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RITZ TOURS OFFERS LUXURY ‘INDOCHINA EXCURSION’

14-DAY JOURNEY; PRICED FROM \$3,006 PER PERSON

Package Includes Air, Hotel, Cruise, Sightseeing & More

ALHAMBRA, CA (July 09, 2010) – Ritz Tours (<http://www.RitzTours.com>) is offering an [Indochina Excursion](#) adventure bringing travelers through countries steeped in mysticism and unparalleled diversity. Priced from \$3,006 per person (based on double occupancy), this program offers once-in-a-lifetime experiences among treasures in the French-infused city of Hanoi and features breathtaking seascapes when the group [visits Halong Bay](#) in Vietnam’s north. Travelers will voyage south to discover the fascinating history of the Cu Chi Tunnels in Ho Chi Minh City and witness ethereal beauty as they [tour Angkor Wat](#).

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The 14-day Indochina Excursion tour includes roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles (LAX) or San Francisco (SFO); inter-city airfare; hotel accommodations (Hilton Hanoi Opera in Hanoi; Novotel Halong Bay in Halong Bay; Renaissance Riverside Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City; Sofitel Phokeethra Royal Golf Resort in Siem Reap; and Amari Watergate in Bangkok); sightseeing in air-conditioned motorcoaches; meals per the itinerary; services of knowledgeable tour guides; and fuel surcharges.

Departure dates are available through February 2011. Single supplements range from \$800 – \$850.

To help travelers protect their vacation investment and offer an increased savings, Ritz Tours provides Travel Protection Insurance at **no additional cost** on every 2010 brochure tour series program that is paid in full 60 days prior to departure.

Airfare is available from additional gateways nationwide (including, but not limited to, New York, Boston, Miami, Philadelphia, Chicago and Dallas) and ranges from an extra \$100 – \$350 per person.

Indochina Excursion

Upon [travel to Hanoi](#), the group is greeted by a professional tour guide at the airport before being brought to the hotel. The small city of Hanoi is filled with broad, tree-lined boulevards that evoke the allure of Old Asia and its French heritage. Sightseeing begins with a tour of the Temple of Literature, the largest and most important temple complex in the city. The group continues on to visit One Pillar Pagoda, Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, and Ho Chi Minh's Stilt House. Travelers can stroll along the colorful streets of the Old Quarter, nicknamed "36 Streets." The tour culminates with a lively water puppet show.

The next stop on this exciting journey is Halong Bay. The group will board a traditional long-tail boat for a cruise along the shimmering waters of Halong Bay where they will marvel at the breathtaking beauty of this natural wonder, where crooked limestone islands rise up from the emerald waters of the Gulf of Tonkin. Participants will enjoy lunch on board and then stop by several islands to explore their mysterious grottoes, some of which contain fascinating rock formations.

Next, the group will journey to one of Southeast Asia's liveliest cities with a [visit to Ho Chi Minh City](#), formerly known as Saigon. The tour offers an excursion to the famed Cu Chi Tunnels. Built by the Vietcong during the war, the tunnels were part of an underground network that provided a stronghold close to the city. After exploring part of the tunnels, individuals can enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

A full day of sightseeing begins with a visit to the Reunification Palace, the former location of the South Vietnamese government, followed by a tour of the War Remnants Museum, Notre Dame Cathedral, and the Central Post Office. The group will enjoy shopping at the

colorful Ben Thanh Market followed by a drive past City Hall and the Opera House. This portion of the tour culminates with a trip to Cholon, or Chinatown, to visit the Emperor of Jade Pagoda. Later in the afternoon, the tour travels to Siem Reap, the gateway town to the monuments of Angkor.

In Siem Reap, the group enjoys the majestic Angkor Wat. This centuries-old monument is a stunning fusion of symmetry, spirituality and pure grandeur. The next stop is a visit to Angkor Thom and a tour of the monuments Bayon, Baphuon, the Terrace of Elephants and the Terrace of the Leper King. Built by Angkor's greatest King, this fortified city was believed to hold up to one million people at its height.

The next morning the tour visits the most ethereal of the temples of Angkor, Ta Prohn. Partially enveloped by the surrounding jungle, the temple looks very much the same way most monuments did centuries ago when the first European explorers laid eyes on them. It is then on to visit the temples Ta Keo, Chau Say Tevoda and the wood and stone-carving school, Les Chantiers Ecole.

The next stop is a [visit to Bangkok](#), Thailand's capital since the 18th century, and the economic and cultural heart of the Kingdom. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel to relax, and then enjoy a Welcome Dinner with a Thai Classical Dance Show.

The tour of this "City of Angels" begins with an excursion to the Grand Palace, the former residence of the royal family, followed by a tour of the Coronation Hall and the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, the country's most significant religious structure. Continue on to visit the Reclining Buddha Temple and after lunch, stop by a Thai Silk store and a Gems Factory to learn more about the process of these precious stones.

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