

BEST OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA

20 DAYS | 19 NIGHTS

Hanoi - Pu Luong - Hieu Waterfall - Ninh Binh - Trang An - Mua Cave - Bai Tu Long Bay - Ha Long Bay - Hanoi - Hue - Hoi An - Da Nang - HCMC – Cu Chi - Saigon - Cai Be - Can Tho - Chau Doc - Phnom Penh - Siem Reap



TOUR OVERVIEW:

This special package is designed for those who love leisure and soft adventures with an in-depth discovery of the country for 20 days to enjoy more, including services to indulge yourself for a holiday of a lifetime. The tour follows a less-traveled route from northern Vietnam to southern Vietnam, 4 World Heritage Sites... with a thorough look into the country's natural beauty, culture, and most interesting cities and countryside.

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Also touring down south to the Mekong delta-the floating lives and rice basket of Vietnam, bordering crossing by speedboat all way to Phnom Penh capital, and finally ends in Siem Reap – the hometown of Angkor Wat Temple was the home of outstanding Angkorian architecture, culture, and history.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Explore the peace, romance, and beauty of **Hoi An**'s magical lantern-lit ancient town.
- Enjoy the amazing view from **Hai Van Pass**.
- Experience the landscape. Visit **Hanoi**'s charming colonial capital.
- Trek along the spectacular landscapes & immerse yourself in real local life as we visit the colorful hill tribe villages of **Mai Chau, Pu Luong**. Embrace the Bizarre with Homestay at **Thai and Muong's Village**
- Stunning landscapes when biking in Ninh Binh, Trang An Eco system
- Discover mythical **Ha Long Bay**, a UNESCO Natural World Heritage site, on an overnight cruise
- Embrace the thrill of adventure as we discover the ancient capital **Hue** in the Top Gear motorbike tour and daily life in the rice basket of Vietnam, the **Mekong Delta**, with its lush forests.
- Engross yourself in the bustle of **Saigon**'s most dynamic city, once called 'The Pearl of the Far East'.
- Charms of **Mekong** and colorful **floating market** - Rice Basket of Vietnam
- Unique experiences on **Tonle Sap Lake**, and local life along
- Admire **Angkor Wat** World Heritage site treasure of the Khmer Empire
- Chill and relax on a boat cruise for leisure
- AVT's Special offer: Vietnam Special Gift.

BRIEF ITINERARY AND TRAVEL DATE

Day	Itinerary	Overnight
Day 1	Hanoi Arrival - Xin Chao Vietnam! Arrival In Hanoi	Hanoi
Day 2	Hanoi City Tour – Street Food	Hanoi
Day 3	Hanoi – Pu Luong Cave Trekking	Pu Luong
Day 4	Pu Luong – Hieu Waterfall – Trekking	Pu Luong
Day 5	Pu Luong Bamboo Rafting – Ninh Binh	Ninh Binh
Day 6	Cycling – Trang An Boat Trip – Mua Cave	Ninh Binh
Day 7	Ninh Binh – Ha Long Bay - Overnight Cruise	Ha Long Bay Cruise
Day 8	Ha Long Bay Cruise - Hanoi - Fly To Hue	Hue
Day 9	Exploring Hue With The Top Gear Tour - Hoi An	Hoi An
Day 10	Hoi An's Ancient Town. Walking City Tour	Hoi An
Day 11	Hoi An – Biking Tour To Villages -Cooking Class	Hoi An
Day 12	Beach Day And Relaxing	Hoi An
Day 13	Hoi An – Da Nang – Fly To Ho Chi Minh city – Cu Chi Tunnels	Saigon (HCMC)
Day 14	Saigon City Tour With Cyclo	Saigon (HCMC)

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Day 15	Saigon – Mekong Cruise: Saigon - Cai Be - Can Tho	Overnight Cruise
Day 16	Can Tho – Chau Doc	Chau Doc
Day 17	Chau Doc – Phnom Penh	Phnom Penh
Day 18	Phnom Penh City Tour - Fly To Siem Reap	Siem Riep
Day 19	Siem Reap - Sunrise - Angkor Temples Tour	Siem Riep
Day 20	Siem Reap Departure - Flight	

DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY 1: HANOI ARRIVAL - XIN CHAO VIETNAM! (-/-/D)



A warm welcome at the airport then transfers to Hanoi Capital

Today you arrive in Hanoi, Vietnam's bustling 1000-year-old colonial capital.

