



LEEF JOU REIS

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A glimpse into my journey

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*Music was my first love
but travel is my passion.*

To understand the meaning behind “Leef Jou Reis,” one must discover, take detours, and embrace the alternative routes or the roads less travelled. To eat and mingle with the local people and truly comprehend their culture, we have this special opportunity to become authentic travellers, rather than mere tourists visiting a country.

Growing up in the small town of Mossel Bay, I have had the privilege of setting foot on 7 continents and explored over 85 countries. With all this experience and passion for travel, we would like to extend a warm invitation to you to join our global travel family.

We are the “cool kids” of travel and we do it in style...

Welcome to Leef Jou Reis





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R52 900 Per person sharing*

R66 400 Per single traveller*

DAY 1: Sunday, 04 April 2027

Johannesburg

The wait is finally over—Southeast Asia awaits! Meet the *Leef Jou Reis* team at OR Tambo International Airport, where we gather to embark on an unforgettable adventure through Vietnam and Cambodia – a journey filled with flavours, smiles and hidden temples waiting to be discovered.

(All meals on board)

DAY 2: Monday, 05 April 2027

Hanoi

Xin chào!

Our journey begins as we arrive at Noi Bai Airport in Hanoi, Vietnam's captivating capital—a city where ancient temples and lively modern streets exist side by side. We transfer to our accommodation, perfectly positioned between the storied Old Quarter and the peaceful shores of West Lake. This prime location offers the best of both worlds: the vibrant pulse of Hanoi's city centre and the gentle charm of its scenic neighbourhoods.

The rest of the day is yours to relax – perhaps you would like to explore the Old Quarter with its colourful art, luxurious Civet coffee and waves of buzzing scooters. As evening falls, we gather for a welcome dinner—a refined introduction to Vietnamese hospitality and cuisine, and perhaps our very first taste of the iconic *phở* noodle soup.

Overnight: Grand Vista Hanoi (Welcome Dinner)





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DAY 3: Tuesday, 06 April 2027

Hanoi

After a good night's rest and leisurely breakfast, our day unfolds with an exploration of Hanoi's rich heritage and vibrant traditions. We begin with a visit to the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university, where we stroll through peaceful courtyards and learn about the country's scholarly traditions. Next, we take a *xích lô* (rickshaw) ride through the Old Quarter, stopping on Hàng Gai (Silk Street) to see local craftsmanship and try a glass of freshly pressed sugar cane juice. We then cross the red bridge to Ngọc Sơn Temple on Hoan Kiem Lake for a glimpse of Hanoi's quieter side. After lunch we visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and the simple stilt house where *Bác Hồ* lived and worked. We continue to the One-Pillar Pagoda and Tran Quoc Pagoda, both important spiritual landmarks. As the day draws to a close, we enjoy a traditional water puppet performance—*múa rối nước*—that brings Vietnamese folklore to life. Dinner at a local restaurant rounds off the day full of insight and discovery.

Overnight: Grand Vista Hotel (Breakfast & Dinner)

DAY 4: Wednesday, 07 April 2027

Hanoi - Hoa Lu - Thung Nang - Ninh Binh

Today, the excitement of Hanoi's countryside awaits you, because at *Leef Jou Reis* we spend time with the local people. After breakfast, we travel through limestone hills and river valleys to the ancient capital, Hoa Lu. Here, the historic temples dedicated to the Dinh and Le dynasties evoke a formative era in Vietnam's story. A leisurely bicycle ride takes us along village roads and rice fields to *Bích Động Pagoda*, set against limestone cliffs.

At Thung Nang, we board a sampan for a two-hour boat trip along quiet waterways and through caves, with views of rural life along the way. Lunch is enjoyed by the riverside and in the afternoon, we return to visit the Dinh Tien Hoang and Le Dai Hanh Dynasty Temples before heading to Ninh Binh for check-in. Dinner will be enjoyed at our hotel.

Overnight: Ninh Binh Hidden Charm (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)





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DAY 5: Thursday, 08 April 2027

Ninh Binh - Ha Long City - Ha Long Bay

Another major highlight awaits us today - after breakfast we travel to Ha Long City, where we board our cruise at Tuan Chau Marina. A welcome drink sets the mood as the boat begins its journey through the limestone islands of Ha Long Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its stunning scenery. Lunch is served on board.

In the afternoon, our cruise continues into Lan Ha Bay and Tra Bau. Here, you may choose to kayak in calm coves, swim in the bay or simply relax in the Jacuzzi and enjoy the surroundings. As evening approaches, we watch a cooking demonstration on how to make *nem rán* (Vietnamese spring rolls). Later, we enjoy sunset from the top deck before dinner is served on board.

The evening is ours to unwind, whether you prefer stargazing or a quiet conversation as the boat drifts across the bay.

Overnight: Peony Cruise
(Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)



DAY 6: Friday, 09 April 2027

Ha Long Bay - Hanoi / Da Nang - Hoi An

Perhaps we start the morning with an optional Tai Chi session on the sun deck as the bay awakens around us. A guided visit to Sung Sot—also known as the “Surprise Cave”—reveals dramatic chambers adorned with stalactites and stalagmites formed over millennia.

