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Highlights of Cambodia & Vietnam

21 DAYS DEPARTING SATURDAY 11 MARCH 2017



HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Bantrey Srei Khmer Temple of Shiva (Womens Temple) in Siem Reap
- Visit to Khmer Traditional Textiles
- Visit to mystical Angkor Wat
- Boat trip on Great Lake – Tonle Sap
- Cyclo tour of Hanoi's Ancient Streets
- Hanoi street artist tour
- 2 day Halong Bay junk boat cruise
- Overnight train trip to Sapa (in private 4 berth cabins)
- Visit to Sapa and Muong Hong Valley
- Visit to Black Hmong Ethnic Village of Matra
- Visit to Hope House in Hue
- Motorbike tour of Hue ****highly recommended**
- Cruise on the romantic Perfume River in Hue
- 4 night stay in Hoi An with free time for personal discovery
- Streets International Cooking Class in Hoi An
- Kim Bong Village cycle tour
- Shopping in Saigon
- 2 free days in Saigon
- After dark tour of Saigon on Vespa ****highly recommended**
- Visit to Mekong Delta and Vinh Trang Pagoda

PRICE: \$6,999.00 per person twin share
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1,999.00
(EXCEPT OVERNIGHT TRAIN)

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Personally escorted from Australia, your SWT tour hostess is on hand to assist with making your holiday a memorable one
- Return international economy airfares inc taxes ex Melbourne to Cambodia/Vietnam flying with Vietnam Airlines ** (taxes subject to change).
- English speaking professional guides at each destination
- All transportation as per detailed itinerary
- Meals as per detailed itinerary
- Quality accommodation as per detailed itinerary
- Tipping for professional guides only (allow USD2.00 each for any portorage and activities)
- Vietnam visa processing fee (Australian passport holders)
- Cambodia visa processing fee (Australian passport holder)
- Willing to share option for single travellers (subject to availability)
- Meet and greet prior to departure (subject to minimum numbers)
- Sisterhood documentation and ticket wallet

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

This tour requires a basic level of fitness. During our stay in Sapa there will be 2 short treks so please be prepared to walk on uneven surfaces, steps and footpaths. We may also be required to walk gangplanks when participating in any cruise activities.

DAY 1 Saturday 11 March 2017 **Melbourne – Saigon – Siem Reap**

Our Adventure begins! Meet your Sisterhood hostess and fellow travellers at Melbourne Airport for our flight to Siem Reap Cambodia via Saigon. Sit back relax and enjoy the inflight hospitality of Vietnam Airlines.

An evening arrival into Siem Reap with a transfer and late check in to our hotel. Our hotel for the next 3 nights will be the beautiful Shinta Mani Club, a training hotel where the staff are in training to gain employment in the hospitality industry. A fantastic hotel with friendly and enthusiastic staff.

Overnight Shinta Mani Club – superior room.

DAY 2 Sunday 12 March 2017 **Siem Reap ~ (B,L)**

After breakfast we'll be out and about today exploring. We'll travel to the graceful Khmer Temple of Shiva, the Bantey Srei with its rarely seen sculpted female deities.

On the way back to town we'll visit the 'Wisdom of the Forest' project where the Institute of Khmer Traditional Textiles focuses on the restoration of the natural environment for producing materials to make traditional textiles and cultivates a vegetable garden to feed 30-40 families working on its 22 hectares. Here we will learn all about the production of silk with a visit to a workshop where beautiful silk products can be admired and purchased.

Overnight Shinta Mani Club.

DAY 3 Monday 13 March 2017 **Siem Reap ~ (B,D)**

Today we visit the mystical Angkor Thom, the Bayon, The Terrace of Elephants and the Terrace of the Leper King.

In the afternoon we'll visit the famous Angkor Wat one of the largest religious temples in the world. It is truly impressive! Think Lara Croft (from Tomb Raider) as we explore this mighty relic. Dinner tonight will include a traditional Aspara dance show.

