

# Beauty Of Indochina 11 Days



## Brief itinerary

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Day 1	Ha Noi Arrival – Airport Pickup	None, Lunch at local favorite restaurant
Day 2	Highlights Of Ha Noi – Night Train To Sa Pa	Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant
Day 3	Lao Cai Station – Bac Ha Sunday Market - Sa Pa	Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant
Day 4	Sapa – Trekking to Local Villages – Night Train Back to Ha Noi	Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant
Day 5	Ha Noi – Ha Long Bay	Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

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Day 6	Ha Long Bay - Ha Noi – Flight to Da Nang/ Hoi An	Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant
Day 7	Hoi An Day Excursion – Choice of Different Activities	Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant
Day 8	Hoi An/ Da Nang – Flight to Siem Reap	Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant
Day 9	Siem Reap – Outlying Temples Exploring	Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant
Day 10	Siem Reap – Angkor Highlighted Temples	Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant
Day 11	Siem Reap Departure	Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

## Detailed Itinerary



### Day 1: Ha Noi Arrival – Airport Pickup





Ha Noi, a city that effortlessly blends modern vitality with its rich traditions, welcomes you. Its bustling streets are a symphony of scooters competing for their rightful passage amid the constant chorus of honking horns. As you traverse these historic thoroughfares, layers of history unfurl, revealing the city's resilience through periods of French and Chinese occupation—a testament to the spirit of the proud Ha Noians. At every street corner, you'll encounter a tantalizing array of culinary delights, explore vibrant markets, and immerse yourself in an evolving arts scene—all while enjoying the luxury of accommodation at remarkably affordable prices. Get ready to connect with the locals, delve into the past, and witness the dynamic spirit of Ha Noi in motion.

Upon your arrival at the airport, our friendly guide will be waiting to welcome you. They will swiftly escort you to a waiting vehicle for a seamless transfer to the downtown area, offering a brief introduction to the city along the way. Look for our guide holding a welcome signboard adorned with the ASIA TOUR ADVISOR LOGO and your name. After reaching your hotel, take a moment to settle in and unwind.

**Meals:** None, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:**



## Day 2: Highlights Of Ha Noi – Night Train To Sa Pa



The capital of Vietnam, a city that celebrated its millennium in 2010, boasts a wealth of captivating cultural and historical sites, and our tour will take you to its most remarkable highlights. You'll catch a glimpse of the grand and solemn Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (please note that it's closed on Mondays and Fridays, as well as during October and November),

admire the iconic One Pillar Pagoda—the pride of Ha Noi—and explore the exquisite Temple of Literature. Your journey will also lead you to Tran Quoc Temple by West Lake, the serene Quan Thanh Pagoda, and the bustling streets of the Old Quarter, culminating in a mesmerizing water puppet performance. Afterward, enjoy a well-deserved rest.

**Note:** We will reserve a cozy hotel room for you near the train station, allowing you to freshen up with a shower before embarking on your night train adventure (rooms are available from 17:30 to 20:30). At 20:30, our tour guide will pick you up from your hotel and accompany you to Ha Noi Railway Station, where you'll board the night train to Lao Cai. The train cabins are equipped with four berths, offering soft sleeper comfort and air-conditioning, with shared toilet facilities—though there are no private bathrooms. The train departs at 22:00 and arrives in Lao Cai around 6:00 am the following morning.

**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:**



### Day 3: Lao Cai Station – Bac Ha Sunday Market - Sa Pa



Sapa, nestled amidst breathtaking mountainous terrain, is designed to capture the awe-inspiring vistas that reveal themselves on clear days. Here, the town overlooks a plunging valley, framed by towering mountains on all sides. Though mist may sometimes veil the views, the local hill-tribe communities infuse the town with vibrant colors and cultural richness.

Your train will arrive around 6:00 am, and our guide will be there to greet you with a warm welcome sign as you disembark. After indulging in a local breakfast, prepare for a journey



to Bac Ha—a place pulsating with the vibrant energy of the Sunday Market, the largest in the region. Here, you'll witness a kaleidoscope of traders from various ethnic minority groups, such as the Flower H'mong, