

Vietnam and Cambodia Cycling Discovery 12 days

Trip overview

This 12-day Vietnam and Cambodia Cycling Discovery Tour takes you on an exhilarating journey through the stunning landscapes and rich cultural heritage of both countries. You will cycle through vibrant cities, peaceful countryside, and historic sites, such as the Mekong Delta, Angkor, and Phnom Penh. This adventure blends active exploration with deep cultural immersion, offering a unique way to experience Vietnam and Cambodia.

- **Durations:** 12 days
- **Trip outline:** Hanoi - Ninh Binh - Halong Bay - Ho Chi Minh City - My Tho - Phnom Penh - Siem Reap
- **Price from:** US \$2274/person
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://besttratetours.com/vietnam-tours/vietnam-and-cambodia-cycling-discovery-12-days.html>

Trip outline

day	Activities	Accommodations	Meals
Day 1	Hanoi Arrival	Hotel in Hanoi	NA
Day 2	Hanoi half-day city tour by bicycle (15-20 km)	Hotel in Hanoi	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 3	Hanoi to Tam Coc Biking Full Day (50 km Cycling)	Hotel in Hanoi	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 4	Hanoi - Halong Bay Overnight Cruise	Halong Bay Cruise	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 5	Halong Bay - Fly to Ho Chi Minh City	Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City	Breakfast, Brunch
Day 6	Ho Chi Minh Half-Day City Tour	Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City	Breakfast
Day 7	Saigon to My Tho (30 km cycling)	Hotel in Ho Chi Minh	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 8	Ho Chi Minh fly to Phnom Penh	Hotel in Phnom Penh	Breakfast
Day 9	Half-day Phnom Penh City Tour - Road Transfer To Siem Reap	Hotel in Siem Reap	Breakfast
Day 10	Cycling to Angkor (30 km)	Hotel in Siem Reap	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 11	Siem Reap Street Food Tour by Tuk Tuk	Hotel in Siem Reap	Breakfast
Day 12	Siem Reap departure	NA	Breakfast

Itinerary

Day 1: Hanoi Arrival

Our first day begins when you land at Noi Bai Airport, where a friendly driver will greet you and take you to your hotel in Hanoi. Once settled, you may explore the city's vibrant nightlife. You might choose to join optional tours to discover hidden gems or simply relax. Spending the night in Hanoi helps you to appreciate the city and get ready for tomorrow's journey.

Meals: NA

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 2: Hanoi half-day city tour by bicycle (15-20 km)

You will start a half-hour riding trip across famous Hanoi landmarks on the second day. Our guide will pick you up from your **Old Quarter** hotel and drive you to the meeting location.

You will get crucial safety information even while you savor the renowned egg coffee in Hanoi. This prepares you for an interesting morning touring the city's rich legacy. Starting this unusual journey, you could feel the vivid vitality of Hanoi.

Start the trip by crossing the ancient **Long Bien Bridge**, which provides breathtaking views of the Red River. You will then go to **Banana Island**, a serene haven where urban life coexists with natural beauty. We will discuss local communities here, sharing the stories of the Hanoi homeless.

This section of the road might help you to value resilience and simplicity even more. Spend some time savoring the peace before continuing.



After that, you will circle **Hoan Kiem Lake**, taking in its calm beauty, and then travel to **St. Joseph Church** in the French Quarter. You will also visit West Lake and the **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum** sites.

Remember that on some days, access to the mausoleum is limited. Still, witnessing these sites from the outside provides amazing picture chances. You will appreciate how every site relates to the past of Hanoi.

Following a great morning, we will provide you with a mouthwatering lunch with authentic Vietnamese tastes. At last, our driver will return you to your hotel, therefore ending your interesting journey. What a wonderful approach to exploring the appeal and culture of Hanoi! Today promises recollections you will treasure for a very long period.

NOTE: Sites will be viewed externally, with no interior visits included.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 3: Hanoi to Tam Coc Biking Full Day (50 km Cycling)

Morning

Depart from Hanoi and enjoy a scenic **2.5-hour drive** south through the Red River Delta to Hoa Lu, the ancient capital of Vietnam during the 10th and 11th centuries.

Visit the historic temples of the **Dinh and Le Dynasties**, where your guide will share stories of Vietnam's royal past and the legends of this former imperial city.

Begin your cycling journey through peaceful villages, vibrant rice paddies, gentle rivers, and dramatic limestone formations on quiet countryside roads leading to Tam Coc.

Arrive in Tam Coc and enjoy a relaxing Vietnamese lunch at a local restaurant, overlooking the serene karst landscape.



Afternoon

Continue cycling along country roads to reach Sunny Wharf, a tranquil dock where you'll board a traditional sampan boat. Drift along the **Ngo Dong River**, passing beneath towering karst mountains and weaving through serene rice fields - earning [Tam Coc](#) the nickname "Inland Ha Long Bay."

Explore three captivating limestone caves: Hang Ca, Hang Hai, and Hang Ba. The caves offer a magical, echoing journey as you glide under low ceilings and marvel at the natural rock formations.

