

HIGHLIGHTS OF VIETNAM CAMBODIA AND LAOS

(Hanoi – Halong – HoiAn – Hue – Ho Chi Minh – Cu Chi – Mekong – Siem Reap – Luang Prabang)

Itinerary Overview

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Day 16	LUANG PRABANG – CITY & KUANG SI WATERFALL	B/L
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Note*: B: Breakfast / L: Lunch / D: Dinner

Travel Map



Detailed Itinerary

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Day 1 HANOI ARRIVAL

Welcome to Hanoi – the capital of Vietnam. Our driver will come to pick you up to transfer to your hotel to check-in. The room is at your disposal from 14:00 PM.

Meals on your own. Overnight at the hotel..

Inclusions

- Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi
- Meals: none
- Tour Guide: none
- Transfer: Private transfer

Day 2 HANOI – HALF DAY CITY TOUR & SHOPPING

Today, spend your time to discover the most highlights of Hanoi included:

Visit Tran Quoc pagoda, a Buddhist relic and national heritage lying on the West Lake.

Stop outside area Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum where the great President Ho Chi Minh rests in peace. We will visit the traditional stilt house and the respected One-Pillar Pagoda, the special pagoda with a particular structure.

The next stop will be the Temple of Literature, the famous first university in Vietnam. You will recognize that this is a popular place for Vietnamese students to take commemorative photographs when graduating. Then, the Vietnamese Ethnology Museum. Here, you can deeply explore the life of Vietnamese ethnic groups through history

Wrap your day by enjoying the shopping time in the Dong Xuan market.

Transfer back to the hotel in the late afternoon. Meals on your own and overnight at the hotel.

Inclusions

- Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
- Transfer: Private car
- Tour guide: English speaking guide

Day 3 HANOI – HALONG BAY – NIGHT ON BOARD

You will be picked up at your hotel in Hanoi Old Quarter and transferred to Ha Long **11:30-12:00**

Upon arrival at Tuan Chau International Cruise Port, you will enjoy a warm welcome by our cruise staff in the waiting lounge and complete check-in procedure.

12:30 Upon boarding, our crew welcome you with a refreshing drink and cold towel before checking into your cabin. The vessel leaves Tuan Chau Marina, taking you on an exciting journey to discover the beauty of **Ha Long Bay**. Along the way, you can enjoy the view of some of the most beautiful spots in Ha Long and admire the grandeur of the Bay with thousands of limestone islands while the vessel heads to Surprising Cave.

Enjoy your lunch at our luxurious restaurant on board while the vessel cruises toward Surprising Cave.

14:45 Explore the Surprising Cave – the most beautiful cave in HaLong Bay.

After that, we will take you to visit Titop Island – swimming, climbing up to the Top of the Island – take the best view of Ha Long Bay in the Summer time.

17:30-18:00 Back on board, you will participate in **Sunset party & cooking class** while the vessel cruises toward the shore. You can enjoy relaxing moments while sipping a cup of traditional Vietnamese tea or coffee on the sundeck amid wonderful scenery and beautiful sunset. Ha Long Bay is calm during the day, but when the sun goes down, the Bay becomes even more tranquil and peaceful.

You will be instructed to make delicious **Fresh Spring rolls** by our chef and then enjoy the rolls made on your own.

17:30-18:30 Happy hour - **BUY 2 DRINK GET 1 FOR FREE** (cocktails, mocktails...)

19:00-20:00 Enjoy your dinner on the Sundeck (if the weather is favorable)

After dinner, you will enjoy a peaceful view of the Bay at night on the deck. Enjoying music and some drinks at Sky Bar while admiring the breathtaking view of the Bay at night or squid fishing.

The cruise ship anchors for your peaceful night stay in quiet area

Inclusions

- Entrance fees
- Accommodation: Overnight on Halong Bay Cruise
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner with local food
- Transfer: Shuttle bus for Hanoi – Halong Bay
- Tour guide: English Speaking guide on Cruise

Day 4 HA LONG BAY – HANOI – FLIGHT TO DA NANG - HOIAN

Have breakfast on board while the boat starts cruising to the Natural Preservation Area.

07:45-09:00 Kayaking to explore Luon Cave. If you are lucky, you can catch great photos with mischievous monkeys jiggling up and down around the cliffs

09.30 Check-out time. Please put your luggage outside your cabin and leave the room key at the reception desk. Our staff will transfer your luggage to the waiting area. While waiting, you can shop for some products of the cruise.

