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## TRAVEL UPDATES

### VIETNAM

**BEST WESTERN PREMIER - IMPERIAL DA LAT** marks a major new hospitality addition to Vietnam's Central Highlands. The newly built five-star complex features a near-500-room hotel with Indochine-inspired design, a commercial centre, and MICE facilities for up to 1,000 guests. The grand opening is scheduled for **February 2026**.



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### NEW DIRECT FLIGHTS: HO CHI MINH CITY → DIEN BIEN PHU

Vietnam Airlines launches direct flights from Ho Chi Minh City to Dien Bien Phu starting January 2025.

- **Aircraft & duration:** Airbus A321, approx. 2h20
- **Schedule:** 1,3 / VN1160 / SGN → DIN / 09:35-11:55
- **Return journey:** Dien Bien Phu → Hanoi → Ho Chi Minh City (one stop)
- **Connections:** Daily flights between Dien Bien and Hanoi



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#### **HO CHI MINH CITY – Transfer of International Flights to new Long Thanh Airport – Programme Impact**

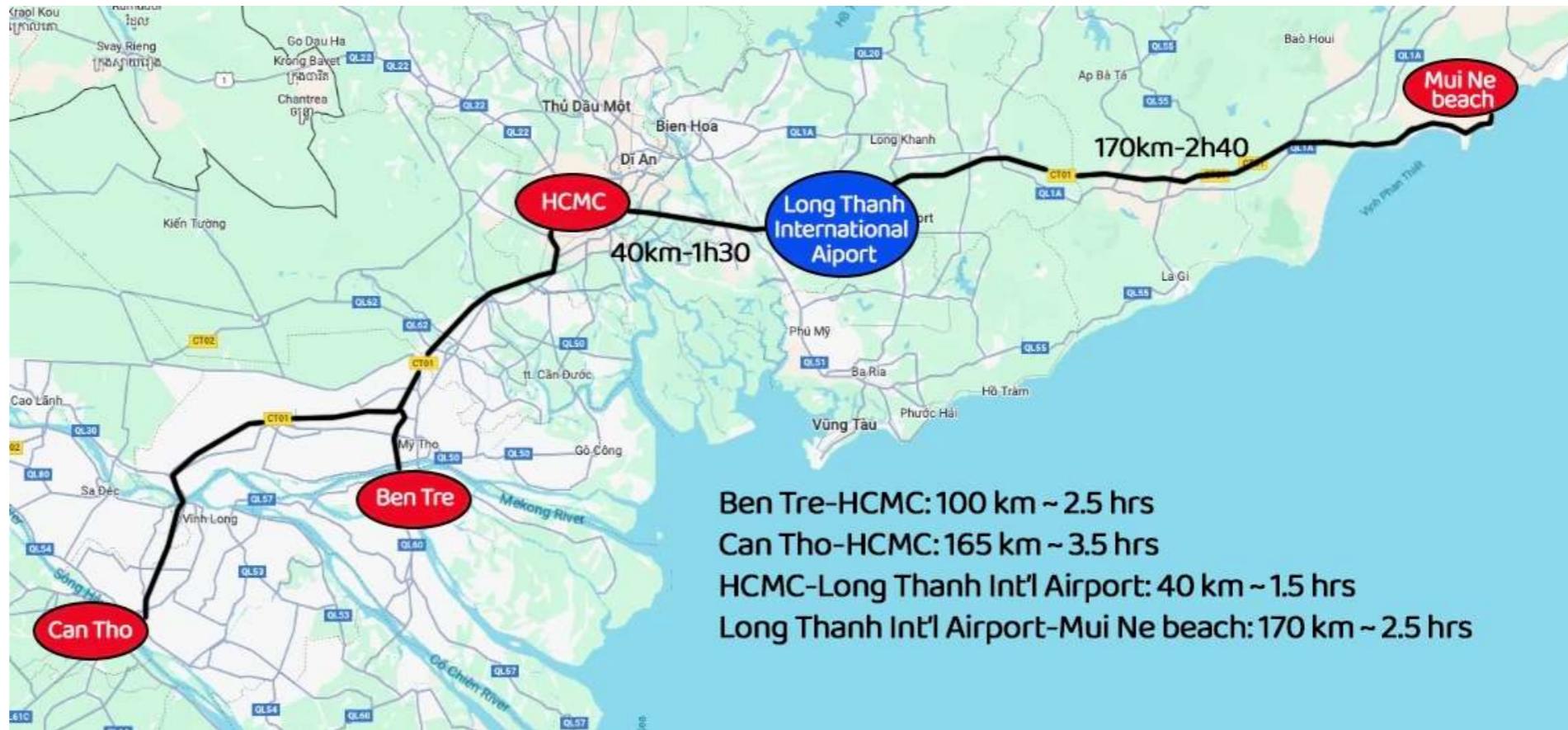
According to information communicated by Vietnam Airlines, **from mid-June 2026, all international flights TO / FROM Ho Chi Minh City will be transferred to the new Long Thanh International Airport**, located approximately 40 km from the city centre. The estimated transfer time is around **1 hour 30 minutes via expressway under normal traffic conditions**.

