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Day 1: Friday, 10 Apr 2020

Phnom Penh arrival

Meals: None

Today no guide and no car at disposal.

Overnight at Sofitel Phnom Penh Phokeethra, Luxury Room

Day 2: Saturday, 11 Apr 2020

Phnom Penh

Meals: B

Today no guide and no car at disposal.

Overnight at Sofitel Phnom Penh Phokeethra, Luxury Room

Day 3: Sunday, 12 Apr 2020

Phnom Penh

Meals: B

Today no guide and no car at disposal.

Overnight at Sofitel Phnom Penh Phokeethra, Luxury Room

Day 4: Monday, 13 Apr 2020

Phnom Penh – Flight to Saigon

Meals: B

Today transfer to airport is on your own arrangement.

Flight Phnom Penh – Saigon via Vietnam Airlines #921 @14:15/15:05 (Economy Class, booked by Khiri Vietnam)

Upon arrival Tan Son Nhat airport, after clearing all customs procedures, please proceed to exit gate and look for your guide who will be waiting at the lobby, holding the Khiri signboard with your name on it. Your guide will come to meet you and transfer you to hotel.

Overnight at Park Hyatt, Park Room City View

Day 5: Tuesday, 14 Apr 2020

Saigon – Saigon Unseen

Meals: B L

At 08:00, please meet your guide at hotel's lobby then head out for an iced coffee at the Bird Café in the beautifully manicured gardens of Tao Dan Park. The café is a popular spot for many locals who come to take in the morning air, show off their prize birds, and chat with friends over a freshly brewed cup of Vietnamese coffee. After a spot of breakfast at a restaurant where you can try pho, the national dish, you navigate the back alleyways and street vendors to Cho Lon, the heart of Saigon's Chinatown. Cho Lon is like no other district in Saigon, it is a hive of activity that holds your attention from the moment you arrive. A district with a long and colorful history, we take you to see a secret bunker and even the former Revolutionary Headquarters, hidden away in plain sight. At this point, you will be getting hot and hungry, so you make your way to a favorite lunchtime watering hole. Getting there is also an adventure in itself as it involves finding your way to an obscure apartment block where you climb to the roof for a delightful lunch overlooking the city rooftops. Lunch is followed by a walk through central Saigon to work off the excess. A bit further, you come across The Café Apartment, an old nine-story apartment building that residents have converted into funky, stylish coffee shops and boutiques. At The Café Apartment, there is a perfect place to relax for a traditional Vietnamese tea-tasting experience. You might not be a tea connoisseur, but you will find it fascinating all the same. After a long day of exploring, it is a great way to end the tour.

Note:

- Duration: Approx. 08 hours

Overnight at Park Hyatt, Park Room City View

Day 6: Wednesday, 15 Apr 2020

Saigon – Cu Chi Tunnels by Speedboat (Join in tour)

Meals: B L

At 08:00, please meet your guide at hotel's lobby then travel like a VIP to the famous Cu Chi Tunnels. After being transferred from your hotel to the pier, you ride in one of our 5-star speedboats to Cu Chi. Along the way you will be served a light breakfast of pastries, sandwiches and fruit. You set out early to avoid the large tour groups, ensuring that your boat arrives before everyone else. You will have an opportunity to uncover the secrets of the Cu Chi Tunnels, a vast network of underground passageways built and used by the Viet Cong to evade detection as they moved troops and supplies throughout Ho Chi Minh City's northern district. During the tour, an English-speaking guide will introduce you to life along the banks of the Saigon River as your boat gracefully slips through knots of floating water hyacinths on this scenic boat trip. Enjoy a window into traditional Mekong river life and wonderful photo opportunities. After a short documentary, your guide will lead you through the historic Cu Chi tunnels, dug by resourceful guerrilla fighters to provide communication, hospitals, food, and weapon caches during numerous conflicts. A traditional Vietnamese lunch of local specialties like lemongrass chicken and caramelized clay pot pork will be served after your visit to the tunnels. You will then board your boat for the scenic trip back to Saigon.

Note:

- Duration: Approx. 08 hours

Rest of the time you will be free at leisure.