In the afternoon, at 3:00pm you meet your guide for Tour Briefings and enjoy taking Cyclo Tours, visiting some of Hanoi's main attractions: the Opera House, Old Quarter, Hoan Kiem Lake, and Ngoc Son Temple.

In the evening, we savor a welcome dinner of authentic Vietnamese food. We savor a welcome dinner of authentic Vietnamese food.

DAY 2: HANOI CITY TOUR – STREET FOOD (B/-/D)



Today you will explore Vietnam's charming capital. With its wide tree-lined boulevards, French colonial architecture, peaceful lakes, and ancient oriental pagodas, Hanoi is an eclectic mix that offers something for everyone. Your city tour will take you to Hanoi's key sites: the Ho Chi Minh Complex (Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum and stilt house), the nearby One Pillar Pagoda; the Presidential Palace; the Temple of Literature; the Quan Thanh Temple, the serene Tran Quoc Pagoda & West Lake; and one of the city's museums (a choice between the History Museum, the Ethnology Museum, Hoa Lo Prison and Women Museum – depending on the day).

Afterward, it's onto the Hanoi Street Food Tour to taste traditional Vietnamese cuisine
Hanoi Street Food Tour: Authentic Experiences!

Hanoi Street Food Tour will bring your insight into Hanoi culture with authentic Vietnamese Cuisine. We will walk through the small alleys of hustle and bustle in the Old Quarter and local markets. Here you will have the opportunity to taste the most famous and yummy food: Nem Ran – Hanoi Spring rolls, Rice Steam Cakes – Banh Cuon, Bun Cha – Pork Barbecue with fresh noodles, Banh My – Yummy Vietnamese Baguette, Salads. If you're feeling adventurous, give the local Egg Coffee a try or drink Bia Hoi – A local draught beer. Travel like locals and eat like locals!

DAY 3: HANOI – PU LUONG CAVE TREKKING (B/L/-)**7:00**

Pick-up from your hotel in Hanoi Old Quarter to begin your journey to Pu Luong Nature Reserve.

10:00

Take a short break outside of Hanoi on the way to enjoy stunning sceneries, visit local markets and meet local minority groups of Thai and Muong people

11:30

Arrival at Pu Luong Nature Reserve and check-in at your accommodation.

12:30

Take a rest and enjoy a delicious lunch of local cuisine. Spend some free time acquainting yourself with the beautiful nature of the reserve.

15:00

Trek for 6 kilometers (3 hours) inside the Pu Luong Nature Reserve. The trails and trek are suitable for everyone. Follow the small roads through the rice terraces to visit the remote rural villages of the Black Thai minorities. Discover the local lifestyle and explore Kho Muong local Cave, which is the largest natural unspoiled cave in Pu Luong. You will definitely be surprised by its beauty.

19:00

Return to your stay, you can relax by the swimming pool and have free evening.

DAY 4: PU LUONG – HIEU WATERFALL – TREKKING (B/L/-)**8:00**

Have breakfast at the homestay while enjoying the breathtaking view from the lodge.

8:40

Head to Hieu Village and start the trek. Follow the small roads and trails through the rice terraces, fields, and jungle to reach Hieu Waterfall. Optionally, you can swim in the waterfall and enjoy the cool water, which is sure to provide a feeling of relaxation, or climb the waterfall.

12:00

Have lunch by the waterfall with local specialties.

15:00

Walk to visit the beautiful Don Village, the first tourist destination in Pu Luong known for its scenic rice fields.

DAY 5: PU LUONG BAMBOO RAFTING – NINH BINH (B/L/-)**7:30**

Have breakfast at Hotel

8:30

board the car to the trekking point and begin a medium or easy trek. Follow the small roads and trails through the rice fields and enjoy bamboo rafting on the river while observing the local giant water wheels.

12:00

Check out the accommodation and enjoy a delicious lunch before having some free time to relax and unwind.

