

Topdeck

VIETNAM & CAMBODIA EXPLORER



TRIP CODE:
AXVCHS-0

TOPDECKER, meet Asia

Two weeks. Two of the most slap-you-in-the-face-unbelievable countries you'll ever experience. Who's ready to go exploring? You know it, we know it - even the carved faces at the Bayon temple know it. Vietnam and Cambodia are famous the world over for their mind-blowing natural beauty, ancient architecture and unique cultures. And this trip? It's here to help you see the very best that both have to offer. We're talking amazing cities. Fascinating history. Tropical scenery. Food that could actually change your life. Need we go on?

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Explorer



Nights



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This is a principal
package.

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You can rest assured that we'll pull out all the stops to make your trip unforgettable.

Now it's time to get excited about your holiday...

ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs – including where to meet and what to bring. We recommend that you read these notes thoroughly so you know what to expect on your trip of a lifetime. Also, you can easily download and print this document off so you can bring it with you when you travel.

Please bear in mind that some points should be taken as a guide only – after all, everyone's different! For example, daily spending money and clothing lists can vary from one person to the next, so don't be alarmed if you don't expect to spend (or even wear) so much!

PLEASE NOTE: We strongly urge you to refresh this document as close to the time of your departure as possible to ensure you have the most up-to-date accommodation list and information available.

ON THE BUCKET LIST (INCLUDED)

- + Street eats tour in Hanoi
- + Party cruise in Halong Bay
- + Visit the Cai Be floating markets
- + Watch the sunset at Angkor Wat

MORE INCLUSIONS

- + Street eats tour in Hanoi
- + Guided tour of Hanoi
- + Thang Long Water Puppet Theatre performance
- + Party cruise in Halong Bay
- + Internal flight
- + Visit the Cai Be floating markets
- + Half-day tour of Phnom Penh
- + Visit the Angkor complex
- + Watch the sunset at Angkor Wat

YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

Hanoi
Vietnam

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

Siem Reap
Cambodia

TRIP CURRENCIES

- + Vietnam - VND
- + Cambodia - KHR

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 | HANOI, VIETNAM

Welcome to Hanoi! Tonight, get ready for foodie heaven with a street eats tour through the Old Quarter. We'll take you to where the locals eat and drink, so you know it's the real deal. Expect bánh mì, noodles, spring rolls and loads more..



MEALS:

+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Street eats tour in Hanoi

DAY 2 | HANOI

Start off the day with a tour of Hanoi. There'll be stops at the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (the resting place of President Ho Chi Minh), the One Pillar Pagoda, the Presidential Palace and the Temple of Literature. Fancy yourself as the next Masterchef? We've got a cooking demonstration to round off the tour. Tonight, head to the Thang Long Water Puppet Theatre to watch a traditional performance.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

+ Lunch



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Guided tour of Hanoi

+ Thang Long Water Puppet Theatre performance

DAY 3 | HANOI TO HA LONG BAY

Cruise time! Halong Bay is famous for its limestone islands, rainforests and turquoise water and you'll get to see it all for real, eek! Ready for a day of paddling, swimming, partying and lazing on the sundeck? It'd be rude not to, you are in paradise after all. Tonight, enjoy the sunset from the boat and tuck in to a fresh dinner. Please note: If you have selected twin share accommodation, you may be accommodated in a triple share room for the duration of the Halong Bay cruise. This means you will be sharing with two other passengers. If you have any questions about your trip please contact our Customer Service team.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

+ Lunch

+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Party cruise in Halong Bay



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Scenic Flight over Halong Bay
from: 2,100,000 VND

DAY 4 | HA LONG BAY TO HOI AN

How's your head this morning? Shake it off with one last dip in the water before flying with the group to Hoi An. Try to nab a window seat!



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Internal flight



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Hoi An Street eats tour from:
809,000 VND

DAY 5 | HOI AN

Free day in Hoi An! Look out for French colonial buildings and the Japanese Covered Bridge to get you started. Then, ask your Trip Leader for the inside goss of all the must-sees. Seek out a hidden gem for dinner and eat alllll of the Vietnamese food. Pho, anyone?



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Half day countryside cycling tour from: 936,000 VND
- + Cooking class from: 580,000 VND

DAY 6 | HOI AN TO HO CHI MINH CITY

Second flight of the trip coming up. Look at you exploring like a pro! Tonight, head out on the optional street eats tour. Stroll the alleys and watch the city come alive at night. Try a Vietnamese pancake, or bánh xèo. You won't regret it.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Internal flight



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Street eats tour in Ho Chi Minh City from: 850,000 VND

DAY 7 | HO CHI MINH CITY

Hop on a boat on the Mekong Delta and get amongst Cai Be's floating markets that teem with fruit, vegetables and goodies. Once you've stocked up, continue along the canals to Vinh Long, stopping at villages en route to see local artisans at work. It's your last night in Ho Chi Minh City tonight, so make it count!