Overnight at Park Hyatt, Park Room City View

Day 7: Thursday, 16 Apr 2020

Saigon – Princess Cruise: Cai Be – Tan Phong – Phu An

Meals: B L

At 08:00, please meet your guide at hotel's lobby then you will be transferred to Cai Be by road. You arrive at Cai Be jetty where the crew is set to welcome you aboard with cold towels and a refreshing drink. The Cai Be Princess sampan then sets off for its leisurely cruise toward Tan Phong Islet. From the boat's unique vantage point, observe life as it is lived along the river – endless boats both big and small, people working the fields, and brilliant landscapes in every shade of green. Once at Tan Phong Islet, take a short cycling trip through the villages and fruit gardens, looking out in particular for the red, spiky rambutan with its deliciously sweet flesh, the specialty of the islet. Make stops along the way to visit local cottage industries where families make everything from rice paper and rice flour cakes to roof panels from water coconut fronds and homeware from water hyacinths. From the islet, travel via rowing sampan through the peaceful, narrow canals, back to the Cai Be Princess where you'll continue on to the village of Phu An. Your cruise ends at Le Longanier Restaurant. Lunch is served in this elegant colonial-style villa set in a lush tropical garden by the river surrounded by fruit trees, giving you a sense of how the privileged class lived in Indochina times. After lunch, take a short walk along the canal toward Ba Bon Bridge where your personal vehicle awaits to drive you back to Ho Chi Minh City.

Note:

- Duration: Approx. 08 hours

Overnight at Park Hyatt, Park Room City View

Day 8: Friday, 17 Apr 2020

Saigon – Flight to Danang/ Danang – Hoi An

Meals: B

At 09:30, please meet your guide at hotel's lobby then you will be transferred to the airport for the flight to Danang.

Flight Saigon – Danang via Vietnam Airlines #124 @12:00/13:20 (Economy Class, booked by Khiri Vietnam)

Upon arrival at Danang Airport, please proceed to exit gate and look for your guide who will be waiting at the lobby, holding the Khiri signboard with your name on it. Your guide will meet you up and transfer you to hotel in Hoi An.

The regular check-in time is at 15:00; early check-in is NOT included and subject to availability.

Rest of the time you will be free at leisure.

Overnight at Four Seasons The Nam Hai, One Bedroom Beachfront Villa

Day 9: Saturday, 18 Apr 2020

Hoi An – A Path Less Travelled

Meals: B

After being picked up from your hotel, you head Hoi An Central Market where this walking tour begins. Although it's an all-day market, getting there early means you see the best produce, avoid the crowds and get to watch the market vendors preparing for the day. As you explore the seemingly endless myriad of alleyways, you will visit a number of local workshops, important cultural sites, and see how the locals spend their days. Be prepared to greet a lot of people, as locals love to engage with outsiders, and are proud of their businesses that have grown up in these narrow alleyways. You then take a drinks break on a veranda overlooking the river. Watch fishing and tour boats glide through the waters, while enjoying a refreshing drink. From here you continue through the old town, while your guide tells you stories about the area, explaining local customs and fun facts about life here. You then pass over the famous Japanese covered bridge – your final stop of the morning. Continue to a local family who will show you the skills required to make your own handmade lantern. Finally, you return through the old town to a lovely local restaurant where you can try cao lau, a local noodle speciality and a perfect way to end a busy morning exploring Hoi An's sights.

Notes:

- Suggested departure time: 08:00
- Duration: Approx. 4 hours

Rest of the time you will be free at leisure.

Overnight at Four Seasons The Nam Hai, One Bedroom Beachfront Villa

Day 10: Sunday, 19 Apr 2020

Hoi An – Hoi An Morning Countryside tour by Vespa

Meals: B L

Your journey off the beaten path begins as you zoom to an island boasting rural countryside and ride along the river to an Ancestral House, then over a wooden bridge to a traditional boat builders yard. You then explore villages and zig-zag through the breathtaking scenery of rice paddies and farmland, stopping en route to learn from friendly families about mat weaving, local farming and how to make rice crackers and noodles. After enjoying a yummy snack, we ride towards the coast, along trails lined with white sand and pine trees before fueling up on organic drip-coffee at a village café and learn the art of coffee roasting. Next we stop at the top of Cau Cua Dai Bridge which offers us spectacular panoramic views of Hoi An, then over to the water coconut palm fringed trails to a delicious lunch in a picturesque setting before returning to the heritage town.

