

JOHN HAYCRAFT

ROB CANDY

VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA

Sketch and paint the wonders of Vietnam and Cambodia
14 days tour

11-24 April 2023



**Sketch the Ancient City of Angkor Wat
Experience the bustling city of Ho Chi Minh**

Shop in Markets of Hoi An

Paint the magic of rural Vietnam

Artistically capture Hanoi's Old City

Visit the Chi Chi Tunnels

Fill your sketchbook and paint to your hearts content

Tour includes

*** airfares from Syd,Melb,Bris, * twin share 4 star hotel accommodation**

***Daily breakfast and dinner *Fully inclusive tour with English**

speaking guide and local guides, air-conditioned coach,

entrance fees, visas and tipping *two amazing art tutors

\$5280

twin share

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Like the watercolourists we admire of old, Turner, Sargent, Whistler, and the modern masters of the medium, we will follow the practice of working into our sketchbooks capturing the colour and movement of local life. As well, we will have time for longer studies when we can set up our easels and take a more leisurely, considered look at the local scenery.

Artistic Tour Leaders

John Haycraft

John Haycraft has been a professional artist since 1971. Trained as a perspective artist he has over the years developed his interest in watercolour as a medium for expressive painting particularly well adapted for plein-air work. A world traveller, he uses extensive sketching and on the spot painting to capture a sense of place with atmosphere. The author of three books on painting and drawing, he works and teaches from his studio in Lilyfield, Sydney.



He has won recognition for his architectural work from the British, American and Japanese societies for architectural illustration as well as serving as President of the Australian Association of Architectural Illustrators from 1995-2000. He has lectured in the discipline in various university faculties of architecture since 1979. A collection of his architectural drawings is held in the Mitchell Library, the State Library of New South Wales. For further details see: www.johnhaycraft.com

John says of painting tours :

'The excitement and fascination of painting and sketching such an amazing diverse area is a thrill for the artist to behold. At every turn, one is faced with amazing scenes, whether it is the landscape, its people or tradition. It is an incredible opportunity to travel and paint with a group of artists and share the experience. The artist comes back with a wealth of painting ideas, new directions and in many cases lifelong friends'

Rob Candy

Rob Candy is a leading watercolourist, and he has had numerous solo and group shows in Sydney, Brisbane, Tamworth and Patonga. His love and passion is painting landscapes in watercolour whether it is a beach, harbour or outback. He was invited to become a member of the prestigious Australian Watercolour Institute in 2005. Rob is the past President of the Watercolour Society of Victoria. He regularly conducts workshops in watercolour and has judged many art competitions. He has been featured artist in the Australian Artist Magazine many times and is included in the book 'Australian Watercolours' 2007. He has led many watercolour and sketching tours along the Silk Road, China, Tibet, The Balkans India and Turkey. For further details see: www.rob candy.com



Rob says of the tour:

'We have designed the tour to maximize every opportunity to sketch and paint and at the same time see and record the fabulous sights. Throughout the tour, there will be watercolour tuition and demonstrations focusing upon such aspects as drawing, watercolour washes, compositions, and values. Each day there will be a chance to sketch and paint and to develop and refine your artistic skills. It is also a great opportunity to share and discuss art with other artists on the tour.'

Frequently asked questions:

Where does the tour take you ?

The tour begins with sketching in the bustling Ho Chi Minh City. From there we fly to Da Nang and Hoi An on the Vietnamese coastline to explore and paint this old French trading town. From Central Vietnam we fly to the capital, Hanoi to explore this city which has experienced an amazing history. A highlight will be the opportunity to sketch in the old city. From northern Vietnam we cross borders into Cambodia arriving at Siem Reap. This is one of the special moments of the tour as we have the opportunity to sketch and paint at the World Heritage "Angkor Wat Temple. A short flight onto Phnom Penh where we finish the tour with a sunset cruise on the Mekong before flying back to Australia.



Do I have to be an experienced artist?

Absolutely 'No' ! The tour is designed for artists of all abilities and media. Whilst John and Rob will demonstrate in watercolour, aspects such as subject choice, compositions, values and sketching techniques will be universal to all media. Many artist joining the tour, choose to just gather images either in a sketchbook or on a camera. Such source material is then used for years to come.

Do I have to be an artist?

Absolutely 'No' ! Many non-painters join our tour simply to see and experience such a wonderful region. There is a comprehensive non-painter's programme each day. While the artist is toiling away capturing the scene, non painters and our guide will be visiting sights such as museums, galleries, cafes, markets and shops. They will have much to do. Many non-artists often decide to give a sketching a go with great results.

Do I need a partner?

No . Many individuals join our tours rather than travelling alone.

Itinerary:

Day 1: 11 Apr Australia ✈ HCMC (Saigon) Meal: D

Today you will take the Vietnam Airlines flight VN772 departing Sydney at 10:15, please report to the airport for check in service at least 2.5 hour prior to the departure, the flight arrives in HCMC at 1535, your tour guide will meet you at the airport and transfer you to the hotel, Ho Chi Minh City, formally called Saigon, the economic and commercial center of Vietnam. Dinner will be served at your hotel tonight.



