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# THAILAND, CAMBODIA & VIETNAM

11 or 14 days | Hồ Chí Minh City | Siem Reap | Bangkok | Extension to Hua Hin

Experience colorful history, exotic landscapes, and captivating spiritual traditions. Thriving Hồ Chí 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*.

## YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES



**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; Cambodian Landmine Museum; local NGO visit; Wat Pho; Museum of Siam; Grand Palace



**Personalized learning guide:** Our personalized learning experience engages students before, during, and after tour, with the option to create a final, reflective project for academic credit.



**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*)



Grand Palace



Angkor Wat



*Anyone can see the world.*

# 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, 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.

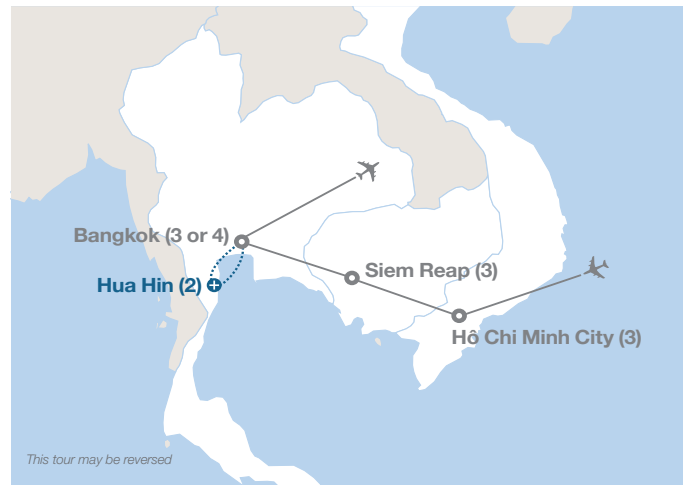
When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

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

– MELISSA, TRAVELER



Via Twitter



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Mekong Delta



Buddha Statue

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## What you'll experience on your tour

### Day 1: Fly to Vietnam

### Day 2: Hồ Chí Minh City

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Hồ Chí Minh City, which is still commonly referred to as Saigon, the name it held before South Vietnam fell to communism.

### Day 3: Hồ Chí Minh City

- Take an excursion to the village of Cái Bè.
- Glide through a floating market on a traditional Asian longboat, docking alongside vendors to strike a bargain.

### Day 4: Hồ Chí Minh City

- Take an expert-led tour of Củ Chi Tunnels. Explore the vast network of tunnels, vestiges of the Vietnam War and learn about the Viet Cong's art of warfare.
- Take an excursion to Ben Duoc and see the tunnel system of the Viet Cong.
- Visit the Reunification Palace, where power was officially transferred to the Communist Party in 1975.
- Visit the War Remnants Museum, which opened in 1975 and provides an interesting perspective on the United States' involvement in the Vietnam War.

### Day 5: Hồ Chí 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 one 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.
- Visit an artisan workshop and see how local art is made.
- Participate in a Khmer cooking class.

### Day 6: Siem Reap

- Visit Angkor Wat.
- Visit Angkor Thom and see Bayon Temple, Elephant Terrace, and Terrace of the Leper King.
- Visit Ta Prohm temple.
- Enjoy a cultural dance show.

### Day 7: Siem Reap

- Visit the Cambodian Landmine Museum.
- Learn about the incredible efforts of a local NGO.
- Take an excursion to Tonlé 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 expert-led tour of Bangkok.
- Visit the Grand Palace and the Temple of the Emerald Buddha.
- Take a boat tour of the Chao Phraya River and Thonburi *klongs*.
- Visit Wat Pho (Temple of the Reclining Buddha), which is covered entirely in precious gold.
- Explore the Museum of Siam, an interactive museum that depicts Thai history and culture.
- Enjoy an authentic Thai dinner and classical dance show.

### Day 10: Ayutthaya | Bangkok

- Take an excursion to Ayutthaya.
- Enjoy free time in Bangkok or [participate in an organic farm experience](#).

### Day 11: Depart for home

### 3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

#### Days 11-12: Hua Hin

- Travel to Hua Hin.
- Visit Khao Luang Cave.
- Enjoy free time on the beach or visit the Kaeng Krachan National Park.

#### Day 13: Hua Hin | Bangkok

- Enjoy free time to explore on your own.
- Return to Bangkok.

#### Day 14: Depart for home

*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



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

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

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—CHARLOTTE, PARENT OF TRAVELER



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