

Experience colorful history, exotic landscapes, and captivating spiritual traditions. Thriving Ho Chi Minh City provides a thought-provoking perspective on Vietnam's tumultuous 20th century. The temples of Cambodia are spellbinding monuments to ancient Buddhist cultures. Bangkok's culture comes alive on the Chao Phraya River and the Thonburi canals known as klongs.

#### **EVERYTHING YOU GET:**



Full-time Tour Director



**Sightseeing:** 2 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides; 2 sightseeing tours led by your Tour Director



Entrances: Reunification Palace; War Remnants Museum; Angkor Wat Temple; Angkor Thom; Ta Phrom Temple; Preah Khan Temple; Grand Palace; Summer Palace of King Rama IV



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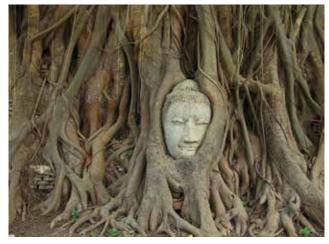






All of the details are covered: Round-trip flights on major carriers; Comfortable motorcoach; Internal flight; 9 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms; Breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily (with extension: breakfast only)





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# YOU'RE GOING TO EXPERIENCE IT.

As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your *Tour Director* in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our personalized learning experience, *weShare*, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels, and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. *Expert local guides* will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views on history, art, architecture, or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

**@EFtours** I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school **#traveltuesday** 

- MELISSA, TRAVELER

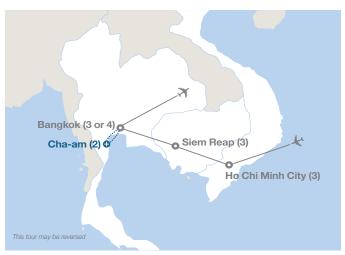




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# What you'll experience on your tour

#### Day 1: Fly to Vietnam

### Day 2: Ho Chi Minh City

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Ho Chi Minh City, which is still commonly referred to as Saigon, the name it held before South Vietnam fell to communism. During your stay, explore the vast network of Chu Chi Tunnels, vestiges of the Vietnam War and where you'll learn about the Viet Cong's art of warfare. Visit the Reunification Palace where power was officially transferred to the Communist Party in 1975. See the War Remnants Museum, which opened in 1975 and provides an interesting perspective on the United States' involvement in the Vietnam War. For a unique shopping experience, glide through a floating market on a traditional Asian longboat, docking alongside vendors to strike a bargain.

### Day 3: Ho Chi Minh City

- Take an expertly guided Cu Chi tunnels tour.
- Take an excursion to Ben Duoc: See the tunnel system of the Viet Cong.
- Visit the Reunification Palace.
- Visit the War Remnants Museum.

#### Day 4: Ho Chi Minh City

- Take an excursion to Cai Be.
- Visit a floating market.

#### Day 5: Ho Chi Minh City | Siem Reap

- Fly to Siem Reap, whose name means "Victory over the Thais" (in reference to the Khmer kingdom's victory in the 16th century). It's also the gateway to the ruins of Angkor Wat. While here, you'll explore massive temples dating back to the 12th century and learn about this ancient civilization, which, at its height, was home to more than 1 million people. Visit Angkor Thom and Bayon, where you'll pass through the walled enclosure and over the moat to admire the elaborate stone carvings of people and mythological creatures. Next, see the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King, which staged important public events and ceremonies. Angkor Wat has become a symbol of Cambodia, even appearing on its national flag.

# Day 6: Siem Reap

- Visit Angkor Wat.
- Visit Angkor Thom: Bayon Temple; Elephant Terrace; Terrace of the Leper King.
- Enjoy a cultural dance show.

#### Day 7: Siem Reap

- Visit Ta Prohm and Preah Khan temples.
- Take an excursion to Tonle Sap Lake.

#### Day 8: Siem Reap | Bangkok

- Travel to Bangkok. From gleaming silver skyscrapers to ancient jewel-box temples and serene Buddhist monasteries, Thailand seems resolved to straddle two millennia. Ancient traditions govern the behavior of a modern people, and the timeless merges with the contemporary. Experience this enduring and spirited culture in Bangkok. Boat along the Chao Phraya River and Thonburi klongs (canals), where ornate homes and gilded temples once earned Bangkok the name "The Venice of the East." Visit the Grand Palace, an enormous royal compound bordered by high walls built to separate kings from commoners. Gaze upward at the golden spires of this architectural masterpiece, and enter the Royal Chapel (Wat Phra Kaew) that houses the most sacred Emerald Buddha.

## Day 9: Bangkok

- Take an expertly guided tour of Bangkok:
   Temple of the Emerald Buddha.
- Visit the Grand Palace.
- Take a boat tour of the Chao Phraya River and Thonburi klongs.
- Enjoy a Thai dinner with classical dances.

# Day 10: Ayutthaya | Bangkok

- Take an excursion to Avutthava.
- Visit the Summer Palace of King Rama IV.
- Return to Bangkok by boat.

Day 11: Depart for home

## **9** 3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

#### Days 11-12: Cha-Am

- Travel to Cha-Am.
- Enjoy free time on the beach.

#### Day 13: Cha-Am | Bangkok

- Time to explore on your own.
- Return to Bangkok.

Day 14: Depart for home

The trip was outstanding I got to see everything that we were told we would see. The one night in the River Kwae Lodge was something that I still think about. Standing on the Bridge on the River Kwae was very emotional. Thanks for an outstanding trip

- JAMES, TRAVELER



Each is very unique in its culture, history, and offerings to visitors. The diversity of the experience is what gives this tour its value. I have been blessed to travel quite extensively around the world and this is one of the best trips I have ever done. I am happy that 11 students were with me to share in that experience.

– DAVID, TRAVELER

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# TOP THREE THINGS I WILL SEE, DO, TRY OR EXPLORE

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My daughter has gained such an amazing view of the world and history from this experience. She has not stopped talking since I picked her up at the airport. Thank you for all the organization, helpful hints, flexible payment plan, and knowledgeable tour guides.

-CHARLOTTE, PARENT OF TRAVELER



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