Notes:

- Suggested departure time: 08:00
- Duration: Approx. 4 hours

Rest of the time you will be free at leisure.

Overnight at Four Seasons The Nam Hai, One Bedroom Beachfront Villa

Day 11: Monday, 20 Apr 2020

Hoi An – Immersion In Go Noi Village

Meals: B

At 08:00, please meet your guide at hotel's lobby then head to Go Noi village 15 km west from Hoi An where you meet Mr Phap at his farm that is part of a collective producing organic vegetables. You then begin cycling through the village and the rice fields. Eventually you arrive at some of the collective's organic plantations with such crops as chili pepper, water bindweed, lettuce, basilica, spinach, squash and edible chrysanthemums. You can then try your hand at some agricultural activities such as vegetable harvesting, planting, weeding, tilling the soil, watering or fertilizing crops with organic compost. You then continue cycling to a small pier on the Thu Bon River and board a ferry for the 10-minute crossing to see a pumpkin and watermelon farm belonging to the collective, which grows its produce in the sand on the edge of the river. Depending on the season, harvest a pumpkin or watermelon to eat later and return by boat to the pier. On the way back to Mr Phap's farm, visit a wood carving workshop and enjoy having a go to better understanding how skillful the carvers are. At Mr Phap's house enjoy lunch* with his family in a typical authentic atmosphere.

Optional: You can help prepare a typical dish of banh xeo (crispy pancakes) for lunch.

Note:

- Duration: Approx. 04 hours

Rest of the time you will be free at leisure.

Overnight at Four Seasons The Nam Hai, One Bedroom Beachfront Villa

Day 12: Tuesday, 21 Apr 2020

Hoi An – Cham Museum – Lang Co Immersion – Hue

Meals: B L

At 10:00 please meet your guide at hotel's lobby then you will be transferred to Hue. On the way, stop at Cham Museum which houses the best collection of Champa Kingdom ruins in Asia. The artifacts here date from the 2nd to 15th centuries.

Upon arrival at Lang Co lagoon near Lang Co beach, enjoy a home-cooked lunch prepared by the family in their authentic stilt house on the waters of the lake. Enjoy the delicious fresh seafood prepared by the family – not to mention the unforgettable moment sitting in their traditional home, surrounded by the stunning landscape.

After lunch, climb aboard a local boat to enjoy the idyllic panorama and crystal clear waters, located in the shadow of the Annamite Cordillera mountain range. In this pristine landscape there are no factories or signs of modernity. The lagoon itself is home to an abundance of marine life, including snappers, red mullet, grouper, crab, shrimp, squid and more. You will observe local fishing techniques then continue by boat to visit the oyster farm of your host family. With your guide helping to translate, you will learn about the lives of local farmers, who depend on the lagoon for a living. Then head directly to Hue.

Note:

- Duration: Approx. 05 hours

Overnight at Azerai La Residence Hotel & Spa, Deluxe room

Day 13: Wednesday, 22 Apr 2020

Hue – Discover Hue the Authentic Way

Meals: B L

An ancient capital, the centre of the arts and religion in Vietnam, and the scene of the Battle of Hue – one of the longest and bloodiest battles of the Vietnam War – Hue is today the epitome of old-meets-new. The city is divided in half by the Perfume River with the old town on its northern banks and its modern districts to the south. On this fascinating tour you will get a real taste of what life is like for the people of this beautiful city. With our local guide, you will learn about Hue through the eyes of ordinary local residents – hear their childhood stories about living through the war, their family histories, the city’s relationship with the arts, and explore locales and side streets that are often overlooked. You then travel along the peaceful Perfume River by boat to see and experience the bronze workshops of Phuong Duc. Lunch is included in a secluded spot overlooking the outer wall of the Imperial City, a delightfully local respite after a morning of discovery. In the afternoon, learn more about the Imperial City and end your tour with a special encounter with a princess from the House of Nguyen, the last dynasty of Vietnam. This is an immersive tour where the focus is on the people and the stories behind what makes this city such a delight to discover.

