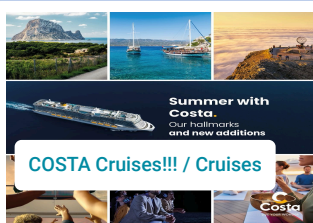


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2024

**GOLDEN TRIANGLE OF INDOCHINA, (Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia), 29.11-10.12.2024**



**29.11.2024 | SKOPIE-ISTANBUL**

Meeting of the group at the airport in Skopje, 2 hours before the scheduled flight to Istanbul at 20:35. We arrive in Istanbul at 00:15 after midnight.

**30.11.2024 | ISTANBUL-HANOI (VIETNAM)**

The connecting flight to Hanoi, Vietnam is at 02:30. We arrive in Hanoi at 15:25 local time. After completing all formalities at the airport, with an organized transfer, we head to the hotel. We are staying in a hotel. We rest from the long journey, before the evening walks in the city. Overnight stay.

**01.12.2024 | HANOI ( BAVI ECO TOUR)**

Breakfast at the hotel. On this day we drive through rural lanes and fields, to the house of Mr. Doak, a green tea expert, farmer and Vietnam War veteran. Combined with a homemade snack, we listen to stories of the infamous war and head to his tea plantation, one of the largest in the village of Ri. We enjoy traditional food prepared by Mrs. Chin, walk around the village, meet local people and listen to their stories about this part of the world. The rice cleaning workshops are one of the must-see places when you set foot in this part of the world. We cycle through the rice paddies and enjoy the beautiful scenery in front of us. In a home setting, we will have a pedicure with a mixture of a traditional Moug herbal mixture. We end this day with a cruise on the Da River and relax in the sights before us. We are going back to Hanoi. Overnight stay.

**02.12.2024 | HANOI ( Hoa Lu & Tam Coc)**

Breakfast at the hotel. For this day, a visit to Hoa Lu, the ancient capital of Vietnam, is planned, which is about an hour away by car. Traveling there, we enjoy the beautiful scenery, listening to the local guide's stories about the history of the Le and Din dynasties that ruled this ancient fortress many generations ago. We take a break for a traditional lunch before visiting Tham Kok, locally known as "Ha Long Bay on the mainland". The karst formations in front of us will give us a special view, before we enter part of the limestone caves that we will explore today. We end the tour by cycling through the quiet villages that surround this area, which we will experience in the true sense only in this way. We are going back to Hanoi. Overnight stay.

#### **03.12.2024 | HANOI (Halong Bay Cruise)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Today is scheduled for sailing through the beautiful and endless rice fields of the Red River Delta. We sail along Halong Bay and explore the karst cave and limestone formations that dot the coast. We take a break for lunch of fresh seafood, on the deck of the boat, with a beautiful view of the sparkling waters. After lunch, we visit famous caves, admire original stalagmites and stalactites, to finally kayak across the bay and sail to the floating markets of the villages here. We enjoy an early dinner on board and enjoy a beautiful night. Overnight on a boat.

#### **04.12.2024 | HANOI (Vietnam)**

We have breakfast on the boat and enjoy the rays of the sun, which gently caresses us and illuminates the water in front of us. Traveling back to the port, we visit more cave buildings. We arrive in Hanoi and use the free time for individual walks or in a joint agreement with the group and its sender. Overnight stay.

#### **05.12.2024 | HANOI-LUANG PRABANG (Laos)**

Breakfast and check-out from the hotel. With an organized transfer, we head to Hanoi airport for our flight to Luang Prabang, Laos. We arrive at the airport in Laos, from where we head to the hotel here by organized transport. We are staying in a hotel. We rest and explore the city individually or in agreement with the group and its companion. Overnight stay.

