



Southeast Asia Cultural Discovery

Treasures of Cambodia, Laos & Vietnam

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Unrivaled Expertise

MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Tour Company in 2022 by USA Today's 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards.

Unique Trip Design

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

Small Groups

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.





Leading the Way

World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.





Why take this trip with us?

REASON 1

This popular MT Sobek adventure has been refined over 20 years, and captures the best of Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam.

REASON 2

In 15 well-paced days, you will discover iconic World Heritage Sites and exciting hidden gems, and cruise magical Lan Ha/Halong Bay.

REASON 3

Our team of local guides, including trip leader Sylvain Curtil, are true experts with decades of experience, so you'll come away knowing the people as well as the place.

At A Glance

ACTIVITIES

Cultural touring of Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam including temple visits, city exploration, and cruising the Mekong River and Halong Bay.



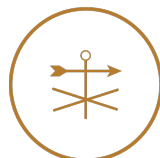
LODGING

Elegant lodges and luxury resorts in scenic locales — all carefully selected by our Asia experts — plus an overnight stay on a classic junk.



CLIMATE

Temperatures vary, but range from the 70sF in the cooler areas to 90sF in the warmer areas. Halong Bay can be in the 50sF in November and December.



KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

“What a total comfort to know that with MT Sobek, you're in the hands of professionals who have been doing it so long and so well. That was part of why we landed on them as our operators for our dream trip, and everything about the experience they gave us—from tailored expertise to unswerving professionalism—confirmed the company's emphasis on excellence.” - Alex M.



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Experience the mystical ruins of Angkor Wat, the Buddhist temples of Luang Prabang, and the dragon-like islands of Lan Ha/Halong Bay on this unique journey through Southeast Asia. Slow down and enjoy genuine encounters with locals in remote villages. Try tai chi, take a cooking class—even ride a jeep around Saigon. Delight in a scenic voyage on the Mekong River and an enchanting overnight bay cruise aboard a traditional junk. Rest in comfort at elegant hotels and experience our most comprehensive adventure tour through Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam.

15 Days

Start: Bangkok, Thailand

End: Hanoi, Vietnam

Departing: February, March, October, November, December

Activities: Cultural Discovery

Lodging: Luxury Hotels, Comfortable Hotels

Group Size: 5-15 Guests

ACTIVITY:



Check [mtsobek.com](https://www.mtsobek.com) for date-specific pricing.

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"The itinerary was fantastic. The guide was experienced, knowledgeable and patient. Our group of 11 connected with each other and we all came away with great new friends."

- Deane M.

The Itinerary

DAY
01

Arrive in Bangkok

Welcome to Southeast Asia! Since most flights arrive in Bangkok in the evening, we encourage you fly in at least one day ahead of schedule to help overcome jet lag before the tour begins. You may even choose to fly in a few days early to explore this fascinating city, which has many sightseeing possibilities. From the airport, catch a complimentary hotel shuttle or take the five-minute walk via an air-conditioned underground walkway.

DAY
02

Fly to UNESCO-Listed Luang Prabang

Meet your MT Sobek representative this morning and transfer to the airport for the flight to Luang Prabang, capital of the first Lao kingdom and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Located on the Mekong River in a lovely mountain-encircled setting, Luang Prabang is renowned for its historic Buddhist temples, about 32 of which date from the 14th century. Luang Prabang is unhurried, relaxed, and perfect for strolling its ancient lanes and alleyways. Upon arrival, meet your local guide, transfer to the hotel, enjoy a city walking tour, then meet for a welcome dinner.

MEALS: Breakfast | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1.5-hour flight transfer

DAY
03

Explore Luang Prabang's Temples & Cruise the Mekong

Begin today at the former Royal Palace, now the National Museum. Visit Wat Mai, with its unique five-tiered roof and golden bas-reliefs, and admire Wat Sene's beautiful golden facade. Venture to stunning Wat Xieng Thong, rich with golden gates, ornaments, and colorful murals. Then board a private longtail boat for a scenic two-hour ride up the Mekong River to Pak Ou Caves, filled with thousands of Buddha statues. Back in Luang Prabang, climb Mount Phousi for a panoramic view of the city and countryside before visiting a hill tribe market.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 2-hour Mekong River cruise

DAY
04

Nature & Culture around Luang Prabang

After breakfast, transfer to Kuang Si Waterfalls and spend the morning walking around the cascading falls and gorgeous turquoise pools. Enjoy lunch on the terrace of Ock Pop Tok, one of the best views on the Mekong. Then take an optional afternoon visit to Ock Pop Tok Living Craft Center, where you will learn about the traditional handicrafts of Laos, or just relax.