13:00

Depart from Pu Luong for Ninh Binh.

16:30

Explore two temples in Hoa Lu, the ancient capital that served as the first capital of Dai Co Viet (Vietnam) during the reign of three dynasties of Kings Ding, Le, and Ly. These temples are a vital part of the historical and architectural complex of Vietnam and are recognized as one of the four cores forming the UNESCO World Heritage Site – Trang An.

Free evening at your hotel

DAY 6: CYCLING – TRANG AN BOAT TRIP – MUA CAVE (B/L/-)

7:30

Enjoy breakfast at the retreat.

8:30

We go cycling to head to Trang An for a peaceful boat ride amidst the stunning karst landscapes and immerse yourself in the tranquil atmosphere of the area.

Visit Trang An which was recognized by UNESCO as The world Heritage Site in 2014. Trang An has the wonderful tunnel cave system so that Kong's Movie Group chose this place for New Version of Kong in 2016 – “Skull Island “. Boat trip to visit Trang An to see the amazing beauty of this landscape with many caves such as: Sang Cave (Light Cave), Toi Cave (Dack cave), Nau Ruou Cave (Cooking Wine), green river and natural view.

12:00

We have lunch at restaurant

Keep cycling to visit Mua Cave, which is known as one of the must-visit places in Tam Coc. At the top of Mua Cave, you can enjoy a panoramic view of the beautiful Tam Coc landscape.

Visit Hang Mua, also known as Mua Caves, which is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Ninh Binh. Located near Hanoi, Ninh Binh is surrounded by beautiful karst landscapes and offers many stunning spots to explore. Trang An Scenic Complex is particularly popular, and Hang Mua is a must-see attraction within the complex. To reach the peak of the mountain, visitors must climb around 500 steps on two peaks. The highest peak, called Lying Dragon Mountain (Nui Ngoa Long), features a stone statue of Quan Am and offers breathtaking views of the surrounding area. Don't miss out on this incredible attraction during your trip to Ninh Binh.

Then we cycled back to hotel by visiting other villages along the way.

Back to Hotel for relaxing and free evening

DAY 7: HANOI – HA LONG BAY - OVERNIGHT CRUISE (B/L/D)

After breakfast, we drive 2,5 hours to Ha Long Bay the UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The scenery of Bai Tu Long Bay, more natural and less tourists where thousands of limestone islands jut out of the emerald sea, sculpted into bizarre shapes is truly an iconic image for Vietnam. An overnight relaxing boat trip is the best way to enjoy this must-see natural wonder of Vietnam.

On arrival at the jetty in Ha Long City around noon, proceeding with check-in formalities. After a welcome onboard, lunch will be served while cruising towards the bay itself.

In the afternoon, the program also includes more activities such as swimming or kayaking (excluded from the cruise package) or cave visits on the vast sea, cooking class onboard to challenge your skills in preparing a very famous Vietnamese dish (depending on each boat's itinerary) or you can just spend some time relaxing on board.

Towards the end of the day, the boat sets anchor for the night among the karst formations. Dinner is served on board.

DAY 8: HA LONG BAY CRUISE - HANOI - FLY TO HUE (B/L/-)



The sun rises on Ha Long in the morning, and a light breakfast is served on board (also brunch on some boats) while cruising slowly back to the shore. This is the time you can take advantage of the sundeck and admire the amazing rock formations of the bay as you navigate back to Ha Long City.

Disembark and meet your driver at the dock and drive to Noi Bai Airport to catch your flight to Hue. Pick up by local guide & driver in Hue airport and transfer to hotel for your free time.

DAY 9: EXPLORING HUE WITH THE TOP GEAR TOUR - HOI AN (B/L/-)



Today we'll spend an entire day touring Vietnam's former ancient capital with the Top Gear Tour. A motorbike tour is experienced sitting on the backside of a Motorbike where you can enjoy the peaceful Hue countryside with its local markets, conical hats, incense-making villages, an old tiger arena, and a romantic view of the hills down to

the Perfume River. We'll also see the Kings' tombs, the Imperial Citadel, home to the Imperial City, and Forbidden Purple City. The Imperial City was created in the 19th century and modeled on the Forbidden City in Beijing. The Imperial Enclosure houses many palaces and temples within its walls. Following that, we will visit the oldest, Thien Mu Pagoda before taking our bus back to the hotel for some much-needed relaxation. Simple vegetarian lunch served at a local pagoda. What a unique experience in this ancient city!