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Lunch



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Visit the Cai Be floating markets

DAY 8 | HO CHI MINH CITY TO PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA

Once in Phnom Penh, there's a half-day tour lined up for you. First up is the impressive Royal Palace (home to the current reigning monarch). Explore the grounds while you're here and take a look at the Silver Pagoda and the beautiful buddha statues made of emerald, gold and diamonds – you can't miss 'em. Finish up the day with a visit to the Central Market.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Half-day tour of Phnom Penh

DAY 9 | PHNOM PENH TO KOH RONG

Hop on a local boat, we're headed to Koh Rong. This place will probs be your next phone wallpaper – it's stunning.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 10 | KOH RONG

Day ten, and it's all about chilling on the beach. It's a hard life...



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 11 | KOH RONG TO SIEM REAP

Tear yourself away from Koh Rong because we're flying to Siem Reap. Passports at the ready!



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Internal flight

DAY 12 | SIEM REAP

Today's gonna be awesome. Start off with a visit to Angkor Thom and its statue-lined South Gate. Then, it's on to the intricately decorated Bayon temple, and the Hindu temple Phimeanakas. Want more? Ta Prohm's where it's at. Held together by tree roots, this place looks like something out of Tomb Raider and will give you all of the adventure feels. We've left the main event until the afternoon. That's right, you're hitting up the mighty Angkor Wat, eeeek! Round off the day and toast the end of an epic trip with sunset views over the jungle from the top of Pre Rup temple.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Visit the Angkor complex

+ Watch the sunset at Angkor Wat

DAY 13 | SIEM REAP

Quick! Squeeze in everything else you wanted to do while you were here before heading off on your next adventure. Meals -Breakfast

TIPPING

NO TIP NECESSARY

Your Topdeck Trip Leaders and Drivers never expect tips, and they won't ask for any either. We also know how much tipping can cost you. So go ahead – spoil yourself with the money you save traveling with us (just don't forget Mum's souvenir).

TOPDECK TRAVEL APP

Our app is available to download before you travel. With a range of cool features including a currency converter, budget planner, check-in tool and group chat, it'll help you plan your trip like a pro. Think of it as your very own

Topdeck Trip Leader in the palm of your hand.

TRIP GROUP CHAT

Connect with your fellow Topdeckers before you depart and begin your magical friendship in the flash of a winking face emoji.

ITINERARY VIEWER

Get the lowdown on where you'll be going and what activities you'll be doing on each day of your trip with this handy little tool.

CHECK-IN

Plug in all your vital deets and we'll keep them safe for when you really need them. Making your life easier, one swipe at a time.

BUDGET TRACKER

Keep an eye on your holiday spending, leaving you with more FUN-ds to play with. Think: elaborate Spanish feasts (not questionable supermarket sandwiches).

MAPS

Navigate your way to meeting points and lesser-known local gems using pins dropped by your Trip Leader, seek out your own bucket list sites and take to the streets like a pro.

Once the trip is over, you'll need the app to give us feedback about your trip experience. We love to hear what you thought about your trip, as it helps to give us an idea of the things we're doing well and the things we could be doing better.

PLEASE NOTE: The Topdeck Travel App should only be downloaded once you have booked your trip. You will not be able to log in unless you have a Topdeck booking reference number.

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PASSENGER SAFETY

NIGHTS OUT

One of the best parts of travelling is experiencing the nightlife and entertainment each city has to offer. However, amidst the fun and excitement, it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety as well. Before you hit the road with us, be sure to familiarise yourself with the following safety information.

When you're on a night out, remember to avoid walking alone, particularly through deserted areas like beaches and back streets. Always stick together, take a registered taxi where possible, and keep a note of your accommodation details so you can find your way back to your fellow Topdeckers if you become separated. It's also a good idea to get your Topdeck trip mates' mobile numbers in case you need to get hold of them while out and about.

In some countries, alcoholic measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to. Try to keep track of what you're drinking, and if you see one of your trip mates looking a little worse for wear, take them back to your accommodation. Never leave your drink unattended.

It's also important to be aware that what you might consider harmless flirting may be interpreted differently in some countries. Be yourself and have fun, but stay savvy – you don't want to find yourself in an uncomfortable situation.

RESPECTING FELLOW PASSENGERS

Here at Topdeck, we're all about inclusivity. We want to make sure that everyone has a great time on our trips, and that everyone feels like they're part of one happy Topdeck family.