A final brunch on board accompanies our sail back to port. In the afternoon, we return to Hanoi and transfer to the airport for our short onward flight to central Vietnam. On arrival, we transfer to our hotel, where check-in precedes a restful dinner and evening.

Overnight: Hoi An Ancient House Resort (Breakfast, Brunch & Dinner)



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DAY 7: Saturday, 10 April 2027

Hoi An

After breakfast, we set out to explore Hoi An's Old Quarter, a well-preserved trading port with narrow streets and yellow-walled merchant houses. We visit the Japanese Bridge and the *Phúc Kiến* Assembly Hall, both reflecting the town's long history of trade and tradition. Later, we take part in a lantern-making workshop, creating our own lanterns—a signature of Hoi An's enchanting evening glow.

After lunch, we take a gentle cruise on the Thu Bon River, passing riverside villages and stopping at a traditional ceramic and carpentry village to see local artisans at work. Afterwards, there is time to relax or explore at leisure before dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Hoi An Ancient House Resort (Breakfast & Dinner)

DAY 8: Sunday, 11 April 2027

Hoi An - Da Nang / Ho Chi Minh City

After an early start, we make our way to the airport for a short flight south to Ho Chi Minh City. Upon arrival, we embark on a guided visit to the *Củ Chi* Tunnels, an extensive underground network that illustrates the ingenuity and resilience of the Vietnamese people during the war years.

At the end of the day, we return to Ho Chi Minh City, where we reflect on the historical significance of the *Củ Chi* Tunnels and the Vietnam War. Dinner will be enjoyed at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Harmony Saigon Hotel & Spa (Breakfast & Dinner)





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DAY 9: Monday, 12 April 2027

Ho Chi Minh City - Ben Tre - Ho Chi Minh City

Another day full of culture awaits, as we depart for Ben Tre province after breakfast, a picturesque isle nestled between two main branches of the Tien Giang River—one of the principal arms of the Mekong River. Today's excursion through the Mekong Delta provides a unique glimpse into the rhythm and productivity of Vietnam's renowned "rice bowl."

We begin with a visit to a brick factory situated on the riverbank before embarking on a boat cruise along the Mekong River. Along the way, we stop at a coconut candy workshop to learn how dried coconut is made and continue to *Cai Sơn* and *Nhon Thành* creeks to see a traditional mat-weaving demonstration.



We then travel by *xe lôi* (rickshaw) through lush gardens and vibrant fields before enjoying lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, a rowing boat takes us along tranquil creeks, followed by a visit to a bustling local market. We return to Ho Chi Minh City and the rest of the day can be enjoyed at your own pace.

Overnight: Harmony Saigon Hotel & Spa (Breakfast & Lunch)

DAY 10: Tuesday, 13 April 2027

Ho Chi Minh City / Siem Reap

The fun does not stop! After breakfast, we begin a guided exploration of Ho Chi Minh City's colonial landmarks. We visit the City Hall, Opera House, Independence Palace, and the 19th-century Notre-Dame Cathedral. A short stroll takes us to the Central Post Office, a neoclassical masterpiece designed by Gustave Eiffel. Together, these highlights showcase the city's enduring blend of history and culture.

In the afternoon, we transfer to the airport for our international flight to Cambodia. Upon arrival in Siem Reap, we are warmly welcomed, and we enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before checking in at our hotel. The rest of the day is yours to explore at leisure.

Overnight: Anjali Hotel by Syphon (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)



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DAY 11: Wednesday, 14 April 2027

Siem Reap

After breakfast, we explore the monumental highlights of Angkor, a UNESCO World Heritage Site listed in 1992. We begin at Angkor Thom, the ancient Khmer capital, to admire the serene faces of the Bayon Temple and the restored Baphuon, known for its detailed carvings. After lunch at a local restaurant, we visit the magnificent Angkor Wat, the 12th-century masterpiece built by King Suryavarman II and dedicated to Vishnu.

Later, we stop by a local artist's studio for a glimpse into Siem Reap's creative scene. In the evening, we enjoy a traditional Apsara dance show with our farewell dinner—a captivating art form that tells stories from daily life and history, accompanied by graceful movements, traditional Khmer music and elaborate costumes.

Overnight: Anjali Hotel by Syphon (Breakfast & Farewell Dinner)



DAY 12: Thursday, 15 April 2027

Siem Reap

Savour the beauty one last time. After enjoying our final breakfast in Siem Reap, there is time for some final shopping or sightseeing before we transfer to the airport for our flight back to South Africa. As we journey home, we carry with us treasured memories of Vietnam and Cambodia—the bustling cities, tranquil landscapes, awe-inspiring temples, and above all, the gracious hospitality of the people we encountered along the way.

(Breakfast and all meals on board)

DAY 13: Friday, 16 April 2027

Johannesburg

Touching down in South Africa, we close the chapter on our adventure through Vietnam and Cambodia. It is hard to believe how much we have seen in just a few days. We return home not just with souvenirs, but with stories, friendships and a renewed sense of wonder. Welcome to the *Leef Jou Reis* family, the true travel connoisseurs!



