A PRIVATE JOURNEY FOR TWO

13 Days Vietnam and Cambodia Essence Tour

Jill & Eric | 5 - 17 February 2026

Hanoi - Halong Bay - Hue - Hai Van Pass - Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City - Siem Reap - Hanoi

History, Neighborhoods and Angkor

This route connects northern, central and southern Vietnam with Siem Reap. It combines private land touring with an overnight cruise, a shared Perfume River boat trip and flights between the main regions.

At a Glance

13 days | 2 travelers | 11 hotel nights and 1 cruise night Three regional flights included in the original itinerary Final Siem Reap - Hanoi flight arranged independently

A Journey Shaped Around Their Interests

The plan made room for Hanoi neighborhoods, Hue imperial history, the Hai Van Pass, extended Hoi An market time, an early My Son visit and the Cu Chi Tunnels. Angkor sunrise and a spa treatment completed the Cambodia stay.

Using This Reference

This public download is based on the final supplied Word itinerary, with the cruise-day pickup updated from Jill's travel email. Hotel names describe the reference plan and are reviewed for new bookings. The final Ho Chi Minh City hotel choice was not confirmed after a mid-trip upgrade request.

Days 1-3

DAY 1 | Welcome to Hanoi

Meet the guide and driver at Hanoi airport and transfer to the hotel for check-in after your international arrival.

Overnight: Hanoi | The Q Hotel | Meals: No meals listed

DAY 2 | Hanoi Neighborhoods and History

Visit Tran Quoc Pagoda, the Ho Chi Minh complex, One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature. Explore the French Quarter, including Quan Su and Tran Hung Dao Street, with a short Metropole stop. Return to the hotel before 4 pm for the separately arranged food tour. The puppet show is not included in this revised day.

Overnight: Hanoi | The Q Hotel | Meals: Breakfast and lunch

DAY 3 | Hanoi - Overnight Bay Cruise

Take the cruise company bus to the port and board the overnight cruise. Lunch and dinner are served on board. Afternoon activities follow the vessel's confirmed program and may include sightseeing, kayaking or swimming. Additional onboard services are subject to the cruise arrangements.

Overnight: On board | Sena Cruise, Executive Cabin | Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Days 4-6

DAY 4 | Cruise Return - Flight to Hue

Complete the morning cruise program and brunch before disembarking. Continue toward Hanoi airport for the flight to Hue, then meet the local arrival team and transfer to the hotel. This outline follows Jill's mid-trip confirmation that the pickup point was changed to the airport.

Overnight: Hue | Silk Path Grand Hue | Meals: Breakfast and lunch/brunch

DAY 5 | Hue Imperial Heritage

Explore the Imperial Citadel and Khai Dinh Tomb. After lunch, take a shared dragon boat trip on the Perfume River to Thien Mu Pagoda. Continue by car to Minh Mang Tomb and Dong Ba Market.

Overnight: Hue | Silk Path Grand Hue | Meals: Breakfast and lunch

DAY 6 | Hue - Hai Van Pass - Hoi An

Travel via the Hai Van Pass to Da Nang. Visit the Museum of Cham Sculpture, the My Khe beach area and the Marble Mountains before continuing to Hoi An. The route combines a coastal road transfer with sightseeing.

Overnight: Hoi An | Hoi An Central Boutique Hotel & Spa | Meals: Breakfast and lunch

Days 7-9

DAY 7 | Cam Thanh and Hoi An

Visit Cam Thanh for a basket boat ride and an introduction to local fishing techniques. After lunch, explore Tan Ky House, the Museum of Trade Ceramics, Chua Ong Pagoda, the Japanese Covered Bridge and Hoi An Market. The itinerary allows extended market time until about 9:30 pm before returning with the guide.

Overnight: Hoi An | Hoi An Central Boutique Hotel & Spa | Meals: Breakfast and lunch

DAY 8 | Early My Son Visit - Ho Chi Minh City

Prepare a takeaway breakfast the evening before. An early pickup around 5:30-5:45 am takes you to My Son for the morning temple visit; expect to wake around 4:30 am. Continue to Da Nang airport for the flight to Ho Chi Minh City and transfer to the hotel.

Overnight: Ho Chi Minh City | Eden Star listed in the itinerary | Meals: Takeaway breakfast and lunch

DAY 9 | Cu Chi and Ho Chi Minh City

Spend the morning at Cu Chi Tunnels. Return for city sightseeing focused on French colonial architecture and war history, with the cathedral area, Tan Dinh Church, Opera House, Central Post Office, palace and market among the listed stops. The guide coordinates access and the order locally.

Overnight: Ho Chi Minh City | Eden Star listed in the itinerary | Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Days 10-12

DAY 10 | My Tho and the Mekong Delta

Travel to My Tho and board a boat to Thoi Son Island. The planned visits include traditional music, narrow canals by paddle boat, coconut-candy and rice-wine workshops, a bee farm, seasonal fruit and Vinh Trang Pagoda. Return to Ho Chi Minh City.

Overnight: Ho Chi Minh City | Eden Star listed in the itinerary | Meals: Breakfast and lunch

DAY 11 | Fly to Siem Reap

Transfer to the airport for the flight to Siem Reap. Meet the local guide and driver, check in and rest. In the evening, attend an Apsara dinner show before returning to the hotel.

Overnight: Siem Reap | Viroth's Hotel, Deluxe Double Room | Meals: Breakfast and dinner

DAY 12 | Angkor Sunrise, Temples and Spa

Leave early for sunrise at Angkor Wat, then return to the hotel for breakfast and a short rest. Resume touring around 10 am with Ta Prohm and Bayon. After lunch, explore Angkor Wat, then enjoy the one-hour spa treatment included in this itinerary.

Overnight: Siem Reap | Viroth's Hotel | Meals: Breakfast and lunch

Day 13

DAY 13 | Tonle Sap - Hanoi Connection

Visit Kampong Phluk and take a boat excursion on Tonle Sap, with the local route dependent on water levels and access. Transfer to Siem Reap airport for the independently arranged flight to Hanoi. Services end with the airport transfer; no Hanoi hotel or onward arrangements are added here.

Overnight: Departure from Siem Reap | Meals: Breakfast and lunch

Make Time for What Matters to You

Jill and Eric wanted to see a great deal in thirteen days. Their review was warm about the journey, and Jill suggested allowing at least one more day in Siem Reap. A similar route can be extended or shortened around your priorities.

Planning the Pace

Expect several hotel changes, flights, full sightseeing days and two early temple starts. We can add rest days, allow longer stays or reduce the number of stops. Tell us about walking comfort, hotel preferences and which experiences matter most.

Details for a New Booking

The listed accommodation and meals follow this reference itinerary, rather than a current offer. Optional cruise activities depend on the vessel and conditions. The Word contains mixed cruise-route details, so the exact sailing and cave visits must be checked with the confirmed cruise program.

Jill's gifted Hanoi food tour was arranged separately. Her mid-trip request for a different Ho Chi Minh City hotel has no confirmed outcome in the supplied correspondence. The Eden Star name is retained as the hotel listed in the itinerary, without implying the request was fulfilled.

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