



## PROPOSAL FOR ANNA COMBER

### VIETNAM - CAMBODIA ITINERARY

Number of Guest: 4 (2 Adults + 2 Kids) / 2 Rooms

Travel Period: September – October 2019

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## DETAIL ITINERARY

### HANOI – HALONG – HOIAN – HO CHI MINH CITY – MEKONG DELTA – PHNOM PENH – SIEM REAP 15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS

#### Day 01: ARRIVAL – HANOI (Dinner)

Upon your arrival, the local guide will meet and transfer to your hotel in the center of the town.

An hour discover the old quarter with a "Cyclo" (Vietnamese Pedicab), which is a popular means of local transport. A cyclo ride is an excellent way to experience Hanoi at close hand. The atmosphere is lively, hectic and sociable. Your driver will pedal you off, behind your guide, into narrow streets of the Old Quarter.

A unique opportunity to witness a water puppet performance, which is a traditional art form dating back to the 11th Century. Hidden puppeteers must stand waist deep in a pool of water, which is the stage, in which to skillfully maneuver dancing puppets attached to bamboo poles on its surface. Many of the brief episodes relate to scenes of daily life. The water looks very green and dirty, apparently designed to conceal the mechanisms that operate the puppets. Dinner will be served at local restaurant. Back to your hotel. Check in and free.

Overnight at Hanoi Pearl Hotel, Romance Classic room or similar.

#### Day 02: COOKING CLASS & MUSEUM (Breakfast, Lunch)

How great would it be to be able to return home from your time in Vietnam. All the Menus we offer are made with recipes developed by Hidden Hanoi, using ingredients that can be found in most well stocked Asian grocery stores. So you can easily replicate them in your own kitchen. We will not just only show you how to cook but also we will teach you more about Vietnamese culture through-out the course in village nearby city and visit Ngoc Thuy Market.

After lunch, you will escort to visit the Museum of Ethnology and Temple of Literature.

Overnight at Hanoi Pearl Hotel, Romance Classic room or similar.

#### Day 03: HANOI – HALONG BAY (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

09:00 – 09:30 Pick-up at your hotel nearby the Old Quarter in Hanoi by luxury **Limousine van**

12:00 - 12:30 Embark the *Perla Dawn Sails* at **Cat Hai port**. Enjoy a welcome drink and cruise briefing.

13:15 – 14:00 A splendid lunch is served while cruising into the primitive Lan Ha Bay.

15:30 – 17:00 On a bamboo boat, visit **Bright Cave**, a serene round lake surrounded by lush trees and high stone cliffs. Then enjoy swimming in the private emerald water.

17:00 – 18:30 Return to the *Perla Dawn Sails* for afternoon tea on the top deck – a perfect time to take some of your best snapshots of the day when the sun begins to set. Enjoy daily HAPPY HOUR promotion - BUY 1 GET 1 FREE on all beverages

Relax with Massage and Spa treatment, always available upon request

19:00 Delight in the shimmering atmosphere of thousands of stars while eating a fantastic, expertly prepared *dinner on floating farm*, all while floating in the center of serene Lan Ha Bay. To be impressed by an absorbing fruit and vegetable carving demonstration and a traditional music performance at dinner time.

#### Note(s):

- You can leave your main luggage in Hanoi, so just take a small bag with a change of clothes and essential travel items.
- The cruise itinerary is subject to change without prior notice, upon the weather condition.
- The cruise is based on sharing junk with seat-in-coach transfers.

Overnight at Perla Dawn Cruise, Junior Suite cabin or similar.

#### Day 04: HALONG BAY - HANOI – HOI AN (Breakfast, Lunch)

06:30 – 06:45 Begin your new day with a Tai Chi session or a photo hunt.

07:00 – 07:45 Enjoy breakfast in the fresh air and peaceful beauty of the Bay.

07:45 – 09:00 Experience kayaking to discover the lovely **Tra Bau area**. Visit a fishing farm and socialize with the resident fishermen to know more about life here and how the people work every day.

09:00 – 09:45 Pack your luggage and check out of your cabin while cruising towards the port.  
 10:00 – 11:30 Join a **cooking demonstration** before enjoying an extraordinary **Buffet** lunch  
 11:45 – 12:00 Disembark the Perla Dawn Sails & Farewell  
 14:30 – 15:00 Arrive in Hanoi.

Our local guide will meet you at hotel lobby for transfer to airport for flight to Danang City @Flight VN189  
**HANDAD 19:00/20:20.**

Upon your arrival, you will meet local guide for transfer to hotel in Hoian.

Overnight at River Town Hotel, Deluxe room or similar.

**Day 5: BANA HILL (Breakfast, Lunch)**

Today, head out to Ba Na Hills and take the Cable Car ride to Ba Na hill station. Stop at By Night station to visit Vong Nguyet hills, Linh Ung pagoda, The Old Villas of French. Continue moving up by cable car to the Nui Chua Mountain – the top of Ba Na range, visiting Nginh Phong top, Le Nim Villas, Orchid Garden... Experience hill climbing train (first and unique funicular in Vietnam) and visit an old French cellar (Debay Ancient Wine Cellar), flower garden Le Jardin D'amour and Linh Ung Pagoda. You should not miss walking on the Golden Bridge amid the foggy hills of the mountain, enjoy the gorgeous view of Da Nang City.