10.00 Enjoy an early lunch at the restaurant on the 2nd floor and settle the bills if any.

11.00 Arrival at Tuan Chau Marina and transfer to airport for flight to Danang. Upon arrival, you will meet your driver and transfer to hotel in Hoian.

Inclusions

- Accommodation: Hotel in Hoian
- Meals: Breakfast, Brunch with local food
- Transfer: Shuttle bus for Halong Bay- Hanoi, Private Transfer to airport
- Tour guide: English speaking guide on the cruise

Day 5 HOIAN – COUNTRYSIDE & CYCLING TOUR

Spend a day leisurely cycling through the scenic countryside of Vietnam, far from the traffic the motor scooters, and the noises of the city. You will cross the islands on the Thu Bon river delta using local transportation, including ferries and floating bridges.

During the tour, the guests will discover

- Enjoy a river crossing on a local ferry
- Traditional boat-building yards.
- Inlaid with mother of pearl.
- How to weave the traditional sleeping mats.
- Traditional Vietnamese countryside house.
- Basket boat builder.
- Testing the basket boat.
- Rice wine family maker.
- The story of the countryside family temple.
- Crossing a floating bridge (when is available).
- 40 minutes boat trip on the delta of the Thu Bon river.

And much more depending on the activities of the people we meet along the way

Inclusions

- Accommodation: Hotel in Hoian
- Meals: Breakfast at the hotel, lunch with local
- Transfer: Group transfer
- Tour guide: English speaking guide for group tour

Day 6 HOIAN – FREE DAY

Today, you have free day to explore Hoian

Inclusions

- Accommodation: Hotel in Hoian
- Meals: Breakfast at the hotel

Day 7 HOIAN – HUE SCENIC TRAIN JOURNEY

Free in the morning.

In the afternoon, transfer to the station for day train to Hue. Enjoy scenic view of Hai Van pass on the way. Arrive Hue in late afternoon and transfer to hotel in Hue. Free time to explore Hue by night.

Inclusions

- Accommodation: Hotel in Hue
- Meals: Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer: Private transfer
- Tour guide: none
- Train ticket

Day 8 HUE – CITY TOUR

08:00 – 08:20: Pickup at the hotel.

Today, we will spend a full day touring Hue city.

In the morning: visit Old Imperial City, Flag Tower, Thien Mu Pagoda and Dong Ba bustling market. Lunch at the local restaurant.

In the afternoon: visit Royal Tombs of Minh Mang and Khai Dinh. We will also visit a Conical hat village and incense stick village.

After the tour, you will be transferred to hotel and free time to explore Hue by night.

Inclusions

- Accommodation: Hotel in Hue
- Entrance fees
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
- Transfer: Group transfer
- Tour guide: English Speaking guide for Group tour

Day 9 HUE – FLIGHT TO HO CHI MINH

Free in the morning.

In the afternoon, transfer to the airport for the flight to Ho Chi Minh. Transfer to your hotel in Ho Chi Minh upon arrival.

Inclusions

- Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh
- Meals: Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer: Private transfer

Day 10 HO CHI MINH CITY & CU CHI TUNNEL TOUR

Take the morning trip to visit **Independence Palace**, also known as the Reunification palace, was built on the site of the former Norodom palace. The Independence palace is a widely known landmark of Ho Chi Minh City and was designed by the architect Ngo Viet Thu. Continue seeing the beautiful structures from the French Colonial times such as the **Notre Dame Cathedral**, the historic **Central Post Office**. Followed by the remarkable site of the **War Remnants Museum** the museum has a vast display of the both the Indochina wars.

Have lunch at local restaurant.

Depart for Cu Chi tunnel, the trip will take **approximately one and a half hours bus driving**. Upon arrival, before exploring the tunnels, you will have some short introduction followed by introductory video about how the tunnels were constructed and how the people survived in the harsh conditions of the war time. Then, spend your time to explore the remaining area and tunnel systems which included the special constructed living areas with kitchens, bedrooms side by side with other martial facilities like storage, weapons factories, field hospitals, and command centers helping whoever lives inside the tunnels meet their basic needs. Besides, there are also many hidden trap doors and dangerous traps within the maze-like tunnels for security purpose during the war. Afterward, special tea and cassava (guerilla's food during the war) will be served.

Break time for relax or time for those who want to try the real shooting gun. And return to Ho Chi Minh.