#### **06.12.2024 | LUANG PRABANG (Laos)**

Breakfast at the hotel. We use the day to explore the city's oldest temples and beautiful examples of classical Lao architecture, with unique roofs and original details. Then we cruise down the Mekong River, to Pak Ou Cave. This cave is connected by natural tunnels, lined with thousands of golden Buddha statues, which pilgrims leave here as an offering to him. We stop at the village of Ban Xanghai where we will witness the production of local rice wine. We're going back to town. Overnight stay.

#### **07.12.2024 | LUANG PRABANG-SIEM REAP (Cambodia)**

Breakfast and check-out from the hotel. With organized transportation, we head to the airport for the flight to Cambodia and the city of Siem Reap. We check into a hotel and explore the city. Overnight stay.

#### **08.12.2024 | Siem Reap (Angkor Wat)**

Breakfast at the hotel. We spend the day here visiting the UNESCO World Heritage and one of the 7 wonders of the world – the Angkor Wat temple. First we visit Banteay Sree, a 10th century Shiva temple built by a Brahmin under the supervision of Rajendvarman. We admire the carvings that adorn this temple before continuing to the village of Preah Dark where we will visit the Banteay Samre Temple and compare their bas-relief carvings depicting Vishnu and Krishna. We take a break for lunch, before continuing to visit ancient temples and ruins that have each left their mark here. Next on our agenda is Bayon Temple, which was built sometime in the 12th century by King Jayavarman VII, consisting of 54 different towers. We end this day with a visit to Angkor Wat, one of the largest and, according to many, the most beautiful temples in the world. Overnight stay.

#### **09.12.2024 | SIEM RIP-HANOI-ISTANBUL**

Breakfast and check-out from the hotel. Last walks in Siem Reap before organized transport to the airport here for the flight to Hanoi. From there we fly to Istanbul.

#### **10.12.2024 | ISTANBUL-SKOPIE**

We arrive in Skopje in the morning.

## **PACKAGE PRICE PER PERSON: € 2690**

The package price is expressed per person in a double room, including the same.

- Return plane tickets from Skopje, according to the program;
- Airport taxes;
- Hand luggage up to 8 kg per person;
- Checked baggage up to 23 kg per person;

- 4 nights with breakfast in a hotel in Hanoi;
- 1 night with breakfast, lunch and dinner on board;
- 2 nights with breakfast in Luang Prabang (Luan Prabang);
- 2 nights with breakfast in Siem Reap (Siem Reap);
- Lunches according to the program;
- Excursions according to the program;
- Companion of the group during the entire trip;
- Travel insurance.

**The package price does NOT include:**

- Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia entry visas issued and paid for on the spot;
- Travel insurance;
- Tourist tax paid directly to the hotels (if any);
- Supplement for a single room: €500

**Notes:**

- The offer is valid for a minimum of 10 registered persons;
- The agency reserves the right to correct the package price of the arrangement, in case of an insufficient number of registered persons or a change in the purchase prices by the airline, hotel facilities, transfer companies, as well as the excursions included in it;
- A reservation is guaranteed with a payment of at least 50% of the total amount of the arrangement, with full additional payment no later than 30 days before the travel date;
- The agency undertakes to inform the registered persons about the implementation or cancellation of the trip no later than 30 days before the start of the trip;
- In case of cancellation of the trip by the agency, the reservation deposit is refunded in full;
- In case of cancellation by the passenger, upon confirmed realization of the program, the paid deposit is not refunded.

**GENERAL AND USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE DESTINATIONS**

**Vietnam**

**1. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE COUNTRY**

Vietnam is a country in Southeast Asia. It is located on the coast of the South China Sea and the Gulf of Thailand. It borders China to the north, Laos to the west, and Cambodia to the southwest. Land area: 331,210 km<sup>2</sup>, the 66th largest in the world;

Population: **94.34 million inhabitants**

Capital: **Hanoi** (3.29 million inhabitants)

Nationality: **Vietnamese** (85.7%), other ethnic groups (14.3%)

Official language: Vietnamese; English and French are also used;

Religion: undecided (80.8%), Buddhist (9.3%);

**2.**

**Vietnam VISA** : Regarding the Vietnam visa, you will be issued a one-time visa for Vietnam and you will get it at the airport with the plane ticket. The cost of the visa is **20 USD** (which you pay at the agency) + **25 USD** which you pay at the airport when you land. For a visa in Vietnam, you need to have two photos with you, and when you land, go to the desk that says LANDING VISA, where the visa will be stuck on your passport.

