

# Indochina Vietnam and Cambodia

2011-2012

17-day all-inclusive (air from Los Angeles included) from \$3,499



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# Indochina — Vietnam and Cambodia (Angkor)

## Highlights

Discover the cultural and legendary treasures of Indochina with this 17-day all-inclusive journey.

Take non-stop flight to Guangzhou (Canton), China; enjoy the exquisite and authentic Cantonese food.

Begin in Siem Reap, Cambodia. Explore Angkor's marvelous temples, majestic causeway and breath-taking sculptures.

Continue to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), a city of nostalgia, fashion and bustling energy. In HCM, explore Notre Dame Cathedral, Old Saigon Postal Office and the Unification Palace. Immerse yourself in the innocent and old-time Hoi An and Hue while visit "Purple Forbidden City" (the UNESCO heritage) and local markets.

You will conclude your great journey in Hanoi, capital of the country, visit Ho Chi Minh Memorial Complex and old town. Cruise the Halong Bay, enjoy a wonderful Vietnamese dinner on boat and later rock gently to sleep on the South China Sea

Optional extension to Hong Kong at the end of trip.

\$3,499 per person, including airfare from Los Angeles, first-class (5-star and 4-star) accommodations and much more.



## Day-to-Day Itinerary

### Day 1, Los Angeles/Guangzhou (China)

- Depart Los Angeles (LAX) in the evening and fly to Siem Reap, Cambodia (*stop in Guangzhou, China*).

### Day 3-5, Siem Reap (Cambodia)

*Hotel: Angkor Palace Resort & Spa (5-star), 3 nights*

*Siem Reap is the nearest town to the temple complex of Angkor. From the 9th to 13th century, Angkor was the heart of a rich and sophisticated civilization. You will see massive stone monuments, wide majestic causeways, imposing gateways and towers, all in a wonderful jungle setting.*

- Day 3, arrive in Guangzhou in the morning, continue to fly Siem Reap in the afternoon, meet the guide at airport and transfer to hotel.
- Day 4, visit the "Great City" of **Angkor Thom**, which includes the famous **Bayon Temple**, **Phimeanakas Temple** within the Royal Palace enclosure, **Baphuon Temple**, the Terrace of the Elephants and the Terrace of the Leper King. Afternoon is dedicated to visit the most famous & magnificent **Angkor Vat Temple**. **(B, L, D) Dinner with Khmer Show** (Angkor Village Theatre)



• Day 5, in the morning we will visit the enchanting **Banteay Srei**. After this visit, we will go to **Banteay Samre**, with elaborate architecture and exceptional carvings, and we will visit of a local village. Visit of Baray Oriental sites, built by Rajendravarman: Banteay Kdey, Pré Rup, Preasat Khleang, Mébon Oriental. A morning visit



to the **Royal City of Preah Khan** with impressive sculptures, Neak Pean built on a small circular island, Ta Som, East Mebon, Preah Rup. We continue our visit with **Thommanon Temple**, Ta Keo, Ta Prohm with a part of the jungle, Banteay Kdei, Srah Srang a Royal bathing place, Prasat Kravan with unique brick sculptures. **(B, L, D)**

• Day 6, enjoy a boat ride on the **Tonle Sap Lake**, the largest permanent freshwater lake in South East Asia, joining the Mekong in Phnom Penh. We will see a fishermen's "floating village" with floating schools, floating police station, etc. Fly to Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam) in the afternoon. **(B, L)**

#### **Day 6-8, Ho Chi Minh City (HCM, Vietnam)**

*Hotel: New Ramana, 3 nights*

• Day 7, the sightseeing tour of Ho Chi Minh begins with a visit to the **Reunification Palace**. Close to the palace are some striking French colonial structures including the **Notre Dame Cathedral** and the **Old Saigon Post Office**. We also visit the Jade Emperor Pagoda and the War Remnant Museum before continuing to the bustling **Ben Thanh Market**. **(B, L, D)**

• Day 8, free. **(B)**

#### **Day 9-10, Hoi An (Vietnam)**

*Hotel: Vinh Hung Resort, 2 nights*

• Day 9, fly from HCM to Da Nang City. Visit the **Cham Museum** in Da Nang City, tour the China Beach and the Marble Mountain, whose peaks represent the five elements of the universe. Transfer to Hoi An. **(B, L, D)**

