



# V I E T N A M & C A M B O D I A W A R H E R I T A G E

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**FEBRUARY 4 - 21 2027**

17 Days / 16 Nights Vietnam Tour

21 Days / 20 Nights Cambodia Extension

**Start:** Hong Kong    **Ends:** Ho Chi Minh City

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# Vietnam & Cambodia War Heritage Tour 2027

Embark on a profound journey through the landscapes and legacies of Vietnam and Cambodia's most pivotal conflicts.

This immersive tour offers a unique blend of history, culture, and breathtaking scenery as you explore iconic war sites, battlefields, and memorials from the Vietnam War and beyond.

From the dramatic Battle of Hong Kong and the vibrant streets of Hanoi to the haunting Cu Chi Tunnels and solemn My Lai Memorial, you'll gain deep insight into the courage, sacrifice, and resilience that shaped these nations. Along the way, enjoy authentic culinary experiences, including guided food tours and local specialties that reveal the heart and soul of the region.

Travel aboard a scenic overnight cruise through the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Halong Bay, kayak in serene caves, and discover ancient cultural treasures such as the imperial city of Hue and the majestic temples of Angkor Wat.

With expert guides, comfortable accommodations, and thoughtfully planned excursions, this tour invites you to walk in the footsteps of history while embracing the vibrant present-day culture of Vietnam and Cambodia. A meaningful adventure that balances reflection, discovery, and cultural immersion.

## THIS TOUR SPANS:

3 countries: Major capital cities Hong Kong, Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City  
UNESCO World Heritage Sites  
Vietnam War battlefields Colonial, imperial, and modern conflict sites

### Hong Kong

- Battle of Hong Kong sites & surviving defence structures

### Hanoi & Northern Vietnam

- Vietnam Military History Museum
- B-52 bomber crash sites (exterior views)
- "Hanoi Hilton" (Hoa Lo Prison)
- Ho Chi Minh Complex
- Temple of Literature
- Hanoi Motorbike Food Tour

### Halong Bay (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

- Halong Bay - Cat Ba Island - Surprise Cave - Me Cung Cave - Pearl Farm - Luon Cave - Ho Dong Tien - Trong Cave - Trinh Nu Cave - Soi Sim Island - Titov Beach - Tuan Chau Island

### Central Vietnam – Hue & DMZ

- Imperial Citadel - Imperial City & Forbidden Purple City - Thien Mu Pagoda - Perfume River - Vietnam War defence bunkers

### A Shau Valley & Battlefields

A Shau Valley - Camp Eagle - Firebase Birmingham - A Luoi - Hamburger Hill

DMZ (Demilitarized Zone)

Vietnam DMZ - Khe Sanh - Hien Luong Bridge - Ben Hai River - Rock Pile - Camp Carroll - Vinh Moc Tunnels - Highway No. 1

### Central Coast & Hoi An

Da Nang - Red Beach 2- Lang Co Beach - South China Beach - Cham Museum - Marble Mountains - Hoi An Ancient Town - Japanese Covered Bridge - Historic merchant houses

### Southern Vietnam

Ho Chi Minh City - Reunification Palace - War Remnants Museum - Chinatown (Cholon) - Notre Dame Cathedral (Saigon) - Chu Lai Base - My Lai Memorial

### Optional Cambodia Extension

Cu Chi Tunnels - Iron Triangle - Siem Reap & Angkor - Phnom Penh - Choeng Ek Genocidal Center (Killing Fields)



## Vietnam & Cambodia

Southeast Asia's history has been profoundly shaped by centuries of conflict, both internal and international. From colonial occupation and regional power struggles to Cold War-era proxy wars, the region has endured repeated upheaval. While this complex past might suggest societies defined by division, the reality—particularly in Vietnam—is quite the opposite. The Vietnamese people demonstrate remarkable resilience, and there is widespread support for the nation's continued recovery, unity, and forward momentum following decades of war.

Vietnam's story spans more than 4,000 years and includes prolonged resistance against foreign rule, culminating in the Indochina Wars and the Vietnam War—conflicts that left deep physical and emotional scars across the country. Today, former battlefields, tunnels, airfields, and memorials sit alongside thriving cities and peaceful countryside, offering powerful insight into how war shaped the modern nation. The mighty Mekong River remains the lifeblood of the region, transforming everything in its path and creating a landscape rich in cultural and strategic significance. Vietnam's breathtaking scenery, vibrant culture, gracious people, remarkable cuisine, and preserved war sites—along with hill-tribe communities, ancient temples, imperial courts, and pagodas—together illustrate the layers of influence that have shaped the country's evolving identity over millennia.

