

TAUCK 

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Vietnam, Cambodia & Thailand

February 13 ~ 28, 2023

Discover golden Buddhas, ancient kingdoms, inspiring temples and lush landscapes, and experience the unique cultures and traditions of this fascinating area of the world for yourself... from a water puppet performance to ornate pagodas and soaring temple spires to gilded palaces and bamboo stilt houses. Explore Chiang Mai and cruise on the klongs of Bangkok. Discover poignant reminders of war in Vietnam like the Cu Chi Tunnels and notorious Hoa Lo Prison and see the legacy of peace as you visit a kindergarten in Da Nang. Experience the grandeur and archaeological significance of UNESCO World Heritage Sites such as Angkor, Hoi An and Huế, and stay at the finest city hotels and world-class resorts.

Trip Cost: \$ TBA Per Person Double Occupancy
\$ TBA Single Occupancy
\$ TBA Tauck Guest Protection Plan

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TAUCK VALUE INCLUDES

On-Tour Air included (5 flights)

A buggy ride through the Old Quarter of Hanoi, a *cyclo* ride through the remains of Imperial Hué

Guided visits to UNESCO World Heritage Sites including Angkor, Hué and Hoi An

See Bangkok's golden Reclining Buddha, Hué's Imperial Citadel on the Perfume River, and the Cu Chi Tunnels of Vietnam

Discover Southeast Asian life on the water on a cruise along the Perfume River in Hué, through the klongs of Bangkok, and on Siem Reap's Tonle Sap Lake

A private tour of the Jim Thompson House, the art-filled home of an American-born silk entrepreneur and legendary figure in Bangkok

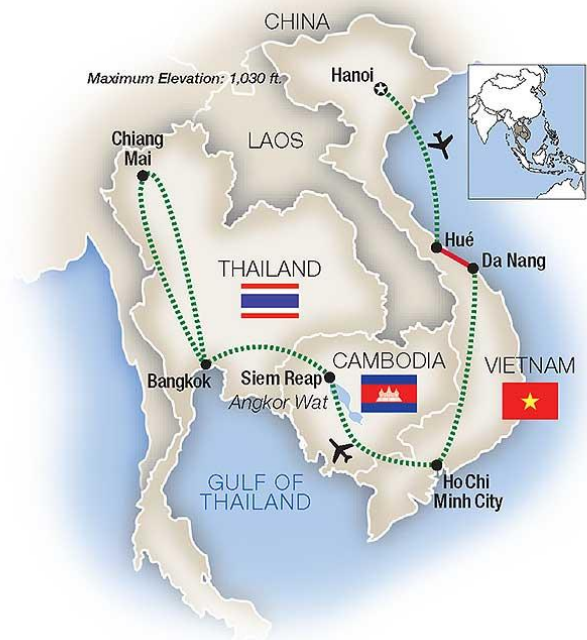
A scenic drive to the hilltop, 14th-century temple of Wat Doi Suthep, overlooking the verdant landscape of Chiang Mai

Hill tribe village visits to meet people of the Padong, Palong and Karen tribes of Chiang Mai

A two-night resort stay on Vietnam's "new"

China Beach, one of the finest beaches in Asia

Airport transfers upon arrival and departure as noted
36 meals; service charges, taxes, gratuities to local guides and portage



February 13, 2023

Say hello to Hanoi

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi. Welcome to Hanoi! A transfer is included from Noi Bai International Airport to the landmark Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi, your home for the next two nights, close to the historic Old Quarter and other notable attractions in Vietnam's capital city. Meet your Tauck Director and your fellow adventurers at our welcome cocktail reception and dinner at Le Beaulieu tonight.

