

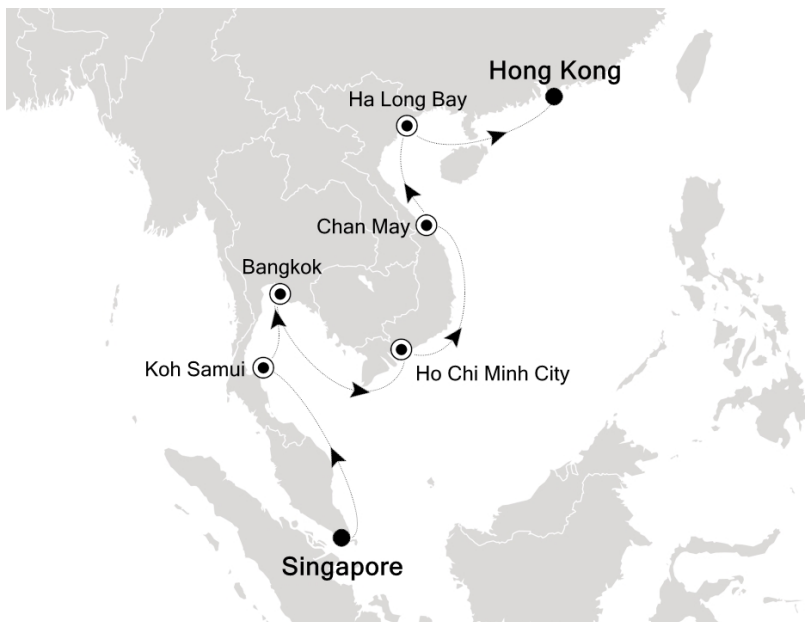


# Tour Programme

SILVER WHISPER WH250107014 / 14 DAYS

January-07-2025 / January-21-2025

Singapore, Singapore / Hong Kong, China



Date	Arrive	Depart
7 Singapore, Singapore		7:00 PM
8 Day at sea		
9 Koh Samui, Thailand	9:00 AM	5:00 PM
10 Bangkok (Laem Chabang), Thailand	12:00 PM	
11 Bangkok (Laem Chabang), Thailand		7:00 PM
12 Day at sea		
13 Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	1:00 PM	
14 Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam		
15 Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam		2:00 PM
16 Day at sea		
17 Chan May (Hue/Danang), Vietnam	7:00 AM	11:00 PM
18 Day at sea		
19 Ha Long Bay, Vietnam	7:00 AM	7:00 PM
20 Day at sea		
21 Hong Kong, China	7:00 AM	

# General Information

## ORGANISED SHORE EXCURSIONS

Booking Direct with Silversea gives you peace of mind. Our local tour operators are fully insured and have been comprehensively vetted. In the unlikely event of issues with a Silversea tour, we assume responsibility and the ship will wait for our delayed shore excursion. These are important factors when comparing value. Please bear in mind as we traverse many far reaching destinations, the local infrastructure varies and is beyond our control. Road conditions and vehicles available locally may not be up to standards we are accustomed to. Guides and drivers may speak with a heavy accent at times depending on the port of call. Be assured however that at Silversea, we contract only the best tours and best operators available at each destination. Please Note: Silversea reserves the right to make any changes or modify a tour in case of unforeseen circumstances and/or to ensure the safety and comfort of our guests.

## BOOKING & CANCELLATION DEADLINES

Shore Excursions are available on a first-come, first served basis. Guests should note that some shore excursions are very popular with guests and often ending up being waitlisted. In order to avoid disappointment, it is therefore suggested to book in advance via [my.silversea.com](http://my.silversea.com) until 48 hours prior to sailing. Last-minute requests to participate in excursions are subject to availability, which in some cases may not be determined until departure time pier-side. If changes or cancellations are required once onboard, tickets must be returned to the Shore Concierge Desk within the cancellation deadline. For our selected Shore Excursions Tickets returned after the cancellation deadline will be charged 100% cancellation fee to the guest's onboard account. Cancellation deadlines for the majority of our shore excursions is 48hrs prior to the port of call. Please note that certain shore excursions might have a different cancellation deadline; all cancellation deadlines are stated in the please note section of the shore excursion, booking form and shore excursion tickets.

## INCLUDED EXCURSIONS

**Exclusive. Included. Enjoy free shore experiences as part of the immersive experience.**

On all Classic Cruises of Silver Muse, Silver Moon, Silver Dawn, Silver Spirit, Silver Whisper, Silver Shadow, Silver Nova and Silver Ray selected shore excursions (one per guest/port/day), if available, will be offered on a complimentary basis. More excursions are available for purchase at full price.

The "Shore Excursions Programme" is subject to shore excursion availability in each port and guests' first choice may not be available. The first shore excursion booked in a single day / port, among the shore excursions bookable and available within the Programme, will be considered included, while additional excursions will be charged at full fare. The Shore Excursion Programme does not apply in the embarking and disembarking port. In case guests' first choice in a single port is waitlisted, Silversea recommends guests choose an alternative option, which will be considered confirmed. Should the first choice subsequently be confirmed as guests will be notified about the status of the waitlisted tour and have the option to make a final choice on MySilversea. More excursions are available for purchase at full price. Silversea strongly advises booking shore excursions to avoid disappointment. The deadline for booking Shore Excursions on MySilversea is 2 days prior departure date. Silversea reserves the right to cancel any excursions including free shore excursions. No credit or other compensation will be given if free shore excursions are unavailable, cancelled or not utilized. All shore excursions including those offered on a complimentary basis are operated by independent operators over whom Silversea has no control. All advertised fares, savings, offers, programs and itineraries are correct at time of printing, are subject to availability and may change at any time. Other restrictions may apply.

## ONLINE ADVANCE RESERVATION OF SHORE EXCURSIONS

Silversea operates an online reservation option, allowing guests to reserve their shore excursions at leisure prior to their cruise. In order to access this, please log on to MySilversea ([my.silversea.com](http://my.silversea.com)) up to 48 hours prior to your sail date. If you have reserved your shore excursion online, you will receive further information upon embarkation onboard.

## SHORE EXCURSION DEPARTURES TIMES

Departure times are published in the ship's daily newspaper, the Silversea Chronicles and on shore excursion tickets. When the ship is at anchor, guests must allow additional time to tender ashore. Silversea Cruises reserves the right to adjust itineraries and shore excursion departures as local conditions dictate.

## ON BOARD RESERVATIONS

You may also reserve and purchase your shore excursions. You will find a shore excursion booking form in your suite and at the Shore Concierge desk. Select the shore excursions in which you wish to participate, then leave the completed and signed form at the Shore Concierge desk prior to the booking deadline indicated. Shore Excursion tickets will be delivered to your suite and your selected excursions charged to your shipboard account. Overland and exclusive excursions must be pre-paid by credit card through your reservation agents. If still available they may also be purchased on board. Shore excursions require a minimum number of participants in order to operate as described. If this minimum number is not met, Silversea reserves the right to offer the programme at a different rate or to cancel the specific departure.

## SHORE EXCURSION PRICING

Prices are generally quoted per person, per tour, with the exception of Silver Shore Privato or group-designated excursions. Prices are subject to change without notice. Please visit MySilversea ([my.silversea.com](http://my.silversea.com)) for the most up-to-date information. Discounts for children under 12 years of age are available on some, but not all tours. Prices for children, if available, will be adjusted onboard. Please see the Shore Concierge team prior to your excursion to discuss the availability of children's pricing.

## SHORE EXCURSION DEPARTURE TIMES

As a courtesy to fellow guests, shore excursion departures generally will not be announced unless there is an unforeseen change. Departure times from the ship are published in the ships daily newspaper, the Silversea Chronicles and on shore excursion tickets. Guests are kindly requested to proceed ashore at least 10-minutes prior to the shore excursion departure time. The Shore Concierge team will be pierside to direct you to the appropriate transportation. When the ship is at anchor, guests must allow additional time to tender ashore. Silversea Cruises reserves the right to adjust itineraries and shore excursion departures as local conditions dictate. Please note that approximate pier departure times are also listed in MySilversea ([my.silversea.com](http://my.silversea.com)).

## SHORE EXCURSION SUITABILITY

Silversea offers a broad range of activities for our guests of all physical capabilities. However, certain excursions are more appropriate for physically fit and active guests. All excursions offered are clearly identified with an activity level to assist you. We also offer a good variety of Accesible Shore Excursion worldwide (according to the ports availability and local structure) that are designed for guests unable to negotiate motor coach steps or for full time wheelchair/scooter users. The vehicle used on this type of shore excursion is adapted with an access ramp (or lift where available) to accommodate a limited number of mobility devices. In order to use the ramp and/or lift, guests are required to be seated on a wheelchair or scooter. For your safety and enjoyment and that of your fellow guests, please be certain to select excursions that meet your physical capability. We therefore encourage guests to review the excursion description carefully including the PLEASE NOTE section which includes useful information. Silversea also offers Destination Experience

Briefings onboard. If you have any questions or concerns regarding shore excursion suitability, please contact the Shore Concierge ([shoreconciierge@silversea.com](mailto:shoreconciierge@silversea.com)) prior to your cruise or visit the Shore Concierge desk for more detailed information once onboard.

## ON LAND SILVER SHORE CONCIERGE SERVICES

Expert Shore Excursion professionals are available to assist guests with their destination knowledge, personalised planning and coordination of all private, independent touring suggestions. This could include area highlights, flightseeing, water sports and more. To take advantage of this service, requests should be submitted no later than 15 days prior to sailing and guests must have a deposited or fully paid their outstanding balance. Strict cancellation policies apply to confirmed, exclusive programmes.

When emailing [shoreconciierge@silversea.com](mailto:shoreconciierge@silversea.com), please communicate your booking number. There is a service fee of \$100 per voyage to secure your arrangements, however this fee will be applied to your confirmed programme in that port. The Shore Concierge team can be contacted by mail at [shoreconciierge@silversea.com](mailto:shoreconciierge@silversea.com) to arrange tailor-made tours, Monday through Friday.

## ONBOARD SHORE CONCIERGE TEAM

Whether you wish to participate in an organised shore excursion or tailor-made shore excursion, Silversea's experienced Shore Concierge team are happy to assist you to plan the best shore-side experiences with knowledgeable suggestions, personalized planning for sightseeing, water sports, golf and more. The Shore Concierge team is available onboard on sea days from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Office opening hours in port may vary whilst staff is shore-side assisting those on excursions. Please refer to the Silversea Chronicles for daily office opening hours. Once onboard, those considering a bespoke excursion should contact the Shore Concierge team at their earliest possible convenience, as time may be a factor in reaching local contacts. Please be aware that once arrangements are confirmed they are non-refundable.

## DESTINATION EXPERIENCE BRIEFINGS

Throughout the voyage the Shore Concierge Manager and Destination Consultant will offer port and shore excursion information prior to arrival in each port of call. Their aim is to give you a travel experience that goes beyond the ordinary and answer as many of your questions as possible. The information is presented in the theatre or is pre-recorded and played on your in-suite entertainment system, and will allow more time to enjoy and immerse yourself in each port.

## SILVERSEA SHUTTLE SERVICE

Complimentary transportation may be provided by Silversea when the local town is beyond a reasonable walking distance from the port. This service may not be possible in ports where a strong taxi union exists, preventing Silversea from providing a complimentary shuttle. The availability and schedule for this service will be announced onboard and listed in the Silversea Chronicles. We are not able to advise this in advance. Operationally, intervals between shuttle bus departures could be affected by local traffic. Silversea is not liable for any unforeseen delays. There will be a break in service for driver meal times. Shuttle service is offered during the day only. The shuttle service is designed to augment local transportation; guests requiring more flexibility may prefer not to wait for a shuttle and secure a taxi at their own expense.

## CHILDREN ON TOUR

To ensure the safety of our younger guests, participation by children in certain shore excursions may be restricted. Children up to the age of 8 years old are only permitted to participate in suitable Silver Shore Excursions and the shuttle service if the vehicles are equipped with the correct safety harness and seating equipment. Such harnesses' and secure

seating cannot be guaranteed. Alternately, guests may use their own approved safety seat, booster seat or harness as long as they are compatible with the local touring vehicle and can properly secure the young guest. Silversea reserves the right to refuse children under the age of 8 years old on any tour on the basis of safety.