DAY
05

Experience the Tak Bath Ceremony, Mt. Phousi & Wat Visoun

Rise early this morning to witness the Tak Bath ceremony. During the ceremony, devoted residents of Luang Prabang kneel on the sidewalk, bearing food in their hands, which they offer to the monks as they walk by clad in their saffron-orange robes. Later visit the fresh market in town, climb Mt. Phousi, Luang Prabang's sacred hill and visit Wat Visoun, the oldest temple in the city. This afternoon take a flight to Siem Reap.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1-hour flight transfer

DAY
06

Explore Majestic Angkor Wat & Angkor Thom

This former Khmer Empire capital is now the gateway to Cambodia's most sought-after tourist attraction: the Angkor temple complex, which you'll spend the next couple of days exploring. Nothing prepares you for your first view of Angkor Wat, the world's largest religious edifice, which you behold today in the morning light. Built in the 12th century, its labor-intensive construction is a magnificent achievement of architecture and artistry. The temple is decorated with more than 2,000 Apsara dancers, and its walls are covered with a stunning array of stone carvings and bas-reliefs depicting mythological and historical events. Trekking from temple to temple is a unique way to see these magnificent ruins: glimpses of small temples can be spotted amongst dense jungle, towers appear looming overhead, and the sheer number of ruins along the way is staggering. Later, make your way through the forest to the ancient walled city of Angkor Thom. Enter the city through the South Gate, impressively carved with elephants and four giant faces. The path is flanked by a row of 54 sculpted deities on one side and the same number of demons on the other, both holding a sacred Naga snake, symbolizing the struggle between good and evil. Top off your day with a serene sunset cruise on the Angkor Thom moat.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

ACTIVITY: 4 miles (from temple to temple), negligible elevation gain or loss

DAY
07

Experience Ta Prohm and Banteay Srei

Today begin by exploring Ta Prohm, which has been relatively untouched since its discovery. Unlike the other Angkor monuments, it remains overgrown by the jungle, so today looks very much as most Angkor temples did when European explorers first stumbled upon them. Then visit the "precious gem" of the Angkor area: Banteay Srei, or Citadel of the Women. This well-preserved temple is built of pink sandstone seen nowhere else in Angkor and displays some stellar examples of classical Khmer art. Stop at a local pagoda for a private blessing ceremony with Buddhist monks.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch



DAY
08

Fly to Ho Chi Minh City

This morning fly to Ho Chi Minh City. Upon arrival, check in to the hotel. In the afternoon, take a walking tour of the vibrant city, including Notre Dame Cathedral, the 19th-century post office, the opera house, and town hall. After dinner, take an exciting jeep ride around Saigon.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch

TRANSPORTATION: 1.5-hour flight transfer

DAY
09

Fly to Hue & Explore Ancient City Sights

Fly to Hue, the ancient imperial capital of Vietnam. Hue is to Vietnam as Kyoto is to Japan. This intellectual and cultural center situated along the Perfume River has twelve educational academies and is home to fascinating, 19th-century Imperial ruins, many of which remain damaged and serve as reminders of the Tet Offensive of 1968. Today visit the unusual royal tombs of monarchs from the last dynasty of Vietnam. Then explore Thien Mu pagoda and, after lunch, cyclo (three-wheel bicycle taxi) through the old city to the Imperial Palace (Citadel).

MEALS: Breakfast | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1.5-hour flight transfer



DAY
10

Drive to Hoi An

Depart Hue for Hoi An, a major Asian trading port in the 17th and 18th centuries whose architecture and relaxed lifestyle has changed little over the years. The scenic route passes through the photogenic fishing village of Lang Co before climbing over the Pass of Ocean Clouds. In the afternoon, set off on a walking tour of the old city. Visit the former merchants' homes, the 400 year-old Japanese Covered Bridge, and a colorful local market.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 3-hour private van transfer



DAY
11

Visit My Son

Start your day with a trip to the capital and religious center of the former Champa kingdom, My Son. Situated in a lush green valley, the red brick towers and sanctuaries date from the seventh to the 13th centuries. Return to Hoi An and enjoy a free afternoon to relax, shop, or explore on your own. Dinner tonight is at your leisure.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch

TRANSPORTATION: 2.5-hour private van transfer



DAY
12

Explore the Wonders of Hanoi

Fly to Hanoi, a governmental center of almost three million people. Founded in 1010 as Thang Long, Hanoi's narrow tree-shaded streets are filled with lovely examples of French colonial architecture. After lunch, see Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum and the "Hanoi Hilton" Prison. Spend some time exploring the old town by cyclo, visiting streets that specialize in hardware, funerary items, carpentry, and textiles. Continue to Hang Be Market and Hoan Kiem Lake.