Inclusions

- Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh
- Entrance fees
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
- Transfer: Group transfer
- Tour guide: English Speaking guide for Group tour

Day 11 HO CHI MINH - MEKONG DELTA

07:30 AM: Depart for Cai Be by van/bus via Trung Luong Expressway.

Upon arrival in **Cai Be**, have a boat ride to the remaining site of a renowned wholesale floating market on the Tien River many years ago. This site entitles you to know something about the local trading habit that has changed due to the age of the modern society when more terrestrial transportation and high technique of agriculture have dominated everywhere. There, you can realize how diverse the area is and how rich orchard gardens are, which makes it the basket of fruit in the lower part of the Mekong River.

Ramble in small villages where you will uncover the beauty of an ancient house and learn about the indigenous culture. Make a short visit to a small family business where the locals make coconut fudges and crispy rice popcorn. Savor delicious fresh fruit and feel the slow rhythms of Southern Vietnamese folk music – a kind of music entwined with the life and culture of the Mekong Delta people. Paddle through small canals – an exciting experience since you can look around, unwind, and soak up the wonderful atmosphere of the Upper Mekong Delta. Additionally, after arrival on Tan Phong Island, immerse yourself in nature's tranquility.

At lunch time, you not only enjoy luscious food but also get closer to the locals as it is a chance to learn how to prepare Vietnamese specialties. The meal is cooked on your own and served in the heart of the local garden.

Cycle on the village path through orchards. Meet the local islanders to learn more about the local daily

life in the Mekong Delta. Visit **Ba Kiệt's ancient house**.

Take a boat ride back to Cai Be and meet your bus for the trip back to **Ho Chi Minh City**.

Inclusions

- Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh
- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
- Transfer: Group transfer
- Tour guide: English speaking guide for the group tour

Day 12 HO CHI MINH – FLIGHT TO SIEM REAP

Free in the morning.

In the afternoon, transfer to the airport for the flight to Siem Reap. Transfer to your hotel in Siem Reap upon arrival.

Inclusions

- Accommodation: Hotel in Siem Reap
- Meals: Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer: Private transfer

Day 13 SIEM REAP – ANGKOR WAT

08:00 We drive to South Gate of Angkor Thom, the famous [Bayon temple](#) – a unique for its 54 towers decorated with over 200 smiling faces of Avolokitesvara, Baphoun, the Terrace of Temple, Elephants and Terrace of the Leper King.

15:00 The tour start with the visiting to the famous temple: Angkor Wat. Angkor Wat is a World Heritage Site since 1992, famous for its beauty and splendor. Angkor Wat features the longest continuous bas-relief in the world, which runs along the outer gallery walls and narrates stories from Hindu mythology. After that, visit Bakheng Temple and enjoy a romantic sun set view form Bakheng hill.

Inclusions

- Accommodation: Hotel in Siem Reap
- Meals: Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer: Private car
- Tour guide: Private guide

Day 14 SIEM REAP – FREE DAY

Enjoy your free day to explore Siem Reap.

Inclusions

- Accommodation: Hotel in Siem Reap
- Meals: Breakfast at the hotel

Day 15 SIEM REAP – FLIGHT TO LUANG PRABANG

In the morning, enjoy your free time to relax and explore Siem Reap. In the afternoon, airport transfer for flight to Luang Prabang.

Inclusions

- Accommodation: Hotel in Luang Prabang
- Meals: Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer: Private car

Day 16 LUANG PRABANG – CITY & KUANG SI WATERFALL

Start the day by visiting the museum at the former [Royal Palace](#) Museum, built between 1904 & 1905, during the French colonial rule as a residence for King Sisavangvong. This fascinating museum features the original royal chambers, paintings depicting traditional Lao life, a throne room, and four of the old

royal cars.

We then continue to the monasteries of Wat Xieng Thong which was built by King Sayasettha in 1559. It is also known as the most beautiful temple in Luang Prabang. We then visit Wat Visoun temple which was built over 500 years ago in 1513. This beautiful temple is one of the best representations of the ancient architectural style of Luang Prabang.

After enjoying lunch we head to Ock Pop Tok weaving center – a Lao fair trade textile enterprise.

The next stop is the incredibly scenic Kuang Xi Waterfall. This is one of the most famous sights in Laos and is surrounded by turquoise blue pools, an idyllic place for swimming!

On the way back from the waterfall we will pass through the Free the Bears Center, a rescue center for endangered Asiatic black bears. This pan-Asian organization provides a home for bears rescued from poachers and traffickers. After leaving the bear rescue centre we will travel to Lao's only buffalo dairy where you can try a selection of buffalo cheese and ice cream.