Cambodia's history is equally compelling and deeply affected by conflict. From the rise and fall of the Angkor Empire to the devastation of the Khmer Rouge regime and the Cambodian Civil War, the country has endured extraordinary hardship. Sites such as former prisons, killing fields, and memorials stand in stark contrast to the serenity of Cambodia's countryside and the splendour of its ancient temples. The warmth and resilience of the Cambodian people, combined with the visible reminders of both ancient achievement and recent tragedy, create a powerful and humbling understanding of a nation shaped by survival, remembrance, and renewal.



# Itinerary

**Day 1 & 2 Overnight flight to Hong Kong.**  
[Breakfast and Dinner will be Served on Board]

**Day 3 Thursday February 4**  
**Arrival in Hong Kong**

Upon your arrival, your guide will greet you just after clearing Customs and Immigration. Early check-in at your hotel where you'll have time to relax or enjoy a short orientation walk before dinner.

**Overnight:** Hong Kong  
**Meals Included:** Dinner

**Day 4 Friday February 5**  
**Battle of Hong Kong**

In December 1941, the Battle of Hong Kong erupted as British and Allied forces defended the territory against the Japanese invasion. After just 18 days of intense fighting, Hong Kong fell on Christmas Day, marking the beginning of the Japanese occupation. Many remnants of this brief but brutal conflict still dot the landscape today. On this guided tour, your expert guide will take you to key sites and surviving defence structures, sharing vivid accounts of the battle and offering insight into this pivotal chapter in Hong Kong's wartime history. For those interested, a City Tour will also be available prior to dinner.

**Overnight:** Hong Kong  
**Meals Included:** Breakfast

**Day 5 Saturday February 6 Hanoi**

This afternoon, we take a short flight to **Hanoi**, where you'll be immersed in the vibrant energy and organized chaos of this former French colonial city. After check-in, there will be time to freshen up before meeting Rose for our Evening **Food Tour**. During this 3-hour walking tour through Hanoi's atmospheric Old Quarter, you'll discover the city's rich history, culture, and architectural charm—through its food. Unlike the typical hot dog or pretzel stands of other cities, Hanoi's street food scene is a lively tapestry of local flavors, family-run eateries, and traditional recipes. You'll sample a rotating selection of regional specialties, which may include (subject to change): egg coffee, "Obama noodles," pillow cakes, dry noodles, green sticky rice, crispy Vietnamese pancakes, assorted donuts, and traditional Vietnamese sandwiches. This culinary journey offers more than just food—it's a window into the daily life, traditions, and soul of Hanoi.

**Overnight:** Hanoi  
**Meals Included:** Breakfast & Dinner

**Day 6 Sunday February 7**  
**Vietnam Military History & Cultural Highlights**

An exciting day in Hanoi begins with a visit to the **Vietnam Military History Museum**, followed by two unique sites where the wreckage of downed B-52 bombers has been preserved and displayed in situ (viewed from the outside, as it's Monday). We'll also stop at the infamous "**Hanoi Hilton**" prison, where American POWs—including Senator John McCain—were once held.

You'll get a real feel for the energy of Hanoi as we navigate its famously chaotic traffic. Along the way, we'll explore some of the city's cultural treasures, including the **Ho Chi Minh Complex** and the historic **Temple of Literature**.

For lunch, we'll enjoy a taste of Hanoi's most beloved local dish—"Obama noodles"—at the same restaurant where the former U.S. president dined.

After the day's touring, we'll return to your hotel for a short rest before heading out for an unforgettable evening experience.

**Hanoi Motorbike Tour: Food, Culture & Fun!**  
Hop on the back of a motorbike and explore the city like a local. This exhilarating ride takes you through a maze of zigzagging alleyways, colonial boulevards, and hidden corners of Hanoi—far beyond the typical tourist route. Along the way, you'll enjoy tastings of some of Hanoi's most delicious street foods while soaking in the rhythm, scents, and spirit of everyday life.

**Overnight:** Hanoi  
**Meals Included:** Breakfast & Dinner

**Day 7 Monday February 8**  
**Halong Bay Cruise**

Depart Hanoi for a scenic transfer to **Halong Bay**, where you board your overnight cruise through this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Upon arrival at the Emeraude Cruise Lounge, receive a warm welcome, enjoy a welcome drink, and attend a safety briefing. Lunch is served as the cruise sets sail through the tranquil waters between **Cat Ba Island** and Halong Bay.