MEALS: Breakfast | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 1-hour flight transfer



DAY
13

Embark on a Lan Ha/Halong Bay Overnight Junk Cruise

Drive to Lan Ha/Halong Bay and board a boat for an overnight cruise on a junk, a wooden Chinese sailing ship. From the water, enjoy spectacular views of this UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for its emerald-green waters and its mystical landscape of 3,000 towering limestone islands. Continue to Ba Trai Dao beach in Lan Ha Bay - a separate section of Halong Bay. This is a quiet paradise known for its pristine beaches. Here you can kayak or simply enjoy a swim. Later you can catch the sunset over the Gulf of Tonkin and then join a traditional cooking class on the junk.

MEALS: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 3-hour private van transfer

ACTIVITY: Overnight junk cruise on Lan Ha/Halong Bay & optional 1 hour walk to catch the sunset & kayaking at your leisure



Cruise Lan Ha/Halong Bay & Return to Hanoi

After awakening aboard the boat, greet the day with a morning tai chi exercise and an opportunity to view the sunrise over the bay. After breakfast, visit a beautiful limestone grotto, and then return to the boat for a final glimpse of Lan Ha/Halong Bay while cruising back to the dock. Head back to Hanoi and enjoy a farewell dinner with the group as well as a water puppet show.

MEALS: Breakfast | Dinner

TRANSPORTATION: 3-hour private van transfer



Depart from Hanoi

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your homeward-bound flights.

MEALS: Breakfast



Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

Novotel Bangkok Suvarnabhumi Airport Hotel

This Novotel Bangkok property is a four-star hotel located a short walk from Suvarnabhumi International Airport. Boasting 612 comfortable and contemporary rooms, the hotel also offers two bars and four restaurants, a beautiful pool, a fitness room, and a spa. With a 24-hour airport shuttle running every 10 minutes and plenty of parking available, accommodations here couldn't be more convenient.

Kiridara Hotel

Enjoying a prime location near central Luang Prabang, Kiridara Hotel is a lovely boutique hotel with beautiful, spotless rooms. Terraces, panoramic views, and friendly hospitality abound on the property, which marries Western architecture with Laotian design and charm. Replete with a restaurant, café, pool, spa, and free Wi-Fi, guests are assured a comfortable, relaxing stay.

Treeline Urban Resort

Treeline Urban Resort boasts 48-rooms in a cleverly designed boutique hotel on Siem Reap's river side. At Treeline, you will enjoy proximity to the temples of Angkor as well as a respite from the rest of busy Siem Reap. The resort includes several restaurants, swimming pool, spa and contemporary art throughout the property.



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Renaissance Riverside Hotel Saigon

The Renaissance Riverside Hotel Saigon is located amidst the vibrant business and tourist hub of Ho Chi Minh City, boasting panoramic views of the Saigon River. The Marriott accommodation comprises 336 comfortable guest rooms, two dining venues that serve international and Cantonese cuisines, the Atrium Lounge, and the Liquid Sky Bar, which transforms into a trendy rooftop lounge at night.

Pilgrimage Village

Pilgrimage Village is situated in the quiet countryside surrounded by lush tranquil gardens, yet near to famous historical landmarks and the city of Hue. Delicious meals and a peaceful atmosphere are the trademarks of Pilgrimage Village. The property features 139 rooms & villas, two pools, a relaxing spa and several restaurants and bars. Tai chi and yoga classes are offered.

Almanity

Set in the heart of Hoi An old town, within walking distance of old town sights, the Almanity is an oasis of calm. The resort prides itself on superior service and surroundings, including a beautiful outdoor pool, spa, gym and multiple dining options. The Almanity features Wi-Fi throughout the premises.

Hotel de L'Opera

This boutique, luxury property is conveniently located in the center of Hanoi near the opera, Hoan Kiem Lake and the old quarter. In addition, the Hotel de l'Opera boasts such amenities as a 4-season swimming pool, restaurants and bar and free wi-fi throughout the hotel, providing an environment appealing to both leisure and business travelers.

Orchid Junk

Immerse yourself in the wonders of Halong Bay aboard the luxurious, 5-star Orchid Junk. Elegantly decorated with rich dark wood and pretty orchids, this junk comes complete with the highest level of customer service, extremely comfortable cabins, and relaxing spaces both above and below deck. Be enchanted as you take an overnight river cruise of your dreams.

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Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: February, March, October, November, December

Book early for a greater choice of available dates.
Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

October 19-November 2, 2024

November 9-23, 2024

November 30-December 14, 2024

December 14-28, 2024

February 2-16, 2025

February 23-March 9, 2025

March 11-25, 2025

March 30-April 13, 2025

October 19-November 2, 2025

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November 30-December 14, 2025

December 14-28, 2025

What's Included

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portorage

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses



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