## VIDEO/PHOTOGRAPHY CHARGES

Please note that photography at some museums, sites and monuments and/or the use of video cameras may not be allowed or may incur a charge. These charges are not included in the tour price and are at guests' own expense. Further details will be in the detailed shore excursion description and please note section. Please ensure to review these in detail prior to departing on your shore excursion.

## SHOPPING STOPS

While our organised excursions are not generally geared to the serious shopper, some shore excursions allow for short shopping stops as indicated in the shore excursion description. In the interest of all participants, guests should adhere to the allotted time and return to the tour vehicle promptly as advised by the tour guide or ship's escort. Please Note: The selection of shops is generally left to the discretion of the tour operator. Silversea does require that establishments be reputable, of general interest to our guests and offer quality goods. However, all purchases are the responsibility of the individual.

# Activity Level and Icon Definition



## Minimal Activity

Excursions are easily paced without the need for excessive walking or physical activities. Being able to board motor coaches and negotiate steps can be encountered.



## Extensive Activity

Active excursions are recommended only for those guests in good physical health, with considerable amounts of physical activity.



## Moderate Activity

Full participation requires being in good physical condition and may involve inclines, steps, uneven surfaces and/or extended periods of standing.



## Adventure Tour - Physically fit

Active excursions are recommended only for those guests in good physical health, with considerable amounts of physical activity.



## Moderate Mobility Issue

Tours recommended for guests able to walk short distances, can navigate the steps of a motor coach and at venues, and/or travel with a standard size manual collapsible wheelchair or scooter, (able to fit in the motor coach luggage compartment).



## Evening Excursion

The excursion is taking place in the evening.



## Limited Space Available

Please be aware that there is only limited space available on this tour. Places are delivered on a first come first served basis.



## Wheelchair Accessible

Designed for guests unable to navigate motor coach steps. This level is ideal for full time wheelchair/scooter users, slow walkers, and their party. The vehicle on this type of tour has an access ramp (or lift where available) to accommodate a limited number of mobility devices. These tours are entirely step-free with shorter walking/rolling distances.



## New Excursion

This shore excursion is brand new to Silversea.



## Meal Included

A meal is included in the excursion.

JANUARY 09 2025, THURSDAY

# Koh Samui - Thailand

## INCLUDED EXCURSION

### USM-A / Landscape & Temples of Ko Samui

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

Discover the coastal beauty, lush countryside, and local highlights on this half-day introduction to Ko Samui. After tendering ashore, begin your exploration of Ko Samui with a coastal drive, passing beaches and lush coconut plantations along the way.

#### Wat Phra Yai (Big Buddha Temple)

Located off the northern shore of Ko Samui, on a small rocky island connected by a causeway, stands the 'Temple of the Big Buddha', or Wat Phra Yai. The temple is a popular site; its 36-foot (11-metre)-high statue provides an impressive silhouette against the sea and sky. Surrounding the Buddha image are *kutis* or meditation huts. Although the monks welcome visitors, a sign requests that proper attire be worn on the temple premises.

#### Plai Leam Temple

Newly built in 2004, this very ornate temple follows in the tradition of temple art, dating back centuries and provides a good example of the influence and style that are still significant in modern Thai religious architecture. The elaborate entry doors were made from two enormous slabs of Laotian hardwood and are intricately carved with images of the life of the Buddha. The highlight is the big statue of the Goddess of Mercy which is housed elegantly outside the shrine in the temple compound.

#### Guan Yu Shrine

The Chinese have a long history on Ko Samui, with the first immigrants arriving from Hainan in the late Ayutthaya era. In 1872, a small shrine was built, dedicated to Guan Yu, a legendary warrior who died almost 2,000 years ago. His statue was built in 2008. The interior is decorated with golden murals featuring Chinese calligraphy, fabulous dragons, photos of the pioneers and other assorted images.

A photo stop is made at local restaurant overlooking turquoise water of Chaweng Bay, a drink included choice of soft drink or local beer.

**Please note: This tour requires a moderate amount of walking. There are 72 steps to climb to fully view the temple, 25 steps at Guan Yu Shrine which are optional. Guests must be able to embark/disembark the coach via the bus steps. This tour is not suitable for those who utilise a wheelchair. As the weather is expected to be hot and humid, we recommend wearing lightweight clothing. Modest dress is requested of those wishing to visit temples where shoes must be removed to enter. The order of sites may vary.**

### USM-B / Scenic Drive by Jeep

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 3.00 hr(s)

Board a 4X4 jeep that will take you to visit the Kunaram Temple, the Grand Parent Ricks, to visit coconut plantation and enjoy the scenic drive along the Southern Coast of Ko Samui.

Part of an archipelago of 80 small islands, Koh Samui is an island of forested hills, majestic coconut palms and alluring pristine beaches.

### **Kunaram Temple**

After tendering ashore, enjoy the approximate thirty minute ride by 4x4 jeep from pier. Arrive at the Kunaram Temple, visit a small monastery with the sense of simplicity and tranquility where body of Samui's most famous mummified monk, Luang Poh Deang, is displayed in a sitting posture for more than 20 years ago.

### **Grand Parent Rocks**

Continue to Grand Parent Rocks, strangely shaped rocks south of Lamai Beach are locally dubbed Hin Ta- Hin Yai. According to legend, an old couple was shipwrecked in the bay and their bodies washed ashore creating the rocks. The views from the rocks and vicinity are spectacular, stretching across the sea to nearby islands.

### **Coconut Plantation**

Enjoy the scenic surroundings while driving past plantations, local life and some beaches before a stop is made at a coconut plantation and local farmer house, see how the coconuts are still processes in small family business. Afterwards board the jeep for the wonderful journey back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour requires a moderate amount of walking, 5 steps to climb at the temple, you will also walk stone surfaces, slopes and unpaved areas. Flat, comfortable walking shoes and lightweight clothing are recommended however no tank tops are permitted during the temple visit. One tour guide will conduct 2-3 jeeps to give information at all the stops. Portions of the drive are over a rough surface and the ride may be bumpy. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility, those who utilize a wheelchair or guests who suffer from neck or back problems.**

## USM-E / Resort Beach Getaway

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 6.00 hr(s)



### **Peace Resort**

After tendering ashore, depart the pier in a van for 30 minutes drive, admire the panoramic view along the cross-island route. Enjoy a relaxing day at Peace Resort located on Bo Phut Beach at the north-west of Ko Samui. Beautifully beachfront bungalows and modern villa offer a sweet taste of island life. Chill out by the pool gazing across the golden sands of Bophut Beach, take a dip in the Jacuzzi, refuel and refresh at Sea Wrap restaurant with mouthwatering Thai lunch. Discover true peace of mind and relaxation in the sundrenched paradise that is Peace Resort.

Use of the facility's lounge chairs, lunch and 2 complimentary drink are included.

Afterwards, the transfer van takes you back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour requires a minimal amount of walking and it is at guest's own pace. The distance to Bo Phut Beach is 10 miles (16 kilometres). Transfer is in air-conditioned vans and offers no commentary. Guides meet guests at drop-off/pick-up locations. Tour price includes the use of the hotel and beach facilities at the resort and beach chairs. Guests are advised to wear a swimsuit under a cover-up with beach shoes, and bring sun protection and a change of clothing from the ship. Beach towel provided at resort. Guests must be at least 18 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. Space on this tour is very limited; we suggest you book in advance to avoid disappointment.**



## SELECTED EXCURSION

## USM-C / Thai Cooking Class at Nora Resort

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 5.00 hr(s)



Thai cuisine is a wonderful blend of flavours with dishes that can be quite spicy. Enjoy this unique opportunity to explore Thai gastronomy with the Chef of the *Nora Beach Resort and Spa*, followed by an introduction to the art of Thai cuisine on this exclusive, private cooking lesson.

**Nora Beach Resort & Spa**

After tendering ashore, meet your guide at the pier and begin your day's outing with the drive to the *Nora Beach Resort and Spa*. The resort enjoys a spectacular hillside setting, overlooking a secluded bay just north of the world-famous Chaweng Beach. The *Nora* is secluded and private, a little village within lush gardens.

**Cooking Class and Lunch**

Guests are welcomed at the resort with a traditional Thai herbal beverage, that you next learn how to concoct. Watch the Chef prepare the food and explain the traditional methods used in Thai cooking. Properly attired with an apron and chef's hat, you are encouraged to lend a hand.

Following your cooking class, relax and enjoy the cuisine from your lesson. A delicious chicken soup with fresh coconut milk precedes the main course of deep fried stuffed crabmeat in the original shell. Of course, no Thai menu would be complete without the Thai-style noodles to complement the main course. Coconuts are common around the island and make a refreshing ice-cream as dessert. Wine, local beer or soft drinks are provided with your meal.

Afterwards, some free time is made available for you to relax and enjoy the pool or beach on the resort before re-boarding your van for the 40-minute drive back to the port.

**Please note: This tour requires a minimal amount of walking at the resort; however, there is a hill to descend to reach the restaurant on the beach. Wear lightweight clothing. Guests planning to swim at the resort should bring a swim suit and towel. Changing facilities are available.**

## USM-I / InterContinental Beach Resort

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 6.00 hr(s)



Indulge your senses at the ultimate seaside retreat in Thailand during this relaxing, full-day beach getaway at the Intercontinental Koh Samui Resort.

**Koh Samui, InterContinental Koh Samui Resort, Azure Seas, White-Sand Beach, Taling Ngam**

After tendering ashore, depart the pier for the short drive to the InterContinental Koh Samui Resort. This stunning, award-winning beachfront resort overlooks the azure seas and idyllic, white-sand beach of Taling Ngam, located on the beautiful west coast of Thailand. Upon arrival at this wonderful seaside enclave, you are escorted to your sunbed and umbrella by the beach or poolside.

**Swimming, Sunbathing, Lunch**

Spend the day swimming, sunbathing, and beachcombing amidst the tropical beauty and elegance of this lovely resort. In the event of low tide, guest can enjoy swimming around the pier, which is an approximately 109-yard (about 100-metre walk) from the resort, instead of swimming from beach. A complimentary lunch with two drinks is served at the ocean-view bar and restaurant. At the conclusion of your visit, re-board your coach for the short drive back to the pier.

**Please note:** This tour involves a minimal amount of walking for approximately 109 yards (about 100 metres), at times over sandy surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach, three steps between the swimming pool and restaurant, and five steps to access the beach. Walking at the resort and on the beach is at the discretion of each guest. This tour is suitable for guests with limited mobility, but is not wheelchair-accessible. Guests are advised to wear a swimsuit under a cover-up with beach shoes, and bring sun protection, a towel, bottled water, a change of clothing, and local currency or credit cards for purchases from the ship. Two drinks and lunch are included; additional food and drinks are available at each guest's own expense. Guests must be at least 18 years old to be served alcoholic beverages. A beach towel is provided. Complimentary sunbeds and umbrellas may be set at the beachfront or poolside, depending on resort occupancy, with a priority to in-house guests. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. Space on this tour is extremely limited; we suggest you book well in advance to avoid disappointment.

## SILVER SHORE PRIVATO

### USM-X / Silver Shore Privato: Private Van & Guide (Half Day)

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)



Explore Ko Samui at your leisure during your half-day (4-hour) sightseeing tour via private van. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

After tendering ashore, depart the pier with your driver and English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned van and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

**Please note:** This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to arrival in the port. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. Participation is limited to 5 guests per van. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this programme. Please see the Shore Concierge on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary.

JANUARY 10 2025, FRIDAY

# Bangkok (Laem Chabang) - Thailand

## INCLUDED EXCURSION

### LMC-J / Sanctuary of Truth & Pattaya Viewpoint

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 4.50 hr(s)

Discover the largest wood-carved structure in Thailand and enjoy breath-taking vistas over Pattaya Bay during this panoramic, half-day sightseeing excursion.

#### Laem Chabang, Sanctuary of Truth

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately one-hour drive to the Sanctuary of Truth (Wooden Pavilion), a mystical building constructed according to ancient Thai specifications, and the largest wood-carved structure in Thailand. Designed as a pagoda-shaped pavilion, the building is over 340 feet (about 103.6 metres) in height, and is a fusion of religion, culture and art. Originally crafted entirely from Thailand's native teak, parts of it have been replaced by the more durable redwood to withstand the ravages of the salt air.