• Day 10, visit **My Son**, a centre for spirituality and worship during the reign of the Champa Kingdom. *The My Son Sanctuary, which exemplifies the height of Cham architectural achievement, is a large complex of religious monuments originally comprised of more than 70 structures; the vestiges of 25 of these structures remain today.* Walking tour to **Japanese Covered Bridges**, the Pottery Museum, the 200 years old Tamky House, the Chua Ong Pagoda, the vibrant market. A perfect way to round off the day is a boat trip on the Thu Bon River, which also gives us a chance to admire the spectacular countryside and explore a handicraft ceramic village and boat building yards. **(B, L, D)**



*The scenic road is hugging the coastline before crossing over the winding **Hai Van Pass**. A view from the top of the pass is one of Vietnam's most impressive panoramic scenes.*

### **Day 11, Hue (Vietnam)**

*Hotel: Saigon Morin, 1 night*

Visit Hue with the massive citadel, which contains the Imperial City and the Purple Forbidden City (UNESCO World Heritage). Embark on a boat to visit the beauty of riverside **Pagoda of Thien Mu**, which now becomes the symbol of Hue. We return



to the town and enjoy a walk to the bustling **Dong Ba Market** that sells a huge variety of local goods and handicrafts. Along the way we pass by many fantastic eating spots, ideal places for visitors to sample some local delicacies. **(B, L, D)**

### **Day 12-13, Hanoi (Vietnam)**

*Hotel: Sunway Hotel, 2 nights*

- Day 12, fly from Hue to Hanoi. **(B, L, D)**
- Day 13, visit the **Ho Chi Minh complex**, which includes Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, his stilt house and the Presidential Palace, National Assembly. Continue to **Hoan Kiem Lake** and cycle tour in the **Old Quarter**. [Water Puppetry Performance](#) **(B, L, D)**

### **Day 14, Ha Long Bay**

*Night on Jonque Lagoon Explorer*

- Transfer to Halong City for a boat cruise. There are some 3,000 limestone islands rising amazingly from the clear and emerald water. The limestone karsts (formations) are littered with beaches, grottos and beautiful caves. Along the way we will anchor for a leisurely swim in a secluded cove and a discovery visit to one of those hidden grottos beneath towering cliffs. Have dinner on board with Vietnamese wine and later rock gently to sleep on the boat. **(B, L, D)**

### **Day 15, Hanoi (Vietnam)**

*Hotel: Sunway, 1 night*

- After breakfast, you can relax on deck to soak up the the beauty of the bay while passing the most beautiful of karsts islets like Man's Head Island, Tortoise Island. Visit Luon Cave by small bamboo boat, Bai Tu Long bay. Have lunch on the boat while you return to Ha Long wharf. Drive back to Hanoi for the night. **(B, L, D)**



## Day 16, Guangzhou (China)

*Guangzhou (Canton), China southern gate, is the capital of Guangdong Province. Located in the prosperous Pearl River Delta, Guangzhou, with 11 million population, is the most important base for manufacture and export. Guangzhou is also famous for the cuisine. White Swan Hotel (5-star), 1 night*

- Day 16, fly to Guangzhou in the morning, meet your guide and transfer to the White Swan Hotel, located at the banks of the Pearl River. Rest for the rest of the day at hotel.

## Day 17, Guangzhou/Los Angeles

- City tour (including **Chen Family Temple**) in Guangzhou. **Canton Dim Sum Banquet**. Fly to Los Angeles in the evening. **(B, L, D)**

- Extension to Hong Kong (Optional).