Note:

- Suggested departure time: 08:00
- Duration: Approx. 8 hours

Overnight at Azerai La Residence Hotel & Spa, Deluxe room

Day 14: Thursday, 23 Apr 2020

Hue – Flight to Hanoi

Meals: B

At 08:00, please meet your guide at hotel’s lobby then you will be transferred to the airport for the flight to Hanoi.

Flight Hue – Hanoi via Vietnam Airlines #1542 @10:25/11:45 (Economy Class, booked by Khiri Vietnam)

Upon arrival at Noi Bai Airport, please proceed to exit gate and look for your guide who will be waiting at gate A1 of the international terminal, holding the Khiri signboard with your name on it. Your guide will meet you up and transfer you to hotel.

The regular check-in time is at 14:00; early check-in is NOT included and subject to availability.

Overnight at Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi, Luxury room

Day 15: Friday, 24 Apr 2020

Hanoi – Explore Hanoi Like a local/ Hanoi – Lao Cai by train

Meals: B L

At 07:00, please meet your guide at hotel's lobby then head to Hoan Kiem Lake for joining groups of local people practicing tai chi and aerobics – a regular morning routine! After visiting Ngoc Son temple in the middle of the lake, you head to a traditional café where you can try Vietnam's local iced coffee, ca phe sua da, and if you're feeling adventurous – the 'egg coffee'. You then continue to a street food stall for a delicious banh mi – a typical baguette sandwich filled in with a variety of ingredients. Afterwards head to Hanoi's Old Quarter where you will see some of the French colonial architecture of former times, including St. Joseph's Cathedral – a French gothic building constructed in 1886. Next, walk to the Hoa Lo Prison, where Vietnamese as well as American and French prisoners of war were once held. Then it's on to the Huu Tiep Lake, better known as 'B-52 lake', where the wreckage of a US B-5 bomber can still be seen. At noon, you stop to enjoy Hanoi's traditional bun cha noodle dish, made with grilled pork and rice noodles. In the afternoon, you go to the Temple of Literature built in 1076, where Vietnam's first university was established to educate Vietnam's royalty, mandarins and members of the elite – a fascinating glimpse into the country's past. Last but not least, head to a street where the tracks of Hanoi's railway pass only meters from the entrance to homes. Together with your guide, you can walk along the tracks and take some beautiful photos of the city. The day finishes with a refreshing glass of draught beer at a local bia hoi spot – a chance to mingle with the locals.

Notes:

- Duration: 08 hours
- During the tour, you will be trying different street foods, so we recommend you forgot breakfast at your hotel.

Then you will be transferred to **check in La Siesta Premium Hang Be, Deluxe Room** to freshen up and relax before heading Hanoi Railway station for the train to Lao Cai.

Around 20:30, you will be transferred to the Railway station for the train to Lao Cai @22:00/06:10⁺¹

Overnight on Victoria Train, Private cabin (04 berths/ cabin)

Day 16: Saturday, 25 Apr 2020

Lao Cai – Sapa – Exploring Ban Khoang & Ta Giang Phinh

Meals: B L

Upon arrival in Lao Cai railway, your guide will come to meet you up and transfer you to hotel in Sapa to fresh up and have breakfast.

Then drive to the northern Sapa region, with its beautiful topography of mountains and valleys. On the way, you can enjoy views of Fansipan Mountain, the highest mountain in the Indochinese Peninsula. The region is also well known for farming vegetables and flowers. The tour begins with an easy hike to Ban Khoang, a village of the Red Dao ethnic minority. The Red Dao women are well known for their skills in embroidery and wear traditional brightly colored costumes. The Red Dao have lived in the mountains for centuries, but still maintain their agrarian culture of rice cultivation. The trip will then continue with a short drive to Ta Giang Phinh village situated in a beautiful valley with a stream running through it – home of the ethnic Black Hmong. It's an opportunity for explore the village, learn about the Hmong people, and enjoy spectacular views of the valley. Either a picnic lunch will be served on the way, or you will eat at a local village restaurant. After the hike, there will be a car waiting to transfer you back to Sapa town.