Overnight Shinta Mani Club.

DAY 4 Tuesday 14 March 2017 **Siem Reap – Hanoi ~ (B)**

This morning we'll take an interesting boat trip on the Tonle Sap or 'Great Lake' to discover how the local people live on the lake's shores. An afternoon transfer to the airport for our flight to Hanoi. Dinner at leisure tonight.

Overnight Silk Path – premium deluxe room.

DAY 5 Wednesday 15 March 2017 **Hanoi ~ (B,L,D)**

Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam built around several lakes and one of Asia's most interesting cities.

Today we'll visit Hanoi's 36 Ancient Streets by cyclo for an hour. Then we'll take a Hanoi Street Artist tour where we'll meet the artists who work on carving pens and rulers and other souvenirs. Have your name engraved on some artwork as a memento of your Indochina adventure. This evening we'll visit the famous Water Puppet Show before dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight Silk Path – premium deluxe room.

DAY 6 Thursday 16 March 2017 **Hanoi – Halong Bay ~ (B,L,D)**

Today we drive to Halong Bay where we'll board a traditional wooden sailing boat for an overnight stay and cruise through the limestone cliffs and emerald waters of this UNESCO World Heritage area.

Overnight – Indochina Sails Boutique – superior cabin.

DAY 7 Friday 17 March 2017 **Halong Bay – Lao Cai ~ (B)**

Today we'll spend the morning cruising through the waters stopping to visit colourful grottoes before returning to Hanoi enroute the Dong Trieu ceramics factory.

We'll transfer to train station for our overnight train adventure to Lao Cai. This will be an experience! (4 berth private cabins).

DAY 8 Saturday 18 March 2017 **Lao Cai – Sapa ~ (B,L)**

We will arrive into Lao Cai early and travel to visit the Bac Ha colourful minority market. The market is spread over a large area, roughly divided as livestock, food, handicrafts, equipment and clothing – with plenty more thrown in! After lunch we'll travel to Sapa for our 2 night stay.

Overnight – Victoria Sapa Hotel – superior room.

DAY 9 Sunday 19 March 2017 **Sapa ~ (B,L)**

Today we'll drive to Y Linh Ho where our scenic trek will lead us down to the Muong Hoa Valley.

We'll take a 1.5km trek along the Hoang Lien Mountain with various photo stops before heading to the Lao Chai Junction for a panoramic view of the Muong Hoa Valley. We'll then walk to Ta Van and return to Sapa. (Difficulty Level 3/5).

Overnight Victoria Sapa Hotel.

DAY 10 Monday 20 March 2017 **Sapa ~ (B)**

Today we'll take a stroll around the town of Sapa and along a dirt trail flanked by beautiful gardens and lush pine forests.

Then we'll hike through the Black Hmong ethnic minority village of Matra, a small and isolated community. We'll continue through rice paddy fields and soak up the spectacular scenery. We'll visit the ruined monastery of Taphin and afterwards transfer back to Sapa.

Late afternoon we'll transfer to the train station for our night train to Hanoi. Cabins will be 4 Berth Cabins. (Difficulty Level 2/5)

DAY 11 Tuesday 21 March 2017 **Hanoi – Hue ~ (B)**

Upon arrival back into Hanoi we'll transfer to our hotel for breakfast and morning use until check out to have a shower and collect our bags.

We'll transfer to the airport for our flight to Hue where upon arrival and check in to our beautiful hotel the remainder of our day is at leisure.

Overnight Eldora Hotel – deluxe city view.

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DAY 12 Wednesday 22 March 2017

Hue ~ (B,L,D)

Today we'll visit Hope House, the vocational training centre for disabled and underprivileged children. Souvenirs are made and sold to visitors from all over the world.

This afternoon we'll visit Tu Duc and Khai Dinh tombs before returning to our hotel. Dinner tonight at our hotel.

Overnight Eldora Hotel – deluxe city view.

