

15 Days Across Vietnam, Cambodia & Thailand

Hanoi • Halong Bay • Saigon • Siem Reap • Koh Samui • Bangkok

Based on Debbie's private trip, September–October 2025

Length	Route	Pace	Core touring
15 DAYS	3 COUNTRIES	BALANCED	PRIVATE

This itinerary is based on a real private journey we arranged for two travelers. It combines Vietnam and Cambodia's cultural highlights with several slower days on Koh Samui, then finishes with Bangkok and a history-focused day in Kanchanaburi. The route suits travelers who want variety without making every day a full sightseeing day.

Trip at a Glance

A three-country route that moves from city culture and an overnight bay cruise to Angkor, tropical beach time and Bangkok. Most core sightseeing is private, while the Halong Bay cruise and Ang Thong National Marine Park excursion are shared experiences.

Days	Region	Route	What it adds to the trip
Days 1–3	Hanoi	Old Quarter • street food • city landmarks • Train Street	A gentle arrival, food and local city culture
Days 4–5	Halong Bay to Saigon	Halong Bay • Hanoi • Saigon	Overnight cruise, limestone scenery and a regional flight
Days 6–7	Southern Vietnam	Cu Chi • Saigon • Mekong Delta	War history, city heritage and river life
Days 8–9	Cambodia	Angkor • Tonle Sap • Kompong Phluk	Khmer temples and lakeside communities
Days 10–12	Koh Samui	Beach • Ang Thong Marine Park	A slower middle section with island scenery and free time
Days 13–15	Bangkok & Kanchanaburi	Bangkok • Chinatown • River Kwai • Hellfire Pass	Street food, city culture and modern-history context

How we support a route like this: one-to-one trip planning, destination-based local guides, private vehicles for core touring, coordinated airport and hotel transfers, cruise and activity reservations, regional flight planning, and support when transport or weather affects the route.

Detailed Day-by-Day 15-Day Journey

The descriptions below show the structure and key experiences of the real trip without turning it into a fixed self-planning schedule. Exact timings, hotel choices and operational details are tailored after travel dates are confirmed.

DAY 1

Hanoi Arrival

Arrive in Hanoi and settle in after the international journey. The rest of the day is kept free to recover before the trip begins.

Indochina Tour support: Private airport welcome and hotel transfer.

DAY 2

Hanoi at Leisure • Street Food Walk

Keep the daytime free, then explore Hanoi's Old Quarter with a local guide. Try signature street foods and egg coffee, visit a local market and finish around Hoan Kiem Lake.

Indochina Tour support: Private local guide for the evening food experience, with the route adapted to the travelers' interests and appetite.

DAY 3

Hanoi City Highlights • Train Street

Explore Tran Quoc Pagoda, Hoan Kiem Lake, Ngoc Son Temple, the Old Quarter, One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature. Later, experience Hanoi's railway-side neighborhood.

Indochina Tour support: Private guide and vehicle for the main sightseeing, with local timing managed around the city route.

DAY 4

Hanoi • Halong Bay Overnight Cruise

Travel from Hanoi to Halong Bay and board an overnight cruise. Spend the afternoon among limestone islands with time for swimming, relaxing and an onboard cooking activity.

Indochina Tour support: Cruise booking and transfer coordination. The cruise itself is a shared experience.

DAY 5

Halong Bay • Hanoi • Saigon

Continue the cruise with a morning activity around the bay, then return to Hanoi and connect with the flight south to Saigon.

Indochina Tour support: Cruise-to-airport timing and regional flight coordination are planned as one travel day.

DAY 6**Cu Chi Tunnels • Saigon Highlights**

Visit the Cu Chi Tunnels for Vietnam War history, then return to Saigon for landmarks including the Notre Dame Cathedral area, Old Saigon Post Office, Reunification Palace and Binh Tay Market.

Indochina Tour support: Private guide and vehicle connect the out-of-city Cu Chi visit with central Saigon sightseeing.

DAY 7**Mekong Delta • Fly to Siem Reap**

Travel to My Tho and explore the Mekong by boat, including Thoi Son Island, narrow canals, local cottage industries and Vinh Trang Pagoda. Later, fly to Siem Reap.

Indochina Tour support: Private road and boat arrangements in the delta, followed by airport transfer and regional flight coordination.

DAY 8**Angkor Temples Full Day**

Explore Angkor Thom, Bayon, Baphuon, Phimeanakas, the Terrace of the Leper King, Terrace of the Elephants, Ta Prohm and Angkor Wat. Continue to Pre Rup before returning to Siem Reap.

Indochina Tour support: Private guide and vehicle for the Angkor day, with the order of visits managed locally.

DAY 9**Tonle Sap Lake • Kompong Phluk**

Take a boat excursion on Tonle Sap Lake and spend time around Kompong Phluk, where stilted homes and the lake environment show a different side of life around Siem Reap.

Indochina Tour support: Private local touring and boat arrangements, with the visit adapted to seasonal lake conditions.

DAY 10**Siem Reap • Koh Samui via Bangkok**

Fly from Cambodia to Koh Samui via Bangkok. On arrival, transfer to the hotel and keep the rest of the day free for the beach.

Indochina Tour support: Regional flight planning and airport transfers between countries and destinations.

DAY 11**Ang Thong National Marine Park**

Join a marine park excursion for island scenery, snorkeling and time on the water, with options such as kayaking, a viewpoint walk or beach time depending on conditions.

Indochina Tour support: Shared marine excursion selected and reserved in advance, with hotel transfers coordinated around the operating schedule.

DAY 12**Koh Samui Beach Day**

Keep the full day free to enjoy Koh Samui at your own pace. This slower day creates a deliberate break between the cultural touring in Vietnam and Cambodia and the final days in Bangkok.

Indochina Tour support: Accommodation and trip pacing are planned so a genuine rest day remains in the itinerary rather than becoming another touring day.

DAY 13**Koh Samui • Bangkok • Chinatown**

Fly to Bangkok and, after settling in, explore Jim Thompson House and Wat Saket before an evening food experience in Chinatown.

Indochina Tour support: Airport transfers, private local touring and the evening food experience are coordinated around the flight arrival.

DAY 14**River Kwai • Hellfire Pass • Railway History**

Travel from Bangkok to Kanchanaburi for Hellfire Pass, the memorial trail, war-related sites and the Bridge over the River Kwai, with a railway experience included in the day.

Indochina Tour support: Private guide and vehicle for the long day trip, with the historical sites and rail segment coordinated into one route.

DAY 15**Farewell from Bangkok**

Transfer to the airport for the international journey home.

Indochina Tour support: Private departure transfer arranged around the travelers' confirmed flight time.

Could This Route Work for You?

This journey worked well for travelers who wanted three countries in about two weeks but also wanted a real break by the sea. The route combines major cultural sights with food, river life, beach time and modern-history experiences instead of filling every day with temples or city touring.

This route may suit you if you...

- have around two weeks and want to combine Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand
- want cultural sightseeing but also value food, nature and several slower beach days
- are comfortable with regional flights and a few full touring days
- prefer private guides and vehicles for core sightseeing, with selected shared cruise and marine experiences

What would we tailor for your trip?

The overall route can stay similar while the details change around you. Your consultant can adjust the hotel level, beach stay, food focus, walking intensity, time in each city and the balance between guided touring and free time. Flight schedules and seasonal marine conditions are checked again for your actual dates.

A real journey, not a fixed package

This downloadable itinerary is based on a trip actually arranged by Indochina Tour. It is intended as a planning reference. Your final journey will be rebuilt around your dates, interests and preferred pace, with the practical details handled by our local team.

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