Note:

- Duration: Approx. 08 hours

Overnight at Silk Path Grand Resort & Spa, Classic room

Day 17: Sunday, 26 Apr 2020

Sapa – Bac Ha Sunday Market

Meals: B L

After breakfast at your hotel, you will travel with our guide by car to Bac Ha town, about 70 km Southeast of Lao Cai. The ride is relatively flat from Lao Cai to Bao Nhai, where you will pass through some beautiful rural areas. Bac Ha Sunday Market is the largest market in the area. Every Sunday morning the market literally becomes a riot of color as many different ethnic minorities such as the Flower Hmong, Phu La, Black Dao, Tay and Nung arrive there to trade. After spending the whole morning exploring the market's wares, your lunch will be served in a local restaurant. In the afternoon, you will enjoy a drive downhill to Trung Do village to visit the ethnic Tay people, who live in pretty houses traditionally built on stilts. The Tay People are very friendly and open-minded. Mostly farmers, their villages are very orderly and well organized. You then transfer by car back to your hotel in Sapa town.

Note:

- Duration: Approx. 08 hours

Overnight at Silk Path Grand Resort & Spa, Classic room

Day 18: Monday, 27 Apr 2020

Sapa – Hoang Su Phi – Ha Giang

Meals: B L D

Depart Sapa for Ha Giang via the districts of Xin Man and Hoang Su Phi. This scenic route straddles the Chinese border and passes by some of Vietnam's most remote and breathtaking landscapes highlighted by dramatic scenery, fascinating border towns, ethnic minority markets and lush farmland. Another captivating view on the drive is the occasional encounter of ethnic people walking on the side of the roads carrying goods from one village to another. This northern region is populated mostly by hilltribe people belonging to the passing various hill tribe villages belonging to the Nung Ing, Tay, Red Dzao, Dzao Ao Dai, La Chi and Co Lao groups. There will be opportunities for photos with lunch en route. Arrive in Ha Giang in the late afternoon and check in to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at your leisure to explore the border town.

Notes:

- Suggested departure time: 08:00
- Tour duration: Approx. 09 hours

Overnight at Truong Xuan Resort, Deluxe River View

Day 19: Tuesday, 28 Apr 2020

Ha Giang – Quan Ba – Dong Van

Meals: B L D

Morning departure to the town of Dong Van, a small border town situated only 10km (6mi) from China. The 7hr drive takes you up the Quan Ba Pass to "Heaven's Gate" with gorgeous views over the Quan Ba Valley with its extraordinary row of uniformly shaped hills. Quan Ba's Sunday market is one of the largest in the region, attracting ethnic minority villagers who live in the mountains around town including the Bo Y, White H'mong and Dzao Ao Dai. The rest of the drive takes you through a region seldom visited by tourists and past beautiful scenes of deep valleys punctuated by fields and rock formations.

Notes:

- Suggested departure time: 08:00
- Tour duration: 08 hours

Overnight at Hoa Cuong Hotel, Double VIP room

Day 20: Wednesday, 29 Apr 2020

Dong Van – Full day tour

Meals: B

Spend the day exploring the remote market town of Dong Van, set in an attractive valley populated mainly by the Tay ethnic group. The northernmost border town in Vietnam, just 3km (2mi) from the Chinese border, Dong Van has a local market (open on Sundays), an old quarter lined with attractive homes and other interesting neighborhoods. Facilitated by your guide, enjoy interacting with local people working in the rice fields.

Notes:

- Suggested departure time: 09:00
- Tour duration: 03 hours

Rest of the time you will be free at leisure.

Overnight at Hoa Cuong Hotel, Double VIP room

Day 21: Thursday, 30 Apr 2020

Dong Van – Ma Pi Leng Pass – Meo Vac – Bao Lac – Ba Be Lake

Meals: B L D

A full day journey begins with a Climb a pass to the French fortress of Pu Lo, built in 1890 and evacuated in 1945, commanding spectacular views of the entire region. Drive to the Ma Pi Leng Pass where a spectacular view unfolds to the winding roads carved into the mountains nearly 2,000m (6,562ft) above sea level. Continue down into the scenic Meo Vac Valley, before arriving at the village of Bao Lac where you will have lunch. The road to Ba Be snakes through the mountains to the Tay village of Bo Lu where you will visit a friendly Tay family in their traditional stilt house. There is a lake nearby for optional swimming. Enjoy an excellent home-hosted dinner on the terrace.