Pause at a peaceful riverside shrine for a short rest before cruising back to the dock.

Return by bicycle to Tam Coc village, where your bus will be waiting. Depart for Hanoi, arriving in the evening.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 4: Hanoi - Halong Bay Overnight Cruise

Morning

After breakfast at **08:00**, we drive picturesquely to **Halong Bay** the first thing the next day. After a courteous driver gets you to the cruise port, the crew will help with check-in. You will board the cruise ship at midday and be welcomed with cool refreshments. Before sailing, the crew will walk you through safety precautions. Your Halong Bay trip officially starts here.

Afternoon

You can enjoy a great meal on board while the ship glides into quiet sections. In the afternoon, you might swim in the bay emerald seas or kayak across secret caverns. These pursuits will enable you to interact with the environment in a unique way.

Later on, you can join a cooking class to learn the traditional Vietnamese spring roll technique. Alternatively, you can dine at the lounge during Happy Hour.



The evening dinner on the cruise ship will be pretty good. The ship then provides entertaining events, including karaoke in the lounge and squid fishing. You might also play board games with other guests or watch night movies. If you are fluent in English, the team will make sure you are at ease during the travel.

NOTE:

- Note that the tour guide will not accompany you, but the crew will always be there to help.
- Depending on the cruise, you might transfer to a smaller boat to explore remote areas.
- The exact schedule may vary, but flexibility adds charm to this trip. Do not forget to soak in every moment of this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Halong Bay Cruise

Day 5: Halong Bay - Fly to Ho Chi Minh City

The early morning begins with a **Tai Chi session** on the sundeck, focusing on gentle movements and mindful breathing. If you prefer, you might sleep in and enjoy breakfast later. Afterward, the cruise will guide you to another iconic Halong Bay spot. At **10:00**, you will return to the ship to pack and check out.

Our driver will pick you up for the transfer to Hanoi by noon. Upon arrival at your hotel in the Old Quarter, you will have free time to relax. Later, our driver will take you to the airport for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Once there, you will be welcomed and picked up by our driver. This marks the start of your next exciting journey in vibrant Ho Chi Minh City.

Meals: Breakfast, Brunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City

Day 6: Ho Chi Minh Half-Day City Tour

The morning starts at **07:30** from Mr. Biker Saigon's garage, which is close to District 7. You will instantly find how different this calm and beautiful area is from the busy District 1 streets. You might discover hidden treasures of Saigon most tourists miss over the following few hours. These cover calm waterways, old train stops, and energetic markets.

You will journey to unusual locations, including the Saigon train tracks in **Phu Nhuan District** and the flower market in District 10. You could pause along the Thi Nghe Canal or Sala City in District 2. Every place provides a window into nearby culture and way of life. Expert guides will enliven your visit by sharing amazing tales about Saigon's history.



Later, you will visit famous sites, like **Notre Dame Cathedral** and the **Jade Emperor Pagoda**. Even if you do not enter every landmark, their magnificence from the outside will make an impression. Perhaps the **Reunification Palace** and **Central Post Office** would bring back Vietnam's rich past. These stops will let you value Saigon's modern as well as its traditional sides.

You will bike back to Mr. Biker's garage to finish the excursion by **12:00**. This half-day trip will help you to really experience Vietnam. This trip will remain unforgettable whether you appreciate famous locations or obscure alleyways.

NOTE: Landmarks are only viewed from the outside, with no scheduled visits inside.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City

Day 7: Saigon to My Tho (30 km cycling)

The day begins with an early pickup from your hotel for a transfer to Tan An. From there, you will cycle on dirt tracks and narrow roads toward **My Tho**. The ride will take you through stunning countryside filled with rice paddies, orchards, and villages. Along the way, friendly locals might greet you, offering seasonal fruits to taste. Children shouting "hello" will add charm to your journey.



As you pedal, you will pass lush vegetable gardens and scenic landscapes. You may stop to chat with villagers or enjoy their warm hospitality. The ride ends near My Tho, where you can choose a short transfer to [Vinh Trang Pagoda](#) or continue cycling if time allows. This visit will give you insight into local traditions before heading to **Dragon Island**.

Next, you will board a boat on the **Tien River** to explore **Dragon Island**. Here, you will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant surrounded by orchards. You might savor natural honey and honey wine while learning about coconut candy production. Listening to traditional music and tasting tropical fruits will deepen your connection to local culture.

Finally, you will glide through narrow canals lined with lush water coconut trees. This peaceful boat ride will bring you back to the city by late afternoon. Arriving at your hotel, you can relax and reflect on the day's experiences.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh

Day 8: Ho Chi Minh fly to Phnom Penh

Our driver will welcome you warmly when you arrive and assist with your transfer. You will feel the care and attention from the very start of your journey. As you get used to it, you may notice the friendly vibe that sets the tone for the adventure ahead.