#### Guided Tour, Wooden Sculptures, Inner-Chapel

Upon arrival, take a guided tour of the Sanctuary of Truth. The entire building is covered with intricate and detailed wooden sculptures, reflecting the Ancient Vision of Earth, Ancient Knowledge and Eastern Philosophy. Inside, the cavernous inner-chapel reveals scenes from Chinese, Hindu and Buddhist traditions, with samples of animism and geomancy thrown into the mix.

#### Pattaya Beach Road, Phra Tumnak Hill, Pattaya Viewpoint, Pattaya Bay Vistas

Next, re-board your coach and continue driving along the Pattaya Beach Road to Phra Tumnak Hill, which is located between Pattaya Beach and Jomtien Beach. A stop is made to walk up to the Pattaya Viewpoint. From here, the place from which all classic photos of Pattaya Bay are taken, enjoy spectacular panoramic vistas overlooking the bay. At the conclusion of your visit, re-board your coach and commence the approximately one-hour drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking for approximately 0.56 miles (about 0.9 kilometres), at times over uneven surfaces and inclines, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach, and 40 steps at both the Sanctuary of Truth and Pattaya Viewpoint; a lift is available at the Sanctuary of Truth. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes and sun protection are recommended. Proper attire is required to enter the Sanctuary of Truth; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Shoes must be removed when entering religious sites; bring an extra pair of heavy socks for comfort, as the pavement may be hot. Guests must be at least four years old to participate on this tour. The tour sequence may vary.**

### LMC-T / Introduction to Buddhism

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 4.50 hr(s)

Explore a pair of revered sites honouring the Lord Buddha during this scenic and informative, half-day sightseeing excursion.

#### Laem Chabang, Wat Yannasangwararam Complex, Gardens, Large Lake, Pavilion, Buddha Relics

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately one-hour drive to Wat Yannasangwararam, a temple under H.M. the King Rama IX's patronage. Set in a huge area spanning approximately 145 acres (about 58.6 hectares), the complex houses several buildings of diverse architectural styles, along with well-tended gardens and a large lake that make the complex a peaceful, relaxing and inviting setting. The temple is renowned for its modern design, and built in a very different style than most Thai

temples. A pavilion called 'mondop', or 'mandapa', contains a replica of a footprint of the Buddha. Inside a large white chedi (Buddhist stupa), a number of relics from the Buddha and his followers are kept.

### Khao Chi Chan, Giant Lord Buddha Image, Marble Mountains

Next, re-board your coach and continue on to the nearby Khao Chi Chan. This famous landmark features a giant sculptural image of Lord Buddha erected on a giant cliff. It was built 1995 as an initiative by the Supreme Patriarch, who felt it was a shame to let these marble mountains be destroyed. Consequently, he ordered the giant Buddha image be created on the cliff that was already cut in half. It was also built to honour H.M. the King Rama IX, on the occasion of his Golden Jubilee. At the conclusion of your visit, re-board your coach and commence the approximately one-hour drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking for approximately 0.56 miles (about 0.9 kilometres), with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and ten steps at Wat Yannasangwararam. This tour suitable for guests with limited mobility, but is not wheelchair-accessible. Lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes and sun protection are recommended. Proper attire is required to enter the temple; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Shoes must be removed when entering religious sites; bring an extra pair of heavy socks for comfort, as the pavement may be hot.**

## SILVER SHORE PRIVATO

### LMC-V / Silver Shore Privato: Private Car & Guide (Half Day)

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)



Explore Laem Chabang at your leisure during your half-day (4-Hour) sightseeing tour via private car. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

Depart the pier with your driver and English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned car and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

**Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to arrival in the port. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. Participation is limited to 2 guests per car. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this programme. Please see the Shore Concierge on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary in Pattaya and surroundings as within 4 hours limit it is not possible to visit Bangkok or Ayuttaya.**

### LMC-X / Silver Shore Privato: Private Van & Guide (Half Day)

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

Explore Laem Chabang at your leisure during your half-day (4-Hour) sightseeing tour via private van. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

Depart the pier with your driver and English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned van and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

**Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to arrival in the port. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. Participation is limited to 6 guests per van. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this programme. Please see the Shore**

**Concierge on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary in Pattaya and surroundings as within 4 hours limit it is not possible to visit Bangkok or Ayuttaya.**

JANUARY 11 2025, SATURDAY

# Bangkok (Laem Chabang) - Thailand

## INCLUDED EXCURSION

### LMC-J / Sanctuary of Truth & Pattaya Viewpoint

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 4.50 hr(s)

Discover the largest wood-carved structure in Thailand and enjoy breath-taking vistas over Pattaya Bay during this panoramic, half-day sightseeing excursion.

#### Laem Chabang, Sanctuary of Truth

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately one-hour drive to the Sanctuary of Truth (Wooden Pavilion), a mystical building constructed according to ancient Thai specifications, and the largest wood-carved structure in Thailand. Designed as a pagoda-shaped pavilion, the building is over 340 feet (about 103.6 metres) in height, and is a fusion of religion, culture and art. Originally crafted entirely from Thailand's native teak, parts of it have been replaced by the more durable redwood to withstand the ravages of the salt air.

#### Guided Tour, Wooden Sculptures, Inner-Chapel

Upon arrival, take a guided tour of the Sanctuary of Truth. The entire building is covered with intricate and detailed wooden sculptures, reflecting the Ancient Vision of Earth, Ancient Knowledge and Eastern Philosophy. Inside, the cavernous inner-chapel reveals scenes from Chinese, Hindu and Buddhist traditions, with samples of animism and geomancy thrown into the mix.

#### Pattaya Beach Road, Phra Tumnak Hill, Pattaya Viewpoint, Pattaya Bay Vistas

Next, re-board your coach and continue driving along the Pattaya Beach Road to Phra Tumnak Hill, which is located between Pattaya Beach and Jomtien Beach. A stop is made to walk up to the Pattaya Viewpoint. From here, the place from which all classic photos of Pattaya Bay are taken, enjoy spectacular panoramic vistas overlooking the bay. At the conclusion of your visit, re-board your coach and commence the approximately one-hour drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking for approximately 0.56 miles (about 0.9 kilometres), at times over uneven surfaces and inclines, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach, and 40 steps at both the Sanctuary of Truth and Pattaya Viewpoint; a lift is available at the Sanctuary of Truth. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes and sun protection are recommended. Proper attire is required to enter the Sanctuary of Truth; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Shoes must be removed when entering religious sites; bring an extra pair of heavy socks for comfort, as the pavement may be hot. Guests must be at least four years old to participate on this tour. The tour sequence may vary.**

### LMC-Q / Bangkok On Your Own Exploration

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 10.00 hr(s)

Spend a full-day experiencing the spectacular beauty, mystique and culture of Thailand at your leisure during this picturesque, self-guided excursion to Bangkok.

#### Laem Chabang, Scenic Drive, Bangkok, Central World Plaza

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 2.5-hour drive to Bangkok, with a comfort stop en route. Upon arrival, your drop-off point is at the Central World Plaza, which provides easy access to taxis, the Skytrain, and many shopping complexes and restaurants within walking distance.

### **Independent Sightseeing, Shopping and Lunch at Your Own Expense, Chao Phraya River Cruise**

Whilst in Bangkok, enjoy approximately five hours of free time for independent sightseeing, shopping and lunch at your own expense. Your guide assists with your plans, including shopping information and opening hours of attractions. And to escape Bangkok's legendary traffic, take a leisurely cruise on the Chao Phraya River. If shopping is on your agenda, discover everything from precious gems to silk and antiques.

### **Popular Landmarks, Markets and Temples**

Bangkok has a wealth of popular historic and modern landmarks to explore. Sites to be seen may include the Golden Buddha Temple, Chinatown, the Old City, Flower Market, Grand Palace, Marble Temple, Grand Palace with its sacred Wat Phra Kaew Temple, home of the Emerald Buddha, the Wat Pho Temple with its enormous reclining Buddha, Wat Arun Temple and Jim Thompson's House and Museum, among others. At the pre-designated departure time, return to your coach at the Central World Plaza drop-off point and commence the approximately 2.5-hour drive back to the pier, with a comfort stop made en route.

**Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking, at times over uneven and cobblestone surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and at the sites visited. This tour is not guided. Walking in Bangkok is at the discretion of each guest. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection and Thai Baht and credit cards for purchases from the ship. Proper attire is required to enter the temples; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Shoes must be removed when entering religious sites; bring an extra pair of heavy socks for comfort, as the pavement may be hot. The driving distance between the pier and Bangkok is approximately 2.5 hours in each direction. Guests wishing to remain overnight in Bangkok at their own expenses and return back to the ship on the second day, need to reserve tour Bangkok On Your Own on first and second day in Laem Chabang.**

## LMC-T / Introduction to Buddhism

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 4.50 hr(s)

Explore a pair of revered sites honouring the Lord Buddha during this scenic and informative, half-day sightseeing excursion.

### **Laem Chabang, Wat Yannasangwararam Complex, Gardens, Large Lake, Pavilion, Buddha Relics**

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately one-hour drive to Wat Yannasangwararam, a temple under H.M. the King Rama IX's patronage. Set in a huge area spanning approximately 145 acres (about 58.6 hectares), the complex houses several buildings of diverse architectural styles, along with well-tended gardens and a large lake that make the complex a peaceful, relaxing and inviting setting. The temple is renowned for its modern design, and built in a very different style than most Thai temples. A pavilion called 'mondop', or 'mandapa', contains a replica of a footprint of the Buddha. Inside a large white chedi (Buddhist stupa), a number of relics from the Buddha and his followers are kept.

### **Khao Chi Chan, Giant Lord Buddha Image, Marble Mountains**

Next, re-board your coach and continue on to the nearby Khao Chi Chan. This famous landmark features a giant sculptural image of Lord Buddha erected on a giant cliff. It was built 1995 as an initiative by the Supreme Patriarch, who felt it was a shame to let these marble mountains be destroyed. Consequently, he ordered the giant Buddha image be created on the cliff that was already cut in half. It was also built to honour H.M. the King Rama IX, on the occasion of his Golden Jubilee. At the conclusion of your visit, re-board your coach and commence the approximately one-hour drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking for approximately 0.56 miles (about 0.9 kilometres), with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and ten steps at Wat Yannasangwararam. This tour suitable for guests with limited mobility, but is not wheelchair-accessible. Lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes and sun protection are recommended. Proper attire is required to enter the temple; shorts and bare shoulders are not permitted. Shoes must be removed when entering religious sites; bring an extra pair of heavy socks for comfort, as the pavement may be hot.**

## SELECTED EXCURSION

## LMC-B / A Day in Bangkok

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 10.00 hr(s)



After an early breakfast, depart the ship for the 2,5-hour journey to Bangkok. Upon arrival, enjoy a sightseeing drive of the city followed by a visit of Bangkok's most splendid attraction, the Grand Palace, the Temple of the Emerald Buddha and a river cruise to Wat Arun.

**Grand Palace**

During this 90-minute visit, listen and look in awe as the guide points out the major highlights.

Although King Vajiralongkorn lives today in the Dusit Palace in the northern part of the city, the Grand Palace is still used for certain ceremonial occasions. The grounds encompass over 100 buildings, representing 200 years of history and architectural experimentation. Most of the architecture, royal or sacred, can be classified as old Bangkok style - all of it simply overwhelming. The *wat* (temple) structures are colourful, comprising gilded *stupas*, polished orange and green tiled roofs, mosaic-encrusted pillars and rich marble pediments. Fabulous murals line the walls of the palace complex and glittering temple spires provide endless photo opportunities.

**Temple of the Emerald Buddha**

Also known as Wat Phra Kaew, this temple adjoins the Grand Palace on common ground. It was consecrated in 1782 and houses the most important image, the 23-inch (58-cm) high Emerald Buddha. The jade statue, enshrined in a glass case standing above the worshippers, is clothed with a different robe for each of the three seasons - hot, rainy and cool. The mystical figure and its legendary spiritual power draw pilgrims from all over.

Returning, head to Riva Surya Bangkok Hotel for Thai buffet lunch (a modern boutique hotel on the bank of Chao Phraya River). Board a private boat at the restaurant's pier for a cruise on the Chao Phraya River and through some of the canals. Watch the fascinating activities along the busy waterway. Stop along the way at the following locations (Take caution getting in and out of the boat).

**Wat Arun**

At the 'Temple of Dawn', Wat Arun, the boat pauses to allow you a closer look at this magnificent temple, which is among Bangkok's most recognised landmarks. While the temple is best seen from the river, its curious decorations and statues of mythical figures are well worth a visit.