Notes:

- Suggested departure time: 08:00
- Tour duration: 10 hours

Overnight at Mr Linh's Homestay, Private Royal Room

Day 22: Friday, 01 May 2020

Ba Be Lake – Puong Cave

Meals: B L D

Board a boat to travel the entire length of the three connected lakes of Ba Be (meaning "Three Bays" in Vietnamese) and up the Nang River to Dong Puong, an enormous 300m (984ft) tunnel carved out by the river through a limestone mountain. The boat proceeds downriver to the small and rustic village of Hua Tang. Enjoy lunch in a local house alongside the river before taking a short walk through the jungle to the very scenic Thac Dau Dang Waterfalls, a series of spectacular cascades between sheer rock walls. Return by boat to your hotel.

Notes:

- Suggested departure time: 08:30
- Tour duration: 08 hours

Overnight at Mr Linh's Homestay, Private Royal Room

Day 23: Saturday, 02 May 2020

Ba Be Lake – Hanoi

Meals: B L

Depart Ba Be along a scenic road following the river that snakes from pass to pass through the hills of northern Vietnam, rarely travelled by tourists. On the way to Hanoi, stop to visit the relatively intact remains of a French prison in Cho Chu, built in 1916 to detain patriots and Vietnamese revolutionaries. Because of its secure construction and relatively remote setting, prisoners were brought here from all over the North. Arrive in Hanoi at approximately 19:00.

Notes:

- Suggested departure time: 08:00
- Tour duration: 11 hours

Overnight at Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi, Luxury room

Day 24: Sunday, 03 May 2020

Hanoi – Halong – Lan Ha Bay

Meals: B L D

After breakfast, around 09:00, you will be transferred to Halong bay (approx. 2.5 hours). Meeting at Heritage Line's welcome lounge at the Tuan Chau Marina, we take a quick speedboat transfer to your luxurious floating home before starting our unique journey of exploring one of the wonders of nature – Lan Ha Bay and its main island of Cat Ba. The first highlight of the cruise is lunch, which we serve in Ylang's nearly 360-degree light-flooded, elegant restaurant. Enjoy a fine menu of tasty local, international or vegetarian dishes freshly prepared by our culinary team.

Relax on the terrace deck or on your private balcony and soak in the enchanting aura which emanates from the surreal seascape. While we cruise along in the early afternoon, there is time to enjoy Ylang's vast wellness and spa facilities. Take a plunge in the pool with infinity-like vistas or choose your favourite treatment from an extensive spa menu.

As we reach the shore of a small lagoon on Cat Ba Island, we hop on bicycles (electric cart transfers are also available) for a tour along small paved roads towards Viet Hai village. Little has changed in Viet Hai since the ancestors of the 80 households settled here centuries ago. Situated in a valley within Cat Ba National Park and surrounded on all sides by forest and mountains, the locals are isolated from the island's other villages and towns. The community is self-sufficient, as the residents provide for themselves by working the farms, fishing, or collecting rain water for drinking. Here you have the unique and authentic opportunity to meet the local inhabitants, learn about the fruits and vegetables grown in the valley, have a glimpse of the local households and try some homemade liquors.

Back on board, there is time for you to partake in our activities offered while we set sail to a tranquil place for an overnight mooring nearby. A tea tasting class is held in the Ylang Restaurant where you may learn about Vietnam's traditional herbal teas and gain insight into their health benefits. Alternatively, let us pamper you with a spa treatment, opt for a foot massage in the privacy of your suite or gaze upon the beauty of the bay during sunset from the terrace deck.

For dinner, choose from a diverse selection of dishes on the menu as our chef prepares a delectable multiple course meal. Afterwards, we offer in the Wellness Studio a guided "singing bowl meditation", an ancient Tibetan ritual which invokes a deep state of relaxation, alleviates stress, and promotes a better night of sleep.

One of the best ways to spend the evening is to take a seat under the stars on the terrace deck or on your private balcony to embrace the serenity of this surreal landscape. And if you would like to fully immerse yourself in relaxation, our spa is open until late.

Overnight at Ylang cruise, Signature suite room (Shared cruise/ Private cabin)

Day 25: Monday, 04 May 2020

Lan Ha Bay – Cat Ba Island

Meals: B L D

Wake up early and join our Tai Chi session on the terrace deck to ease your mind and muscles with the first rays of the sun touching the water. Then re-energize yourself from our wide selection healthy or hearty breakfast offerings.