**3. TIME ZONE**

The time zone is **UTC +7** , which means 6 hours before S. Macedonia.

**4. CLIMATE**

The tropical monsoon climate is prevalent in the **Indochina** area . The rainy season lasts from mid-May to October, while the dry season is from November to April. Due to the high humidity, lower temperatures are also difficult to tolerate. In the north, the humidity is much lower and the climate is milder. November and December mark the arrival of the dry season and nighttime temperatures at high altitudes can occasionally drop to sub-freezing levels. Temperatures start to rise in January, when they reach up to 40°C.

In **Vietnam** , the climate is tropical, marked by frequent monsoons. In the north, a drop in temperature was observed between November and April. Temperatures range between 5°C and 37°C.

**5. FOOD AND BEVERAGE**

The food is very diverse, so-called typically Asian. There is plenty of rice, fish, pasta, chicken, fruit and vegetables. **Vietnam** has an abundant table and an elaborate technique for food preparation. Food preparation has become an art for the Vietnamese people, so that some Vietnamese dishes have become world famous. In Vietnam, you have the opportunity to try many delicious dishes that you cannot find anywhere else in the world. Some dishes are prepared from seafood, such as lobster, fish, crab and squid... which are relatively rare and expensive in some Western countries, but incredibly cheap in Vietnam. In

addition to enjoying traditional dishes such as noodle soup (Pho), pork sausage (Gio lua), spring pastry (Nem ran), fish balls (Cha ca), etc... Vietnam has adopted the way of preparing some dishes from countries that are famous after their good food preparation and good culinary techniques, such as Thailand, China, etc...

## 6. HEALTH

Vaccination is optional. Our passengers decide individually whether they want to be vaccinated or not. Best to call the Institute of Public Health and check. It is recommended to take abdominal medicine (probiotic), fever or some medicine for pain and elevated body temperature, just in case. If you do not take it, it is not terrible, everything can be bought in pharmacies there. There are also mosquitoes there, so you might want to bring Autan, and you can get mosquito repellants there, from experience, their means are stronger.

## 7. INSURANCE

Insurance is optional, but we certainly recommend it for long-distance destinations. You can pay it at any insurance company and take it with you on the trip, or you can pay it at our agency no later than 5 days before the trip.

## 8. SAFETY AND SECURITY

All visitors are advised to exercise caution. Careful storage of personal documents and money is recommended due to the risk of robbery and pickpocketing. Walking the street at night is only recommended if you are not alone. The drug is illegal, and as such is punishable by law and imprisonment.

## 9. CLOTHES

Pack as few clothes as possible! You can do laundry anywhere. This service is very affordable, about 1 euro per kilogram, the laundry is done quickly, nicely washed and folded. Given the high temperatures, bring light clothing. Be sure to bring a sweatshirt or a light jacket and some long pants for the bus ride (which is air-conditioned). When visiting cultural and historical places, specifically temples, keep in mind that it is mandatory to cover your legs and shoulders, so be careful about this when packing.

## 10. LOCAL CURRENCY

The currency in Vietnam is **Vietnamese dong** and the exchange rate is 1 USD = 23,365 VND. We also don't recommend relying on payment cards, so it's better to carry cash.

## 11. PAYMENT CARDS AND ATMS

The banking system is highly developed, so you will find numerous banks and ATMs at every turn of the road. You should check with the parent bank for the exact amount of the fee. We recommend that you bring money in cash. Credit cards can be used, but you must notify your bank in advance to avoid problems with blocking the card. You also have exchange offices at every turn, available throughout the day.