Go ashore to explore either **Surprise Cave** or **Me Cung Cave**, followed by a visit to a traditional Pearl Farm with the option to kayak or learn about pearl cultivation. The day concludes with dinner on the upper deck under the stars and relaxed evening activities, including a film screening or seasonal squid fishing.

**Overnight:** Halong Bay  
**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**Day 8 Tuesday February 9 | Halong Bay – Ho Dong Tien**

A full day of natural beauty and tranquil cruising unfolds on Halong Bay. Begin the morning with a relaxed breakfast onboard before heading out by kayak to explore the serene **Luon Cave** area, surrounded by towering limestone cliffs and calm waters.

Return to the cruise to relax and enjoy the ever-changing views as lunch is served while sailing deeper into the bay. The afternoon brings further exploration of Halong Bay's highlights, including the mystical **Ho Dong Tien**, the impressive **Trong Cave**, and the picturesque **Trinh Nu Cave**.

The day concludes with free time to unwind on the sundeck, sunbathe, or simply take in the peaceful surroundings.

**Day 9 | Wednesday, February 10 | Titov Beach & Departure to Hue**

Enjoy a peaceful final morning on Halong Bay with Tai Chi on the sundeck and breakfast served as the cruise continues through scenic waters. Visit **Titov Beach** for a short guided walk before a light lunch onboard while sailing to **Tuan Chau Island**. Following disembarkation, transfer to Hanoi Airport for your flight to **Hue**. Upon arrival, meet your private driver for a transfer to your hotel and time to rest.

**Overnight:** Hue  
**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Light Lunch

**Day 10 Thursday February 11 | Hue City Tour**

Today, we explore the historic city of Hue—Vietnam's imperial capital from 1802 to 1945. Our day begins with a guided tour of the **Citadel**, including the vast Imperial City and the once-exclusive **Forbidden Purple City**. We'll also visit a nearby park featuring a striking display of captured U.S. military tanks and equipment from the Vietnam War. Next, we'll visit the iconic **Thien Mu Pagoda**, one of the oldest and most revered religious sites in the country. From there, we head outside the city to explore wartime defence bunkers overlooking the scenic **Perfume River**, offering insight into Hue's strategic importance during past conflicts.

This evening, we'll enjoy dinner at a local restaurant in town, where you'll sample Hue's flavourful central Vietnamese cuisine.

**Overnight:** Hue  
**Meals Included:** Breakfast & Dinner

**Day 11 Friday February 12 | A Shau Valley & Former Battlefields**

After breakfast, we journey north from Hue into the historically significant **Ashau Valley** - once a key strategic battleground during the Vietnam War. Along the way, we'll stop at several notable sites, including **Camp Eagle** and the former fire bases of Birmingham and A Luoi. A highlight of the day is our visit to the infamous **Hamburger Hill**, the site of one of the war's most intense and controversial battles.

Today's experience offers more than just a glimpse into military history. You'll have the rare opportunity to meet and engage with local experts and Vietnamese war veterans, who will share their personal stories and perspectives from this turbulent period in Vietnam's past.

**Overnight:** Hue  
**Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**Day 12 Saturday February 13 | Khe Sanh & Hien Luong Bridge – DMZ Tour**

After breakfast, embark on a full-day journey to the historic battlefields along the Vietnamese **Demilitarized Zone (DMZ)**. Following the 1954 Geneva Accords, Vietnam was divided along the 17th parallel, marked by the Ben Hai River and flanked on both sides by a 5-kilometer-wide no-man's-land.

Today, we will visit several significant sites including **Khe Sanh**, the iconic **Hien Luong Bridge**, the strategic **Rock Pile**, **Camp Carroll**, and the **Vinh Moc Tunnels**—an ingenious underground network used during the war. After exploring these historic landmarks, we'll return via Highway No.1 back to Hue.

**Overnight:** Hue  
**Meals Included:** Breakfast

**Day 13 Sunday February 14 | Da Nang & Hoi An**

Today, we visit **Da Nang**, Vietnam's third-largest city and a key site in the country's history. On March 8, 1965, the U.S. 9th Marine Brigade landed at Red Beach 2 in Da Nang, marking the official start of America's major involvement in the Vietnam War.

Along the way, we'll pause at beautiful **Lang Co Beach** and the famous **South China Beach**, then explore the **Cham Museum** - home to an impressive collection of Cham art and artifacts.

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We'll also visit the striking **Marble Mountains**, a cluster of limestone and marble hills dotted with caves, tunnels, and pagodas.