We then drive back to Luang Prabang where we will finish the tour with a visit to Wat Phousi on top of the central hill in Luang Prabang to finish the day with a rewarding view of the city at sunset.

Inclusions

- Accommodation: Hotel in Luang Prabang
- Meals: Breakfast at the hotel, Lunch
- Transfer: Private car
- Tour guide: Private guide

Day 17 LUANG PRABANG – PAK OU MEKONG CRUISE

Pickup at 08:30. We depart from Luang Prabang by boarding a boat and beginning our cruise along the amazing Mekong. We pass idyllic scenes of rural riverside life and spectacular scenery until reaching the beautiful Pak Ou Caves, sitting amongst the limestone cliffs where two rivers meet. The caves are filled with thousands of Buddha images and statues which have been placed here over many centuries.

A short distance away from Pak Ou Caves we visit a village which has been making clay jars for centuries. These jars are then used to ferment Lao rice wine wine. Nowadays the tradition continues however the village now also specialises in producing a wide range of 'Lau Lao' Lao whisky and 'Lau Hai' Lao wine. Be sure to try just a little before we head of back down river to Luang Prabang in the late afternoon.

Inclusions

- Accommodation: Hotel in Luang Prabang
- Meals: Breakfast at the hotel, Lunch

- Transfer: Private car
- Tour guide: Private guide

Day 18 LUANG PRABANG – DEPARTURE

In the morning, enjoy your free time to relax and explore Luang Prabang.
In the afternoon, airport transfer for departure flight. Trip ends.

Note*: depending on your flight schedule, we will arrange airport transfer accordingly (2.5 hours for domestic flight/ 3.5 hours for international flights)

Inclusions

- Accommodation: None
- Meals: Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer: Private car

Low Season from May to Sept

Hotel category	Price in INR/person (small group – 12 pax max)			
	2 - 3 pax	4-5 pax	6-7 pax	Single supplement
3* Hotels				
4* Hotels				
5* Hotels	Contact us (book the tour)			

High Season from Oct to Apr

Hotel category	Price in INR/person (small group – 12 pax max)

	2 - 3 pax	4-5 pax	6-7 pax	Single supplement
3* Hotels				
4* Hotels				
5* Hotels	Contact us (book the tour)			

Note*:

- If you want a **private tour**, or your group size is from **8pax** up, or if you want price for **5* hotels**, please contact us. Please book the tour and note details in our booking form.
- The rate is not applied for peak season as New Year, National holiday, Tet Holiday (Lunar New Year), Christmas. If travelling during these periods, please contact us for price.

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions:

- Overnights in selected hotels or similar
- Halong bay 2 day Cruise package
- All in-tour stationed local English speaking guide.
- Join in tour
- Entrance fees for sightseeing mentioned in the itinerary
- Excursions as mentioned in the itinerary
- Transfers as mentioned by air-conditioned vehicles (including airport pick up & see off)
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- 1 day train for [Danang](#) – Hue

Exclusions:

- Compulsory tips for guide and driver
- 4 Internal flights (Hanoi – Danang, Hue – Ho Chi Minh, Ho Chi Minh – Siem Reap, Siem Reap – Luang Prabang)
- Meals and services other than those noted in the itinerary
- Visa stamping fee
- International flights pre/post tour
- Laundry, telephone calls, and personal expenditures

Cancellation Policy

- Cancellation received 60 days or more before arrival date: 15% of total rate

- Cancellation received from 30 days to 59 days prior arrival date: 25% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 15 days to 29 days prior arrival date: 50% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 7 days to 14 days prior arrival date: 70% of total rate
- Cancellation received less than 7 days prior arrival date or No show: 100% of total rate

Children Policy

- For infant (<02 years old): FOC
- 02 – 6 years old without bed: 35% adult rate
- 06 – 10 years old with extra bed: 85% adult rate
- from 11 years old: 100% adult rate

Important Information

Emergency Contact

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call the travel consultant whom you deal with and then our hot line contacts. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please send us a detailed message and contact information by email to the agent and to info@indochinatreks.com, we may check and return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

Our all travel consultants use WhatApps. Please ensure that you have the contact number. It's best to buy a local sim-card upon arrival. Most hotels offer free wifi. So it's very easy to contact in urgent case.