**Royal Barge Museum**

Leaving Wat Arun, resume your cruise through the *klongs* (canals) and head toward the Dockyard, home to the ceremonial royal barges. Once a year, the king would proceed down the river to Wat Arun in a flotilla of royal barges. Today, these elaborately decorated boats are preserved in this specially constructed museum and are a rare treat to visit.

Following your cruise, re-join the coach and start the journey back to Laem Chabang.

**Please note:** This tour requires an extensive amount of walking with many steps to climb. Guests must be able to manoeuvre in and out of the boat. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. A strict dress code is enforced for visitors to the Grand Palace and the Temple of the Emerald Buddha. No tank tops, leggings, shorts of any kind, skirts above the knee, sandals or flip-flops are allowed. Men must wear socks. Video and still cameras are only permitted on the palace grounds, not inside buildings. Shoes must be removed when entering the Chapel of the Emerald Buddha. This tour departs from the pier and ends at the pier in Laem Chabang. The drive to/from Laem Chabang and Bangkok is approximately 2.5 hours. Guests taking part at this tour and wishing to remain in Bangkok overnight at their own expenses, they need to return back to the ship on the second day by independent arrangements.



## LMC-F / Treasures of Bangkok

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 10.00 hr(s)

### Suan Pakkad Palace Museum

Take a 2.5-hour journey into the heart of Bangkok to visit the collection of traditional Thai houses at Suan Pakkad Palace Museum, which was brought by Prince and Princess Chumbhot. Some of the houses belonged to the prince's family and all are more than a century old. In a spirit of sharing, they converted their traditional private residence to a museum which opened in 1952, the first instance of a Thai family doing so. The name Suan Pakkad literally translates to "cabbage patch" as the land was originally used for farming. Today, you will see a well-tended tropical garden with serene ponds surrounding eight traditional Thai houses. Most of the art objects on display in the houses belonged to Prince Chumbhot's ancestors, which include the artifacts from the daily life of royalty, such as food containers decorated with mother-of-pearl and silver, betel nut boxes, clothing and ecclesiastical fans. The displays also include the archaeological finds from Ban Chieng, collections of rocks and minerals, shells, Benjarong pottery and other Thai ceramics.

### Lacquer Pavilion

The significant house is the Lacquer Pavilion, which dates to the 17th Century and was originally located at a temple near Ayutthaya. Now fully restored, it's an exquisite example of Thai architecture, with richly carved gilded wood walls and an interior filled with lively Ramayana and Buddha mural paintings drawn in gold on black lacquer.

### Lunch and Bangkok City Pillar Shrine

Proceed to the restaurant for lunch then continue your drive to the Bangkok City Pillar Shrine erected by King Rama I the Great upon the establishment of Bangkok as a capital in 1782. Symbolically, the pillar provides stability and prosperity for the city. The erection of the shrine was carried out in accordance with the royal traditions. The pillar was made of cassia wood known as Chaiyaphruek flanked by sandalwood, measuring at the base 11.42 inches in diameter and 187 inches in height. The 79-inch portion of the pillar was buried deep in the ground while the remaining 108-inch portion was above ground. A jewel in the shape of a budding lotus was put on the top of the pillar and covered with lacquer and gold leaf. The city's horoscope was also placed inside the pillar. Later, King Rama IV made some amendments to the city's horoscope. He ordered that the horoscope be written on a 15 gram gold sheet and that a new shrine with a Prang-shaped spire be built. The new horoscope was then put inside the pillar.

### Tuk Tuk Ride and Wat Ratchanadda Royal Temple

Afterwards, enjoy trekking through Bangkok old city via our typical taxi, an open motor tricycle called a Tuk Tuk. Then stop to visit Wat Ratchanadda, a royal temple best known for the Loha Prasart or Metal Castle which was built in 1846 on request of King Rama III and inspired by two other similar temples found in India and Sri Lanka. Loha Prasat is a 36 m high construction supporting 37 metal spires representing the 37 virtues toward enlightenment. The main chapel of the temple also houses a beautiful golden Buddha image with wonderful murals, paintings and door carvings. You could also explore a small cluster of vendors selling protective amulets, khon masks and images of Buddha, Hindu deities and revered Thai monks.

### King Rama III Memorial Park

Before re-boarding your coach for the return trip, don't miss an opportunity to take photos in the King Rama III Memorial Park with the Maha Jessadabodin Courtyard Pavilion, one of the ideal Bangkok viewpoints and landmarks.

**Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking of approximately 0.6 miles or 900 metres with some steps to negotiate at the sites and a few to get on/off the coach and the local tuk tuk. It is suitable for guests with limited mobility but not those who utilise a wheelchair. Lightweight comfortable clothing, and flat closed-toe walking shoes are recommended. The order of the visits can vary. The drive to/from Laem Chabang and Bangkok is approximately 2.5 hours. This tour departs from the pier and ends at the pier in Laem Chabang. Guests taking part at this tour and wishing to remain in Bangkok overnight at their own expenses, they need to return back to the ship on the second day by independent arrangements.**

## LMC-R / Ayuttaya - A World Heritage Site

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 11.00 hr(s)



This full-day excursion offers a visit to one of Thailand's most majestic historical sites, included on UNESCO's World Heritage list since 1991. Begin your outing with a 2.5-3 hours drive north to Ayutthaya, considered one of Thailand's major attractions. Then, enjoy visiting the following highlights:

### Bang Pa-In Summer Palace

En route to Ayutthaya wall, make a visit at the Bang Pa-In Summer Palace. The palace comprises a collection of buildings of various ages and various architectural styles surrounded by a lake. Built in the 17<sup>th</sup> century and left unoccupied when Bangkok became the capital, the palace gained importance again in 1851 when King Mongkut restored it and resumed residence there. Enjoy a visit and marvel at the richly decorated turn-of-the-century European aristocratic style, interspersed with whimsical Thai touches.

### Ayutthaya Historical Park

Continue drive to the ruined city of Ayutthaya was once the ancient capital of Siam for four centuries and in its heyday was said to be more beautiful than either London or Paris. Located on a 2.5-mile (four kilometre) island at the confluence of three rivers, Ayutthaya was once encircled by a seven-mile (11-kilometre) wall. After the destruction of the city by the Burmese in 1767, a new dynasty was established and the capital was moved to Thonburi. Today, much of the ancient fabled city is contained within a Historical Park, where archaeological studies are still carried out.

While many of the buildings are in ruins, those drawn to relics of the past still find a visit to the remaining temple compounds and numerous structures awe-inspiring and a memorable experience. Begin the historical park tour with a noteworthy visit at the spectacular Wat Chai Wattanaram, reminiscent of Angkor Wat in Cambodia.

Take a break from sightseeing and enjoy lunch at the *Krungsri River Hotel* (or similar).

Afterwards, visit Wat Maha That, the major original construction was the high pagoda which was destroyed by Burmese invaders. Then visit Wat Phra Si Sanphet, the most important temple within the Royal Grand Palace compound, the equivalent of the Emerald Buddha Temple in Bangkok's Royal Grand Palace.

Following your visit, re-join your coach for the trip back to Laem Chabang and the ship.

**Please note: This tour requires an extensive amount of walking, for approximately 1 mile (1.6 km), with about 50 steps to climb. It is not suitable for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Anticipate hot and humid weather. Wear comfortable shoes and light-weight clothing; however, shorts and sleeveless shirts are not permitted and guests must dress modestly. Shoes must be removed to enter the buildings visited. We suggest you wear slip-on shoes and bring a pair of socks for comfort. Order of sites may vary and traffic can affect the tour duration. The drive between the Laem Chabang pier and Ayutthaya is approximately 2.5-3 hours in each direction.**

## SILVER SHORE PRIVATO

### LMC-100 / 1 Day Silver Shore Private Package - 2 Guests

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 10.00 hr(s)



Depart the ship for a 2-hour journey to Bangkok by a private car and guide. Upon arrival, enjoy a sightseeing drive of the city, followed by visit of Bangkok's most splendid attraction, the Grand Palace, the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, the Reclining Buddha Temple, a river cruise and flower market.

Itinerary, all arrangements, and prices are subject to change without notice. Silversea reserves the right to correct any errors or omissions.

### Bangkok City, Flower Market

Drive through the Bangkok old city, your first stop is at the Pak Klong Talad Flower Market for a stroll amongst the colourful display of the country's exotic flowers. Then, continue a short drive to the Grand Palace.

### Grand Palace

During this 60-minute visit, listen and look in awe as the guide points out the major highlights. Although King Vajiralongkorn lives today in the Dusit Palace in the northern part of the city, the Grand Palace is still used for certain ceremonial occasions. The grounds encompass over 100 buildings, representing 200 years of history and architectural experimentation. Most of the architecture, royal or sacred, can be classified as old Bangkok style - all of it simply overwhelming. The wat (temple) structures are colourful, comprising gilded stupas, polished orange and green tiled roofs, mosaic-encrusted pillars and rich marble pediments. Fabulous murals line the walls of the palace complex and glittering temple spires provide endless photo opportunities.

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### One-hour River Cruise

Board a private boat at the restaurant's pier for a cruise on the Chao Phraya River and canals. Watch the fascinating activities along the busy waterway, and see the Bangkok's most recognized landmarks on the river bank, Wat Arun - The Temple of Dawn. (Take caution getting in and out of the boat.)

### Temple of Reclining Buddha

Take a short walk from pier to visit Wat Wat Po - Temple of the Reclining Buddha. One of the largest and oldest temples in Bangkok, Wat Po is home to more than 1,000 Buddha images. It is named after the largest single Buddha image, that of a reclining Buddha measuring approximately 151 feet (about 46 metres) long and approximately 49 feet (about 15 metres) high. The Buddha image is decorated with gold plating on his body, and mother-of-pearl on his eyes and the soles of his feet.

Re-board your transportation for a return journey to the ship.

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## LMC-101 / 1 Day Silver Shore Private Package - 4 Guests

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 10.00 hr(s)

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## LMC-V / Silver Shore Privato: Private Car & Guide (Half Day)

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)



Explore Laem Chabang at your leisure during your half-day (4-Hour) sightseeing tour via private car. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

Depart the pier with your driver and English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned car and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

**Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to arrival in the port. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. Participation is limited to 2 guests per car. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this programme. Please see the Shore Concierge on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary in Pattaya and surroundings as within 4 hours limit it is not possible to visit Bangkok or Ayuttaya.**

### LMC-W / Silver Shore Privato: Private Car & Guide (Full Day)

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)



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### LMC-X / Silver Shore Privato: Private Van & Guide (Half Day)

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

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Depart the pier with your driver and English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned van and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

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### LMC-Y / Silver Shore Privato: Private Van & Guide (Full Day)

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)

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Depart the pier with your driver and English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned van and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

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# Ho Chi Minh City - Vietnam

## INCLUDED EXCURSION

### SGN-A / Saigon Discovery

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 5.50 hr(s)

This excursion provides an introduction to Ho Chi Minh City, formerly named Saigon, a vibrant and exciting city. Explore the highlights and have time to shop.

Departing the port, head toward Central Saigon to see or visit some of its many attractions.

#### History Museum

Start with a visit to this outstanding museum, considered the best place to get acquainted with Vietnam's history. Housed in a building from the early 1900s, the museum displays artefacts from the Bronze Age to the early communist presence in Vietnam. Other exhibits feature Cham art, ceramics, and traditional costumes.

Leaving the museum, the bus will take you to the Notre Dame Cathedral, distinguished by its imposing twin spires. Along the way, stop for photos at the splendid Reunification Palace and the elegant Saigon City Hall. Then, switching back to the coach, drive to China Town, known locally as Cholon.

#### Saigon Market

Visit the large market place in central Ho Chi Minh City *Ben Thanh* located in the Saigon Market. A short twenty minute stroll through Ben Thanh market offers a kaleidoscope of colours and a hive of activities.

#### Thien Hau Temple

Next, proceed to this beautiful temple built in 1825 and dedicated to the cult of Thien Hau, Goddess of the Sea and Protector of Sailors.

#### Lacquer Factory

The last visit is to one of Saigon's best known establishments for an introduction to the making of the city's renowned lacquer ware. Browse through the showrooms, where a fascinating array of items tempts even the most jaded shopper.

From here, the tour returns to the port. Time permitting and if you prefer, remain in town and make your own way back to the ship at your leisure.