As a result, **please allow sufficient time for transfer and airport check-in (minimum 4 hours before departure)**.

Please consider this carefully when booking flights, particularly if sightseeing activities are planned on the final day.

**Transfer costs are also likely to increase.**

We will keep you informed as soon as more details become available.



#### HA LONG BAY: NEW LYRA GRANDEUR CRUISE LAUNCHES

Launched in late 2025, Lyra Grandeur is a luxury cruise operating in Halong Bay and Lan Ha Bay, and the flagship of the Lyra Cruise Collection, sister ship to the acclaimed Capella Cruise.

Blending contemporary Indochine elegance with high-end modern facilities, the ship spans six decks and is designed as a refined floating retreat.

#### Key highlights:

- Capacity: 33 spacious cabins and suites
- Cabins: Floor-to-ceiling windows, private balconies, ocean-view bathtubs
- Facilities: Fine-dining restaurant, indoor & outdoor bars, wine and cigar cellar, mini-golf course, year-round infinity pool, spa & sauna, fitness room, and expansive sundeck
- Route: Tuan Chau Pier – Lan Ha Bay





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**THE PHO MUSEUM** (Bảo Tàng Phở), opened in January following a soft launch, offers an immersive cultural experience in **Ho Chi Minh City** dedicated to Vietnam's most iconic dish. More than a restaurant, the museum presents phở as a **culinary and cultural heritage**, combining storytelling, exhibitions, and interactive elements.

**Key features include:**

- A curated visitor journey of over one hour, beginning with documentary-style films on the history and origins of phở.
- Exhibition spaces displaying more than 200 artefacts related to phở across Vietnam's three regions.
- Demonstrations illustrating traditional phở-making techniques, ingredients, and tools.
- Use of digital technology and interactive content to bring the story of phở to life.
- A concluding food and retail area where visitors can taste a signature "museum phở" and purchase souvenirs.

The Pho Museum aims to promote Vietnamese culinary heritage to both domestic and international visitors, positioning phở not just as a dish, but as a symbol of national identity and living culture.



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**HANOI 'FLAG TOWER MEMORIES' TOUR**

A newly launched tour allows visitors to climb the **Hà Nội Flag Tower**, one of the city's most important landmarks. More than 200 years old, the tower offers wide views over Hà Nội and a simple, engaging way to learn about the capital's history and sense of national pride. This tour offers a unique way to connect with Hanoi's past and experience the capital from a new perspective.

**Tour highlights:**

- Climb the tower: Access levels 1, 2 and 3 of the historic structure.
- Exhibition: *Hanoi Flag Tower and the Aspiration for Peace*.
- Cultural storytelling: Learn about the tower's deep historical and symbolic significance.
- Artistic performance: *Sketching the Essence of Hanoi*, recreating defining moments such as the 1954 liberation of the capital.