DAY 13 Thursday 23 March 2017

Hue ~ (B,L)

Today we'll enjoy a full day tour by motorbike (passenger). This is one of our favourite activities as it allows us to immerse ourselves with the local hustle and bustle of Hue.

We'll visit the Citadel, take a boat cruise on the romantic Perfume River to explore Thein Mu Pagoda and afterwards transfer to Hoi An.

Overnight Hoi An Hotel – deluxe room.

DAY 14 Friday 24 March 2017

Hoi An ~ (B,L)

Hoi An is the place to be for tailor made clothes and shoes!

Today we have the opportunity to participate in a cooking class with trainees who are disadvantaged youth supported by the Streets International.

Our tour starts at the local market where we'll choose ingredients before being transferred to the Training Centre for our cooking class. We'll learn some basic Vietnamese cooking and experience first-hand the rich and rewarding encounter of working together with these trainees. We'll then enjoy lunch at the Streets Café.

Dinner at leisure tonight. Take a walk downtown to see the beautiful lanterns lighting up the restaurant area. Send your own floating candle (and wish) down the Thu Bon River – it really is a magical place at night.

Overnight Hoi An Hotel.

DAY 15 Saturday 25 March 2017

Hoi An ~ (B)

Today we'll enjoy a morning boat cruise to Kim Bong Village where we'll cycle through the village with stops at old colonial houses, temples and local cottage factories.

An afternoon and dinner at leisure tonight.

Overnight Hoi An Hotel.

DAY 16 Sunday 26 March 2017

Free Day in Hoi An ~ (B)

Today a free day to explore this quaint town at leisure. Organise your tailor-made outfits, shoes even prescription glasses today or perhaps enjoy a spa treatment at the many spa retreats dotted throughout the town. You might like some downtime at the hotel pool today – the choice is yours – today is your day to explore.

Overnight Hoi An Hotel.

DAY 17 Monday 27 March 2017

Hoi An – Saigon ~ (B)

After breakfast this morning we'll transfer to the airport for our flight to Saigon. With a transfer to our hotel and afternoon at leisure to explore.

Saigon is a bustling and dynamic city offering a fascinating history, great shopping and dining and an atmosphere of excitement and energy. Markets galore in Vietnam's second largest city with plenty of choices for dining tonight.

Overnight Duxton Hotel – deluxe room.

DAY 18 Tuesday 28 March 2017

Saigon ~ (B,L,D)

Today we travel the bustling highway into the surrounding countryside where we will board our motorised sampan for a unique experience on the Mekong Delta Waterways. We'll sample delicious fruit before continuing via even smaller waterways to lunch. We will then make a stop to view the Vinh Trang Pagoda. Tonight a farewell dinner to enjoy!

Overnight Duxton Hotel.

DAY 19 Wednesday 29 March 2017

Saigon ~ (B)

A free day in Saigon to continue your exploring.

Saigon is truly a mecca for shopping enthusiasts. Everything from handicrafts to imitation brand name clothes and shoes are available at a fraction of what it would cost at home. Saigon seems to have a specific street for everything and shoes are no exception. Ly Chinh Thang street is lined with shoe shops which carry all sorts of shoes. If you need to buy luggage to bring home your shopping there is an entire street of luggage shops well known for brands such as North Face and Samsonite. Watches, handicrafts, antiques, paintings and fabric you name it you'll find all of these in Saigon. Happy shopping!

Tonight we'll regroup and upon dark we'll enjoy an 'After Dark Tour' of Saigon by Vespa to see all that the nightlife has to offer. What a way to finish our fantastic Cambodia and Vietnam adventure!

Overnight Duxton Hotel.

DAY 20 Thursday 30 March 2017

Saigon – Home ~ (B)

A free day until our late evening transfer to the airport for our flight home. Time for last minute shopping or maybe a pampering spa treatment.

We say farewell to Vietnam and relax and enjoy our inflight entertainment as we head towards home.