Special Information: The motorbike tour is a great adventure and showcases the countryside and real-life experiences in Vietnam. It's a lot of fun and highly recommended!

The motorbike tour has been assessed for safety reasons and is closely monitored. Please ensure that your travel insurance covers riding a pillion on a motorbike up to 125cc. If you prefer not to participate in motorbike riding, please let your Tour Leader know and they will arrange car transportation at no extra cost.

Back to Hotel for relaxing time and free evening

DAY 10: HOI AN'S ANCIENT TOWN. WALKING CITY TOUR (B/-/-)

After breakfast, we will take a private transfer to Hoi An Ancient town.

Upon arrival, we check in and relaxing then we explore Hoi An ancient town, to take a couple of hours walking tour through the narrow winding streets of the ancient town center, visiting Chua Ong Pagoda, the Chinese Assembly Hall, the 200-year-old Tan Ky ancestral house, and the famous Japanese Bridge.

Free evening to explore the ancient town, try some local foods, and enjoy the colorful lanterns or meet your talented tailor for customized suits within 24 hours! What an amazing service in Hoi An.

From the 16th to 18th centuries Hoi An was a thriving international port frequented by Chinese, Dutch, French, Japanese, Portuguese, and Arab traders, who came to trade in the high-quality silk still produced in the region. Today, Hoi An is a relaxing resort popular with tourists for its eclectic architecture, skilled tailors, and numerous cafes.

DAY 11: HOI AN – BIKING TOUR TO VILLAGES -COOKING CLASS (B/-/D)

In the morning, we dress up more to be ready for the Easy Rider tour, we cycle from the hotel to the peaceful Countryside in Hoi An with local men, visit vegetable villages and farms as locals, talk with people working on the farm, continue biking to see buffalo, local animals, duck farm.... then visiting the Coconut farm with round bamboo basket boat, lots of fun.

After that, we keep cycling further to the local area, stop to take a river cruise, and enjoy fresh fruit and great scenery along the way back to the ancient town.

DAY 12: BEACH DAY AND RELAXING (B/-/-)

Enjoy your full day relaxing and chilling. November is great time for Beach and shopping or massage

DAY 13: HOI AN – DA NANG – FLY TO HCMC – CU CHI TUNNELS (B/-/-)



After eating breakfast at the hotel, we'll say goodbye to Hoi An. We'll drive to the airport to take an early flight to Vietnam's biggest commercial hub: Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City).

Upon arrival, we'll first travel outside the city to visit the Cu Chi Tunnels – Iron Land. The Cu Chi Tunnels are an underground labyrinth of passageways used by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War (or “American War” as it's referred to here) as

protection against American air raids. Those inclined are invited to crawl through selections of the tunnels to better understand what life was like for the Vietnamese soldiers during wartime.

Enjoy your lunch at a restaurant near the tunnels or in downtown Ho Chi Minh Next, we check in at the hotel and then set out on a guided walk tour to visit sites such as Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral, the City Post Office, and Ben Thanh Market. Once the tour is over the rest of the day is yours to explore freely.

DAY 14: SAIGON CITY TOUR WITH CYCLO (B/L/-)



We explore Saigon on a Cyclo tour taking in the city's most impressive sites and landmarks including the War Remnants museum, Independent palace, or Reunification Palace Head quarter of the South Republic of Vietnam during wartime. Wondering around French quarter with Notre Dame Cathedral and the Old Post Office, Opera house, Ben Thanh market.

Afternoon free and easy to chill at the pool.

DAY 15: SAIGON – MEKONG CRUISE: SAIGON - CAI BE - CAN THO
(B/L/D)



08.00-08:30

Pick-up at the hotel in Saigon.

11:30

Boarding of the cruise vessel and check-in.

12:00

Panorama cruise and lunch on board around 13.00

16:00

Guided land excursion – walk in orchards and small villages.

17:30

Return to the boat for refreshment and to enjoy the sunset on the top deck.