What we're not about is excluding people or making them feel like they don't belong – that's just not what families do. That's why we always encourage Topdeckers to be kind and courteous to their fellow passengers. The golden rules? Always remember to respect each other's space, be mindful of causing excessive noise in shared accommodation and treat others how you'd wish to be treated yourself. Easy!

DRUG USE

Topdeck has a strict zero-tolerance drug policy. Passengers should not bring any illegal substances onto the Topdeck coach or into any of the accommodation we stay in on our trips. This includes marijuana, even if it is legal in some of the states your trip passes through. If you are found in possession of drugs, you will be removed from the trip. All instances of drug possession will be reported to Topdeck Head Office, who may consider alerting the relevant authorities.

REMEMBER – if you are found in possession of drugs, not only could you risk getting in trouble with the local police, but our Driver will also be held responsible if drugs are found on the Topdeck coach. Trust us, you wouldn't want that to happen to any of our Drivers – they're awesome.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Culture shock, homesickness, random periods of feeling down – these things happen and are totally normal. You can rest assured that if you're feeling low, your Topdeck crew will do their utmost to cheer you up again.

Measures you can take to look after your mental health and wellbeing while on the road with us are:

- + Call home. Sometimes it's nice to hear a familiar voice and have a good old-fashioned catch up with your loved ones
- + Eat well. Never underestimate the power of a good, wholesome meal. Nobody feels at their best when they're hungry!
- + Drink responsibly. Not only will you swerve the dreaded hangover, but by keeping an eye on what you drink, you could also avoid getting into any potentially uncomfortable situations
- + Talk to your Trip Leader. Don't forget, they're probably far from home, too – so they're sure to know of some tried-and-tested ways to beat the blues
- + Integrate with your fellow Topdeckers. This one is key! The more fun you're having on your trip, the less likely you are to feel homesick (trust us).

HOW TO BE A RESPONSIBLE TRAVELLER

Responsible travel isn't difficult to achieve. With a little conscious thought and preparation, you can have an awesome holiday AND have a positive impact on the places you visit. Sweet!

Here are five things you can do to ensure you're travelling responsibly:

- + Conserve water. You know the drill – reuse your hotel towels, take short showers and remember to turn off the tap when you're brushing your teeth
- + Reduce your waste. Ditch the plastic bag, refuse unnecessary packaging, dispose of your waste responsibly and recycle as much as possible
- + Go local. Hunt down locally owned and operated restaurants and bars, shop in local markets and book tours and activities run by local guides
- + Consider the wildlife. Avoid any attractions that involve closely engaging with wild animals
- + Respect local people and culture. Obeying local laws is a given – but also remember to dress and behave in a manner appropriate to the community. Be polite and keep an open mind!

OTHER INFORMATION

INSURANCE

Before your trip departs, it's compulsory for all passengers to take out comprehensive travel insurance covering cancellation, medical expenses (including repatriation), loss or damage to baggage and personal belongings, money and personal liability.

World Nomads provides comprehensive travel insurance for people from over 140 countries. For more information, visit www.topdeck.travel/travel-insurance.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Please make sure your passport is valid for at least six months after the last day of your trip. Some countries will refuse entry if you do not have at least six months validity remaining on your passport after your departure date. Depending on your nationality, you may require a visa to enter certain countries.

It is your responsibility to obtain visas prior to your trip departure. To determine which visas you'll need, you can consult either your own government's website or the government websites of the countries in which you will be travelling.

PLEASE NOTE: Some visas can take up to six weeks to acquire, so don't leave it until the last minute. Also, bear in mind that the validity of a visa often runs from its date of issue rather than the date of entry into the country. Please check with the appropriate embassy/embassies prior to departure, as requirements do change periodically.

WHAT TO BRING

Based on our experience, these items are key. Everyone's different though – so if you want to bring more or less, go for it! (As long as you don't exceed your 20kg allowance, that is.)

- + 1 pair of comfortable walking shoes
- + 1 pair of smart casual shoes
- + 1 pair of thongs/jandals/flip-flops
- + 2 pairs of jeans/trousers
- + 2 pairs of shorts/skirts
- + 4 shirts/T-shirts
- + 2 sweaters/jumpers
- + Smart casual evening wear
- + 1 rainproof jacket
- + 1 warm jacket
- + Underwear and socks
- + Swimwear
- + Towel
- + Toiletries
- + Hat and sunscreen

- + Basic medical kit (including plasters, aspirin etc)
- + Insect repellent
- + Conversion plug
- + Reusable water bottle
- + Snow gear



THAT'S IT!