Overnight at River Town Hotel, Deluxe room or similar.

**Day 6: HOIAN - HO CHI MINH CITY (Breakfast, Lunch)**

Picking you up at your hotel by mini- van, we will bring you over the countryside where bike are available to ride (If you don't know how to ride bicycles, please use our scooter "XE OM" services and you pay the extra 120,000 VND). You start the day by cycling to the local farmer in Cam Thanh Ecological village. Here you are greeted by a local host and then you join with them how to grow wet rice with their family. Starting farming work like plough and raking with buffalo, riding water buffalo, learning how to transplant rice, flooding farm, grinding rice, pounding rice.

After then, guide and van will bring down to a local fishing village. You will be boarded on boat. Joining to go fishing with local fishermen at Phuoc Hai local fishing boat to experience local cast net CHAI. Continue to visit water coconut palm jungle, enjoying the basket boat and visiting the water coconut palm forest. Learn how to learn origami such as grasshoppers, flowers, rings, caps, bracelets toys made from water coconut leaves..., Having a fun to catch crab around the water coconut palm forest and after then boarding back boat, Captain Cook will cook for your lunch and cold beer or soft drink we will bring you back to your hotel.

You will be driven to airport for flight to Ho Chi Minh City @Flight VN139 DADSGN 19:00/20:25

Upon your arrival, you will be picked up and transfer to hotel in central of Saigon.

Overnight at Grand Silverland Hotel & Spa, Deluxe room or similar.

**Day 7: LONG TAN - NUI DAT (Breakfast, Lunch)**

Breakfast at hotel.

We start today at 8:00AM from Ho Chi Min City by road; the first stop is the sight of the former Nui Dat Task Force Base (Nui Dat SS Hill). Little remains off this camp except the columns of the main gate. The former runway is now a wide street in the local village and the old heli-pad is now a soccer field. Later, drive pass the location of the Horseshoe (access not permitted these days due to mining activity) to the Discountesy Rubber Plantation. Visit the Long Tan Cross Memorial, before continuing on the Long Phuoc Tunnels and visit Minh Dam (no longer the "Secret Zone") and Long Hai. Later on, we transfer to Ba Ria tow for lunch, then back to Ho Chi Minh City.

Overnight at Grand Silverland Hotel & Spa, Deluxe room or similar.

**Day 8: SAIGON – CU CHI TUNNELS & CITY TOUR (Breakfast, Lunch)**

Take a day trip that combines two of the top attractions in the vicinity of Ho Chi Minh City. Morning visit "Cu Chi" Tunnels (70 kilometres northwest of HCM City), an amazing complex of underground tunnels used during



the Vietnam War. Vietnamese Lunch at “Ben Nay” restaurant. Then return to the city and drive via Notre Dame Cathedral, General Post Office, Presidential Palace, War Remnants Museum and Ben Thanh local market.

Overnight at Grand Silverland Hotel & Spa, Deluxe room or similar.

**Day 9: SAIGON – CAN THO (Breakfast, Lunch)**

Starting from Saigon to Cai Be Town for the boat trip to visit floating markets in the Mekong Delta, are authentic and lively. Local people trade and bargain vigorously in this fascinating and aesthetic chaos. You will get off the boat onto an Island to visit a pop-rice making family, a local farmer’s house, and orchard & bonsai garden. Biking around the village.

Lunch is served at a local house on one of the Islands.

Transfer to Can Tho City.

Overnight at West Hotel, Superior room or similar.

**Day 10: CAN THO – CHAU DOC (Breakfast, Lunch)**

An early boat trip visits Cai Rang floating market where fresh produce is bought and sold between boats the surrounding areas. Then continue by road further into the Mekong arriving in the early afternoon at Chau Doc. After lunch, continue driving deeper into rural area to visit Tra Su Bird Sanctuary where you can see some species of wildlife in Vietnam, also the amazingly beautiful nature has been recovered after Vietnam war. Boarding rocket boat to travel through endless waterways covered by mangroves, ferns and lush greenery. This eco-reserve spans 850 hectares and is an ecological heaven for fauna and flora, with more than 100 species of water birds fruit bats. Overnight in Chau Doc.

Overnight at Chau Pho hotel, Superior room or similar.

**Day 11: CHAU DOC – PHNOM PENH (Breakfast, Lunch)**

Farewell your Vietnam guide as you board on a speed boat for 5-hour journey up river to Phnom Penh. On board, you can explore one of the most mysterious rivers of the world, the Great Mekong, and admire the natural beauty of its timeless scenery.