19:00

Dinner on board; night on board.

DAY 16: CAN THO – CHAU DOC (B/L/-)**07:00**

Morning cruise and morning tea break were served on board.

08:00

Check out cabin. Excursion on a long sampan to Cai Rang floating market.

11:00

Drive to Chau Doc by shuttle bus service. Lunch in route.

15:30

Arrival in Chau Doc, check in hotel.

Evening at free disposal.

Night in hotel in Chau Doc.

DAY 17: CHAU DOC – PHNOM PENH (B/-/-)**07:00**

Departure of speed boat to Phnom Penh.

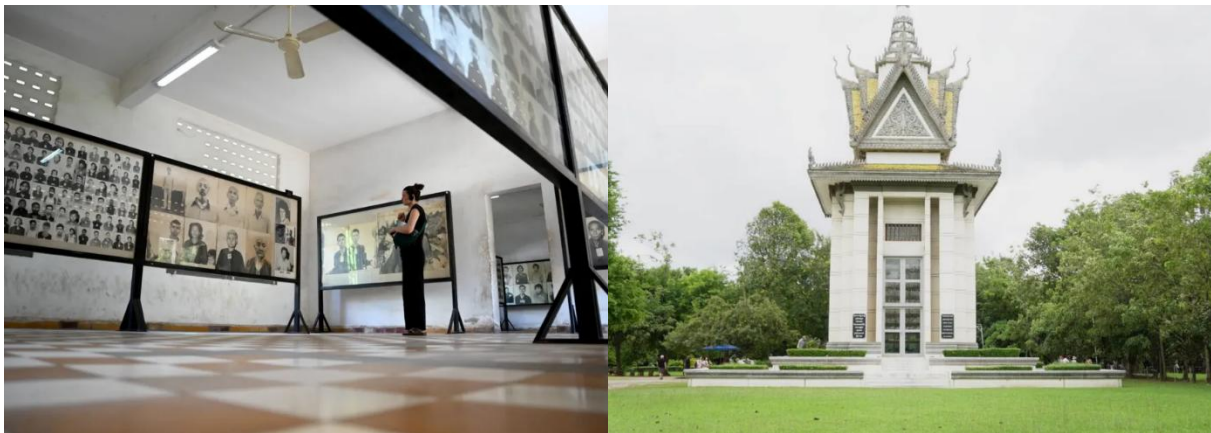
13:00 – 13:30

Arrival at Sisowath quay International Port Phnom Penh (arrival time may vary due to current and immigration formalities). Transfer to the hotel in Phnom Penh by shuttle bus.

Enjoy your free time to relax then we do a city tour, Settle in a traditional cyclo to see most highlights of the Capital, stop in front of Wat Phnom -a symbol of the city where Lady Penh is dedicated, touring busy streets to soak up the real vibe of the city, both stunning colonial buildings, take a look at Independent Monument built-in 1958 after gaining independence from French in 1953 and make your way to the Royal Palace, going along the riverside road and take in the atmospheric cafés that line the street.

Then visit The Silver Pagoda, The market and Artisan village of Koh Chen if time possible.

DAY 18: PHNOM PENH CITY TOUR - FLY TO SIEM REAP (B/-/-)



Breakfast at hotel

Today, it will be an emotional and educational tour Learn about the dark side of history and devastation! we spend the morning visiting the unforgotten Choeung Ek killing field where is a genocidal site of Khmer Rouge, there used to be over 300 killing fields!

Then we drove back to the city to visit Tuol Sleng Museum (S-21 Prison) where is the largest center of detention and torture of the Khmer Rouge regime that used to be the high school, it is so sad but good to know and learn!

Transfer to Phnom Penh airport for your flight to Siem Reap.

Meet your local guide and driver in Siem Reap for hotel transfer. Free at leisure.

DAY 19: SIEM REAP - SUNRISE - ANGKOR TEMPLES TOUR (B/-/-)



Rise up early to pick up the most beautiful, haunting and spiritual moment to visit magnificent Angkor Wat at dawn. This special activity is designed also to help you see “the Temple reflex on the water” when it’s much cooler and less crowded. Later on come back to the hotel for breakfast and short break.