After checking into our hotel in nearby **Hoi An**, we'll take a guided walking tour through its enchanting streets. Highlights include the iconic **Japanese Bridge** and the ancient merchant houses, reflecting the town's rich history as a vibrant port and cultural crossroads.

**Overnight:** Hoi An

**Meals Included:** Breakfast & Dinner

## Day 14 Monday February 15 | Chu Lai Base & My Lai Memorial

Today, embark on a full-day walking tour to the former **Chu Lai Base** - also known as **Cam Doi Base** - in Quang Ngai province. This significant site offers a glimpse into military operations during the Vietnam War. Later, we will visit **My Lai**, the site of the tragic massacre of civilians on March 16, 1968, to pay our respects and reflect on this solemn chapter in history.

**Overnight:** Hoi An

**Meals Included:** Breakfast

## Day 15 Tuesday February 16 | Ho Chi Minh City

We will transfer to Da Nang Airport for our flight to **Ho Chi Minh City**, formerly known as Saigon. Upon arrival, our driver will meet us and transfer us to our hotel for check-in. Afterwards, enjoy a brief orientation walking tour to get acquainted with the vibrant streets and atmosphere of this dynamic city.

**Overnight:** Ho Chi Minh City

**Meals Included:** Breakfast

## Day 16 Wednesday February 17 | Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon)

Enjoy a full-day tour of Ho Chi Minh City, exploring key historical and cultural landmarks. Visit significant former war sites such as the **Reunification Palace** and the **War Remnants Museum**, followed by a stroll through vibrant Chinatown. The day concludes with a visit to the iconic **Notre Dame Cathedral**, a stunning example of French colonial architecture.

**Overnight:** Ho Chi Minh City

**Meals Included:** Breakfast

## Day 17 Thursday February 18 | Return to Canada

Today, we'll transfer to Ho Chi Minh City Airport for our flight back to Canada. Those on the Cambodia extension will fly to **Sam Reap**.

**Meals Included:** Breakfast

TOUR END

**Option for 4 day extension to Cambodia**

**Pricing available on request**



Cu Chi Tunnels, near Ho Chi Minh City.

## Day 18 Friday February 19 | Cu Chi Tunnels

Vietnam Airlines: SGN 7:25 PM – 8:35 PM

This morning, embark on a guided tour of the famous **Cu Chi Tunnels**. By 1965, an extensive network of 250 km of tunnels crisscrossed Cu Chi and the surrounding areas. Just across the **Saigon River** lay the notorious guerrilla stronghold known as the Iron Triangle. These tunnels played a crucial role during the Vietnam War, enabling the Viet Cong to maintain control over a large rural area just 30–40 km from Saigon.

At its peak, the tunnel system stretched from Saigon all the way to the Cambodian border. This vast underground network featured multiple levels, trap doors, living quarters, storage areas, weapons factories, field hospitals, command centers, and kitchens. Today, visitors can explore the preserved tunnels—widened for safety—to gain a firsthand sense of what life was like beneath the surface during the war.

For those interested, there's an optional opportunity to fire rounds from an AK-47 or M16 rifle at a nearby range, where wooden targets were once said to resemble U.S. Marines. Upon arrival, enjoy a brief orientation tour of **Siem Reap** before checking into your hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

**Overnight:** Siem Reap

**Meals Included:** Breakfast & Dinner

## Day 19 Saturday, March 21 | Angkor Wat & Angkor Thom - Wonders of the Khmer Empire

After breakfast, enjoy a guided exploration of **Angkor Wat**, the largest religious monument in the world, known for its remarkable architecture, symbolic design, and detailed bas-reliefs.

In the afternoon, continue to the ancient city of **Angkor Thom**, the final capital of the Khmer Empire. Highlights include the South Gate with its striking stone figures, the mysterious Bayon Temple with over 200 sculpted faces, the **Baphuon Temple**, and the royal terraces once used for grand ceremonies.

Conclude the day with dinner at a local restaurant, sampling traditional Cambodian dishes.

**Overnight:** Siem Reap

**Meals Included:** Breakfast & Dinner

## Day 20 | Sunday, March 22 The Killing Fields - Cambodia's Dark Past

After breakfast, travel to **Phnom Penh** to visit the **Choeng Ek Genocidal Center**, the most infamous of Cambodia's "**Killing Fields**." Here, over 17,000 victims of the Khmer Rouge regime were executed. The visit includes the memorial stupa, mass graves, and an audio guide that provides an emotional and informative perspective on this tragic period in Cambodia's history.