**Please note:** This tour requires a moderate amount of walking. It is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Dress in lightweight clothing and bring sun protection; anticipate hot and humid weather. Order of sites seen or visited may vary. Bring local currency for any purchases; US dollars and credit cards are accepted in many stores.

### SGN-J / Saigon War Relics

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 5.50 hr(s)

Explore the museums and sites related to the Vietnam War and fall of Saigon during this compelling, half-day excursion to Ho Chi Minh City.

### Museum of Ho Chi Minh City

Depart the pier for the short drive to the centre of Ho Chi Minh City. Once called the 'Pearl of the Orient', Ho Chi Minh City is today a bustling metropolitan hub with a sea of motorbikes. Your tour begins with a visit to a Museum of Ho Chi Minh City which was the 1<sup>st</sup> Presidential Palace in the South of Vietnam before the Unification Palace. It has been a museum since 1999, beside the two main rooms about American, French War in Vietnam, it has a room showing the timeline about Ho Chi Minh City, and how does it developed until now. You also has a chance to discover a secret air raid shelter that located under this building.

### Reunification Hall

Your next stop will be visit to the Reunification Hall which is former Presidential Palace of the South Vietnamese regime. The Saigon regime collapsed on April 30, 1975, when a North Vietnamese Army (NVA) tank crashed down the front gate of the palace. Perhaps the most interesting of all is the bunker area inside the Palace which is former telecommunication center and war room of the South army. It is really worth your visit.

### War Museum

Next, re-board your coach and continue on to the War Museum. During your guided visit, explore war relics and detailed exhibits, at times shocking, about the American war in Vietnam. The museum comprises a series of themed rooms in several areas, with period military equipment placed within a walled yard. This museum is currently the most popular museum in Ho Chi Minh City, it has welcomed half of million visitors each day.

At the conclusion of your visit, re-board you coach for 20minutes drive back to the ship

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## SELECTED EXCURSION

### SGN-C / Good Evening, Saigon

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 4.50 hr(s)



Experience an evening of traditional Vietnamese food and cultural entertainment as you bid Saigon a 'good evening'.

#### **Majestic Hotel**

Begin with a transfer to the legendary *Majestic Hotel*, which, since 1925, has occupied one of the finest locations in Saigon, boasting stunning views of the Saigon River. After you are graciously welcomed by hostesses in traditional dresses, sip pre-dinner cocktails on the rooftop terrace, with its sweeping view of central Saigon. Both the old world boutique charm of the hotel and the elegance of the columned and arched classical French-colonial design help create a special ambiance for your evening.

The *Majestic* has gone through several reincarnations over the years, changes that reflect the tumultuous history of Vietnam. During World War II, the Japanese Imperial Army used this French colonial structure as their military barracks. During the Vietnam War, it was frequented by foreign correspondents and espionage agents. Enjoy a special show featuring traditional music, dances, and costumes from the northern and southern regions of Vietnam.

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Following the entertainment, proceed to one of the finest Vietnamese restaurants in Saigon to savour a feast of local specialties. All too soon this special evening of Vietnamese culture and tradition comes to a close and your coach returns you to the ship.

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## SILVER SHORE PRIVATO

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Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)



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JANUARY 14 2025, TUESDAY

# Ho Chi Minh City - Vietnam

## INCLUDED EXCURSION

### SGN-A / Saigon Discovery

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 5.50 hr(s)

This excursion provides an introduction to Ho Chi Minh City, formerly named Saigon, a vibrant and exciting city. Explore the highlights and have time to shop.

Departing the port, head toward Central Saigon to see or visit some of its many attractions.

#### History Museum

Start with a visit to this outstanding museum, considered the best place to get acquainted with Vietnam's history. Housed in a building from the early 1900s, the museum displays artefacts from the Bronze Age to the early communist presence in Vietnam. Other exhibits feature Cham art, ceramics, and traditional costumes.

Leaving the museum, the bus will take you to the Notre Dame Cathedral, distinguished by its imposing twin spires. Along the way, stop for photos at the splendid Reunification Palace and the elegant Saigon City Hall. Then, switching back to the coach, drive to China Town, known locally as Cholon.

#### Saigon Market

Visit the large market place in central Ho Chi Minh City *Ben Thanh* located in the Saigon Market. A short twenty minute stroll through Ben Thanh market offers a kaleidoscope of colours and a hive of activities.

#### Thien Hau Temple

Next, proceed to this beautiful temple built in 1825 and dedicated to the cult of Thien Hau, Goddess of the Sea and Protector of Sailors.

#### Lacquer Factory

The last visit is to one of Saigon's best known establishments for an introduction to the making of the city's renowned lacquer ware. Browse through the showrooms, where a fascinating array of items tempts even the most jaded shopper.

From here, the tour returns to the port. Time permitting and if you prefer, remain in town and make your own way back to the ship at your leisure.

**Please note:** This tour requires a moderate amount of walking. It is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Dress in lightweight clothing and bring sun protection; anticipate hot and humid weather. Order of sites seen or visited may vary. Bring local currency for any purchases; US dollars and credit cards are accepted in many stores.

### SGN-B / Saigon Street Food Experience

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 6.00 hr(s)



Discover the natural remedies and street food of Vietnam during this engaging, half-day excursion to Ho Chi Minh City.

#### Ho Chi Minh City and Saigon Food Street Market

Depart the pier for the Food Street Market. Following a guided and narrated stroll around Saigon Food Street Market. After the visit, drive to the Tan Dinh Market.

### Tan Dinh Market, Vendors and Food Stalls

Next, head to the large market place District 1 of Ho Chi Minh City, the Tan Dinh market, which is best-known for its down-home Vietnamese food. A number of vendors and food stalls in the market's food section offer dishes freshly-made to order. Various local dishes can be purchased here, including Vietnamese pancakes (banh xeo), fresh spring rolls (goi cuon), hue cakes (banh beo) and Vietnamese noodle soup (pho).

### Ngon Restaurant and Lunch

Leaving the Tan Dinh Market, re-board your coach and drive to the Ngon restaurant, which offers an extensive menu of foods gathered from northern to southern Vietnam. The concept behind the restaurant is to bring together many different street vendors under one roof. In this compact venue, a wide array of classic Vietnamese dishes from throughout the country are prepared with the flair, independence and simplicity of the impressive local street fare. A light Vietnamese lunch is served after exploring the food stalls. At the conclusion of your visit, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 30-minute drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking for approximately 547 yards (about 500 metres), at times over uneven and cobblestone surfaces, with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and at the sites visited. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. Lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes and sun protection are recommended.**

## SGN-D / Life in the Mekong Delta

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 7.50 hr(s)

Experience Vietnam, off-the-beaten path, to the heart of the Mekong Delta. Visit the local villages and cruise along the river for a rewarding and a truly unforgettable impression on this full-day excursion.

### Mekong Delta

Depart the ship in minivans for the 2.5-hour journey along a well-paved road to the Mekong Delta area. The mighty Mekong River, originating in Tibet and flowing through several countries before its 120-mile (193-kilometre) course through Vietnam, divides into nine river mouths, aptly called the Nine Dragon Delta by locals. This flourishing region is criss-crossed by numerous natural and man-made canals serving the local traffic.

### Cai Be & Mekong River

Following the drive on the highway your minivan will take you through some villages and small towns to arrive at a branch of the Cai Be River. Here, after a short comfort stop, board a local long boat for an interesting ride past villages and lush vegetation to the trading boat area. Depending on the arrival time to the river you may see local boats from which vendors sell their wares. Rising above the busy Cai Be village, you can spot the bell tower of a Catholic church built in the 19th century when the French tried to spread Christianity in the delta region.

### Scenic Mekong River Cruising

The scene while sailing along the Mekong river offers some great memory photo opportunities. A stop will be made for a visit to a local farm. Walk around the village and enjoy a refreshing cup of tea with your host. Continue sailing for a stop to a traditional workshop to learn about the typical daily activity. Following your visit, proceed for a traditional Vietnamese lunch at the local restaurant.

After dining, re-join your van for the 2.5 hour journey back towards Ho Chi Minh City and the ship.

**Please note: This tour requires an extensive amount of walking. The tour is suitable for mobility challenge guests as long as they are able to embark/disembark the van and maneuver on and off the local boat with little assistance. Lightweight, comfortable clothing and rubber-soled shoes are recommended. Transportation is by van (6-8 pax per vehicle). Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection and bottled**

**water. US dollars are accepted in the souvenir shops. Order of sites may vary. Meal substitutions cannot be accommodated. The drive from the pier to the Mekong Delta is approximately 2-2.5 hours in each direction and timings can be affected by traffic. A signed waiver is required to participate on this tour.**

## SGN-F / Cu Chi Tunnels

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 7.50 hr(s)



The Vietnam War, or the American War as it is known in Vietnam, pitched modern American technology against fierce Vietcong resistance waging a guerrilla war. On this full-day tour, experience a local perspective on wartime memories and the infamous Cu Chi Tunnels.

The two and half hour drive southwest from Saigon to the Cu Chi Tunnels is a pleasant foray into the surrounding countryside. It is hard to believe you are entering a former war zone of such strategic importance. The busy road passes through tranquil rice paddies where entrepreneurial villagers use the hot roadside as a platform for drying all manner of produce. Hundreds of sheets of paper dot the countryside, drying on woven racks in the relentless sun. A short stop is made at a small village for photos of the countryside view and paddy fields.

At Cu Chi, your guide explains the underground network, shows the displays of tools and weapons used by the guerrillas, and provides insight into the ingenious methods that the Vietnamese soldiers employed to remain undetected. Work on the tunnels began in 1948 during the war against the French, and greatly expanded throughout the 1960s.

Measuring 31 inches (80 cm) wide and five feet (1.5 metres) tall, the maze of tunnels was extensive, extending over 120 miles (193 kilometres). They included storerooms, sleeping quarters, kitchens, medical facilities and classrooms, and at one time, over 16,000 people lived in the tunnels. Most only 2 or 2.5 feet wide by 5 feet high (60-72cm X1.5 metres), the tunnels had thick roofs capable of withstanding the weight of tanks or the impact of bombs weighing up to 200 pounds (91 kilograms). Some have been enlarged to accommodate visitors at the site.

Following your visit to the tunnels, board your coach for your return to the ship.

**Please note: This tour requires a moderate to extensive amount of walking. It is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Walking through the tunnels requires additional exertion. Guests participating on this portion of the tour should be fit and not prone to claustrophobia; guests may opt not to enter the tunnels. In the tunnels closest to the surface the actual rooms may be open to the sky above, with the tunnels in between fairly short. Approximately one hour is spent on site Cu Chi site. In Cu Chi guests will see sensitive material, including graphic pictures and displays of the atrocities of war. Sturdy shoes, sun protection, and mosquito repellent are recommended. The duration of the drive between the pier and the tunnel are is approximately 2 hours in each direction.**

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Difficulty



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## SGN-L / Saigonese Coffee Culture

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 6.00 hr(s)

Discover how coffee is intertwined with the local population, culture and history of Saigon during this fun-filled, half-day coffee excursion.

### **Apartment Café, Sitting-Plump Café, Notre Dame Cathedral, Post Office, Reunification Palace**

This old apartment was formerly frequented by naval officers during the post-war period after Reunification Day in 1975, and features several little coffee shops within it. The cafe is somehow able to keep a traditional Saigonese feel to it, even though it sits in the centre of an otherwise modern part of town. After visiting the different coffee shops inside the Apartment Café, re-board your coach and drive to *Café B t*, the 'Sitting-Plump Café'. In the central park near the Notre-Dame Cathedral, Central Post Office and Reunification Palace, students, workers and even foreigners can be found with a plastic cup of this cafe's coffee in-hand. This area also offers wonderful views of some of the city's most attractive highlights.

### **Racquet Café, Saigon Retro Concept Café & PHO Noodle Shop for snack/lunch**

Next, re-board your coach and drive to *Café Vot*, the 'Racquet Café'. During your visit, observe how they brew their coffee in the traditional way for its unique and special taste, and enjoy their coffee on the sidewalk filled with tiny plastic stools. Your last stop is at the *Saigon Retro Concept Café*. Located in a small valley, this eclectically-furnished café exudes a laid-back vibe and cool, retro feel. Following a cup of coffee here, drive to *Pho*, a local noodle shop for snack lunch with a noodle soup or 'bánh mì', a type of sandwich that consists of a Vietnamese baguette that is split lengthwise and fille with various savoury ingredients, along with a cup of coffee. Coffee here is not just a drink, but a social aspect of life. Morning, noon and/or night, coffee is for people of all ages and classes, and a part of Saigon's history is brewed into every cup of coffee made here.

