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Encounter the diverse landscapes of Indochina, from the emerald rice paddies and tropical waterways of the Mekong Delta to the misty waters and karst peaks of Ha Long Bay. Meet fishermen in floating villages and artisans in their workshops, and enjoy lunch with a local family in rural Vietnam. Experience a unique blend of new, old, and deeply traditional as you discover streets lined with skyscrapers, colonial-era buildings, and pagodas in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City. Then revel in the

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ancient splendor of Cambodia’s spectacular Khmer temples at Angkor.

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Trip Highlights

- Enjoy the insights of a Khmer scholar on a private tour of the magnificent temple of Angkor Wat.
- Practice tai chi on the deck of an intimate traditional-style junk as the sun rises over Ha Long Bay

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designed by Gustave Eiffel. Time warp to the 1960s at the Reunification Palace, the one-time presidential residence of South Vietnam left untouched since the city fell to the North. *Caravelle Saigon (B, L)*

Day 3 — Mekong Delta/Ho Chi Minh City

Spend a day in the Mekong Delta, a fertile region of rice paddies and fruit orchards known as the “rice bowl” of Vietnam. Cruise from Cai Lay deeper into the countryside and disembark in a farming village to explore the tropical landscape by xe loi, or

bicycle rickshaw. Float along the area waterways on a traditional wooden sampan boat before visiting a family home for a lunch of authentic Mekong specialties. Return to Ho Chi Minh City later this afternoon.

Caravelle Saigon (B, L, D)

Day 4 — Ho Chi Minh City/Hanoi

Venture underground into the famous Cu Chi tunnels, a network of passageways used by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. The tunnels connected schools, residents, and hospitals, creating an intricate subterranean city. After emerging from the bunkers, transfer to the airport where you will catch a flight to Hanoi. Settle into your historic colonial hotel and discover some of the city's fine restaurants on your own tonight.

Hotel Metropole Hanoi (B)

Day 5 — Hanoi

Stroll along tree-lined boulevards, past serene lakes and charming pagodas as you discover atmospheric Hanoi. See the final resting place of Ho Chi Minh on a visit to the imposing mausoleum erected in his honor. Stop at the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university. Set out on a walking tour of the lively Old Quarter, where vendors hawk garments and trinkets and cooks dish up exotic street fare as motorbikes whiz by. This evening, head to the theater for a captivating water-puppetry performance.

Hotel Metropole Hanoi (B, L)

Day 6 — Hanoi/Ha Long Bay

Drive to mystical Ha Long Bay, named a UNESCO World Heritage site for its spectacular karst geology. Settle into your deluxe cabin aboard an intimate traditional-style junk and set sail on blue-green waters. Take in close-up views of magnificent limestone islands jutting into the air as you enjoy lunch on deck. Navigate the stalactite- and stalagmite-decorated hollows of Tien Ong Cave and visit the fishermen of Cua Van, a floating village on the bay. As the sun goes down, learn to cook up some local specialties during a class given by the boat's chef.

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Day 7 — Ha Long Bay/Hanoi/Siem Reap, Cambodia

Rise early to catch a dazzling sunrise and soak up the bay's serenity during a tai chi session on deck. On sandy Ti Top Island, relax on the beach or climb to a scenic vista overlooking the bay. Return to Hanoi and catch a flight to charming Siem Reap, a Cambodian town at the gates of the famous Angkor temple complex.

Belmond La Résidence d'Angkor (B)

Day 8 — Angkor

Enjoy two full days to explore the immense Angkor Archaeological Park, a World Heritage site spanning nearly 100,000 acres and once home to several capitals of the Khmer Empire. Visit the haunting, tree-root-shrouded temple of Ta Prohm, a largely unaltered 12th-century stone structure that is slowly becoming one with the Cambodian jungle. Continue to the intricately carved, pink-sandstone temple of Banteay Srei. In the afternoon, wander the narrow passageways that weave through the immense walled city of Angkor Thom.

Belmond La Résidence d'Angkor (B, L)

Day 9 — Angkor

Your tour of the temple complex culminates at the renowned Angkor Wat. This extraordinary 12th-century Khmer temple is one of the largest religious buildings ever constructed. In the company of a Khmer scholar, examine the architecture, artistry, and symbolism of this remarkable site, and gain insights into the civilization that created it.

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Day 10 — Siem Reap/Depart

This morning head to Artisans Angkor and observe craftsmen practicing age-old Khmer arts and crafts techniques. Browse the on-site market for traditional stone carvings, silks, and other

handicrafts. Transfer to the Siem Reap airport and catch your overnight flight home.

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