**Historical significance:**

- Built between 1805 and 1812 as part of the Hanoi Citadel.
- Survived French invasions and served as a strategic military post.
- National flag first raised after the August Revolution (1945).
- Raised again on 10 October 1954 to mark the liberation of Hanoi.
- Later used as an air-defence observatory during the American War.

#### **Plan Your Visit:**

- Opening days: Tuesday to Sunday. Closed on Mondays.
- Hours: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM



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#### **HUE FESTIVAL 2026**

The festival will take place from **25 March to 7 April 2026**, showcasing the city's rich cultural heritage through traditional performances, royal court music, art exhibitions, street activities, and fireworks.

Plan ahead and book your accommodation early to ensure you don't miss this festival and the opportunity to experience it. For enquiries and bookings, kindly contact [Vidotour Vietnam](#)



## THALA TRAVINH LODGE - Vietnam

Following a short trial period, we are delighted to unveil a hidden-gem retreat in the remote Mekong Delta. **Thala Trà Vinh**, a charming lodge, is known for its tranquil natural setting, high standards of comfort, and thoughtful integration of local Khmer culture into its design. Set amid coconut gardens and rice fields, it offers a serene escape with 16 private bungalows and an outdoor swimming pool.

Discover this hidden gem and be among the first to experience it.

### Activities:

- Cycle through peaceful countryside landscapes
- Immerse yourself in Khmer culture and living traditions
- Explore ancient Khmer pagodas and their rich history
- Enjoy a graceful Apsara dance performance
- Savour authentic local delicacies
- Unwind in a tranquil, nature-filled setting



## CAMBODIA

### CAMBODIA'S FINEST HOTELS - TWO MICHELIN KEY DISTINCTION

The hotels listed below have all received the prestigious **Two Michelin Key distinction**, recognising an **exceptional stay**. Unlike traditional star ratings, Michelin Keys focus on the overall guest experience rather than facilities alone—making them especially relevant for boutique, experiential, and high-end resorts in Cambodia.

- **Rosewood Phnom Penh – Phnom Penh**

Ultra-luxury urban retreat in Vattanac Capital Tower with panoramic views and rooftop sunsets.

- **Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor – Siem Reap**

Historic French Colonial icon set in lush gardens, the legendary "Grand Dame" of Angkor.

- **Amansara – Siem Reap**

Serene all-suite resort in a former royal guesthouse, offering refined, culture-focused experiences.

- **Zannier Phum Baitang – Siem Reap**

Elegant countryside retreat blending traditional Khmer life with exceptional comfort and service.

- **Six Senses Koh Krabey**

Private island wellness retreat with jungle villas and private pools, focused on sustainability.

- **Song Saa – Koh Rong**

Iconic private island resort, known for barefoot luxury and eco-commitment.



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### BBC TRAVEL NAMES PHNOM PENH A TOP DESTINATION FOR 2026

**BBC Travel** has recognised **Phnom Penh** as one of the **20 best destinations to visit in 2026**, highlighting the city's rapid transformation into a hub for sustainable and culturally rich travel.

Key factors behind this recognition include:

- **Cultural revival:** Phnom Penh is emerging as a vibrant capital blending heritage with contemporary experiences.
- **Improved connectivity:** The upcoming **Techo International Airport** will enhance international access and new routes.
- **Sustainable travel:** Growing focus on eco-conscious development and authentic cultural encounters.
- **New urban highlights:** Areas such as **Chaktomuk Walk Street** showcase local food, music, and riverside life.
- **Value & charm:** An appealing mix of affordability, warm hospitality, and a relaxed urban atmosphere.



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## NEW DIRECT FLIGHTS FROM CAMBODIA TO VIETNAM

From mid-January 2026, **Air Cambodia** has launched **3 new direct flights** from **Phnom Penh** to major coastal destinations in **Vietnam**, aiming to boost regional tourism and trade.