MEALS Dinner

LODGING Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi

February 14, 2023

Hanoi

A palace, a prison, pagodas & more

Begin your Vietnam tour with a day including a memorable buggy ride through the back streets of Old Hanoi; a visit to the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum; the colonial Presidential Palace that Ho Chi Minh refused to live in, along with his "house on stilts"; the famous One-Pillar Pagoda, constructed in 1049 to resemble a lotus blossom; and a visit to the infamous Hoa Lo Prison, known as the "Hanoi Hilton" during the Vietnam War. Sample Vietnamese specialties for lunch, then spend the afternoon as you wish. An art form that is unique to Vietnam and popular since the 18th century entertains you this evening during an enchanting water puppet performance. Please note: The Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum complex is closed each year for annual renovations from September to December; Ho Chi Minh's stilt house and the One-Pillar Pagoda are still open for viewing.

MEALS Breakfast, Lunch

LODGING Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi

February 15, 2023

World Heritage Site of Hué

No Vietnam travel experience would be complete without a visit to Hué, Vietnam's most beautiful city, and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where you'll arrive this morning following a flight to Da Nang. Upon arrival, visit the tomb of 19th-century emperor Tu Duc. After lunch, ride your private, pedal powered cyclo to explore Hué's Citadel – which housed the Imperial City for the emperor's official functions, and the Forbidden Purple City for his personal time – then settle into your riverfront accommodations along the Perfume River.

MEALS Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

LODGING La Résidence Hôtel & Spa

February 16, 2023

The new "China Beach" in Da Nang

This morning, explore Hué's tranquil setting as you admire Thien Mu ("Heavenly Lady") Pagoda, a seven-story octagonal tower built in 1844, and cruise along the Perfume River; view the boats that continue to serve as complete family homes for many residents of Hué. Then take in the scenery along the Vietnamese coast and Hai Van Mountain during a drive to Da Nang and the 18-mile-long "China Beach" – made famous by the 1980s TV show of the same name and now a popular Vietnam travel destination. You'll spend the next two nights at one of the most prestigious beachfront resorts in Vietnam, set right on the shores of the South China Sea.

MEALS Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

LODGING Furama Resort Da Nang

February 17, 2023

Da Nang & historic Hoi An by cyclo

Pay a delightful visit to a local kindergarten in Da Nang this morning, then continue your Vietnam travel by journeying to historic Hoi An, a key South China Sea trading port in the 15th through 19th centuries, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore its shop-lined streets via cyclo and tour the 200-year-old "Phung Hung" house, noted for its unique architecture. What you will see there will reveal much about the lives of Hoi An merchants of long ago. Enjoy some time on your own in the afternoon and have dinner at your leisure tonight.

MEALS Breakfast, Dinner

LODGING Furama Resort Da Nang

February 18, 2023

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Ho Chi Minh City & the Cu Chi Tunnels

Take a morning flight to Ho Chi Minh City (formerly known as Saigon), Vietnam's second-largest city; set off to the battlefield memorial site of Ben Duoc, northwest of the city, where you'll explore an underground world of tunnels and chambers three stories deep at Cu Chi Tunnels with your local guides. Used during the Vietnam War, the 120-mile tunnel network housed kitchens, dormitories, munitions factories, hospitals, and schoolrooms. Sample Vietnam's diverse culinary heritage with an elegant dinner at a local restaurant offering French, Vietnamese, and international specialties within a sumptuously restored villa setting.

MEALS Breakfast, Lunch

LODGING Park Hyatt Saigon

February 19, 2023

Saigon then, Ho Chi Minh City now

Explore Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon) with your local expert today, visiting the former Presidential Palace, now called Reunification Hall (after negotiations rejoined the North and South in 1975). See the former U.S. Embassy, the Saigon River, 19th-century Saigon Notre Dame Cathedral, and the stately Central Post Office designed by Paris' Gustave Eiffel. Enjoy the afternoon and evening as you please.

MEALS Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

LODGING Park Hyatt Saigon

February 20, 2023

On to Cambodia & the wonders of Angkor

This morning, your journey continues to Cambodia as you fly to Siem Reap for a two-night stay at the Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor, the closest hotel to the treasures of the fabled archaeological site at Angkor, covering an area twice the size of Manhattan. You'll be dazzled by what you see this afternoon at the vast, 12th-century Angkor Wat temple; the bas-reliefs and many devatas (guardian spirits) that cover its walls inspire awe and admiration. This example of classical Khmer architecture has been a significant religious center for Hindus and then Buddhists through the ages. Tonight's dinner is à la carte at your hotel.

