



MEJDI TOURS

Vietnam & Cambodia A Journey of Sites, Sound and Spirit

- Dates:** January 5-7, 2026 (Pre-Tour Extension) - Halong Bay (2 nights)
January 7-16 (Main Tour) - Hanoi, Hoi An, Ho Chi Minh (9 nights)
January 16-18 (Post-Tour Extension) - Cambodia/Siem Reap (2 nights)
- Included:** 9 nights' accommodation at 4-5* hotels per itinerary¹
Main Tour 1 MEJDI guide/tour coordinator in Vietnam for 9 days
Local guides as necessary per itinerary
Private transportation and transfers for 9 days per itinerary
Flights per itinerary²
9 breakfast, 7 lunch, 4 dinner indicated by [B, L, D] on itinerary
Entrances, sites, activities and speaker/host honoraria per itinerary
Water on bus included one bottle per person per day
Dedicated pre-trip customer service and on-ground support
- Not included:** International Airfare
Travel and Medical insurance - **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**
Single Supplement = \$850
Customary tips for drivers, guides, and hotel staff
Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section
- Pricing:** \$3,695 per person (double occupancy)

¹ Or similar; double occupancy, breakfast included; includes portage, where available

² Economy fare including one carry-on and one checked bag: Hanoi to Da Nang; Da Nang to Ho Chi Minh City



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Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival - Wednesday, January 7

[Guide, Transfer only]

Arrive in Hanoi and transfer to your accommodation to recover after a long flight. In the evening, join your group for introductions, dinner and discussion with a local historian or journalist on Vietnamese history and current affairs.

Overnight: La Siesta Hotel Classic, Hanoi [D]

Day 2: Hanoi Introductions - Thursday, January 8

[Guide, Transportation]

Appreciate the artistic and culinary wonders of Hanoi while navigating the colors and bustle that characterize a modern Vietnamese city. Begin by visiting the mausoleum dedicated to the founder of modern Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh, followed by the Temple of Literature (Temple of Confucius), the oldest university in Vietnam dating to the 11th century. Enjoy lunch at a “hidden” restaurant tucked away on the backstreets of Hanoi, for an introduction to local cuisine. The artisanal journey continues with a workshop on traditional Vietnamese calligraphy led by an experienced practitioner. Rest at your hotel before ending the day walking through the eclectic Old Quarters in Hoan Kiem District while sampling a variety of street food wonders that have earned Hanoi the title of street food capital of the world!

Overnight: La Siesta Hotel Classic, Hanoi [B, L, D - food tour]

Day 3: US & Vietnam Relations, a Retrospective - Friday, January 9

[Guide, Transportation]

Begin the day at the “small turtle island,” continuing your exploration of Hanoi by foot, before a visit to the famous Hoa Lo Prison (also known as Hanoi Hilton). Meet with a Vietnamese veteran for personal reflections on the period of US-Vietnamese conflict and legacy of the war. Spend the afternoon and evening on your own, taking time to explore the bustling city at your own pace.

Overnight: La Siesta Hotel Classic, Hanoi [B]



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Day 4: Ninh Binh - Saturday, January 10

[Guide, Transportation]

Set out early for Ninh Binh, famous for the Karst scenery around the village of Tama Coc, and sometimes called the “Halong Bay on land.” Private boats take you through the winding rivers of Red and Ma through massive rock formations and caves. Have lunch at a local restaurant before an easy bicycle ride or casual stroll through scattered rice fields to gorgeous mountain views. Return to Hanoi in the evening for dinner on your own.

Overnight: La Siesta Hotel Classic, Hanoi [B, L]

Day 5: My Son Sanctuary - Sunday, January 11

[Guide, Transportation]

Take a morning flight to Da Nang, continuing upon arrival to My Son Sanctuary. The UNESCO World Heritage site dates from the 4th to 13th centuries and is located in the heart of a beautiful valley, surrounded by high mountains that feed the Thu Bon River. As you marvel at sandstone bas-reliefs depicting scenes from Hindu mythology, learn about the My Son civilization’s devotion to Hindu deities like Krishna, Vishnu and Shiva. Head to Hoi An, check-in to your hotel, and have dinner as a group.

Overnight: Bel Marina, Hoi An³ [B, L, D]

Day 6: Traditions of Hoi An - Monday, January 12

[Guide, Transportation]

Explore Hoi An, an ancient city noted for its well preserved architectural mix of Chinese, French, Japanese and Vietnamese styles. The day begins with an engaging activity where you learn traditional fishing methods like casting nets, followed by a culinary experience making bánh xèo, or Vietnamese “happy pancakes.” In the afternoon, meet a master crafter who demonstrates how to fashion a traditional lantern, an aesthetic mainstay of Hoi An. Enjoy the evening on your own.

Optional: attend a bamboo circus show (cost not included) usually beginning around 6pm.

Overnight: Bel Marina, Hoi An [B, L]

³ Standard Rooms



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Day 7: Hoi An Sites & Surroundings - Tuesday, January 13 [Guide, Transportation]

After a morning “tea appreciation” with a local master, continue exploring Hoi An’s Old Town to discover a blend of traditional treasures and cultural influences from historical traders. Learn about the city’s history as you wander pagoda-lined streets, visit a Chinese assembly hall, cross the Japanese Covered Bridge, and enter the ornately historic house of a former trader. After lunch, choose to enjoy the afternoon at leisure or take an optional cycling trip (*cost not included*) to one of the neighboring villages to learn about rural life from local residents. Dinner is on your own this evening.