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Package Include

- 10 nights' 4* accommodation with daily breakfast
- Lunches (5) and dinners (9) as indicated; including welcome dinner in Hanoi, local restaurant experiences, on-board meals in Ha Long Bay, and Apsara Show (Farewell-dinner) in Siem Reap
- Brunch on the Ha Long Bay cruise day
- Private airport transfers and all ground transportation by air-conditioned vehicles
- 2 x Domestic flights in Economy Class: Hanoi → Da Nang and Da Nang → Ho Chi Minh City
- 1 x International flight in Economy Class: Ho Chi Minh City → Siem Reap (Vietnam to Cambodia)
- Optional bicycle tour in Hoa Lu.
- Ha Long Bay (Peony Cruise), Lan Ha Bay / Tra Bau kayaking and swimming
- Thung Nang sampan cruise (Ninh Binh)
- Thu Bon River cruise (Hoi An)
- Mekong Delta / Ben Tre boat rides (including rowing boat and xe lôi ride)
- Professional English-speaking local guides for all scheduled touring
- All entrance fees and permits per itinerary: Temple of Literature, Old Quarter rickshaw tour, Ngoc Son Temple, Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum & Residence, One-Pillar Pagoda and Tran Quoc Pagoda
- Water puppet performance (múa rối nước) in Hanoi
- Cooking demonstration (nem rán / spring rolls) on the Ha Long Bay cruise
- Tai Chi session on the cruise sundeck
- Lantern-making workshop in Hoi An
- Mekong Delta crafts (coconut candy, mat weaving) and market visit
- Siem Reap: Angkor Thom (Bayon), Baphuon, Angkor Wat and local artist studio visit
- Apsara dance show with dinner in Siem Reap
- Bottled water during transfers and excursions
- *Leef Jou Reis* as tour leader and host
- Tips and gratuities
- Local taxes and service charges



Please note that this *Leef Jou Reis* tour is led by an exceptionally skilled and knowledgeable team. A *Leef Jou Reis* team member is always available to provide assistance whenever needed. Due to *Leef Jou Reis*'s busy annual schedule, it is unfortunately not possible for Gerrie to personally attend every tour. While his presence cannot be guaranteed, your comfort and enjoyment are ensured by our passionate and dedicated tour leaders!



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Package Exclude

- Return international flights from South Africa to Vietnam / Cambodia
- Visa fees and processing for Vietnam and Cambodia (currently online)
- Compulsory travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Optional activities and incidentals not listed
- Early check-in or late check-out beyond standard hotel policy
- Any meals, drinks or services (unless otherwise specified)

Things to Bear in Mind

- You will need a passport with two blank pages that is valid for 6 months after your return (i.e., until 16 October 2027).
- A *Leef Jou Reis* tour guide will be available at all times to assist with any questions or information.
- Optional extras are offered with the help of the *Leef Jou Reis* team, but tour members are free to come and go as they wish.
- Important: You are in good hands and can simply sit back and enjoy the trip, but you can also set your own pace. At *Leef Jou Reis*, we enjoy walking, but alternative options will spontaneously arise, and we can even hire a taxi if needed.
- To fully enjoy the sights on this tour, you should be fit enough to comfortably walk about 5 kilometers per day.
- Come with an open mind and make new friends.

- About a week before departure, we will create a WhatsApp group to share information. This will be your communication channel with *Leef Jou Reis*. Please make sure to provide the correct mobile numbers on your booking form to be added to the group. During and after the tour, we will also share photos and videos here.
- Please note that if necessary, we may swap some of the day's programs to ensure you have the best travel experience.





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What Next...?

Steps to follow to secure your seat on the Vietnam and Cambodia Tour:

STEP 1

If you want to join us on this exciting tour, send your e-mail address and mobile number to leefjoureis@twf.co.za. We will then send the booking form that you must complete and return, together with a copy of your ID/passport and proof of payment of the deposit.

STEP 2

This itinerary is fairly complete and should contain all the information you might need. We will set up a WhatsApp group closer to the time for further communication; therefore, please make sure that the mobile number you have provided is correct. If you have any questions, feel free to send an e-mail or WhatsApp 082 923 3626.

STEP 3

Get excited and look forward to the most incredible holiday of your life!

Deposit

- To secure your place on this very special tour we require a *non-refundable deposit of R10 000*. Please note that we are obliged to pay the deposit and administration fee to our operators so please check the terms and conditions as contained on the website.
- The second payment of R15 000 is required by 15 September 2026. Your next payment of R15 000 will be made on 15 December 2026 and the total outstanding balance by 15 February 2027.
- Prices are based on EFT payments.

Banking Details & Pricing

Account Name	:	LeefJouReis TWF
Bank	:	Standard Bank
Branch Code	:	051001
Account Number	:	012324523

Deposit reference number: VIET27 + NAME & SURNAME

Please make sure you use the right reference number and that you send proof of payment to us on email: leefjoureis@twf.co.za

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