MEALS Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

LODGING Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor

February 21, 2023

Khmer temples & a Tonle Sap Lake cruise

Enveloped by jungle roots, fascinating Ta Prohm Temple almost seems to be a part of the dense rainforest that surrounds it. A legacy of Cambodia's Khmer civilization dating from 1186, it was originally built as a Buddhist university and monastery and continues to captivate today, as you'll see on your visit. The last capital of the Khmer empire, the walled city of Angkor Thom is home to the richly decorated Bayon Temple, known for its eerily smiling carved faces. When you see the Elephant Terrace in Angkor Thom, which was the foundation of the pavilion in which the king held audiences, you'll understand how it got its name! Later, you may wish to join us for a cruise on Tonle Sap Lake, revealing fascinating floating villages.

MEALS Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
LODGING Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor

February 22, 2023

Chaing Mai ~ The "Rose of the North"

& scenic Doi Suthep

Fly via Bangkok to charming Chiang Mai, Thailand, the "Rose of the North," established in the 13th century, and known for its artistic and cultural heritage. Enter another world when you arrive at the luxurious Four Seasons Resort Chiang Mai, where your richly appointed accommodations feature a Lanna-style sala (pavilion) looking out over gardens, terraced rice paddies, and mountains. Take a scenic drive to Doi Suthep National Park, home to Wat Phrathat Doi Suthep – a temple perched at the top of a peak more than 3,500 feet above sea level – before enjoying dinner at your choice of restaurants back at the resort.

MEALS Breakfast, Dinner
LODGING Four Seasons Resort Chiang Mai

February 23, 2023

Thailand's elephants at work & play

Elephants – Thailand's national animal – are an integral part of Chiang Mai's economy and culture. Visit an elephant camp today to see how these marvelous animals are trained to work in a teak forest; you'll have a chance to feed them bananas and sugar cane, see them demonstrate various skills, and see baby elephants in the nursery before you return to your Mae Rim Valley resort where the remainder of the day is spent as you please.

MEALS Breakfast, Dinner
LODGING Four Seasons Resort Chiang Mai

February 24, 2023

The hill tribe villages of Chiang Mai

Take an unforgettable excursion to the hill tribe villages of Chiang Mai today to meet the people of the Palong, Padong and Karen tribes, who live peacefully there as small farmers, observing and honoring their traditional ways of life. They'll share their crafts and folkways with you... you'll even get to try on the traditional neck rings worn by members of the "long-necked" Karen tribe! Then return to your resort for time as you choose and dinner à la carte this evening.

MEALS Breakfast, Dinner
LODGING Four Seasons Resort Chiang Mai

February 25, 2023

On to Bangkok, Thailand's stunning capital

A morning flight takes you to bustling Bangkok in time for lunch at a local restaurant and some time spent exploring on your own in Thailand's capital – kicking off a three-night stay at Rosewood Bangkok

MEALS Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
LODGING Rosewood Bangkok

February 26, 2023

The breathtaking Buddhas of Bangkok

An express boat whisks you from the hotel for a morning of sightseeing in Bangkok, an intriguing mix of ancient and modern. Walk to the 18th-century Grand Palace for an "audience" with the Emerald Buddha, while the giant Reclining Buddha awaits your admiration at Wat Pho, the oldest and largest temple in the city. Following a traditional Thai lunch, a motorboat ride returns you to your hotel for an evening at leisure and dinner on your own in Bangkok.

MEALS Breakfast, Lunch
LODGING Rosewood Bangkok

February 27, 2023

Bangkok

klongs & the Jim Thompson House

Cruise up the Chao Phraya River and through a network of canals, called klongs, which lace the city. These often-bustling "city streets," lined with homes and small businesses, are where much of "real life" in Bangkok is found, as you'll witness firsthand; stop at Wat Arun (the Temple of Dawn) along the way. Then journey from the riverside to the Jim Thompson House & Museum, where you'll join a local guide to tour the art- and artifact-filled Bangkok home of the expatriate American architect, OSS officer and postwar Thai silk entrepreneur who mysteriously disappeared in the 1960s. Following a free afternoon, cap your extraordinary Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam travel with a farewell reception and dinner this evening.