Emergency contact numbers

Mr. Kelvin Do: +84 986759655

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Accommodation

We would use different hotel categories and you can select any basing on your budget. So your travel companions would not stay at your hotel. A Hotel Voucher will be provided once your tour is confirmed with all hotel details.

Packing List

Conservative Dress

- Modest clothing that covers knees and shoulders (Long pants, long skirts, shirts that cover shoulders)
- Shawl or scarf (for temple visits)

Note*: Please pack clothing for the season in which you will be travelling. From Dec-Feb weather can be cold, so please pack warm clothing. From May-Nov it is the wet season, so please bring waterproof clothing.

Documents

- All tickets (required)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Required visas
- Hotel & Tour Vouchers
- Meeting sign (with your names and flight details that we will use for transfers)

Train Travel

Train travel in Vietnam is very basic and train cleanliness is often not a priority for train staff. Sleeper trains normally have 4 seats per compartment, which convert into sleeping bunks (two upper and two lower). A sheet, pillow and blanket are provided, although many people prefer to bring their own sleeping sheet. At times, passengers of different genders may be required to share a sleeper train berth and/or share a compartment with people not travelling in your group. For short distance - 3 hours (as Hue to Danang or vv), you will do the trip on soft/hard seat carriage.

Simple food is available on the train but many people like to stock up on freshly baked bread, cheese and fruit prior to departure. Water should also be bought before the journey.

Train journeys in Vietnam are an experience and allow you to get a real taste of Vietnam.

Airport transfers

All airport transfers are included in the tour price. You should provide us your arrival/departure flight details and we will arrange things basing on the information. A meeting sign with your name and all flight details will be sent to you. Please be ready at the lobby at pointed time for pickup.

Driver/guide should always be present at the airport before your arrival time. If you could not find the driver, please contact your travel consultant who you deal with. For any reason that airport transfer could not be arranged, please take the taxi to the hotel. We will refund the money then.

Travel insurance

Travel insurance is not included in our tour price. When travelling with us, you are suggested to buy insurance that covers all medical coverage, cancellation, personal liability, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects.

Trip Specific Safety

We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit

boxes which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage.

Be aware that petty theft can be an issue in some towns and cities especially late at night. A common tactic is opportunists on motorbikes that drive by and snatch bags. Please always leave valuables and passports etc in your hotel in safety boxes if available and only carry with you enough cash to spend for the day. Bags should always be carried over the neck and not left to sit on your shoulder.

Warming

Please do not buy gems unless you know what you are doing. Even if genuine you should not expect to be able to sell them at home. If you fall victim to a gem scam, we are unable to assist you.

Visas and Entry Requirements

Please note that visas for Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos are the responsibility of the individual traveler. The visa requirements for your trip vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. For the most up to date information please check your Governments Foreign Ministry website or with you travel agent as rules do change.

CAMBODIA - Visas can be obtained at the Cambodian border or Siem Reap Airport for approx. \$35 USD very easily. Please have **at least** 2 passport photos with you as well.

VIETNAM - As of March 2017, a select 80 nationalities are now eligible to enter Vietnam with an E-Visa. Please contact your Foreign Ministry or Vietnamese consulate to see if your nationality is eligible. Please note that you should **ONLY** apply for a Vietnam E-Visa if you are entering Vietnam by international airport - either Noi Bai International Airport (Hanoi) or Tan Son Nhat International Airport (Ho Chi Minh City).

If you are entering Vietnam by land border, please apply for a regular visa for Vietnam. Many of the land borders we travel through do not accept the Vietnam E-Visa. Please view this link to apply E-Visa: <https://evisa.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn/web/guest/trang-chu-ttdt>

LAOS - Visas are issued upon arrival in Laos. You will need two passport size photographs and approx \$35. Tourists are generally admitted to Laos for 15 days with a visa on arrival or for 30 days with a visa issued at a Lao embassy. Please bring visa photos with you.

Please be aware that you will require four clean pages (minimum) in your passport and at least six months validity.

Tipping

It is customary in Asia to tip service providers such as waiters, at approximately 10%, depending on the service. Tipping is expected - though not compulsory - and shows an expression of satisfaction with the people who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides or drivers we use. Recommendations for tipping drivers and local guides would range from \$3-\$5 USD per person per day depending on the quality and length of the service.

Electricity

Indochina Countries use 220V, and a mixture of flat 2-pin, round 2-pin or 3 pin plugs. It is recommended to bring a universal plug adapter.