On arrival at Phnom Penh, Warmest welcome by our guide & driver at Boat station for take luggage into van then enjoy lunch at Bopha Titinic near boat station. Our guide will introduce you to your cyclo drivers as you are treated to a fun half day cyclo tour, a traditional mode of transport. Your first stop will be the terracotta red National Museum which offers a charming setting for a comprehensive collection of Khmer artefacts. After this you will visit the nearby Royal Palace, on the banks of the Mekong River. You will move onto the neighbouring Silver Pagoda, so named as it is claimed its floor is made up of over 4,000 silver tiles! When you are all 'haggled' out your cyclo driver will take you to the nearby French Quarter and Wat Phnom, the inconspicuous hill after which the city is named. Your cyclo driver will take you to your hotel where you are free for the rest of the evening

Overnight at Harmony Phnom Penh, Deluxe room or similar.

**Day 12: PHNOM PENH’S DARK PAST – SIEM REAP (Breakfast, Lunch)**

This morning you learn about the dark side of Cambodia - its more recent turbulent and harrowing history. Initially you visit the Toul Sleng Genocide Museum, ironically a former school, located in a quiet Phnom Penh suburb; this was the infamous Khmer Rouge prison / torture centre. Once you have gained an initial insight of the brutality of the Khmer Rouge regime you will be driven 15 kilometers (9 miles) from Phnom Penh to visit the 'Killing Fields'. This is where Toul Sleng prisoners were forcibly marched and then executed; it is now a memorial site located in a beautiful tranquil setting.

PM. Depart for Siem Reap by plane or private van. Upon arrival check-in hotel for at leisure

Overnight at Tara Angkor, Superior room or similar.

**Day 13: KULEN NATIONAL PARK – BENG MEALE (Breakfast)**

AM. Full day tour to Holy mountain of Phnom Kulen visit Liga carving, a legacy of the God-kings who ruled Cambodia in the ninth century, one of the eight water sources, sleeping Buddha, and the Waterfall of Phnom Kulen.

PM. Visit Beng Melea, the largely temple overrun by vegetation and very lightly visited by the tourists, giving it an adventurous, 'lost temple' feel. It built in early 11th century by the King Suryavarman II

Overnight at Tara Angkor, Superior room or similar.

**Day 14: THE RUIN ANGKOR (Breakfast)**

AM. Visit to the antique capital of Angkor Thom (12 century) : the South Gate with its huge statues depicting the churning of the ocean of milk, the Bayon Temple, unique for its 54 towers decorated with over 200 smiling faces of Avolokitesvara, the Phimeanakas, the Royal Enclosure, the Elephants Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King ; Ta Prohm, one of the area's most beautiful temples. Ta Prohm has been relatively untouched since it was discovered and retains much of its mystery.

PM. Visit to the most famous of all the temples on the plain of Angkor: Angkor Wat. The temple complex covers 81 hectares and is comparable in size to the Imperial Palace in Beijing. Its distinctive five towers are emblazoned on the Cambodian flag and the 12th century masterpiece is considered by art historians to be the prime example of classical Khmer art and architecture.

Overnight at Tara Angkor, Superior room or similar.

**Day 15: SIEM REAP - DEPARTURE (Breakfast)**

Have breakfast then free at leisure still airport transfer (check-out time at noon)

**END OF SERVICES**

**RATES**

Package rates per person sharing twin/double room. Rates are in US **dollars\***

Description	Price per Adult	Price per Child
15D14N Land package Vietnam- Cambodia /OPT 1: Phnom Penh – Siem Reap by flight	2,648	2,199
15D14N Land package Vietnam- Cambodia /OPT 2: Phnom Penh – Siem Reap by road	2,570	2,135

**INCLUSIONS:**

- All transfers and tours in private air-con vehicle with local English-speaking tour guide, unless they are clearly stated in the itinerary,
- Accommodation at stated hotels, based on twin/double sharing with daily breakfast,
- 2D1N Cruise package in Halong, based on twin/double sharing room with full board meals,
- Boat trips & sightseeing admission fees as specified,
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner - food only),
- Domestic flight HANOI – DANANG – SAIGON
- Internal flight PHNOM PENH – SIEM REAP
- Mineral water & cool towels during transfers & tours,

**EXCLUSIONS:**

- Expenditures of a personal nature, drinks and meals if not stated explicitly in the programme
- International & domestic flight tickets
- Airport taxes for domestic and international flights
- Entry visa to the country
- Gratuities for driver and guide

- Optional tours (if any)

#### **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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- The prices are applied for minimum 4 persons travelling together.
- Latest notification for the booking: 30 days before departure.
- In case the above-mentioned hotels are full, we have the right to change another hotel with similar standard.

#### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

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- Cancellations until 45 days before to departure are free of charge
- 45 to 30 days before departure: charge of 30% of the rate per person
- 29 to 15 days before departure: charge of 50% of the rate per person
- 14 to 07 days before departure: charge of 75% of the rate per person
- Cancellations on the departure day or no-shows will be charged with 100% of the rate per person

#### **OPTIONAL EXTRAS**

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A wide range of optional excursions and pre-and post-programme extensions are available on request. Please ask tour designer for rates and conditions.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Comfortable and light clothing is the most suitable for travelling in Vietnam. Visitors should not wear sleeveless shirts, shorts, short skirts or skimpy clothing when visiting temples, religious or official buildings. Sun protection, sun glasses, a hat and mosquito repellent can be very useful during your stay

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