## 12. COMMUNICATION

Our networks in Vietnam are working, but it will be easiest for you to buy a local SIM card. Also, there are internet cafes everywhere, and the accommodations are equipped with wireless internet.

## Cambodia

**Cambodia** is a country in Southeast Asia. In the southwest, it opens onto the Gulf of Thailand (part of the South China Sea). It borders Thailand to the west and north, Laos to the north, and Vietnam to the east and south.

Land area: **181,035 km<sup>2</sup>**, 90th largest in the world

Number of inhabitants: **15.7 million inhabitants**

Capital: **Phnom Penh** (1.7 million inhabitants)

Nationality: **Cambodians** – Khmer (90%), the rest: Vietnamese, Chinese;

Official language: **Khmer**;

Religion: **Buddhism** (Buddhists 96.9%);

Visa for Cambodia is issued at the border. For that you need to have two photos, 3.5 x 4.5cm on a white background and **40 dollars** (in dollars). A fee of \$20 is also payable on exit from Cambodia.

The time zone is **UTC +7**, which means 6 hours ahead of S. Macedonia.

In **Cambodia**, the climate is monsoonal. From December to April there is a dry period, when the dry northeast monsoon prevails. The average temperature ranges between 21°C and 35°C.

**Cambodian cuisine** is distinguished by its frequent use of herbs, herbs and vegetables. Cambodian cuisine has a reputation as one of the oldest and healthiest in the world. The most important addition to all dishes is rice and pasta of various types and shapes. Chicken, pork, veal and duck meat are eaten as meat. Many types of fruits and vegetables are consumed. A specialty of Cambodian cuisine is Amok - curry paste with coconut milk and numerous toppings, packed in a banana leaf. There is also noodle soup, grilled meat, mango salad and various other sweet-spicy-sour combinations.

Vaccination is not mandatory. Our passengers decide individually whether they want to be vaccinated or not. It is best to consult the Institute of Public Health and check. It is advisable to bring medicine for stomach pain (probiotic), Fervex or some medicine for pain and fever, just in case. If you don't bring it, it's not terrible, everything can be bought in the pharmacies there. There are also mosquitoes there, so it would be good to bring Autan, and you can also buy mosquito repellents there, but from experience, their products are stronger.

All visitors are advised to exercise caution. Careful storage of personal documents and money is recommended due to the risk of theft and pickpocketing. Movement in the late evening hours is only recommended if you are not alone. Drugs are an illegal phenomenon, and as such are punishable by law and imprisonment.

Pack as little luggage as possible! You can do your laundry anywhere. That service is really affordable, about 1 euro per kilogram, the clothes are quickly ready, nicely washed and folded. Given the high temperatures, wear light clothing. Be sure to bring a sweatshirt or a light jacket and some long pants for the bus ride (as they are air-conditioned). Bring some comfortable sneakers for the full-day tours of the Angkor complex. For the tours of the cultural-historical sights, specifically temples, we must mention that it is mandatory to cover the legs and shoulders, so pay attention to that during packing. If you forget anything, from wardrobe, cosmetics, shoes, don't worry, you can buy everything there.

As for money and payment, it is advisable to carry dollars, especially for Cambodia. The currency in Cambodia is **the Cambodian Riel**. The currency ratio is about **1 USD = 4,045 KHR**, although in Cambodia it is possible to pay with dollars everywhere, so we advise you to bring dollars and whatever smaller is possible.

The banking system is very developed, so you will find numerous banks and ATMs at every turn. You should check with the parent bank for the exact commission amount. We recommend that you bring cash.

The use of payment cards is possible, but you have to log it in advance in the parent bank, so that the cards are not blocked. Exchanges are also available at every turn, available throughout the day.

Our networks do not work in Cambodia. There are also internet cafes everywhere, and wireless internet is also available in the accommodation.

