Discovering

Vietnam & Cambodia

The mystical heart and soul of Southeast Asia, Vietnam and Cambodia will entice you with their unique blend of ancient capitals, emerald waterways, UNESCO World Heritage-listed sites, and impressive natural and man-made wonders.

In Vietnam, you'll find a land of contrasts, from the bustling streets of Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City to the serene landscapes of Ha Long Bay, where limestone karsts rise majestically from emerald waters. While Cambodia, with its awe-inspiring temples and lush jungles, is a land where history comes alive. The crown jewel is Angkor Wat, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most iconic archaeological sites in the world. Beyond Angkor, Cambodia offers beautiful landscapes, from the peaceful countryside of Battambang to the pristine beaches of Sihanoukville.

Together, these two fascinating destinations offer a discovery filled with unforgettable experiences, where ancient traditions blend seamlessly with the rhythms of modern life.

Activity Level
Moderate

The Cu Chi Tunnel Tour is not suitable for those with Claustrophobia. Temples can have steep steps and uneven ground so would not be suitbale for those with walking difficulties.

Visa Process

You must have a valid passport and a visa (or pre-approval for a visa on arrival) to enter Vietnam and Cambodia. We recommend a multiple entry visa. Please be sure to check the latest visa requirements before your trip.

Currency

Vietnam: Vietnamese Dong (VND). It's advisable to exchange currency at official exchange points for the best rates.

Cambodia: Cambodian Riel (KHR). USD are also are widely accepted.

Credit Cards

Credit cards are accepted in major cities and tourist areas, but cash is preferred in smaller establishments and markets.



Plug Sockets

Vietnam: Vietnam typically uses Type A, Type C, and Type F plug sockets.

Cambodia: Cambodia uses Type A, Type C, and Type G plug sockets.

Consider bringing a universal adapter to charge your devices.



The climate in Vietnam & Cambodia varies depending on the location and time of travel.



Average Summer Around **35°C**
Average Winter Around **24°C**



Average Summer Around **30°C**
Average Winter Around **17°C**



Average Summer Around **34°C**
Average Winter Around **26°C**



Average Summer Around **30°C**
Average Winter Around **27°C**



Gratuities

Vietnam: Tipping is not expected in Vietnam, but it is appreciated, especially in tourist areas. In restaurants, rounding up the bill is common.

Cambodia: Tipping is not expected in Cambodia, but it is appreciated, especially in tourist areas.



Cultural Norms

Vietnam: Vietnam is generally a safe country for tourists, but it's important to be cautious of your belongings, especially in crowded areas and tourist spots. Be mindful of traffic when crossing the streets, as motorbikes are a common mode of transportation. Vietnamese people are friendly and polite. Greet with a smile, respect local customs, and dress modestly when visiting religious sites.

Cambodia: Cambodians are friendly and respectful. Greet with a smile, respect local customs, and dress modestly when visiting religious sites.

Emergency

Vietnam: In case of an emergency, dial 113 for police, 115 for medical emergencies, and 114 for the fire department.

Cambodia: In case of an emergency, dial 117 for police, 119 for medical emergencies, and 118 for the fire department.

It's advisable to have travel insurance for medical emergencies.

Check in Process

Have your passport or a valid form of identification ready for check-in.

Check-in is usually from 3pm local time.



Dining

Vietnam: Vietnamese cuisine is known for dishes like pho, banh mi, and spring rolls.

Cambodia: Cambodian cuisine features dishes like amok, Khmer curry, and fish grilled in banana leaves.

As hygeine levels differ to the rest of the world, it's important to be mindful when eating out. Always drink bottled water and avoid drinking tap water, this includes washed fruit and salad, ice cubes and brushing your teeth. It is advised to pack medicines just in case you do get an upset stomach.

Please exercise caution when buying food from street food vendors.





What to pack

Essentials:
Passport & Visa: Ensure you have your passport, visa, and any necessary travel documents.
Travel Insurance: Always a good idea for unexpected situations.
Money: Cash (especially small denominations) and credit/debit cards. ATMs are widely available.
Health Kit: Any prescription medications, over-the-counter medicines (Ensure that you travel with these in your hand luggage)

Clothing:
Pack lightweight clothing and comfortable shoes for walking. Consider cultural norms when selecting your attire.

Personal Items:
Toiletries: Basic items like toothpaste, shampoo, soap, and any specific personal items you use.
Sunscreen & Sunglasses: Protection from the strong sun is crucial.
Insect Repellent: Especially important in rural or tropical areas.

Electronics:
Adapter/Converter: Phone & Charger:
With a local SIM card, you can have better connectivity and avoid high roaming charges.
Camera: To capture your travels (with extra memory cards and batteries).

Other Useful Items:
Small Backpack/Daypack: For day trips and carrying essentials.
Hand Sanitiser: For cleanliness on the go.