MEALS Breakfast, Dinner
LODGING Rosewood Bangkok

February 28, 2023

Homeward bound

Tour ends: Bangkok. A transfer from Rosewood Bangkok to Bangkok International Airport is included. Please allow 3 hours for airport check-in formalities. We wish you a safe and pleasant journey home.

MEALS Breakfast

Accommodations

NIGHTS 1 - 2 HANOI, VIETNAM

Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi

Located in the heart of downtown Hanoi close to the famed Opera House, Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi has been hosting discerning travelers since 1901.

Comfortable guest rooms welcome you with LCD and DVD player, air conditioning, in-room safe deposit box, satellite and cable color TV and minibar and a bathroom with separate shower and tub, hair dryer and telephone extension. After a busy day, take a dip in the outdoor swimming pool, work out the kinks in the Fitness Center or enjoy a pampering treatment in the full-service spa. Rub elbows with Hanoi's elite at Angelina – Italian Steak House, sample the best French cuisine in town at Le Beaulieu Restaurant or enjoy Vietnamese fare with an exotic twist at the Spices Garden Restaurant. Enjoy your favorite cocktail – or ice cream, fruit juices or something exotic from the exclusive Metropole tea collection – at the Bamboo Bar. Tauck Guests enjoy complimentary Internet.



NIGHT 3 HUÉ, VIETNAM

Azerai La Résidence Hôtel & Spa

Built in the early 1920s, the historic La Résidence Hôtel & Spa was originally the residence of French governors during the French colonial era in Vietnam. Situated on the banks of the Perfume River in the city center, this charming boutique hotel is convenient to many notable attractions in Hué, the cultural heart of Vietnam and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. La Résidence Hôtel & Spa retains its colonial charm while offering modern facilities and amenities and great care has been taken to maintain the comforts and atmosphere of a classic colonial villa. Ride a bike, swim in the huge saltwater pool overlooking Hué's ancient Citadel, visit the fully equipped gym or play tennis on the hard-surface court during leisure time. Or, unwind and immerse yourself in a pampering treatment at the Comfort Zone Spa. Hué is arguably the home of Vietnam's finest cuisine and dining at La Résidence Hôtel & Spa is a delight and admiring the spectacular fresco by French artist Roland Renauc while sipping your favorite beverage in the Bar "Le Gouverneur" is one of life's true pleasures. Tauck Guests enjoy complimentary Internet access.



NIGHTS 4 – 5 DA NANG, VIETNAM

Furama Resort Da Nang

The luxurious Furama Resort Da Nang is set in a stunning location on Vietnam's famed "China Beach." Renowned as Vietnam's most prestigious resort, it counts celebrities, international business leaders, heads of state and royalty among its guests. Welcoming guest rooms feature luxurious marble baths, direct-dial telephone, satellite color TV, minibar, hairdryer, air conditioning, coffee and tea maker and safety deposit box. Opportunities for enjoyable recreational activities, from diving to tennis to a fully equipped Fitness Center to a casino abound. The graceful combination of French colonial and traditional Vietnamese architecture and style is sure to impress. Dine at the resort's signature restaurant, Café Indochine, or enjoy the view of the beach from the Ocean Terrace. Tauck Guests enjoy complimentary Internet access.



NIGHTS 6 – 7 HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

Park Hyatt Saigon

Discover urban luxury with a combination of sophisticated design, handcrafted details, and modern-day comforts at Park Hyatt Saigon. Experience the most sumptuous and seamless of stays at one of the leading accommodations in Saigon District 1, which recently underwent a complete renovation of décor, facilities and furnishings. Today, the upgraded French-colonial style rooms combine elegant, traditional comfort with the latest technology, including in-room mini iPads, Nespresso machines and sensor lighting systems. Indulge in a well-rounded dining experience at Park Hyatt Saigon. The hotel's signature restaurant, Square One, features authentic Vietnamese and French cuisine, while Opera offers traditional Italian dishes prepared in a large open kitchen and served in a cosy trattoria setting. Or for a great night out, head to 2 Lam Son, the liveliest nightspot in Ho Chi Minh City. Park Hyatt Saigon looks forward to welcoming you with warm and dignified service for the ultimate personalized luxury experience. Tauck Guests enjoy complimentary Internet access.