Aircraft: 70-seat ATR 72

Schedule:

### **Phnom Penh (KTI) → Da Nang (DAD)**

- Mon,Thu | K6 842 | 10.30-12.40
- Sun | K6 842 | 16.50-19.00

### **Da Nang (DAD) → Phnom Penh (KTI)**

- Mon,Thu | K6843 | 13.10-15.20
- Sun | K6843 | 19.30-21.40

### **Phnom Penh (KTI) → Phu Quoc (PQC)**

- Tue,Wed,Fri,Sat | K6 830 | 11.10-12.15

### **Phu Quoc (PQC) → Phnom Penh (KTI)**

- Tue,Wed,Fri,Sat | K6 831 | 12.45-13.50

### **Phnom Penh (KTI) → Nha Trang (CXR)**

- Tue, Sat | K6 832 | 14.10-15.45

### **Nha Trang (CXR) → Phnom Penh (KTI)**

- Tue, Sat | K6 833 | 16.15-17.50

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## SIHANOUKVILLE → CHENGDU DIRECT FLIGHTS

**Cambodia Airways** launched a new **direct flight** between **Sihanoukville (KOS)** and **Chengdu** Tianfu International Airport (TFU).

Flight duration: Approx. 3 hours 30 minutes

Aircraft: Airbus A320

Schedule:

3,5,7 | KR961 | KOS → TFU | 09.00-13.30

3,5,7 | KR962 | TFU → KOS | 14.30-17.20

## HOTEL & PROMOTIONS

### CAMBODIA

#### RAFFLES HOTEL LE ROYAL - Phnom Penh

##### Green Season Offer – Discounted Rates

**Stay Period:** May 2026 – 31 October 2026

**Booking Window:** Now – 31 October 2026

##### Additional Value Adds:

- 10% dining discount at Le Royal and Le Phnom 1929 (excluding alcohol)
- 20% discount on spa treatments at Raffles Spa
- Complimentary room upgrade for stays of 3 nights (subject to availability)
- Late check-out until 14:00 or early check-in (subject to availability)

##### Conditions:

- Applicable to new bookings only
- Cannot be combined with other promotions
- Blackout dates to be advised upon booking



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#### ANANTARA ANGKOR RESORT – Siem Reap

##### Green Season: 25% Off

**Stay Period:** 01 April 2026 – 31 October 2026

**Enjoy extra privileges** with a minimum stay of 3 nights:

- Early check-in at 12:00
- Late check-out until 16:00
- Complimentary suite upgrade
- One 60-minute Khmer massage for two (per stay)
- USD 50 resort credit (Spa & Dining)

##### Conditions:

- Applicable to new bookings only
- Cannot be combined with existing contracted promos



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### FCC ANGKOR by Avani – Siem Reap

#### 2026 Discounted rates

**Booking Window:** Now – 31 October 2026

**Stay Period:** 01 April 2026 – 31 October 2026

**Conditions:**

- Applicable to new bookings only
- Not applicable to groups, conferences, or meetings
- Cannot be combined with other promotions
- Blackout dates to be advised



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### SONG SAA PRIVATE ISLAND – Cambodia

#### Timeless Escape Offer 35% Off

**Offer:** 35% discount

**Stay Requirement:** Minimum 2 nights

**Stay Period:** Now – 31 October 2027

**Booking Window:** Now – 31 March 2026

**Applicable for:**

- All villa categories
- Bed & Breakfast / All-Inclusive plans
- Extra person & child supplements included
- Up to 3 villas per booking (unless otherwise approved)

**Conditions:**

- Applicable to new bookings only
- Cannot be combined with contracted or online offers

- Full prepayment required – non-refundable and non-cancellable
- Blackout dates:  
23 December 2025 – 06 January 2026  
23 December 2026 – 06 January 2027



## VIETNAM

### GARRYA MU CANG CHAI - Lao Cai, Vietnam

#### Complimentary Round-Trip Transfers

To mark the blossom and green season, Garrya Mù Cang Chải introduces a **Seasonal Privilege** offering added value for travellers seeking a refreshing mountain retreat.

