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**KIPLING & CLARK *itinerary***  
**CAMBODIA & BURMA — SOUTHEAST ASIA TREASURES – 14 DAYS**

### DAY 1: SAIGON

On arrival at the Tan Son Nhat International Airport, you are met and transferred to the Park Hyatt Hotel.

Vietnam surprises most American visitors. In fact, it is difficult to recognize this country if you're familiar only with the televised images that flooded American living rooms for the better part of a decade during the war. Whatever the expectations, the reality is something else, indeed.

If Hanoi and Hué represent the colonial past of Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh City stands for its future. This city is booming with new economic opportunities, new construction, new technology, and newly arrived Western influences. More and more, cars are replacing bicycles, and cell-phone sales are on the rise. Situated on the northeast edge of the Mekong Delta, Ho Chi Minh City is poised and ready for a new millennium of growth.

*Overnight in Park Hyatt Hotel  
(park suite room)  
No Meals*

### DAY 2: SAIGON

This morning discover the contrasts of bustling Ho Chi Minh City, still commonly referred to as Saigon, on

a morning tour. Amongst the grand old buildings, we will see colourful markets selling everything from chilies to French bread and, of course, an endless stream of bicycles, cyclos and motorbikes.

We will visit the Presidential Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral, a Neo-classical structure dating back to the 19th century, with the beautiful Post Office building opposite, the Central Market (Ben Thanh Market) where you will wander the colourful stalls and stands of this central area of trade and commerce. After the market, stroll down Le Loi Street to the old Russian Market and then onto Dong Khoi, 'The' shopping street in Saigon.

Whilst in the heart of Saigon stop for lunch at Nam Kha Restaurant, with a Vietnamese menu and French flair

In the afternoon visit the Chinatown district of Saigon and the largest wholesale market in the country or perhaps spend the remainder of the afternoon at leisure wandering the streets of this exotic city.

After a day of sightseeing, we will have dinner tonight at the city's best Vietnamese restaurant, the Hoi An.

*Overnight in Park Hyatt Hotel  
(park suite room)  
(Breakfast, lunch & dinner)*

### DAY 3: SAIGON – PHNOM PENH

Transfer out to the airport for a flight to Phnom Penh.

After arrival in Cambodia, you will be transferred to Le Royal Hotel.

In the afternoon, we will visit the Royal Palace, which was built in 1866 by King Norodom. The Palace is actually a number of structures within a pagoda-style compound. Silver Pagoda located within the Royal Palace compound, the Silver Pagoda is so named because of its floor, which is made up of 5,000 silver tiles. The treasures are a solid gold Buddha encrusted with 9,584 diamonds and weighing 90 kilos and a small 17th century emerald and baccarat crystal Buddha. Next visit the National Museum, which houses Khmer art especially sculptures, from different periods of Cambodian history, 19th century dance costumes, royal barges and palanquins. From there we will also visit Toul Sleng Genocide Museum, a former high school. In the Pol Pot time they took this school as a prison for detentions and torture of prisoners. After interrogation the



prisoners were transferred to Cheung Ek, to be killed. Time permitting you might visit Cheung Ek.

*Dinner at local restaurant*

*Overnight at Le Royal Hotel in Phnom Penh (landmark room)  
(Breakfast & dinner)*

## DAY 4: PHNOM PENH – SIEM REAP

This morning you are transferred to airport for flight to Siem Reap. On arrival you will be met and transferred to The Raffles in Siem Reap. You will visit the monumental magnificence of Angkor Thom - last capital of the Khmers, with its Elephant Terrace, the Terrace of the Leper King and the stunning Bayon temple. This 12th century masterpiece lies at the very centre of Angkor Thom and is an archaeological wonder of symmetry and grandeur. The exterior gallery walls have extensive bas-reliefs but the highlight is the “faces”, more than 200 of them, silent but with the famous half-smile playing on their lips. PJ de Beerski wrote of them; “godliness in the majesty and the size, mystery in the expression.”

*Lunch at hotel*

This afternoon, you will visit Angkor Wat, the largest temple in the world, with a volume of stone equaling that of the Cheops pyramid in Egypt. It is unlike all the other Khmer temples in that it faces west, and is inspired by 12th Century Hinduism. Its symmetrical towers are stylized on the modern Cambodian flag. Conceived by Suryavarman II, Angkor Wat took an estimated 30 years to build.

It is generally believed to have been a funeral temple for the king. It has been occupied continuously by Buddhist monks and is well preserved. Intricate bas-reliefs surround Angkor Wat on four sides. Each tells a story. The most celebrated of these is the Churning of the Ocean of Milk, which is located on the east wing. In it the Naga serpent, is twisted by demons and gods to spurt out the elixir of life.

