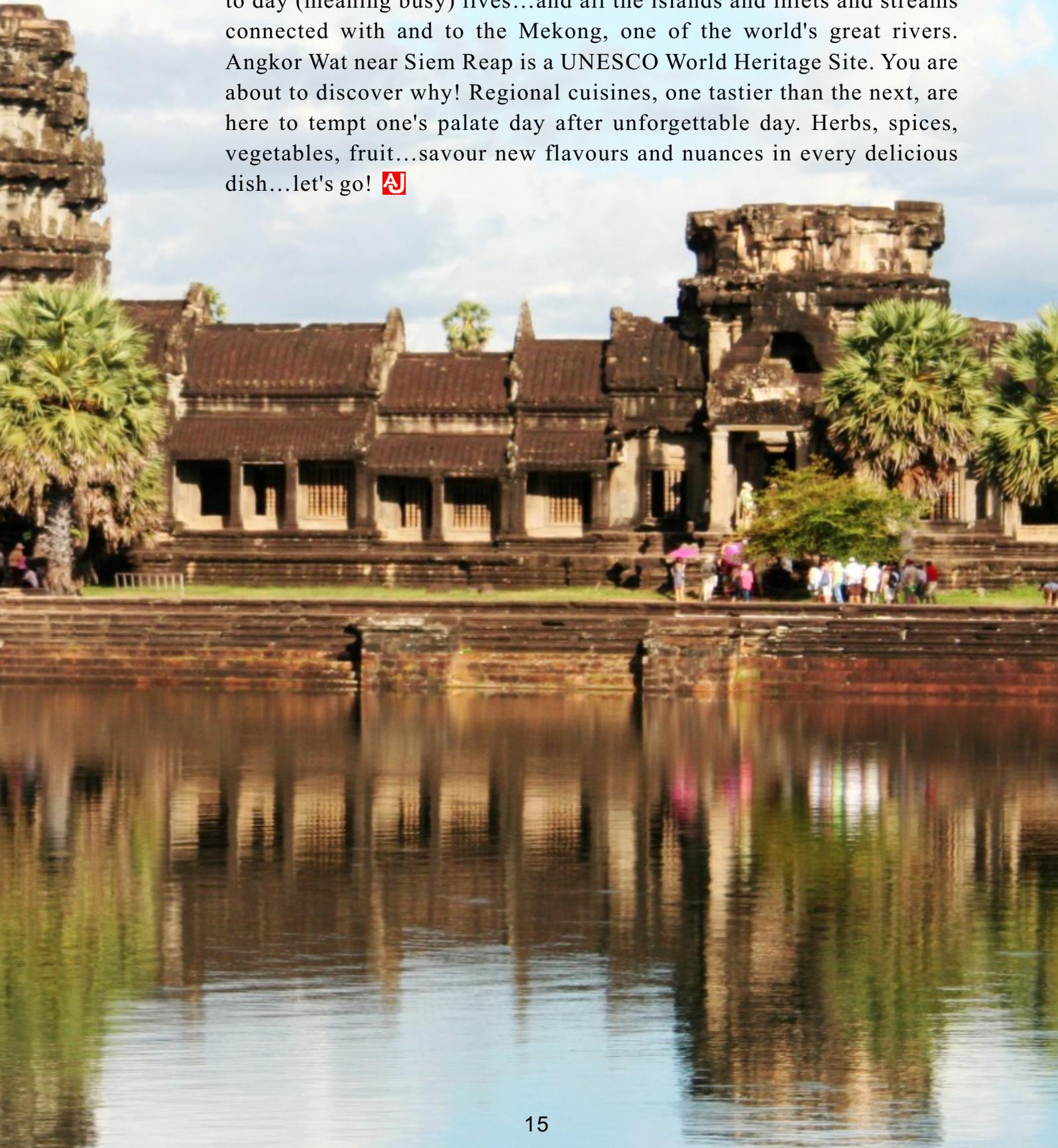


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the Indochina Explorer

A tour to titillate your senses in every way is encapsulated in this special sojourn to wonderful Vietnam and Cambodia. Ho Chi Minh City, the former Saigon, particularly affords one a chance to be caught up in the story of the dramatic Vietnam War, which had such an impact on both Vietnam and America. You will remember Hanoi for its beautiful French-colonial architecture and the city is graced by many lovely parks and lakes. Halong Bay is one of those ridiculously beautiful geographic enclaves, where words or photographs don't do it real justice. In contrast to all is the fabled Mekong Delta, to see rural folk going about their day to day (meaning busy) lives...and all the islands and inlets and streams connected with and to the Mekong, one of the world's great rivers. Angkor Wat near Siem Reap is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You are about to discover why! Regional cuisines, one tastier than the next, are here to tempt one's palate day after unforgettable day. Herbs, spices, vegetables, fruit...savour new flavours and nuances in every delicious dish...let's go! 



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## 16 Days 13 Nights



### Day 01 Depart Johannesburg

Board the flight to Hong Kong. Please set your clock 6 hours ahead.

### Day 02 Hong Kong / Phnom Penh (d.)

On arrival at Phnom Penh Airport, You will be transferred to your hotel, and the rest of the afternoon is free. Later, enjoy a sunset boat cruise on Mekong River . Tonight a welcome dinner to acquaint you with fellow travellers.