Following your Vietnamese -snack lunch, re-board your coach and commence the short drive back to the pier.

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## SELECTED EXCURSION

## SGN-C / Good Evening, Saigon

Difficulty



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## SILVER SHORE PRIVATO

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Difficulty



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Difficulty



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JANUARY 15 2025, WEDNESDAY

# Ho Chi Minh City - Vietnam

## INCLUDED EXCURSION

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Difficulty



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Difficulty



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JANUARY 17 2025, FRIDAY

# Chan May (Hue/Danang) - Vietnam

## INCLUDED EXCURSION

### CHM-A / The Streets of Hoi An

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)



Vietnam's culture and heritage fascinate all who visit. On this full-day exploration of the streets of Hoi An, Vietnam's treasure chest of history. This picturesque river town has remained unchanged for centuries. Initially an important trading port, Hoi An boasts some of Vietnam's most historic architecture as well as colourful temples and old community houses. Visit the Hoi An Museum, experience a guided walking tour of the town and enjoy a traditional lunch. Enjoy some shopping time and the opportunity to take some photos at Marble Mountain to round out the day's journey.

#### Hoi An

Travel for approximately 75-minutes via coach from the pier to Hoi An, a pretty river town that has earned a UNESCO World Heritage Site designation. Your walking tour begins along its colourful streets, which have remained largely unchanged for centuries before you enter the Hoi An Museum. Housed in a traditional merchant's house, this museum is known for its fine collection of objects relating to the town's heyday as an important trading port.

#### Phuoc Kien Temple

Next, visit the Phuoc Kien Temple, a structure built in honour of Thien Hau, the Goddess of the Sea.

Perhaps one of the most intriguing and beautiful of Hoi An's sights is the Japanese covered bridge. Built in 1593 over a stream, it is a wonderful amalgamation of Chinese, Vietnamese, and Japanese architectural characteristics. Appropriately, it connects Hoi An's Japanese and Chinese districts. At the centre of the bridge stands a small temple.

Following lunch at a local restaurant, return to the town and its busy streets to do some shopping in the lively open-air market.

Your tour concludes at the pier.

**Please note: This tour requires an extensive amount of walking to take in all the sights; exploration of the town is entirely on foot, for approximately 2.5 hours, mainly on flat ground, with some steps to climb. Lightweight clothing and comfortable walking shoes are recommended. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Guests wishing to independently hire a trishaw for the open air market visit may do so. Due to the popularity of sights visited, dense crowding can be anticipated and the order of sights seen may vary. Please exercise caution with personal items in the market area, particularly when walking through crowded areas frequented by tourists. Bring local currency for any purchases; US dollars and credit cards are accepted in many stores.**

### CHM-C / Da Nang & Marble Mountain Beach

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 5.50 hr(s)

Discover the history of Vietnam, both ancient and more recent, on this visit to Da Nang and Marble Mountain Beach. Highlights of this half-day outing include the Cham Museum, Han Market, Marble Mountain village, and Marble Mountain Beach.

#### Da Nang

Your adventure begins with a transfer of approximately 75 minutes to Da Nang. Visit the Cham Museum, a rather primitive yet altogether charming museum boasting an extensive array of Cham artefacts. The museum's more than 300 pieces are displayed outdoors, which proves to be an appropriate space for its collection of temple decorations and sandstone sculptures. The exhibits represent four time periods and are named after the geographic regions where the pieces were found.

### **Pedicab ride**

Enjoy a pedicab ride from the Cham Museum to Han Market, winding through the small side streets of Da Nang to experience the heartbeat of the city. Riding in a pedicab, or cyclo, pronounced see-klo, offers a charming and intimate way to experience the hectic pace of Da Nang. Be pedaled through this animated and bustling city, and enjoy numerous opportunities for photos of the industrious vendors, streets full of motorcycles and pedicabs, local markets and colonial buildings

### **Han Market**

Having become acquainted with the treasures of an ancient culture, continue with a drive to the nearby Han Market, where you will find the offerings of modern commerce.

After your investigation of this colourful marketplace, re-board the coach and travel next to the village at Marble Mountain.

### **Marble Mountain**

King Minh Mang in 1837 named the mountains of Ngu Hanh after the five basic elements of the universe: Kim mountain (metal); Moc mountain (wood); Thuy mountain (water); Tho mountain (earth); Hoa mountain (Fire). In Marble Mountain Village, the skilful hands of the area's talented workers have created thousands of stone statues. Of particular note are the different coloured pieces, very interesting to most stone lovers.

### **Marble Mountain Beach**

The sandy beach at Marble Mountain Beach is more than 25 miles (40 kilometres) long. During the Vietnam War, American Marines and South Korean troops used this area as a basecamp. Since then, many famous resorts have been built along the beach. Sip a local drink, relax, and enjoy the sea breeze, sun, and sand. If you feel adventurous, go for a swim, climb the nearby mountain with more than 100 steps to see both the area pagoda and caverns, or admire the view of Da Nang and Marble Mountain Beach.

Afterwards, the coach returns you to the ship in Chan May.

**Please note: Pedicabs are not equipped with seat belts and they are very basic. All guests are required to sign a waiver before participating. This tour requires a moderate amount of walking, some of which is over uneven ground. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Guests who would like to swim at Marble Mountain Beach should wear a swimsuit with cover up. The order of sights seen may vary. Please exercise caution with personal items in the market area, particularly when walking through crowded areas frequented by tourists. Bring local currency for any purchases; US dollars and credit cards are accepted in many stores. The tour is involving traffic intersection and narrow roads. Heavy traffic will occur in certain time and some streets of the tour. Pedicabs will travel alongside with other transportation, no separate lane.**

## CHM-D / Ancient Hue & Perfume River

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 8.25 hr(s)

Relive Vietnam's royal grandeur and become immersed in her culture as you visit the imperial city of Hue (pronounced 'whay'), with a cruise on the Perfume River. Adding to your experience is a stop at a lively marketplace and a visit to the magnificent tomb of Emperor Minh Mang.

Begin your day at the pier in Chan May, where you board an air-conditioned coach for the approximate 1.5-hour journey to Hue.

### **Hue**

Located eight miles (thirteen kilometres) from the coast and close to the Laos border, Hue has long been known as the 'Imperial City of the Nguyen Emperors'. The Emperors rose to glory during their reign from 1802 to 1945 and were the last ruling family of Vietnam. The city's fascinating treasures include the Imperial Citadel, Kings' Tomb, temples, and pagodas.

### Royal Citadel

Functioning as the centre of imperial activity for 13 emperors of the Nguyen Dynasty, the city boasts impressive buildings and a sense of history. Gain an appreciation of that history with an exploration of the Royal Citadel. Built by Emperor Gia Long in 1804, the citadel features what is called the Noon Gate, or 'Ngo Mon'. This is the spot where kings announced the yearly calendar and the names of new doctors of philosophy.

The Palace of Supreme Harmony and adjoining Esplanade of Great Salutation were equally important in imperial life, hosting coronations, emperors' birthday parties, and court proceedings. Having been restored, the early-19th-century palace retains much of its original grandeur.

Continue your walking introduction of the Citadel with a look at the Imperial Enclosure. The Citadel's comparison to China's Forbidden City will be apparent as you observe this intriguing citadel within a citadel.

### Thien Mu Pagoda

Next, visit Thien Mu Pagoda, located a short drive from the Citadel. Founded in 1601 by Lord Nguyen Hoang, the governor of Thuan Hoa Province, Thien Mu is the symbol of the city and one of the holiest pagodas in all of Vietnam. With its days as a hot-bed for anti-government protests long past, the pagoda today is a serene place where novice gardeners tend bonsai and monks deliver incantations.

### Dragon Boat Cruise

Awaiting you in front of the pagoda is your dragon boat. Climb aboard and cruise on the Perfume River in a similar manner to that of the kings who travelled this route before you. Take in the sights and savour tranquillity as you relax. Afterwards, travel to the lunch venue, where Vietnamese cuisine is offered.

### Emperor's Tomb

There is one more stop on your comprehensive itinerary: a visit to the magnificent tomb of Emperor Minh Mang. Considered the most brilliant emperor of the Nguyen Dynasty, Minh Mang had his tomb built on the west bank of the river. The tomb features unique green and yellow tiles.

From this picturesque spot, begin your return journey to Chan May.

**Please note: The driving distance between Chan May and Hue is approximately 1.5 hours in duration. Sightseeing in Hue requires an extensive amount of walking; comfortable shoes are essential. This tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. The order of sites seen or visited may vary. Please exercise caution with personal items in the market area, particularly when walking through crowded areas frequented by tourists. Bring local currency for any purchases; US dollars and credit cards are accepted in many stores.**

## CHM-F / Hoi An by Bike & On-Foot Discovery

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)



Embrace the spectacular beauty and history of Hoi An by bicycle and on-foot during this panoramic, full-day sightseeing excursion.

### Chan May, Da Nang, Rice Fields and Rural Villages

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 75-minute drive to Da Nang, a lovely town situated on the banks of the Han River. Upon arrival, receive your safety instructions and helmet, and begin your guided bicycle adventure to Hoi An. Along the way, pass by rural villages and family temples decorated in varied motifs, and see local people farming in their fields and vegetable gardens, working on their long boats and drying fishing nets. On the approach to Hoi An, cycle past rice fields and rural agricultural villages, then cross a beautiful bridge spanning the river and enter the historic town of Hoi An.

### Hoi An & Free Time

The 15-century town of Hoi An is an exceptionally well-preserved example of a traditional Asian trading port. Upon arrival, take a guided walking tour of Hoi An. The moss-covered walls and well-preserved communal houses and pagodas of Hoi An offer a unique insight into what life was like in centuries past, and reveal why the city is an UNESCO World Heritage Site. Highlights include the Japanese Covered Bridge, Hoi An Museum and local market. Afterward, some free time is made available to explore Hoi An at your leisure. You can take a stroll through the market and museum, browse for souvenirs, and visit the Fukien Sea Goddess Temple and Ancient House.

### Lunch and Marble Mountain

Next, proceed for a Vietnamese lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, proceed for a photo stop at panoramic Marble Mountain via coach. At the conclusion of your visit, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 75-minute drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves an extensive amount of bicycling for about 1 hour (about 9 kilometres in total), and walking for approximately 1.24 miles (about two kilometres). Walking in Hoi An is at the discretion of each guest. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility and guests who utilise a wheelchair. This tour is recommended for guests who are in good physical condition and experienced bike riders, and have recently ridden or are confident on a bicycle. Participants must also be comfortable with hand brakes, and riding downhill. Guests are advised to wear lightweight, comfortable clothing in layers with flat, closed-toe walking shoes, and bring sun protection and raingear from the ship. Helmets are included, and must be worn at all times during the bicycle-riding portion of this tour. The maximum weight of each participating guest must not exceed 198 pounds (about 90 kilograms). Guests must be at least 18 years old to participate on this tour. A signed waiver is required to participate on this tour. The tour sequence may vary. Operation of this tour is subject to weather conditions. Heavy traffic will occur in certain time and some streets of the tour.**

### CHM-H / Hoi An On Your Own Exploration

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 7.50 hr(s)

Hoi An is the ancient and charming town. Take a walking tour through this pedestrian-friendly village, which was known as Faifo when it was the Cham Kingdom's main international port. Between the 17th and 19th centuries, Hoi An was considered the best trading destination in all of Southeast Asia. Full of history and culture, the city's Old Town is a delight, with its small shops and winding lanes. It is the only town in Vietnam that been so well preserved, and this port town's international history is reflected in its architectural styles and customs. The wooden houses, temples and pagodas reflect Chinese and Japanese influences, as do the textile and ceramic crafts that can be purchased as a souvenir of your visit.

This transfer may suit you if you would like to explore on your own. It consists of a motor coach ride from the ship to Hoi An. The coach escort will advise you of the pick-up time and location for the return journey. Please be at the pick-up point 15 minutes prior to departure, as the coach is not allowed to wait.