**The activities described in Hoi An on Day 6 and Day 7 may happen in a different order or on different days depending on exact flight schedules and provider availability.*

Overnight: Bel Marina, Hoi An [B, L]

Day 8: Ho Chi Minh Welcome - Wednesday, January 14 [Guide, Transportation]

Fly to Ho Chi Minh (Saigon) and head into the city for a guided tour and lunch. Later, visit the photo journalism exhibit at the War Remnants Museum to better understand how conflict was covered by the press. Meet with former guerrilla fighters in southern Vietnam and visit the site of their hideout during the war for an intimate perspective on a stark reality. Check in to your hotel in the late afternoon, followed by a free evening.

Overnight: Silverland Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City [B, L]

Day 9: Chu Chi Tunnels - Thursday, January 15 [Guide, Transportation]

Spend the morning in meaningful reflection on the legacy of armed struggle. Walk through, and meet a veteran in the infamous network of Cu Chi tunnels, used by the Viet Cong as their main base of operations for the Tet offensive in 1968. The over 200km of underground tunnels offer perspective on what the Vietnamese would have experienced on the frontline. This city is, however, much more than its past conflicts. Continue exploring this rich urban landscape and check out the bustling markets in the afternoon. Gather again in the evening for a festive farewell dinner.

Overnight: Silverland Hotel, Ho Chi Minh [B, L, D]

Day 10: Departure or Extension - Friday, January 16

Self-transfer to the airport for your departing flight from Ho Chi Minh.

Overnight: N/A [B]



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CAMBODIA EXTENSION (Post-Tour)

Dates: January 16-18 (Post-Tour Extension) - Siem Reap

Included: 2 nights' accommodation at 5* hotels per itinerary⁴
Post-Tour 1 MEJDI guide in Cambodia for 2 days
Private transportation and transfers for 2 days per itinerary
Flight per itinerary⁵
2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner indicated by [B, L, D] on itinerary
Entrances, sites, activities and speaker/host honoraria per itinerary
Water on bus included one bottle per person per day
Dedicated pre-trip customer service and on-ground support

Not included: International Airfare
Travel and Medical insurance - **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**
Single Supplement = \$225
Customary tips for drivers, guides, and hotel staff
Individual airport transfers
Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section

Pricing: \$725 per person

⁴ Or similar; double occupancy, breakfast included; includes portorage, where available

⁵ Economy fare including one carry-on and one checked bag: Ho Chi Minh City to Siem Reap



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Itinerary

Day 10: Siem Reap - Friday, January 16

[Guide, Transportation]

Take a midday (~12pm) flight to Siem Reap, arriving in time for lunch at your hotel and check-in. Depart for the Angkor Jungle Temple, then hike up Bakeng Mountain for sunset to absorb the stunning scenery of the surrounding complex.

Overnight: Velitta Hotel, Siem Reap [L] - breakfast included with main tour hotel

Day 11: Angkor Wat - Saturday, January 17

[Guide, Transportation]

Optional morning (4-5am) sunrise visit to Angkor Wat.

Depart for a guided visit to Angkor Wat through the morning, before returning to town for lunch on your own in the city markets. After a break, meet with a social enterprise organization for a traditional weaving workshop. Have dinner together in a traditional home in the countryside.

Overnight: Velitta Hotel, Siem Reap [B, D]

Day 12: Departure - Sunday, January 18

[No services]

Self-transfer to the airport for your departing flight from Siem Reap.

Overnight: N/A [B]



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HALONG BAY EXTENSION (Pre-Tour)

Dates: January 5-7

Included: 2 nights' accommodation at 4* hotels/cruise operators per itinerary⁶
Pre-Tour Private transportation and transfers for 3 days per itinerary
HaLong Bay cruise experience and activities for one night
2 breakfasts, 2 lunch, 2 dinners indicated by [B, L, D] on itinerary
Entrances, sites, activities and speaker/host honoraria per itinerary
Water on bus included one bottle per person per day
Dedicated pre-trip customer service and on-ground support

Not included: International Airfare
Travel and Medical insurance - **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**
Single Supplement = \$275
Customary tips for drivers, guides, and hotel staff
Individual airport transfers
Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section

Pricing: \$450 per person

⁶ Or similar; double occupancy, breakfast included; includes portorage, where available



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Itinerary

Day 1.1: Arrival for pre-tour extension - Monday, January 5 [Transfer only]

Depending on arrival time, an optional (cost not included) cultural experience i.e. coffee tour or workshop, or silversmith workshop may be offered in the early afternoon. For afternoon/evening arrivals, it is recommended to prioritize rest.

Self-transfer to your hotel and check-in. Speak with a MEJDI representative upon arrival for a warm welcome and instructions on the Halong Bay experience to come.

Overnight: La Siesta Hotel, Hanoi [D]

Day 1.2: Halong Bay Day Trip - Tuesday, January 6 [Cruise, Transfer only]

Head for Halong Bay early in the morning, arriving aboard your day cruise to stunning views of limestone karsts and emerald waters. Enjoy lunch on deck, followed by a visit to the Thien Cung Cave or Sung Sot Cave of stalactites and stalagmites, and evidence of Ha Long culture dating back thousands of years. For the rest of the evening, relax on the main deck or kayak and swim in the surrounding bay. After sunset, have dinner on board followed by a movie or spa session.

Overnight: Halong Bay Cruise [B, L, D]

Day 1.3: Return to Hanoi - Wednesday, January 7 [Cruise, Transfer only]

Spend the morning relaxing on board or exploring the bay by kayak. After an early lunch, arrive back to the docks and begin your journey back to Hanoi. Join the rest of your group for dinner and the beginning of the main tour.

Overnight: La Siesta Hotel, Hanoi [B, L] - dinner and overnight included with the main tour