Ylang sails towards the southern tip of Cat Ba Island. We board a tender and visit one of a few remaining authentic floating fishing villages near Ben Beo. This fishing village is home to 300 families living in floating houses and earning a living from fishing and aquaculture, much like their ancestors. Get a close view of how the villagers live and work on the water in this unique community.

We then continue on tender towards Ben Beo Pier, where we come ashore and travel a short distance along scenic island roads to Cat Ba National Park. A leisurely and mindful hiking tour brings you closer to the elements of this lush, jungle-like national park. Cat Ba National Park is designated as a biosphere reserve and hosts over 1,500 plant species, 78 avian, 20 reptilian and 32 mammalian species including deer, macaques and civets.

During lunch, Heritage Line Ylang resumes sailing northeast through the stony labyrinth of Lan Ha Bay, eventually reaching a secluded spot in the bay. We head to a natural island beach via tender for kayaking, swimming and optional guided meditation session (snacks and juices are provided). Otherwise, kick back on board and treat yourself from our wide selection of wellness offerings.

In the early evening, a food carving demonstration is held in the Ylang Restaurant, where our chef demonstrates the Asian art of shaping and transforming fruits and vegetables into a myriad of decorative items, some which are served during your meals. After dinner, soothe your body and mind and bring your day to a gentle close with another guided Singing Bowl Meditation ceremony, or simply unwind on your private balcony while taking in the tranquility of Lan Ha Bay.

Overnight on Ylang cruise, Signature suite room (Shared cruise/ Private cabin)

Day 26: Tuesday, 05 May 2020

Lan Ha Bay – Halong – Hanoi/ Hanoi departure

Meals: B

(Flight to be advised, Own tickets)

Start the day early again with another open-air session of Tai Chi before having a light snack to go with your tasty, traditional Vietnamese coffee. This morning, Ylang moors in another quiet spot to offer you one last chance to go kayaking or take a refreshing early morning swim - conveniently from the ship's platform. Enjoy these final moments to fully take in the senses of the bay.

While we pass back through Lan Ha and Halong Bay towards her mid-bay anchoring spot, we serve breakfast and leave you some time to savour the moments of this unique journey while relaxing on comfy sun beds on the terrace deck.

Optional tour: Hanoi Afternoon Street Food Tour**Price (based on group of 2 persons): 56.00 USD/Person**

In the late afternoon, the tour will start at Hoan Kiem Lake for a walk through the maze of bustling streets that make up Hanoi's Old Quarter. You will be amazed by the huge variety of foods available, like nom bo kho – dried beef salad; crispy fresh green papaya salad; pungent herbs and the nutty smell of roasted peanuts, among many other choices. Keep walking to Cau Go Street where you will taste bun thang – Hanoi vermicelli noodle soup with chicken, egg, and pork – a traditional dish that demonstrates the sophistication and elegance of Hanoi cuisine. You then venture down a small alley to join in the local tradition of feasting on hoa qua dam – fresh fruit, or che, a delicious sweet dessert soup — especially worth trying.

Notes:

- Suggested departure time: 15:00
- Tour duration: Approx. 4 hours

Optional tour: Hanoi Water Puppet Show**Price (based on group of 2 persons): 65.00 USD/Person**

Early evening transfer to a public theatre for a Water Puppet performance. The art of water puppetry began approximately a thousand years ago, possibly in the flooded rice fields of Vietnam. Puppeteers stand in waist-high water and manipulate their charges in such a way that you can't help but be swept up in the legend being told. Each short skit in the performance relates to the daily life of the people.

Notes:

- Availability: Late afternoon
- Suggested time for Show: 17:00
- Duration: 1.5 hour

Then you will be transferred back to Noi Bai airport (3 hours before your departure flight) for your onward flight @23:30.

End of services

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- All transfers and transport as per program
- All accommodation as per program (based on double/twin sharing room)
- Service of English speaking station guides as per program
- All meals as mentioned (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- All entrance fees on tour

NOT INCLUDING:

- Air tickets both domestic and international
- Insurance
- Personal expenses
- All drinks
- Visa fees and/or visa authorization
- Tips
- Other expenses not mentioned on the itinerary
- Any compulsory and peak season surcharge (normally New Year periods)
- Optional tours

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