*Sunset at Angkor Wat.*

*Dinner and overnight at Grand Hotel d’Angkor (landmark room)  
(Breakfast, lunch & dinner)*

## DAY 5: SIEM REAP

This morning, visit Thommanon, Chau Say, Tevoda, Ta Keo and Ta Prohm, the temple that has been left largely in its natural state since its “re-discovery” by French explorers. Surrounded by jungle, its labyrinth of stone hallways is overgrown with the roots and limbs of massive banyan trees, which envelop the stone like tentacles. It is one of the largest temples at Angkor, dedicated in 1186. Historians have noted its mystical charm.

*Lunch at hotel*

This afternoon you will continue to Preah Khan, Neak Pean, Ta Som, East Meborn and Prea Rup “The Sacred Sword”, an extensive monastic complex covering over 56 hectares built by the Khmer King Jayavarman VII as a monastery and teaching complex. It is one of a group of temple complexes situated on a small ‘Baray’. Preah Khan is the site of the World Monuments Fund ‘prime’ Asian

project a painstaking renovation whilst maintaining it’s mysterious allures and superb original structure.

*Dinner and overnight at Grand Hotel d’Angkor (landmark room)  
(Breakfast, lunch & dinner)*

## DAY 6: SIEM REAP

This morning, you drive to Banteay Srei; the citadel of women - a tiny, enchanting temple, which is one of the jewels in this remarkable city. Built of red sandstone in the tenth century and dedicated to the Hindu god Shiva, the carved male and female figures in the niches are exquisitely executed in both style and proportion. This is the most Indian of all the temples in Angkor and in the words of H.W. Ponder, is a fairy palace in the heart of an immense and mysterious forest.

*Lunch at hotel*

This afternoon, you drive to Ton Le Sap Lake, the largest fresh water lake in South East Asia, is the lifeblood of the Cambodian fishing industry. The Mekong River, from as far away as Phnom Penh, reverses the direction of the Ton Le Sap river to bring an overflow of water and silt to support both rice growing and the breeding fish of many sizes and varieties. Hopping on board a small shaded vessel and moving between the floating homes and small fish farms you will experience close up, daily lake life. On the way back to Siem Reap town between the palms and other large vegetation you may take an optional visit to a development project teaching young adults, stone carving,



wood carving, lacquer application, Les Artisans d'Angkor is a heart warming reminder that progress in Cambodia can go hand in hand with traditional crafts.

*Dinner and overnight at Grand Hotel d'Angkor (landmark room)  
(Breakfast, lunch & dinner)*

## DAY 7: SIEM REAP – BANGKOK – YANGOON

At leisure until departure transfer to the airport for flight to Yangon via Bangkok.

Yangon is the main gateway and capital city of Myanmar. Although the population over around five million, the city gives a different impression from other Asian capitals of similar size. It seems full of trees and shade, even old teak growth, with some outlying neighborhoods refreshingly overgrown, taking on a more provincial feel rather than that of an international city.

Upon arrival to Yangon, your guide will take care of your baggage and guide you to your private air-conditioned are for transfer to your hotel.

*Overnight at the Pansea Governor' Residence (Deluxe) in Yangon  
(Breakfast)*

## DAY 8: YANGON – BAGAN

After breakfast you will transfer to Yangon International airport for flight to Bagan.

Known as the city of four million pagodas, Bagan is one of the richest archaeological sites in Asia. There, one can find over 2,000 pagodas,

temples and monasteries built during the Bagan Dynasty founded by King Anawrahta in 1044A.D. Bagan is a truly mesmerizing destination, and often the favorite of seasoned travelers. Bagan can only be described as amazing and enchanting.

*Upon arrival to Bagan, transfer to hotel for check-in and refreshment.*

The most amazing component of Bagan is the thousands of ancient Pagodas scattered throughout Bagan. We will visit the Pagodas that are the most culturally significant and best preserved including the Shwezigon, Gubyaukgyi, Htilo Minlo and the amazing Ananda temple.

*Lunch will be at local restaurant.*

Bagan is not only famous for the profusion of pagodas but also for its artistic handicrafts and local Lacquer-ware store where the process of making each piece can be seen. Visit local Lacquer-ware workshop where the process of making each piece can be seen and observe the art of Bagan Lacquer-ware.

Late afternoon, explore Bagan from a different perspective as you explore the area by Pony cart. The cart can explore areas that cars are unable to enter giving a different feel of Bagan.

The only way to see the sunset in Bagan is from the top of a Pagoda. Sit back, relax and be amazed by the beauty of Bagan as we watch the sun slowly set behind the ancient Pagodas.

*Overnight at the Thiripyitsaya Sakura Hotel (Deluxe River View) in Bagan  
(Breakfast, lunch & dinner)*

## DAY 9: BAGAN

*Optional hot air balloon in early a.m.*

Today see the real way of life for most Myanmar people by visiting Phwar Saw Village. This village is a perfect example of how locals live, but most importantly you will be able to see the intimacy of the villagers toward one another, and any foreign guests. We will visit local home and observe their daily home cooking style.

