you are met by an A&K representative, whisked through passport and customs formalities, and transferred to your hotel by private vehicle. The remainder of the day is yours to spend as you wish.

Belmond La Résidence d'Angkor | Meals: Breakfast

## DAY 4 SIEM REAP | ADMIRING ANGKOR WAT

Rise early this morning to experience the incomparable serenity of mystical Angkor Wat, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Travelling by *remork* (motorized rickshaw), explore the magnificent 12th-century temple, built during the reign of King Suryavarman II, as the sun's first morning rays light up its façade. Delve deeper, seeing carved bas reliefs that depict the king in battle as well as Apsara dancers. Continue to a scenic spot on the banks of Srah Srang for an indulgent private Khmer-style picnic breakfast at a scenic swimming spot beloved by locals. Then, discover the jungle-entangled ruins of Ta Prohm Temple, followed by a leisurely bicycle ride to Bayon temple, its 172 large-scale faces bearing beguiling smiles and representing gods, goddesses and other beings from classical poems and mythology. Return to your hotel, stopping en route at the rarely visited Gate of the Dead. After time some time to unwind, set out on an exhilarating, hour-long ATV adventure, zigzagging your way through the captivating landscape as the sun dips behind picturesque fields and palm trees.

Belmond La Résidence d'Angkor | Meals: Breakfast

## DAY 5 SIEM REAP | CRUISING TONLE SAP

Embark on a morning cruise on Tonle Sap (Great Lake), watching fishermen at work and spotting water birds. Pause at a floating village for an authentic glimpse into daily life. Built on floating bamboo platforms, the village is moored at a small hilltop pagoda during the high-water season and moves as the water recedes in dry season. Next, hop on a kayak and paddle out into the open lake, eating lunch aboard. In the afternoon, visit lesser-known, exquisitely preserved Banteay Srei temple — the pink sandstone "Citadel of Women." Built in the 10th century by a Brahmin priest, it contains excellent examples of classical Khmer art. Continue to a local family's home, where you learn about the Cambodia Clean Water Project, an AKP project.

Belmond La Résidence d'Angkor | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 6 SIEM REAP & LUANG PRABANG, LAOS | ACROBATICS ADVENTURE

After a leisurely breakfast at your hotel, change gears and partake in an active, balance-building acrobatics session with the rising stars from Cambodia's performing arts scene. Sit down to lunch at a local restaurant, before transferring to the airport for your flight to Luang Prabang. Upon arrival, you are met by an A&K representative and transferred to your hotel.

Belmond La Résidence Phou Vao | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 7 LUANG PRABANG | SOUTH EAST ASIA'S GENTLE GIANTS

Today, begin at the Royal Palace Museum, its quaint appearance belying its stormy past. Explore exhibits tracing the story of seven turbulent centuries of the Lane Xang Kingdom, as well as the colonial era through the present. After gaining insight into local history, continue to evocative Wat Visoun, Luang Prabang's oldest operating temple; Wat Xieng Thong, with its impressive Tree of Life mosaic and richly decorated wooden columns; and the Traditional Arts & Ethnology Center, devoted to Laos' ethnic diversity. Break for lunch at a local restaurant before venturing into the remote jungle of northern Laos, where you visit an elephant sanctuary, meet one of its directors and prepare herbal rice balls. After feeding elephants these healthy treats, watch the majestic creatures bathe in the river. Later, return to base camp, where you enjoy light snacks while overlooking the Nam Khan River. Return to your hotel, with time to freshen up before joining locals for a game of *pétanque* in town.



Belmond La Résidence Phou Vao | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### **DAY 8 LUANG PRABANG, LAOS | ALMS GIVING**

Rise early to participate in the daily ceremonial offering of food to local monks. As a procession of robed monks passes, place a small amount of rice into their alms bowls. Continue to a local fresh market before returning to your hotel for breakfast. Next, meet a local farmer, who shows you around his family farm and shares how crops are grown, harvested and used. Help tend to the produce in his organic vegetable garden, followed by a hands-on cooking experience in his home. After transforming grains of glutinous rice from the field into long strands of Lao noodles (kaopun), sample the dish you helped to prepare. Continue to Laos Buffalo Dairy, which helps local farmers produce buffalo milk. After learning how families make artisanal cheese and yogurt, explore the farm, meeting friendly buffalos and helping feed the calves. Then, sample tasty cheeses and exotically flavored ice creams right from the source. Return to your hotel for an afternoon at leisure. Later, embark on a sunset cruise on the scenic Mekong River. Tonight, you can also partake in an evening *Baci* ceremony, a Laotian ritual of welcome; dating back to the eighth century.

Belmond La Résidence Phou Vao | Meals: Breakfast

#### **DAY 9 DEPART LUANG PRABANG**

Set off for the cascading waters of Kuang Si Falls Park, pausing to visit Khmu, Hmong and Lao Loum villages en route. Upon arrival at the waterfall, cool off with a refreshing swim in the turquoise pool or set out on a hike along forest trails. Next, visit the nearby Tat Kuang Si Bear Rescue Center, which works to protect and rehabilitate rare Asiatic black bears. Return to Luang Prabang. Alternately, enjoy your morning relaxing. Later, transfer to the airport for your homebound flight.

## Enhance Your Journey

Elevate your experience with a host of options available for an additional cost.

## Dates & Prices

Jan–Mar, Oct–Dec; Priced from \$7,395 based on two people travelling together  
Jan–Mar, Oct–Dec; Priced from \$6,495 based on four people travelling together

Apr–Sep; Priced from \$5,895 based on two people travelling together  
Apr–Sep; Priced from \$4,995 based on four people travelling together

Internal Air from \$725

Ho Chi Minh City/Siem Reap/Luang Prabang

*Prices are per person, double occupancy for the itinerary as published for 2020 travel, and subject to availability.*

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