## Trip Inclusive Features

■ All flights from Los Angeles (Los Angeles/Guangzhou/Siem Reap/HCM/ Danang, Hue/Hanoi/Guangzhou/Los Angeles) economy class ■ All listed (or similar class) hotel accommodations, 5-star hotels in China and Cambodia, 4-star hotels in Vietnam ■ All meals as specified (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner), including daily western style breakfast buffet in hotels ■ Listed special gourmet dinners ■ Listed special evening cultural performances ■ Listed sight-seeing ■ Ground transportation ■ Professional local English-speaking guide in each city ■ Baggage transportation ■ Tour director with a minimum requirements of 10 passengers ■ Small group size: 10 to 24

## Not Included

■ All personal expense such as excess baggage, travel insurance, passport, laundry, telephone, excess of meals and beverage, which are not included in the program ■ \$385 for all airport tax, customs fees, etc. ■ \$330 for China Visa, Vietnam Entry Permit and Cambodia Visa ■ Gratuities for tour director, local guides and drivers ■ Cambodia departure tax \$25 per person (this tax must be paid by passengers for Immigration office at airport); \$25 for Vietnam Visa stamp at airport ■ Hong Kong Extension

# Reservation Form

(Copy of passport is required at reservation)

## *Indochina - Vietnam and Cambodia*

### Travel Date:

- Jan 7 to 23, 2011 (sold out)
- Feb. 11 to 27, 2011 (sold out)
- March 11 to 27, 2011
- Nov. 11 to 27, 2011
- Dec. 2 to 18, 2011
- Jan 13 to 29, 2012
- Feb. 10 to 26, 2012

**Tour Cost:** \$3,499 per person, double occupancy (air from Los Angeles included)

**Departure:** Los Angeles

**Single Supplement:** \$1,380

Please send your reservation to (or send by fax to 847-856-0379):

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**U.S. Domestic Air:** Please book round-trip flights for me/us to connect with international flights at LOS ANGELES/LAX. My/our departure city airport is:

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Airport Name/Code: \_\_\_\_\_

No, thanks

**International Air Upgrade** (Los Angeles/Guangzhou/Los Angeles), please send me/us price for:

Business class                       First-Class

**FULL NAME** (please print as it appears on your passport)

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Title                      First                      Middle                      Last

(2) \_\_\_\_\_  
Title                      First                      Middle                      Last

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) Evening Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_)

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I request assistance in securing a roommate. If a roommate cannot be found by final payment date, I agree to pay the single supplement of \$1,380.

Enclosed is my/our deposit in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 per person required).

**Card Type** (check one):  American Express  Visa  MasterCard

**Card Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expires:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Final payment is due prior to 120 day prior to departure, and **must be made in check**. Please make checks payable to: **Best China Tour, Inc.**

I/we have read and agreed the Terms.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional **Travel Insurance** coverage is available. Information will be mailed to you upon receipt of your reservation.

## Dear Indochina Travelers and Friends,

I invite you to join your family for a wonderful journey to the tropical Indochina --- Vietnam and Cambodia.

We'll start our journey in Angkor, a collection of breathtaking ruins in the northwest of Cambodia, where the ancient Khmer civilization built splendid temples and palaces between the 9th and 15th centuries. In addition to viewing Angkor's astounding sculptures and monuments, we'll have the opportunity to meet the local people, living on "floating village" in the Mekong River.

Vietnam, a country famous for its endurance, survived French colonialization, Japanese occupation during World War II, the "War of Vietnam" in the 1960s and 70s, not mention the overwhelming neighbor from the north. Immerse yourself in the natural beauty of this fascinating country and witness its national treasure -- the hospitality of the Vietnamese people.

We'll start our journey in the south and travel 2,000 miles north across Vietnam. Our first stop in Vietnam is the bustling Saigon (*also called Ho Chi Minh City*) where we'll visit Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral and the War Remnant Museum. Continue to the cities of Hue - site of the Old Royal City (*also called the Forbidden Purple City, UNESCO World Cultural Heritage*) - and Hoi An, where you'll take in other magnificent architectural and cultural sites. Our final stops in Vietnam will be the legendary Hanoi, capital of Vietnam. In Hanoi we will visit Ho Chi Minh Complex (*the residence and the mausoleum*), One Pillar Pagoda, Sword Lake, the 1,000-year Old Town and a full day excursion to Halong Bay.

This comprehensive tour is based for 14 nights in 4-star to 5-star accommodations and includes all meals and sightseeing, and presents an excellent travel value. Space is limited, so please reserve soon.