**Booking Window:** Now – 31 March 2026

**Travel Period:** Now – 31 August 2026

**Rates:** As per contract rates / 2025–2026 rate offer

#### Applicable for:

- Mù Cang Chải Pool Suite
- Mountain View Pool Villa
- Garrya Two-Bedroom Pool Suite

**Exclusive Benefit:** Complimentary private round-trip transfer from Hanoi or Sapa to Garrya Mù Cang Chải by VinFast vehicle

- VF6 (5-seater) for Pool Suite & Mountain View Pool Villa bookings
- VF9 (7-seater) for Two-Bedroom Pool Suite bookings

#### Conditions:

- Minimum 2-night stay, applicable to new FIT bookings only
- Combinable with existing 2025–2026 contract promotions
- Free sale – bookings accepted on request, subject to availability
- Advance reservation required



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## HANDPICKED STAYS & SPOTS

### VIETNAM

#### LUXURY HOMESTAY - Mu Cang Chai, Vietnam

**A Su Homestay** is a highly rated luxury homestay offering comfort and warm hospitality amid spectacular terraced rice fields and mountain scenery. Guests can enjoy immersive Hmong cultural experiences in one of northern Vietnam's most breathtaking landscapes.

Location: Tà Chí Lù village, La Pán Tẩn, Mù Cang Chải

The homestay offers a variety of amenities and experiences designed for a comfortable and immersive stay:

- **Dining:** An on-site restaurant, buffet breakfast options and kid-friendly meals.
- **Facilities:** free WiFi, a garden, sun terrace, and an outdoor fireplace.
- **Accommodation:** 3 panorama bungalows with en-suite bathrooms, balconies with garden or mountain views.
- **Activities:** Scenic walking and hiking experience to Mâm Xôi and La Pán Tẩn viewpoints, cultural experiences like Hmong brocade decoration and indigo dyeing workshops.

Advanced booking is strongly recommended for the rice harvest season, which typically falls from mid-September to early October, when the terraced rice fields turn a brilliant golden yellow. This is the peak time for scenery, photography, and harvest festivals, with pleasant weather and dramatic landscapes at their finest.



## CULTURAL NIGHT OUT - Hanoi

**MUSEUM NIGHT HANOI 2026** is a regular evening cultural programme launched by VNFAM as its **first-ever nighttime art experience**. Designed to create a new cultural space for local residents as well as domestic and international visitors, the initiative enriches **Hà Nội's nighttime tourism** through curated **art, music, and storytelling**, offering a refined and immersive experience beyond traditional museum hours.

### Key details:

- **Activities:** Night-time museum visits, live music, and artistic storytelling
- **Venue:** Vietnam Fine Arts Museum, 66 Nguyễn Thái Học
- **Time:** 18:00–21:30, on the **last Friday of each month**

### Early 2026 themed nights:

- **27 February 2026:** Vào xuân (Into Spring)
- **27 March 2026:** Dáng em (Graceful Silhouettes)