On the way to village, visit Nyaung Oo market to see the vast variety of fresh fruit and vegetables for sale and gain an insight into the bustling market atmosphere in Bagan.

*Lunch will be at local restaurant.  
Dinner will be at local restaurant with Myanmar Traditional Puppet Show.  
Overnight at Thiripyitsaya Sakura Hotel (Deluxe - River View) in Bagan.  
(Breakfast, lunch & dinner)*

## DAY 10: BAGAN ~RV PANDAW 1947 [IRRAWADDY CRUISE]

After breakfast at hotel, check out and transfer to Bagan Jetty to join the Rv Pandaw.

The Pandaw is a refitted river cruiser that originally sailed the Irrawaddy in the 40's. The Irrawaddy Flotilla has recreated the Pandaw legend and offer luxury cruises between Bagan and Mandalay. The boat is combined with the luxury dining room, bar and viewing areas make the Pandaw a great way to travel between Bagan and Mandalay. The Pandaw also has the ability to dock anywhere along the journey enabling guests to explore villages well off the beaten track.

After setting sail from Bagan visit Thein Gone, a typical Burmese village, with rich farmlands, traditional



crafts, friendly inhabitants and a small monastery/ school. The tour will be run in a local bus (not aircon) which is a fun way of seeing the real life of this busy place

*Dinner and entertainment will be provided on board. [www.pandaw1947.com](http://www.pandaw1947.com) (Breakfast, lunch & dinner)*

## DAY 11: CRUISING THE IRRAWADDY

Spend more time relaxing on board the Pandaw as it sails down the Irrawaddy, there is plenty of activity on the river banks as locals go about their everyday lives.

After lunch on board visit Yandabo, this is a rarely visited small village with no road access to the world. Dependant on the riverside economy this village is famous for the production of terracotta pottery made from riverbank mud. We see the pottery making process at various stages. We are invited into people's homes and visit the local monastery.

Yandabo is famous in Burmese history as the place where the Treaty of Yandabo was signed in 1855 between the Burmese king and the British; it is now a center of pot production.

*Dinner and entertainment will be provided on board the cruise. (Breakfast, lunch & dinner)*

## DAY 12: PANDAW – MANDALAY

This morning the Pandaw arrives in Mandalay. After disembarking from Pandaw, visit to the Amarapura including photo stop at U Bein Bridge, which made out of teak wood across Taungthamen Lake and proceed to Mahagandayone Monastery, home to over 1,000 monks.

The last capital of the third Myanmar Empire, Mandalay is situated in central Myanmar 668 km due north of Yangon. It is the largest city after Yangon and is both a bustling commercial centre and a repository of ancient culture. With the remains of the old Royal City and with many old monasteries, Mandalay is a showcase for Myanmar art and architecture of the 19th century. It is also noted for woodcarvings, silverware, tapestries, silk cloth, and other traditional craft products.

Next visit to the Mahamuni Pagoda, which was so named after the holy image, "Maha Muni" housed therein. Visit the second most sacred image in Myanmar next to the Shwedagon Pagoda is the Mahamuni Pagoda.

*Lunch at the Sedona Hotel and leisure.*

After that we continue to the Shwe Kyaung (Golden Palace Monastery) famous for its intricate woodcarvings.

*Late afternoon transfer to Mandalay airport for flight to Yangon. Arrive Yangon, transfer to the Savory Hotel.*

*Overnight at Savory Hotel in Yangon (suite room) (Breakfast, lunch & dinner)*

## DAY 13: MANDALAY – YANGON

Morning visit to the historic Shwedagon pagoda towers almost 98 meters (326 feet) above the green cityscape of Yangon. One of the wonders of the religious world, the Shwedagon Pagoda is believed to have been built more than 2500 years ago. Testament to the faith of the Burmese, the Shwedagon is covered with hundreds of gold plates; the top of the Stupa is encrusted with 4531

diamonds; the largest of which is a single 76 carat diamond!

Continue to the sprawling 70-year old Scott Market (Bogyoke Aung San Market). At the market we will find a whole variety of interesting Burmese souvenirs, from lacquer ware to gems and jewelry (which are available at reasonable prices), make sure we bargain at the stores to fully experience the Burmese market atmosphere!

*Lunch will be at a local restaurant to taste the Myanmar cuisine.*

*After lunch, you will spend our time at leisure.*

*Afternoon transfer to Yangon International Airport for your flight to Bangkok.*

*Overnight at Novotel Suvarnabumi Airport Hotel (Breakfast, lunch)*

## DAY 14: BANGKOK TO U.S.

This morning transfer to airport for flight back to the U.S.

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