DAY 21 Friday 31 March 2017

Welcome Home!

Arriving back into Melbourne approx 9.30am. What a great trip we've enjoyed. We encourage you to stay in touch with your new found friends after your tour!

Thank you for travelling with Sisterhood Womens Travel and we look forward to welcoming you to your next adventure!

terms and conditions

Booking Conditions

CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL

When booking a Sisterhood Womens Travel tour it is imperative that you are aware of all of our terms and conditions as these form part of your agreement with Sisterhood Womens Travel. **It is recommended that all travellers adopt a sense of adventure, an easy going outlook and the ability to 'expect the unexpected'.** It is the expectation that all travellers will respect fellow passengers and understand the key to an enjoyable tour is you.

ABILITY TO TRAVEL

A minimum level of fitness is required to be able to participate on a Sisterhood tour. As a minimum you will need to be able to walk 2km on uneven ground, carry your own luggage and walk up a few flights of stairs. We rely on the information you provide on our 'Fit to Travel' form completed as part of your booking application. You acknowledge that there are no other medical issues (both physical/mental) that SWT needs to be aware of when making your travel arrangements. SWT will not be liable for any damage, injury, death or loss of any kind arising from your failure to disclose relevant medical information. Women with disabilities are welcome on all SWT tours provided you are accompanied by an able bodied companion and do not require special assistance from SWT personnel. SWT reserves the right to refuse to carry anyone if it is felt the individual cannot cope with the requirements of the tour and who may require services and facilities that SWT cannot guarantee will be available

EXCLUSION FROM TOUR

You may be excluded from any tour at our discretion if you fail to comply with our reasonable instructions whilst on tour or if you interfere with other client's enjoyment of the tour and you will be responsible for all costs associated with your tour expelition.

VARIATION TO TOUR COMPONENT

No deduction in our tour costing will be made for leaving a tour early as this will cause a reduction in our travelling numbers and create additional costs.

ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

SWT is happy to assist with additional arrangements before and after each tour subject to an additional handling fee of \$150.

DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENTS

Payments required are:

International	25% deposit within 7 days
	35% deposit within 120 days
	Final Payment 90 days prior to departure
Domestic	25% deposit within 7 days
	Final Payment 75 days prior to departure

On occasion and outside of SWT's control a higher deposit or earlier payment date may be required.

LAST MINUTE BOOKINGS

Bookings made after final payment date will be subject to availability and will require full payment upon confirmation. A late fee of \$100 per person will apply.

ACCEPTED FORMS OF PAYMENT

We accept direct deposit, money order, bank cheque or Visa/Mastercard payment. For credit card payments an additional 1.5% surcharge is payable (non- refundable)

MINIMUM NUMBERS

All tours are subject to minimum numbers. If a tour falls below the minimum number required for a fully escorted tour, SWT reserves the right to offer the tour escorted by a local guide upon arrival to your destination. If SWT cancels a tour due to lack of numbers a full refund is offered or transfer to another tour. Should a tour be cancelled, SWT cannot assume any responsibility for any additional costs relating to travel arrangements made outside of SWT or travel insurance not taken out through SWT.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

All cancellations must be made in writing to Sisterhood Womens Travel and will be subject to cancellation charges from the date the written cancellation is received.

CANCELLATION

Prior to Final Payment: Loss of Deposit

After Final Payment: 100% of tour cost.

Regrettably cancellation charges cannot be waived.

After Departure: No refund

Final Payment dates are determined by SWT suppliers and may vary from tour to tour.

AMENDMENTS

Once your tour is confirmed and a deposit is paid, a \$100 amendment fee will be incurred for any changes to your tour arrangements.