Day 2: 12 Apr Ho Chi Minh City Meal: B/L/D

After breakfast we will sketch and paint as we tour the city featuring the Central Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral, Reunification Palace (outside) and Cho Ben Thanh Markets. After, we head to Cu Chi, 70km north of Saigon, which is famous for its 200-kilometre-long tunnels and it was the base for the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. After a sketching and visiting the site we will return to Ho Chi Minh City. Tonight we will enjoy a Saigon river cruise for dinner.

Day 3: 13 Apr Ho Chi Minh City Meal: B/L/D

08:00 Enjoy a full-day excursion to My Tho, 75km south of Saigon, a peaceful town on the bank of the Mekong River. Paint and cruise on the Mekong River, a visit to orchards and local homes, a sampan ride on palm-shaded creeks, a taste of seasonal fruit & honey tea and a performance of traditional southern singing. Lunch of Mekong specialties is arranged.

Day 4: 14 Apr Ho Chi Minh City ✈ Da Nang 🚆 Hoi An Meal: B/D

After breakfast we will transfer to the airport for our morning flight to Da Nang. Upon arrival in Da Nang, we will take a short city tour to sketch and paint around the Da Nang Cathedral, also known as Rooster Church, with a unique Gothique style. We will have an opportunity to see China Beach made famous during the war. We will then travel to Hoi An, the most charming town in Vietnam and if time allows a sketch after settling into the hotel. Here we will stay 3 nights.

Day 5: 15 Apr Hoi An Meal: B/L/D

Today is an amazing opportunity to sketch and paint in this historic town. Our guide will show us the ancient town of Hoi An, so called a 'living Museum City' because of its well-kept original historical buildings and ancient backstreets. The streets will provide the artist with exciting scenes of everyday life in Vietnam. For those interested in exploring the town, our guide will take them to one of the three city's oldest homes, each built over 200 years ago and still occupied by descendants of the families that originally built them. This will be followed by a tour to the Chinese Assembly Hall and sketching the unique Japanese Bridge. Dinner is served at a local restaurant by the river.

Day 6: 16 Apr Hoi An Meal: B/D

Today we explore Hoi An with our sketchbooks from the markets, to the old town and along the river. There is an opportunity to experience the Vietnamese cuisine as our guide takes us to the local market by boat and then we return to the cooking school to experience cooking our own Vietnamese lunch. In the afternoon for those not painting there will be a chance to do some shopping, get some tailor-made clothes. Dinner at one of the many great restaurants in Hoi An.





Day 7: 17 Apr Hoi An ⇄ Da Nang ✈ Hanoi ⇄ Meal: B/L/D

After breakfast, transfer to Da Nang airport for your flight to Hanoi Vietnam's capital city which boasts tree-lined streets and centuries-old temples. After lunch we will sketch in the old city of Hanoi with its vibrant street life. We will stay 2 nights in Hanoi.



Day 8: 18 Apr Hanoi Meal: B/L/D

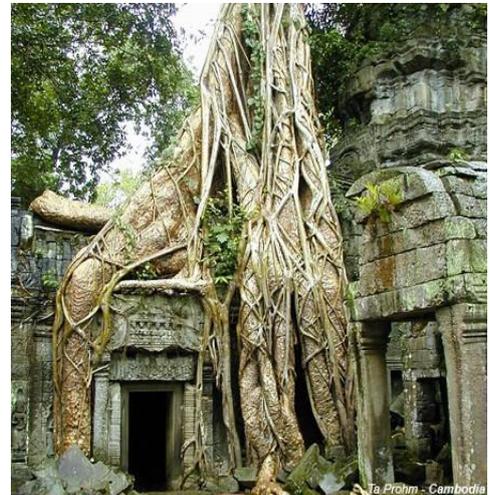
This morning's sightseeing and sketching tour features both cultural and historical highlights, comprising of Ho Chi Minh's Former Residence, the West Lake, the Temple of Literature, the Ethnology Museum, Lake Hoan Kiem, the old quarters and a downtown pedi-cab ride for approximately one hour. An evening show includes the famous Water Puppets (1st class seats).

Day 9: 19 Apr Hanoi ✈ Siem Reap Meal: B/D

This morning is at leisure. For those who are keen, they are welcome to join John and Rob who will sketch nearby to the hotel. We will then be transferred to the airport for your flight to Siem Reap, the home of world famous temples of Angkor; this was the seat of the Khmer Kingdom from 9th – 15th centuries. You are met and transferred to your hotel, stay 3 nights.