**Please note: This tour requires from a minimum to a moderate amount of walking to take in all the sights; exploration of the town is entirely on foot, for approximately 2.5 hours, mainly on flat ground, with some steps to climb: walking is at guests' discretion. Guide service, taxi transfers and meals are not included in the transfer price. Entrance fee to Hoi An is included. It will be your responsibility to be at the drop-off point at the given return time. An English-speaking escort will be aboard the transfer motor coach to answer questions en route. Wear comfortable shoes. Bring a hat, sunscreen and water. Modest attire is required to enter religious monuments; knees, shoulders and midriffs must be covered.**

## SELECTED EXCURSION

## CHM-B / Cham Civilisation (Archeological Site)

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 8.50 hr(s)



This full-day excursion combines an exploration of Da Nang's Cham Museum with a visit to My Son Holysee, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Savour lunch at Marble Beach and take in the views of Marble Mountain on this overview of the southern areas of Vietnam.

**Da Nang**

Depart the pier and travel by coach to the Cham Museum in Da Nang, a journey of approximately 75 minutes. The road south from Chan May is scenic, with tall sand dunes along the coast and numerous rice paddies and water buffalo in the fields. As you venture through the centre of Da Nang, discover a charming town, with ornate temples and colonial-style buildings.

Arriving at the Cham Museum, stroll through its outdoor exhibits of sandstone sculptures and temple decorations created between the 4th and 14th centuries by the Cham people. The displays are grouped into four time periods, and named after the regions in which the sculptures were discovered. Your guide, well-versed in Cham history provides a comprehensive explanation of these relics.

**My Son Holysee (archaeological ruins)**

Your next destination is My Son Holysee. This World Cultural Heritage Site is a large complex of religious relics that comprises more than 70 architectural works, and includes temples and towers connected to each other by a series of intricate red brick designs. The main component of the site's Cham architectural design is the tower, which was built to reflect the divinity of the king. During your visit to My Son Holy Land, listen to your guide's lecture and see the 1,000-year-old brick ruins of temples built by Central Vietnam's Hindu Chams, which were damaged during the Vietnam War.

**Marble Beach**

Venture next to Marble Beach, the famed stretch of sandy coastline that served as a place for military personnel to find some R & R, and for Hollywood to shoot movies. With its Marble Mountain views and five-star resorts, it has become a favourite stomping ground for international travellers and ex-patriots. Enjoy lunch refreshment and a chance to relax at the resort on the beach.

**Marble Mountain**

Re-board the coach and travel next to the village at Marble Mountain. Shaped like a dragon at rest, Marble Mountain is actually a series of marble and limestone formations, each named after an element: metal, wood, water, fire and earth.

After your brief visit here, travel back to Chan May and the ship.

**Please note: This tour requires an extensive amount of walking, some of which is over uneven ground. It is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Guests who would like to swim at Marble Beach should bring a swimsuit with cover up. The order of sights seen may vary. Please exercise caution with personal items in the market area, particularly when walking through crowded areas frequented by tourists. Bring local currency for any purchases; US dollars and credit cards are accepted in many stores.**



## CHM-E / Cooking Class & Hoi An Exploration

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)

Experience a taste of Vietnam's cuisine in one of its more picturesque towns, on this full-day local culinary exploration. Meet your guide on the pier and depart via coach for the approximate 75 minute ride to Hoi An, a pretty river town that has earned a UNESCO World Heritage Site designation.

On arrival, meet the chef of Vy Market and head off to the local market with its neat displays of wares and produce. The chef will select items that will be used later in the preparation of local delicacies.

Walk to the cooking school, one of Hoi An's best, and learn about Vietnamese cuisine. At your cooking station, follow the demonstrations of an expert chef who will teach you to prepare such Vietnamese delicacies as spring rolls, grilled chicken, rice pancakes and chicken and mango salad. Then sit back, relax and enjoy the dishes you have prepared.

After lunch, set off with your guide to the Hoi An Museum. Housed in a traditional merchant's house, this museum is known for its fine collection of objects relating to the town's heyday as an important trading port.

Next, visit perhaps one of the most intriguing and beautiful of Hoi An's sights, the Japanese covered bridge. Built in 1593 over a stream, it is a wonderful amalgamation of Chinese, Vietnamese, and Japanese architectural characteristics. Appropriately, it connects Hoi An's Japanese and Chinese districts. At the centre of the bridge stands a small temple.

Board the coach for the journey back to the ship.

**Please note: This tour requires an extensive amount of walking to take in all the sights; exploration of the town is entirely on foot, for approximately 2.5 hours, mainly on flat ground, with some steps to climb. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. Guests wishing to independently hire a trishaw for the market visit may do so. Lightweight clothing and comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Due to the popularity of sights visited, dense crowding can be anticipated and the order of sights seen may vary. Please exercise caution with personal items in the market area, particularly when walking through crowded areas frequented by tourists. Bring local currency for any purchases; US dollars and credit cards are accepted in many stores. Minimum age is 12 years.**

## CHM-J / Hue Heritage, Culture & Traditions

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 7.50 hr(s)

Embrace the centuries old heritage, culture and traditions of the 'Imperial City' and its people during this scenic and informative, full-day excursion to Hue.

### **Chan May, Hue, Thuy Bieu, Perfume River, Ornamental Fences, Cottages, Gardens**

Depart the pier for the scenic, approximately 1.75-hour drive to Hue, the 'Imperial City'. Upon arrival, visit Thuy Bieu, the centuries-old village of Hue City. Located on the banks of the Perfume River, approximately four miles (about 6.4 kilometres) from Hue, the village remains mostly intact, despite the ravages of time and war. Its architecture is typical of the region, with ornamental fences carved out of trees and small cottages tucked away in luxuriant gardens. Whilst the outside world is ever-changing, this small slice of Vietnam remains in the past, a window into another time.

### **Open-Air Taxi-Ride, Local Home Visit, Incense- and Candy-Making, Ancestral Temple**

Take an electric, open-air taxi to a local home. During your visit, tour the local home to learn how they live, and make incense and candy. A visit is also made to one of the oldest ancestral temples in this village to learn more about the worshiping culture of people in central of Vietnam. Following your visit, re-board your coach and head to the Ngoc Son Princess' Residency.

### Ngoc Son Princess' Residency and Gardens House Tour

Constructed in 1921 under the reign of Khai Dinh and renowned as one of the traditional garden houses in Hue, the Ngoc Son Princess' Residency encompasses approximately 2.83-million square yards (about 2.37-million square metres). This beautiful old campus includes three compartments, two wings, one outbuilding and one kitchen. Upon arrival, you are welcomed by the current resident of this property, who escorts you on a private tour. A very refined woman, she explains the legacy of this property, which belonged to her great grandmother, a daughter of the Emperor Dong Khanh. The Gardens House has been kept by the family since the turn of the last century, almost seven generations. The gardens were laid out according to feng shui principles, and boasts a pleasant and serene setting.

### Lunch, Hue Citadel, 'Luc Bo' Culture Space, Interactive Handicraft-Making Experience, Royal Tea

Following your guided tour, a Vietnamese lunch is served in the Gardens House. After lunch, re-board your coach and drive to the 'Luc Bo' Culture Space, a place that brings you closer to the culture of the Nguyen Dynasty and Hue's people. Located inside the Hue Citadel, the building was a former school of the Prince during the Nguyen Dynasty, and some of its historic vestiges still remains. During your visit, enjoy an opportunity to experience Hue traditional handicrafts such as painting a conical hat, making a kite and Hue lantern, and savouring royal tea. At the conclusion of this interactive cultural experience, re-board your coach and commence the approximately 1.5-hour drive back to the pier.

**Please note: This tour involves a moderate amount of walking for approximately 219 yards (about 200 metres), with a few steps to negotiate to get on/off the coach and three-four steps at each venue. This tour is suitable for guests with limited mobility, but is not wheelchair-accessible. Lightweight, comfortable clothing with flat, closed-toe walking shoes and sun protection are recommended. Guests must be at least 12 years old to participate on this tour. The tour sequence may vary. Space on this tour is extremely limited; we suggest you book well in advance to avoid disappointment.**

## SILVER SHORE PRIVATO

### CHM-V / Silver Shore Privato: Private Car & Guide (Half Day)

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)



Explore Chan May at your leisure during your half-day (4-hour) sightseeing tour via private car. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

Depart the pier with your driver and English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned car and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

**Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to arrival in the port. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. Participation is limited to 2 guests per car. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this programme. Please see the Shore Concierge Office on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary.**

### CHM-W / Silver Shore Privato: Private Car & Guide (Full Day)

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)



Explore Chan May at your leisure during your full-day (8-hour) sightseeing tour via private car. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

Depart the pier with your driver and English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned car and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

**Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to arrival in the port. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. Participation is limited to 2 guests per car. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this programme. Please see the Shore Concierge Office on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary.**

### CHM-X / Silver Shore Privato: Private Van & Guide (Half Day)

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)



Explore Chan May at your leisure during your half-day (4-hour) sightseeing tour via private van. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

Depart the pier with your driver and English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned van and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

**Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to arrival in the port. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. Participation is limited to 6 guests per van. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this programme. Please see the Shore Concierge on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary.**

### CHM-Y / Silver Shore Privato: Private Van & Guide (Full Day)

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)



Explore Chan May at your leisure during your full-day (8-hour) sightseeing tour via private van. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

Depart the pier with your driver and English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned van and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

**Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to arrival in the port. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. Participation is limited to 6 guests per van. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this programme. Please see the Shore Concierge Office on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary.**

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# Ha Long Bay - Vietnam

## INCLUDED EXCURSION

### HAL-A / Cruising Ha Long Bay by Junk Boat

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

Ha Long Bay ranks among Vietnam's most celebrated attractions and has been designated a World Heritage Site. Explore this wondrous seascape aboard local junks.

The name Ha Long Bay, meaning 'where the dragon descends into the sea,' has its origin in an ancient legend according to which a huge dragon appeared, aiding the local people in their fight against northern invaders. After victory was achieved, the dragon and its young remained, turning into a fence of rocky islets as protection from further invasion. Even today, sailors and locals still claim sightings of a giant sea monster.

Ha Long Bay's famed seascape offers fantastic images of fragmented limestone outcroppings, sheer cliffs, huge rock arches and tranquil coves. Some of the rock formations rise from the sea up to a height of 900 feet (274 metres), projecting strange images.

Explore this magical scenery onboard traditional junk. You will take a walk from the pier where the ship docks to the local wharf where you will board the local junks. Then head out on your approximately 3 hour cruise and relax as the vessel glides through breath-taking seascapes of fragmented limestone outcroppings, past huge rock arches, sheer cliffs, picturesque coves and islets rising out of the sea like green-clad monsters. Watch this amazing scenery unfold while enjoying some green tea. Your guide will point out and explain the most interesting sights - approximately 45 to 60 minutes will be spent cruising in the Bay. If weather permits an optional visit to Thien Cung cave will be done. After entering a narrow gate, the grotto's 130-meter-long girth opens up. Getting in we are astonished by the very animated and splendid beauty which is made from stalactite. On the east wall of the grotto, there is a grandiose and imposing picture with characters of heroic tales.

Your outing into the magic of Ha Long Bay concludes with your return to the local wharf and take a walk back to the ship.

**Please note: This excursion requires a minimal amount of walking; however, there are approximately 0.3 miles (500 meters) to reach the local wharf and three steps between the wharf and the junks to negotiate and some - depending on tide level - inclined walk down to the boats. We recommend wearing flat, rubber-soled shoes. Depending on the weather, you may wish to bring a sweater or windbreaker. A small selection of souvenir items is offered for purchase aboard each junk. Bathrooms (basic standard) are available aboard each junk. There are 150 - 200 steps in Thien Cung cave. Guests may stay on board the junk if do not want to visit the cave, expected to be wet and slippery (handrails not available). Plastic bottled beverage is not allowed in Ha Long Bay.**

### HAL-B / Ha Long Bay Kayak Exploration

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 7.00 hr(s)

Ha Long Bay is made up of 1,969 islands of various sizes, 989 of which have been given names. This densely concentrated zone of stone islands, world famous for its spectacular scenery of grottoes and caves, forms the central zone of Ha Long Bay, which has been named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This tour offers a great opportunity to paddle a two-person kayak on a unique adventure in Ha Long Bay.

Walk from the pier where the ship docks to the local wharf where you will board the local junks. Cruise for approximately an hour to the kayaking location in Ha Long Bay. Once in your kayak, explore the dramatic natural scenery and see Luon Cave and the fishing village.