### Day 03 Phnom Penh (b. D.)

Today's sightseeing includes the Silver pagoda. The Pagoda gets its name from the 5,000 tiles of pure silver which decorate the floor . In addition, the Buddha of the Pagoda is made from solid gold and is decorated with over 9000 diamonds. Then we walk around the grounds of the Royal Palace. Onto the Wat Phnom Pagoda, built in 1372 on a hill that gave the name to the capital. Later, tour the Central Market and the 'KILLING FIELDS' of Pol Pot notoriety.

### Day 04 Phnom Penh / Siem Reap (b. D.)

A morning flight to Siem Reap. Exploration begins with Angkor Thom, which is even more expansive than Angkor Wat, although it was nearly lost to jungle overgrowth. Then visit the Bayon and surrounding sites. Various sites such as Elephant's Terrace, Leper King Terrace,

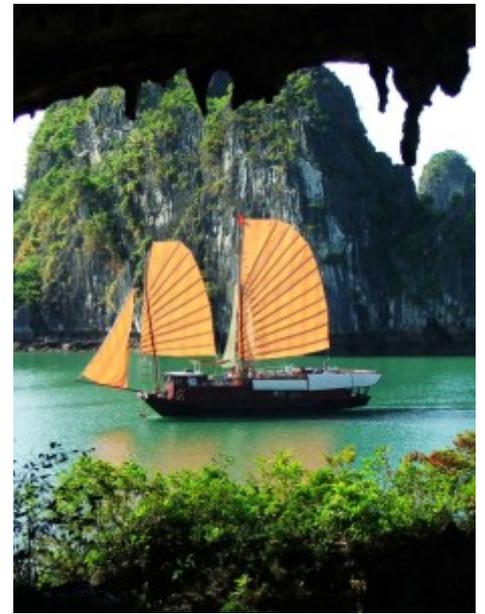
and Phi Mean Akas. Later, immerse yourself in the illustrious history of the Khmer Empire at ANGKOR WAT, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Angkor Wat (meaning 'City Temple') is a temple complex at Angkor, built for the king Suryavarman II in the early 12th century as his state temple and capital city. The temple is the epitome of the high classical style of Khmer architecture. This is the largest temple complex in the world, a marvel of art and architecture, both Hindu and Buddhist. The grandeur of this ancient civilisation is truly astonishing.

### Day 05 Siem Reap (b. Ds.)

Visit the marvellous Chaosay Tevoda, Thommanun, Banteay Kdei, Krovan, and the sacred lake of Sras Srolng. See picturesque Ta Prohm, which remains overgrown, an oddly haunting and exotic scene. Thereafter, an excursion by boat on Tonle Sap Lake, visiting a floating village that is one of the largest fishing villages in Asia. Enjoy a Khmer song and dance Dinner Show tonight.