Day 10: 20 Apr Siem Reap Meal: B/L/D

After breakfast have your sketching and painting gear ready, to artistically capture Angkor Thom, the last capital of the Khmer Empire, a fortified city enclosing residences of priest, officials of the palace and military, as well as buildings for administering the ancient kingdom. Then take an elephant ride to visit Bayon temple located at the centre of Angkor Thom City. It is known for the 216 giant mysterious faces carved on the 54 towers, each posing a differing mysterious smile, keeping watch of each compass point. On the walls of the galleries are many bas-reliefs depicting scenes of everyday life, great battles and military processions during Angkor period and Phimean Akas, Elephant and Leper King Terraces. Lunch is at a local restaurant Cafe Indochine restaurant. After lunch, the artist will be excited to sketch and paint the World Heritage "Angkor Wat Temple" and capture the sunset view from Bakheng Hill. Dinner with show served at the city restaurant Por Cuisine



Ta Prohm - Cambodia



Day 11: 21 Apr Siem Reap
Meal: B/L/D

After breakfast will take an excursion by boat to sketch and paint the fishing and floating village on Tonle Sap Lake. Lunch will be at a local restaurant Square 24 Restaurant. This afternoon, we will take our sketchbooks as we visit Takeo and Ta Prohm. Unlike most of the temples of Angkor, Ta Prohm has been largely left to the clutches of the living jungle. The artist will be able to capture on paper or canvas the dynamic

interaction between nature and man-made art. We will also visit Banteay Kdei, Sras Srang and Krovan. Dinner served at hotel. Overnight in Siem Reap



Day 12: 22 Apr Siem Reap ✈ Phnom Penh
Meal: B/L/D

After breakfast, you will be able to sketch and paint as we continue to explore the famous temples Banteay Srei or the "Citadel of Women," It is said that the reliefs on this unique pink sandstone temple are so delicate that it could only have been carved by the hand of a woman. Witness the relief carvings that are so well-preserved, it seems like it was made yesterday and Banteay Samre temple. Lunch at local restaurant Banteay Srey restaurant followed by a transfer to the airport for your Phnom Penh flight. Upon arrival, we will be transferred to the hotel for check in. Dinner at hotel Stay 2 nights at Phnom Penh Sunway Hotel 4 star.



Day 13: 23 Apr Phnom Penh **Meal: B/L/D**

Today is our last full day to spend filling up our sketchbooks as we see the sights of this city including Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda, National Museum.

Lunch at local restaurant Khmer Surin. This afternoon, visit the Killing Fields and then enjoy a Sunset dinner cruise along the Mekong River.

Overnight at hotel in Phnom Penh

Day 14: 24 Apr Phnom Penh ✈ Saigon ✈ Australia **Meal: B**

Today is at your leisure, afternoon transfer to the airport for the flight VN3856 1730/1830 to HCMC, then connect the flight VN773 departing at 2100 back to Sydney, your luggage will be checked through from Phnom Penh to Sydney.

Day 15: 25 Apr Australia Arrive into Australia this morning



Package Price: \$5280 per person Single Supplement: \$1150

Inclusions:

1. Twin share room at 4 star hotels as mentioned on the itinerary or similar class
2. Fully inclusive tour with meals as per itinerary
3. Vietnam airlines economy class flights Sydney (Melbourne or Brisbane)- HCMC-Hue, Da Nang-Hanoi-Siem Reap-Phnom Penh-HCMC-Sydney (Melbourne or Brisbane)
4. All airport taxes and Fuel surcharge (subject to change without notice)
5. English speaking guides service
6. Air conditioned private coach transfers.
7. Vietnam single entry visa for Australian passport holder A\$95
8. All Tipping

City	Hotel	Date
HCMC	Grand Hotel Saigon Add: 08 Dong Khoi Street District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam Tel: +84 8 3915.5555	11-14 April 2023 (3 nights)
Hoi An	Hoi An Historic Hotel Address: 10 Tran Hung Dao St., Hoi An City Tel: +84-235- 386 1445	14-17 April 2023 (3 nights)
Hanoi	Hanoi Silk Path Hotel Add: 195 – 199 Hang Bong street, Hoan Kiem distric, Hanoi Tel: +84432665555	17-19 April 2023 (2 nights)
Siem Reap	Shinta Mani Angkor Hotel Add: Sivatha Blv, Mondul II, Sangkat Svay, Dangkom, Siem Reap Tel: +855 63 763 888	19-22 April 2023 (3 nights)
Phnom Penh	Palace Gate Hotel Phnom Penh Add: 26 Old August Site, Sothearos Boulevard, Phnom Penh Tel: +855 23 999 200	22-24 April 2023 (2 nights)

Meal Code:

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch,
D = Dinner, BD = Buffet dinner, WD
= Western Dinner

Exclusions:

Personal Expenses; travel insurance

Cambodia visa will be applied upon arrival Siem Reap International Airport @ 35 USD per person

Bookings and Enquires

Please complete the enclosed booking form and send with deposit of \$500.00 per person to mail: eric@cbtholidays.com.au

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