This personalized welcome ensures you feel relaxed and ready to explore. With our driver by your side, you will know you are in good hands throughout your trip.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Phnom Penh

Day 9: Half-day Phnom Penh City Tour - Road Transfer To Siem Reap

The morning begins after breakfast when you follow our Cambodian guide for a city tour of Phnom Penh. You will first visit the **Independence Monument** - a symbol of Cambodia's freedom.

Then, you will head to the Royal Palace, a stunning example of Khmer architecture and the royal family's home. This iconic site might leave you in awe with its intricate details.



You will then see the **National Museum**, which has more than 5,000 relics bearing the rich history of Cambodia. Here, you can appreciate the best selection of Khmer sculptures available worldwide. Your path next leads you to the hilltop holy Buddhist temple known as [Wat Phnom](#). Surrounded by calm, you could learn fantastic tales about the creation of Phnom Penh.

Our guide will drive you 6 hours to **Siem Reap** from the Mekong Bus Station in the afternoon. Although the trip may seem long, the beautiful vistas along the way will keep you interested. When you arrive, you will check into your hotel and have some downtime following the day of discovery.

Finally, use this time to relax and prepare for the adventures ahead. Tomorrow, you will begin your exploration of Angkor Wat, one of Southeast Asia's most remarkable landmarks. Let the excitement grow as you look forward to what promises to be an extraordinary experience!

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Siem Reap

Day 10: Cycling to Angkor (30 km)

Morning

Our trip continues at **07:00** when you meet your guide for a quick briefing before grabbing your bike and helmet. Starting from your hotel, you will cycle on quiet, less-traveled roads toward the West Gate of **Angkor Thom**.

This route offers a more authentic view of traditional houses and fascinating architecture. Along the way, you might feel immersed in the serene countryside atmosphere.



Next, you will continue biking to the iconic **Bayon Temple**, which is famous for its 216 Buddha faces. Then, you will explore the mystical [Ta Prohm Temple](#). Afterward, you will stop for lunch by the royal bathing pool of **Srah Srang**, where you can savor local Cambodian flavors.

Afternoon

After lunch, the journey takes you to the majestic **Angkor Wat**, one of the world's most remarkable temples. This will mark the culmination of your cycling adventure.

Finally, a tuk-tuk will transfer you back to your hotel, giving you time to reflect on the day's discoveries. Remember to bring essentials like sunscreen, sunglasses, and insect repellent for comfort during the ride. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes to make your cycling experience enjoyable.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Siem Reap

Day 11: Siem Reap Street Food Tour by Tuk Tuk

On this evening, between **17:00** and **18:00**, our guide and Tuk Tuk driver will pick you up from the hotel. We will then head to a vibrant street food spot where you can sample local delicacies like fruits, spring rolls, tofu, and snails.

After savoring your meal, we will venture to a bustling night market filled with energy and charm. Here, you might try unique treats like bugs or barbecued dishes while soaking in the lively atmosphere.



We will make sure you visit booths reputed for good and hygienic cuisine, so you may enjoy every mouthful without thinking about it. As we investigate, feel free to ask your guide about Khmer tastes and culinary methods.

Hopefully, by the end of the trip, you will have tasted the actual spirit of the Siem Reap street cuisine scene.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Siem Reap

Day 12: Siem Reap departure

On your final day, you will have time to relax at the hotel before heading to the airport. You may reflect on the unforgettable moments from your journey, like cycling through Angkor Wat or savoring street food at night markets.

We hope this trip leaves you with cherished memories and a desire to return. Safe travels!

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: NA

Booking Policy

Inclusion

- Overnight in shared Twin/ Double room with Air-condition (AC) at hotel.
- All transport during tour on air - conditioned vehicle as per itinerary (including airport pick up & see off)
- All in-tour stationed local English speaking guide.
- Meals as indicated in the program

- Entrance fees as per itinerary
- 1 domestic flight Hanoi – Ho Chi Minh City
- 1 international flight Ho Chi Minh City - Phnom Penh

Exclusion

- Hotel EARLY check in & LATE check out
- Peak season surcharge & compulsory dinner at the hotel (if any)
- International flight to or from Vietnam with taxes
- Vietnam Visa (above 6 months passport Valid & 3 clear-page require)
- Passport Fees
- Travel Insurance
- Tips, laundry and gratuities
- Meals not marked on itinerary, and water during meals
- Tips for guide /driver (recommended US \$3-5 /pax /day)
- Tipping is completely up to you and should be based on your perception of the service quality

Cancellation Policy

- Cancellation received before 60 days: FREE of charge
- Cancellation received from 30 days to 59 days prior arrival date: 10% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 15 days to 29 days prior arrival date: 30% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 7 days to 14 days prior arrival date: 50% of total rate
- Cancellation received less than 7 days prior arrival date or No show: 100% of total rate

Children Policy

- The rate for children applicable for one child sharing a twin or double cabin with two adults.
- For infants (<04 years old): FOC except for domestic flight tickets.
- 04 - under 11 years old without bed: 50% adult rate.
- 04 - under 11 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate.
- 04 - under 11 years old in twin share: 90% adult rate.
- From 11 years old: count as an adult.

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