Then keep touring to South Gate of Angkor Thom and go to Angkor Thom (the temple) which was built by Angkor’s greatest kings, Jayavarman VII.

The major attraction of Angkor Thom is the Bayon, whose exact function and symbolism is still unknown until now.

Afterward, we go to Baphoun, which is one of the most spectacular of Angkor’s temples in its heyday; to Terrace of the Elephants that was used as a giant reviewing stand for public ceremonies and served as a base for the king’s grand audience hall; to Terrace of the Leper King, another of Angkor’s mysteries.

Have rest and drive to Ta Prom Temple or Tomb Raider nickname or, Jungle Temple or Tree Temple as there are many Tree Roots falling down as Snake, Elephant

Strung.... Ta Prohm is the perfect 'lost temple' in the jungle, where Strangler Figs and Kapok trees have entwined themselves around the ruins.

Lunch on your own at a local restaurant.

In the afternoon, we visit the World Seventh Wonder -better known as Angkor Wat- which stands as the most important archaeological site in South-East Asia. Angkor wat stretches over some 400 sq. km, including forested area, Angkor Archaeological Park contains the magnificent remains of the different capitals of the Khmer Empire. Later on, come back to hotel to rest or stay a bit longer for majestic sunset time at Angkor temple.

DAY 20: SIEM REAP DEPARTURE - FLIGHT (B/L/-)

Today is free at your leisure until we drive you to the airport to catch your departure flight BACK HOME!

INCLUDED SERVICES:

- **Accommodation (20 Nights):** 14 nights' accommodation in well-selected hotels/resorts, including 01 night aboard a luxury cruise in Ha Long Bay and 1 night aboard a cruise in Mekong Delta
- **Flights:** 02 economy class: Hanoi – Hue; Phnom Penh – Siem Reap
- **Meals:** Daily breakfast (20 total), Welcome Dinner (Day 1), and selected Lunches/Dinners as specified in the itinerary.
- **Transportation:** All transfers via private, air-conditioned vehicle; high-speed boat transfer (Chau Doc – Phnom Penh); all sightseeing transport (boats, cyclo, biking).
- **Guiding & Sightseeing:** Professional English-speaking local guides in all destinations; all entrance fees for monuments and sites (Angkor Temples, Ha Long Bay, Cu Chi, Royal Palace, etc.).
- **Special Experiences:** Ha Long Bay overnight cruise activities; Hoi An Cooking Class; cyclo rides (Hanoi & Phnom Penh); all Mekong Delta and Tonle Sap boat trips.
- **Added Value:** Complimentary local SIM card and a unique Vietnamese souvenir gift.

EXCLUDED SERVICES:

- International flights into and out of Vietnam
- Visa fees (we can help you arrange a visa approval letter on request)
- Airport taxes
- Meals other than those mentioned in the itinerary.
- Early check-in and late check-out at the hotel.
- Personal expenses (such as laundry, telephone, drinks, etc.).
- Tips for tour guides and drivers.
- Travel insurance.

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SERVICE TERMS & CONDITIONS

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- Guests should be healthy and in good physical condition
- Weather conditions may impose changes in the program or the cancellation of certain activities
- Guests need to bring a copy of their passport, visa page with a stamp
- AVT Travel reserves the right to adjust our prices if any changes in tax & gasoline increase in All Destinations.
- No reservations are made yet.

PAYMENT POLICY:

- Pre-payment 100% (after services confirmed before guests' arrival 30 days in advance).
- Deposit 30% (after services are reserved to guarantee the booking).
- Payment can be made by Bank Draft or SWIFT transfer payable to our Bank A/C.
- All Bank services charges will be borne by the payee.
- If payment is by credit card, an additional 3 or 4% will be added to our tariff rates.
- American Express / Visa and Mastercard are accepted.
- Bank draft or cashier's cheque to be mailed to
- Company cheques or personal cheques are NOT acceptable.

REFUNDS OR CANCELLATION:

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- No refund for all flight fares after tour confirmation
- Cancellation fees will be levied according to the time cancellation is made.
- No refund or reduction will be made to any member of GROUP/F.I.T. who breaks the journey from the scheduled itinerary.

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