### Day 06 Siem Reap / Ho Chi Minh City (b. D.)

Today we transfer to the airport and fly to Ho Chi Minh City, the largest city in Vietnam. Ho Chi Minh City was the 'Pearl of the Orient' during the 40's and 50's. The tree-lined boulevards, French colonial architecture and street cafes are



prominent reminders of the city's recent past. However, it is the vast, bustling markets that offer a more telling picture of the new Vietnam. You'll spend time visiting the Reunification Palace, Central Post Office, Cholon market and the War Remnants Museum. Tonight, enjoy a dinner cruise on the SAIGON RIVER.

**Day 07 Ho Chi Minh City (B. L.)**

Travel by road for Tay Ninh, some 90km northwest of Ho Chi Minh City, to visit the Holy See of Cao Dai Cathedral. Here you can observe a midday religious ceremony. Later, visit the legendary tunnel network of Cu Chi District, known as the 'Iron Triangle' during the Vietnam War. The digging of the 215-kilometre tunnel system began in 1946, during the anti-French resistance and continued until the end of the Vietnam War in 1975.

**Day 08 Ho Chi Minh City (B. L.)**

Drive to My Tho through fertile paddy fields. Upon arrival, visit the Vinh Trang Pagoda, then a cruise along the tributaries of the fabled Mekong River for a close-up view of local life. The Mekong Delta, in the south, boasts the richest agricultural land in Vietnam. The delta is covered with green rice paddies and orchards coconuts, mangos pineapples, bananas and oranges. Wander through Thoi Son Island and its abundant orchards, where a huge variety of tropical fruit can be tasted; and visit a Bonsai garden to watch people cultivating their miniature trees.

**Day 09 Ho Chi Minh City / Danang / Hoian (B. D.)**

Today we transfer to the airport for a flight to Danang, located near some of the most beautiful, unspoiled beaches of Vietnam. Arrive in Hoian and enjoy an Orientation tour of the ancient town including visits of a Vietnamese House, a Japanese Bridge, a Chinese temple, as well as a couple of handicraft workshops.

**Day 10 Hoian (B.)**

Hoian - once a busy international trading port of the Kingdom of Champa - was founded in the 16th century. It was also known as Faifo, the first Chinese settlement in Southern Vietnam. Spend a day free to discover this charming little town with its unique architecture.

**Day 11 Hoian (B.)**

A day free at your own leisure (there are many things one can do in & around Hoian such as shopping, boat trips to fishing villages, relax on the beach, attend a cooking class, etc.)

**Day 12 Hoian / Hanoi (B. D.)**

Today a flight to Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam. Now showing signs of resurgence after years of post-war depression, Hanoi

retains some of its beautiful French colonial architecture and is graced by many parks and lakes. Enjoy a city tour visiting the Temple of Literature, Fine Art Museum and Quan Tanh Temple. Then, onto Ho Chi Min's Residence and One Pillar Pagoda. Cycle around Hanoi's old quarters and shopping in the downtown area.

**Day 13 Hanoi / Halong Bay (B. L. D.)**

Halong Bay is a UNESCO world heritage area and one of the most impressive landscapes on earth: Thousands of small islands and limestone cliffs rising out of the clear emerald sea bring credence to the legend..."On his flight into the sea a dragon left this beautiful piece of nature behind." Overnight on a Junk.

**Day 14 Halong Bay / Hanoi (Brunch. D.)**

Enjoy exquisite peace and tranquility on a half-day cruise among these islands and grottoes, with stalactites and stalagmites. At lunch time small fishing boats come alongside your vessel and sell freshly caught seafood to be prepared directly on board. A truly lovely experience. Return to Hanoi in the afternoon and enjoy a Farewell Dinner.

**Day 15 Depart Hanoi (B.)**

Possible free time before a transfer to Hanoi Airport for a flight to Hong Kong. Tonight, depart for Johannesburg at midnight.

**Day 16 Arrive Johannesburg**

Welcome home. 

**Travel tips:**

A Vietnamese visa is required for SA passport holders.

The Cambodian visa can be arranged on arrival in Phnom Penh.

Vietnamese currency is Dong. 1 USD = 20000 Dong.

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