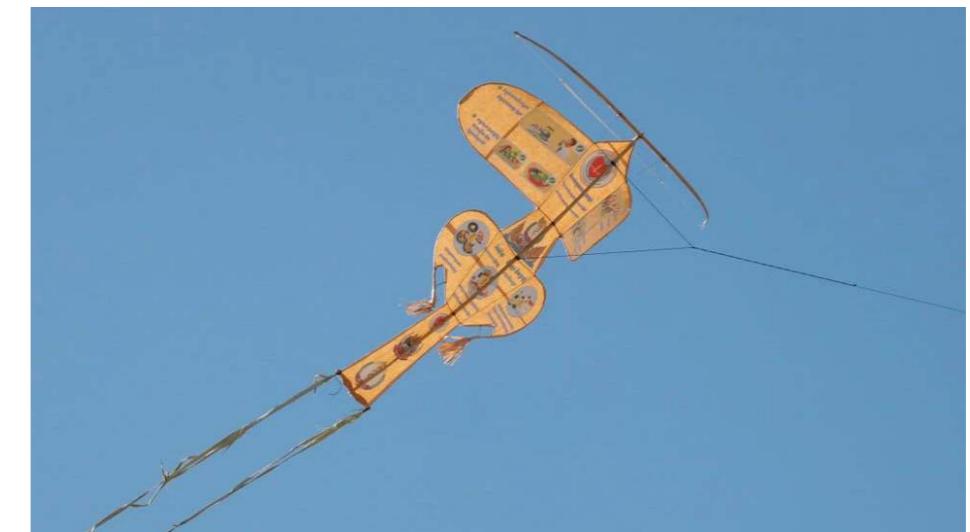


## CAMBODIA

**KHLAENG & SEREI TRADITIONAL KITE-FLYING FESTIVAL** – The second edition of this festival celebrates Khmer intangible cultural heritage through a vibrant programme of activities.

- **Organised by:** Siem Reap Province and the Department of Culture and Fine Arts
- **Period:** 6–8 February 2026
- **Venue:** Old Siem Reap International Airport
- Cultural performances and traditional music
- Artisan displays and local food stalls
- Demonstrations of traditional Khmer kite making

The event also aims to boost local tourism and engage younger generations with Cambodia's cultural identity.



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### HERITAGE, CULTURE & DINING - Siem Reap, Cambodia

**Phum Boeung** - A living heritage village and cultural dining destination in Siem Reap, founded by Cambodian couple Vanna and Sorya, dedicated to preserving traditional Khmer architecture and rural ways of life.

#### Key features:

- **Architectural Preservation:** Seven restored traditional wooden houses from the 19th and early 20th centuries, including the 1924 Merchant's House, Fisherman's Home, and Official's Residence.
- **Cultural Experiences:** Farm-to-table Khmer dining, cooking classes, and rice-paddy explorations.
- **Events & Dining:** Curated cultural performances and private events for 20–60 guests, with bespoke options such as Sunset Cocktail & Village Activities.



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### TOUR OF THE MONTH

#### VIETNAM

TRÀ VINH - A HIDDEN GEM OF THE MEKONG DELTA - 3D/2N

Discover Trà Vinh, a tranquil gem of the Mekong Delta, where Khmer-Vietnamese culture, lush farmland, local encounters and regional flavours come together in peaceful, unspoilt surroundings.

**Day 1: Ho Chi Minh City - Tra Vinh (D)**

Depart by car for Trà Vinh (150km-4 hours), a tranquil Mekong Delta province known for its Khmer heritage, elegant pagodas and fertile countryside. Check in to a comfortable lodge set among rice fields.

In the afternoon, join a Khmer mask-making workshop and prepare *cốm dẹp*, a local sticky rice and coconut delicacy, enjoyed sunset by the pool. Dinner is followed by an Apsara dance performance celebrating Khmer culture.

*Note: Activities are offered on a group basis.*

Overnight Thala Tra Vinh Lodge

**Day 2: Tra Vinh (BLD)**

After breakfast, set off on a 12km cycling ride through rice paddies, fruit gardens and traditional monkey bridges. Along the way, stop at a local home to learn about daily life, then visit a rice mill to see traditional processing methods.

Continue to an ancient Khmer pagoda, admired for its distinctive architecture, before meeting local farmers to discover Trà Vinh's prized *macapuno* coconut (locally known as *dừa sáp*), a rare variety unique to the region. Enjoy a refreshing drink made from this speciality, then cycle back to the lodge for lunch.

The afternoon is at leisure to unwind in the tranquil surroundings.

Later, savour a thoughtfully prepared five-course dinner made with homegrown produce. Before retiring for the night, unwind with a soothing herbal foot bath to end the day in complete relaxation.

*Note: Activities are offered on a group basis.*

Overnight Thala Tra Vinh Lodge

**Day 3: Tra Vinh - Next destination (B)**

After breakfast, check out and transfer to the next destination or return to Ho Chi Minh City.