I hope you will join us in Vietnam and Cambodia!

Best wishes,



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President  
Best China Tour



# Contract: Terms & Conditions

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- **Price** quoted is for one passenger based on double occupancy, including all listed flights, economic class, ground transfers within China, Cambodia and Vietnam, baggage handling, accommodations, hotels, meals, sight-seeing, local guide, which is specified in the inclusive features. Price and travel dates are given in good faith and subject to change without notice. In the event of big changes in foreign currency exchange rate, airline surcharge, security fees, and other extra charge, the tour price will be adjusted according market conditions.
- **Baggage** one baggage with total sum (length + width + height) and that does not exceed 107 inches (44 Pound) is allowed per passenger along with one carry-on bag. Excess baggage is not included in the trip price.
- **Payment** Reservation will be accepted until \$1,000 deposit per person is received. The full balance of the payment is due 120 days prior to departure.
- **Cancellation** fee \$800 after reservation for any reason whatsoever; \$1,500 if cancel 120 to 91 days prior to departure; \$2,500 if cancel 90 to 60 days prior to departure; \$3,000 if cancel 59 to 30 days prior to departure; 100% of tour price, if cancel within 29 days prior to departure. A change in departure date is considered as a cancellation. No refund for the traveler who terminates the trip on his or her own personal reason. If tour operator cancels the tour, the refund including compensation will not exceed 100% of tour sales price.
- **Travel Insurance** The terms will be enforced strictly. BCT strongly recommends all passengers to purchase travel insurance for protection.
- **Liabilities** Best China Tour, Inc. (BCT) purchased air and ground transportation, hotel, restaurant and other travel services from independent suppliers that are not subject to its control. Therefore BCT and the sponsoring organization will be exempt from any liabilities for death, injury, baggage loss and damage or any other loss that may occur due to any act or omission of such supplier. BCT is not responsible for omissions and errors of printing and presentation of brochures, our website, sales agent or any other media.
- **Itinerary** Deviations to the planned itinerary, as shown in brochures and on our website, may occur due to weather, traffic, or any other conditions beyond our control such as strike, acts of God, war, fire, acts of government, riot, etc. We will make our best to insure all the visits and excursions will be similar and there will be no refund. BCT reserves the right to substitute the itinerary.
- **The Hotels** listed in brochures and on our website will be used in most circumstance; BCT reserves the right to substitute hotels of the same class and standard.
- **Health** No smoking during the transportation in coach and airplane. BCT has the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of this tour at any time for the best interests of safety, health or general well being of the tour group or individuals. Passengers' health should fit all travel schedule and activity. Any delay, cancellation of partial or whole trip causing by passengers' health will be at the expenses of passenger. Passenger needs to notify BCT before reservation if he or she needs any physical assistance (e.g. using wheel chair) during the trip. Participants requiring extra assistance must be accompanied by someone who can and will provide all required assistance.
- **Promotion** BCT reserves the right to take photo, video, media report, etc. during the tour for its own promotion use.
- **Arbitration Agreement** This agreement shall be governed by Illinois law without application of its conflict of laws principals. Any controversy or claim relating this Agreement shall be settled solely and exclusively in Lake County, Illinois. If for any reason a court of competent jurisdiction finds any provision or portion of this Agreement to be unenforceable, that provision will be enforced to the maximum extent permissible so as to effect the intent of the parties, and the remainder of this Agreement will continue in full force and effect. If either party commences any action or proceeding against the other party to enforce or to interpret this Agreement, the prevailing party in such action or proceeding shall be entitled to recover from the other party the actual costs, expenses, and attorneys' fees (including all related costs and expenses) incurred by such prevailing party in connection with such action or proceeding and in connection with obtaining and enforcing any judgment or order thereby obtained.
- **Acceptance of Terms** By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/her or other participants and accepts the terms and conditions of this contract.
- **BCT DISCLAIMER** BCT reserves the right to decline to accept or to retain any person as a tour member should such a person's health, mental condition, physical infirmity or attitude jeopardize the operation of the tour or the rights, welfare, or enjoyment of other participants. Refunds will be made in accordance with cancellation policy listed in the brochure.

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