TOUR PRICING & ITINERARY CHANGES

SWT operates on the basis of fluid pricing. This is the practice within the Travel Industry where pricing changes due to various factors including, but not limited to changing airfares, currency fluctuations, and availability of product. We reserve the right to change our prices without notice. This can mean that different passengers on the same tour may have been charged different prices. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of our tours SWT takes no responsibility for any itinerary changes that may occur prior to or during travel and any such changes will be at the discretion of the airlines and our ground operators. Changes in flights and land arrangements are beyond the control of SWT. Every effort will be made to minimise any inconvenience to SWT passengers. SWT advises making full payment for tours as early as possible to avoid any potential price increases.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is a condition of booking that travellers are adequately insured for the full duration of their tour arrangements in respect of illness, injury, death, loss of baggage and personal items, cancellation and curtailment. SWT offers comprehensive travel insurance at a competitive price and will not be responsible outside their offered policy for inadequate travel insurance in the event of any insurance claims.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

When travelling alone a great way to keep your costs down and make new friends is to be prepared to share a room with another traveller. We are unable to guarantee that your room mate will be of similar age group but it is an enjoyable way to travel and could mean the start of a great friendship. Of course if you prefer a room to yourself the single supplement will apply. If we are successful in matching you with a fellow traveller we give you the opportunity prior to departure to make contact. SWT takes no responsibility for any mismatch of passengers and will not be liable for any additional charges incurred for changing room configuration whilst on tour.

HEALTH & IMMIGRATION

The traveller is responsible for all visa, passport, immigration, quarantine, customs, health and other requirements of the countries visited or transited. If travelling on an Australian passport you will need at least 6 months validity on your passport taken from the date of re-entry into Australia. If you are travelling under any other passport please advise at the time of booking. Sisterhood Womens Travel will not be held responsible for any incorrect re-entry visas for non-australian passport holders. SWT is happy to offer assistance with visas (additional charges may apply). Please note that passport and visa requirements are the responsibility of you the traveller and SWT takes no responsibility for failure to comply with the provided advice.

NAMES AS PER PASSPORTS

When booking on any tour, it is imperative that you provide SWT with your full correct name as per your passport and a copy of your passport (for international tours) SWT will not be held liable for any or expense incurred for incorrect names.

CONSULAR ADVICE

Official travel advice issued by Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is available by contacting 1300 444135 or visiting their website www.dfat.gov.au. We recommend that you review this

information both prior to making your booking and prior to departure.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

These conditions represent the entire agreement between the client and Sisterhood Womens Travel. SWT will be responsible to the client for supplying the services and accommodation as described in their itineraries, except where such service cannot be supplied or the itinerary used is changed due to delays or other cause of whatever kind or nature beyond the control of SWT. In such circumstances we will do our best to supply comparable services, accommodations and itineraries, and there shall be no refund in this situation. SWT acts only as agent for the client and upon the express condition that SWT will not be held liable or responsible for any direct, indirect, consequential or incidental damage, injury, loss, accident, delay or irregularity of any kind, which may be occasioned by reason or any act or omission of any third party (including without limitation, any act, inaction or breach of contract of any third party, which is to or does supply any goods or services for SWT tours). Without limiting the foregoing, SWT does not own or operate any third party suppliers of services such as hotels, restaurants, transportation companies, sightseeing companies or local tour operators and is not responsible for any injury, death or expense due to overbooking accommodation, default of any third parties, sickness, weather, strikes, acts of God, Government, acts of terrorism, criminal activity, war, quarantine, force majeure events or any other cause beyond its control. All such risk, loss and expense must be borne by the client. Any personal expenses incurred by a client as a result of any delay, alteration or curtailment of any tour, whether caused by mechanical defect, strikes or any other cause are the responsibility of the client (travel insurance is mandatory on all SWT tours). SWT is unable to guarantee exact arrival and departure times, and is not liable for any failure to make connections with any other services, or guarantee the operation of any particular service. In the case of breakdown or other unforeseen circumstances, the operator reserves the right to substitute vehicles other than specified to ensure the operation of a tour. SWT reserves the right to cancel any ticket or booking, or to refuse to carry client where payment has not been received by SWT.

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