Return to your hotel in Siem Reap (or Phnom Penh if overnighting in the capital) and gather for a farewell dinner with your group.

**Overnight:** Siem Reap (or Phnom Penh – depending on program logistics)

**Meals Included:** Breakfast & Dinner

## Day 21 | Monday, March 23 Cambodia

Today we depart Cambodia, flying first to Ho Chi Minh City before connecting onward to your international, homeward-bound flight to Canada.

**Meals Included:** Breakfast

While every effort is made to operate the itinerary as planned, minor changes may occur before departure or during the tour in response to local conditions or operational needs.

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Ha Long Bay, Vietnam  
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Imperial City of Huế, Vietnam  
Ngô Môn (Meridian Gate)  
UNESCO World Heritage Site



Hanoi Train Street in Hanoi, Vietnam



Angkor Wat, Siem Reap, Cambodia  
UNESCO World Heritage Site

# Tour Pricing

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## INCLUSIONS

- An expert **Canadian historian** and a professional Canadian **tour director** will accompany the group for the full duration of the tour.
- **Transportation throughout** the tour is provided by a premium, air-conditioned motor coach featuring spacious reclining seating, facilities, and complimentary mobile Wi-Fi for passenger convenience.
- One scheduled coach **transfer** is provided at each end of the tour: pick-up from Hong Kong International Airport on the designated arrival day, coordinated with the group's scheduled flight arrival; and drop-off to Ho Chi Minh City International Airport on the final day of the tour, coordinated with the group's scheduled departure. Travelers arriving or departing on different flights or dates, or those not utilizing the group transfers, will be responsible for making their own transportation arrangements.
- **Accommodations** in Superior Tourist Class Hotels throughout (4-5\*) 16 Nights: Vietnam Tour & 20 Nights with Cambodia Extension accommodation in twin or double rooms with private facilities.
- **All Entrances** as per your Itinerary
- **Meal Inclusions**  
15 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 9 Dinners  
Meal Inclusions Cambodia Extension: additional 4 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners
- A specially curated tour **resource package** is included, Custom Itinerary (PDF Printable), featuring detailed daily battlefield maps, period photographs, original archival audio recordings, and additional historical materials.
- **All service fees**, surcharges, fees, and departure taxes

## EXCLUSIONS

- **International Airfare** from Canada
- **Some Lunches & Dinners** and drinks not specified on itinerary
- **Gratuities** Gratuities for the coach driver and guides are not included in the tour cost and should not be assumed. We believe gratuities are a personal gesture, offered at the traveler's discretion and based on the level of service and experience received, rather than a fixed or automatic charge built into the program, as is often the case with other tour operators.

### Not Included / Available Upon Request

- **Airfare:** We are happy to arrange flights from any Canadian gateway, customized to your preferred dates, routing, and class of service. Travellers may choose to depart earlier, extend their stay at the end of the tour, or continue onward to additional destinations-air arrangements can be tailored to suit your individual travel plans.
- **Pre- and Post-Tour Accommodation:** Optional hotel nights before or after the tour are available upon request.
- **Travel Insurance:** Comprehensive travel insurance is not included; no-obligation quotes are available through Manulife upon request.
- **Meals:** Meals not specifically listed in the itinerary.
- **Optional Activities:** Any optional excursions or activities not explicitly outlined in the itinerary.
- **Personal Expenses:** Items of a personal nature, including laundry, beverages, and souvenirs.

### PLEASE NOTE

- **Physical Activity Level:** As with all our tours, the focus is on experiencing the battlefields firsthand. While we do include select museum visits, much of our time is spent outdoors, often walking on sandy beaches, grassy fields, and cobblestone streets. Please be prepared for a moderate amount of walking throughout the tour.
- If you use a wheelchair or have mobility concerns, we kindly ask that you review our Wheelchair Policy in advance.
- Hotels have been pre-booked; however, should a change be required, accommodations will be of the same star rating or higher.
- A minimum of 8 passengers is required for the tour to operate.
- A non-refundable deposit of \$500 CAD per person is required at the time of booking.

## 2027 Pricing

**\$6,936 CAD** per person

Land only, including domestic airfare within Asia

Based on double occupancy  
(two people sharing a room; double or twin bed configuration available)

**\$8,988 CAD** per person

Land only, including domestic airfare within Asia

Solo traveler rate (one person in the room)

### Deposit

**\$500** per person (non-refundable)

due at time of booking

Payable by credit card, Interac e-Transfer, or cheque

All prices are in Canadian dollars.

### Final Balance

Due 60 days prior to tour departure:

December 4th, 2026