After working up an appetite, re-board the junk to enjoy a delicious lunch. The adventure concludes with the visit to Hang Co cave before the relaxing cruise back to the local wharf and then a short walk to the pier.

**Please note:** This excursion requires a minimal amount of walking; however, there are approximately 0.3 miles (500 meters) to reach the local wharf and three to six steps between the wharf and the junks to negotiate and some - depending on tide level - inclined walk down to the boats. This tour requires approximately 1.5 hours of paddling and is only recommended for guests who are physically fit. We recommend wearing a swimsuit under your clothing; bring sun protection, a towel and a change of clothes from the ship. Waterproof cameras are also highly suggested. Kayaks accommodate one or two people. Life jackets are provided. Operation is contingent upon favourable weather and sea conditions. Minimum age to participate to the tour is 18.

## HAL-F / Zen Monastery & Local Village

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 5.50 hr(s)

Experience the insight of Zen Buddhism during this half-day tour.

### **Giac Tam Buddhist Zen Monastery**

Board the coach and drive for approximately one hour and 30 minutes towards the Giac Tam Buddhist Zen Monastery. Along the way, enjoy the views of the scenic countryside of Ha Long, passing villages surrounded by bamboo fences and lime stonewalls.

Learn of the history of Vietnamese's Buddhist Zen, set up by the Tran Kings who destroy the Kublaikhan troop in the 13th century. After their victory, they climbed into this primitive forest and dedicate their life to Buddhism. Visit the monastery; listen to the Zen lesson given by one of the monks as he demonstrates the proper techniques for Zen meditation.

### **Local Village**

Leaving the monastery, drive towards the Limestone Mountains, where you stop briefly for photos, before arriving at a local village and farm. At a local home, chat with the resident farmer, interact with the children and learn of their lives and ways of worship, while you sip a cup of tea. Visit the farmers' gardens, full of fruit trees from the north of Vietnam. Then, reboard the coach for the hour's return to the pier.

**Please note:** This tour involves moderate walking for approximately 2 hours with optional steps to climb approx. 170 steps with no hand rails. There is a slide path of 300 meters that is wheelchair accessible to the first wing of the monastery than there are 4 steps to climb to the entrance. The ground in the village may be unpaved with an uneven surface. This tour is not suitable for guests with limited mobility or for those who utilise a wheelchair. We suggest you wear flat, comfortable walking shoes. Please remember to bring your camera. The Zen lesson is given by the monks depending on their availability, otherwise guides will do the lesson presentation. The drive to/from Halong Bay and the Zen Monastery is approximately 1,5 hours each way and can be uncomfortable due to the local road conditions.

## HAL-I / Old Images of Red River Delta & Hai Phong

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 5.00 hr(s)

Hai Phong is the third largest city of Vietnam with a population of over 1.2 million, with a heavy industrial economy. It used to be heavily damaged during Vietnam war. However, this city is famous for its maritime and trade center in the Northern Vietnam at present. There also remains many ancient temples, communal houses as well as cultural activities in traditional hamlets and villages.

### **Dong Minh Village, Woo**

From the port, make your an hour and 30 minutes drive, passing the rural area of the Red River Delta before reaching Dong Minh village, a famous traditional village and considered as the cradle of the wood carving; wooden statue sculpture career in Hai phong. You will stop by a local house they do typical wood carvings.

### **Bao Ha Temple, Linh Lang God statue, local tasting**

Continue walking along the village paths to Bao Ha temple, which was founded since 15th century. It is dedicated to Linh Lang God, the God of the village and the Master of the traditional career of wood carving. Inside the temple you will be very surprised at a precious statue of Linh Lang God. It can stand up or sit down by its self. Let find how! Enjoy the local sweet potatoes and local green tea right served on the yard of Bao Ha temple while watching the local cultural activities performed by the villagers.

At the conclusion of your visit, beginning the journey back of an hour and 30 minutes to HaLong Bay and the ship.

**Please note: This tour requires an extensive amount of walking, with many steps to climb. The ground in the village may be unpaved with an uneven surface. It is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or those who utilise a wheelchair. We suggest you wear comfortable walking shoes. The order of sites seen or visited may vary. Traffic may cause delays. The drive to/from Halong Bay and Hai Phong is approximately 1,5 hour and can be uncomfortable due to the local road conditions. Comfort stops are by the villages, facilities are very basic.**

## SELECTED EXCURSION

### HAL-C / Hanoi Capital City Discovery

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 11.00 hr(s)



Explore the notable sites in the historical capital of Vietnam during this full-day outing.

Stretching along the banks of the Red River, Hanoi is a city of lakes, boulevards, parks, and a curious blend of colonial architecture and modern economic resurgence. Relax and enjoy the countryside during your mini-van drive to Hanoi, getting a glimpse of the scenic Red River Delta and its farming activities.

#### **Hanoi**

With its French-colonial style buildings, tree-bordered boulevards, numerous pagodas and scenic lakes, this thousand year old city offers many attractions. With a population of roughly three and a half million, Hanoi is the country's economic, cultural and political centre. Its unique atmosphere derives from a blend of East and West, with beautiful French colonial buildings standing next to traditional houses, historical monuments and revered temples. The city's streets teem with thousands of bicycles, vying for space with cars and buses. Upon arrival, enjoy an orientation drive while heading to Hanoi's main square, which you explore on foot.

#### **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum Area**

The huge square is dominated by the monumental shrine containing the embalmed body of the "Father of the Country". Opposite stands the impressive former Presidential Palace and one-time residence of the French Governor. There is time for photographs before walking to Ho's garden, located behind the mausoleum. Stroll past tranquil lotus ponds to Ho's cottage, a simple stilt house resembling the style of the ethnic hill tribes. Take a look inside this humble abode, which Ho preferred to living in the palace. Nearby stands the "One Pillar Pagoda", shrouded in local legends.

#### **Temple Of Literature**

Next, drive to this ancient temple complex, a pleasant retreat from the hustle and bustle of the city. Founded in 1076 during the Ly Dynasty, the temple complex is the site of the country's first university and the pride of the nation. The unique entrance gate and 82 stone steles bear witness to an early high level of education at the time when the country gained independence from Chinese occupation. Walk through walled courtyards with ancient pavilions and enter the ornate main shrine dedicated to Confucius. Leaving the Temple of Literature, head to the Hanoi lunch venue for a local fare mid-day meal.

#### **Fine Arts Museum**

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After lunch, proceed to Hanoi's Fine Arts Museum, housed in a building that once served as the French Ministry of Information. The structure, while very classical, has oriental touches to the roof and other details and the collections within its two wings range from ancient antiquities to contemporary art. The ground floor of the main wing houses the oldest artefacts. These include the sandstone sculptures of the Champa and Funan kingdoms. Among them is the elegantly carved Amitabha Buddha image, produced in 1057.

### **Hoa Lo Prison ("Hanoi Hilton")**

Visit to Hoa Lo Prison was a prison used by the French colonists in French Indochina for political prisoners, and later by North Vietnam for U.S. prisoners of war during the Vietnam War

Encounter a touch of old Hanoi with a stop at a tiny island located in the middle of Hoan Kiem Lake (Lake of the Restored Sword) and a visit to the Ngoc Son pagoda, reached by an arched footbridge. Experience the charming Old Quarter, which has survived surprisingly intact, and considered the most beautiful area of the city. Drive through the narrow streets, named for the products sold on each (Basket Street, Paper Street, Silk Street, Jewelers Street). The crafts of the past have given way to new products, but the fascinating color and activity of the old city endures. Enjoy free time to explore on foot before meeting your guide at the appointed time and beginning the journey back to HaLong Bay and the ship.

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## SILVER SHORE PRIVATO

### HAL-V / Silver Shore Privato: Private Car & Guide (Half day)

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)



Explore Halong Bay and its environs at your leisure during your half-day (4-Hour) sightseeing tour via private car. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

Depart the pier with your driver and English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned car and discover the city and surrounding areas at your own pace. Your exclusive tour concludes back at the pier.

**Please note: This tour is non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours prior to arrival in the port. Actual vehicle type varies depending on availability. Guide is English-speaking. Participation is limited to 2 guests per car. The price, exclusive of meals, entrance fees and gratuities, is per vehicle. Therefore, when making your reservation, please indicate the number of vehicles, not the number of guests. Only one person in the party needs to reserve this programme. Please see the Shore Concierge on board the ship to arrange your individual itinerary.**

### HAL-W / Silver Shore Privato: Private Car & Guide (Full day)

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)



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### HAL-X / Silver Shore Privato: Private Van & Guide (Half day)

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)



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### HAL-Y / Silver Shore Privato: Private Van & Guide (Full day)

Difficulty



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# Hong Kong - China

## DEBARK TOURS

### HKG-A2 / Highlights of Hong Kong (Tour & Airport Transfer)

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 5.50 hr(s)

This tour is available for disembarking guests with departing flights from Hong Kong's Airport after 5:00 p.m.

Explore some of Hong Kong's most popular historic landmarks during this tour and airport transfer.

Depart the pier for the drive across the harbour via the sub-ocean tunnel, and on to Hong Kong Island. Your scenic orientation tour begins with a visit to Victoria Peak.

#### Victoria Peak

From Garden Road, the brand new tram takes you for the eight-minute ride uphill to the 1,300-foot (396-metre) Victoria Peak. After taking in spectacular views and photo opportunities of Hong Kong and Kowloon, board a coach for the drive downhill. Next, your drive continues on to Aberdeen.

#### Aberdeen

Upon arrival, a sampan boat ride provides a fascinating look at this floating settlement. As you glide along the city's oldest harbour, your cruise takes you past houseboats, fishing sampans and floating restaurants. At the end of the cruise, re-board your coach for the ride to the Stanley Market via Deep Water Bay & Repulse Bay.

#### Stanley Market

Once a fishing village, Stanley Market has earned a reputation as a paradise for bargain hunters as well as for its interesting scenery. The narrow lanes are lined with small shops selling the latest in fashion clothing, such as overruns of designer jeans and sportswear, leather and silk clothing in Western sizes. In addition, a good selection of souvenir items can be found here.

During your visit, you can stroll around the market and perhaps make a few purchases. Leaving Stanley Market, your tour concludes with a drive to the airport.

**Please note: It includes a moderate amount of walking, with some stairs to climb and guests must be able to embark and disembark the coach and boat via steps. This tour is not suitable for guests who utilise a wheelchair. Comfortable shoes are recommended. This tour is available for disembarking guests with departing flights from Hong Kong's Airport after 5:00 p.m.**

### HKG-A3 / Hong Kong Exploration (Tour & Airport Transfer)

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 9.00 hr(s)

This tour is available for disembarking guests with departing flights from Hong Kong's Airport after 8:00 p.m.

Explore some of Hong Kong's most popular historic landmarks during this half-day orientation tour of the city.

Depart the pier for the drive across the harbour via the sub-ocean tunnel, and on to Hong Kong Island. Your scenic orientation tour begins with a visit to Victoria Peak.

#### Victoria Peak

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### Aberdeen Village

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### Hollywood Road and Ma Mo Temple

Hollywood Road is famous for the wide array of antiques and curios shops where one can find all kinds of trinkets and knick-knacks including the rare treasure. The Man Mo Temple is Hong Kong's oldest and most famous temples. It is named after the God of War and the God of Literature. Traditionally parents will bring their children at the beginning of the school year to pray for blessings.

### Tsing Ma Bridge and Viewing Platform

Billed as the world's longest road and rail suspension bridge, it is 2.2 km long and linked the new airport on Lantau Island to the Peninsular of Kowloon. The Viewing Platform offers even more details of the Tsing Ma Bridge's construction and incredible views for photographs.

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## INCLUDED EXCURSION

### HKG-A / Classic Highlights of Hong Kong

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 4.50 hr(s)

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Leaving Stanley Market, your tour concludes with a brief drive back to the port.

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## SILVER SHORE PRIVATO

### HKG-V / Silver Shore Privato: Private Car & Guide (Half Day)

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)



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### HKG-W / Silver Shore Privato: Private Car & Guide (Full Day)

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)



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## HKG-X / Silver Shore Privato: Private Van & Guide (Half Day)

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 4.00 hr(s)

Explore Hong Kong at your leisure during your half-day (4-Hour) sightseeing tour via private van. Customise your own itinerary or choose to see an overview of the area's highlights.

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## HKG-Y / Silver Shore Privato: Private Van & Guide (Full Day)

Difficulty



Price: Na - Duration: 8.00 hr(s)

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