NIGHTS 8 – 9 SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA

Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor

Most conveniently located right in the middle of town, the luxurious Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor is a memorable place from which to explore the ancient wonders in the area. Guest rooms, each beautifully appointed with Art-Deco, country-style furnishings and Cambodian objects d'art, feature air conditioning, international direct-dial telephones, in-room safe, hairdryer, remote-control color TV with satellite and in-house movie channels, and minibar / refrigerator. During leisure time, stroll through the 60,000 square meters of landscaped gardens, swim in the 35-meter lap pool, visit the fully equipped gymnasium or rejuvenate yourself in the Raffles Amrita Spa. Ranging from the formal Restaurant Le Grand to the Café d'Angkor to the wide selection of cocktails at the famous Elephant Bar, the culinary delights are as varied and exotic as the temples themselves. Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor has won numerous prestigious awards, to include the Condé Nast Traveler Gold List's "World's Best Places to Stay" and Travel + Leisure's "Top 50 Hotels in Asia." Tauck Guests enjoy complimentary Internet access.



NIGHTS 10 – 12 CHIANG MAI, THAILAND

Four Seasons Resort Chiang Mai

Located deep within Thailand's beautiful Mae Rim Valley, and yet just minutes from Thailand's cultural and artistic treasures, the five-star Four Seasons Resort Chiang Mai provides a luxurious ambiance that is perfectly in tune with its surroundings. Lovely accommodations in elegantly appointed pavilions feature duvets, down pillows, hairdryer, in-room safe, robes and slippers, coffee and tea maker, satellite TV and DVD player. Cool off in one of the swimming pools, warm up in the sauna / steam rooms, or play tennis during free time. A wealth of recreational activities and facilities, superb dining and distinguished service have inspired the readers of Condé Nast Traveler and Travel + Leisure to select it as one of the world's finest hotels. Tauck Guests enjoy complimentary Internet access.



NIGHTS 13 - 15 BANGKOK, THAILAND

Rosewood Bangkok

Rosewood Bangkok is a 30-story, visually stunning, vertical architectural marvel offering an intimate, secure and private ambiance in the heart of Bangkok. Its contemporary form is inspired by the *wai*, the famous Thai gesture of greeting. The modern silhouette is a creative expression of the Thai spirit; rich Thai culture is also emphasized by interior design elements and the exquisite water features within the hotel that are a tribute to Bangkok, a city built on water. Rosewood Bangkok is destined to establish a new design icon for the Kingdom's capital and the world stage. The hotel's contemporary residential styling allows each guest to be welcomed and treated with personalized attention just as if they were entering their own manor home - a true tribute to the Rosewood brand's philosophy. Its well-appointed guest rooms include unique, specialty suites and houses with private pools and terraces, reinforcing an exclusive residential feel. The sense of staying in a fine private home is complemented by warm hospitality delivered by a team dedicated to creating lasting memories for guests. Tauck Guests enjoy complimentary Internet access.



Extend Your Journey

Many Tauck travelers prefer arriving at their destination a day before their Tauck journey begins, or often extend a stay at the end of their trip. As a service, Tauck will make hotel reservations before and after your journey. Rooms are reserved on a space-available basis, and the cost is added to your tour cost. Call San Simeon Travel at 800-266-3359 to book your pre- or post-hotel stays which will include all taxes, hotel service charges, breakfast, and airport transfers.

2023 TAUCK ROOM RATES TBA

ARRIVE EARLY HANOI, VIETNAM
\$ TBA Per Night Double or Single

Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi



STAY LATER BANGKOK, THAILAND
\$ TBA Per Room Per Night Double
\$ TBA Per Room Per Night Single

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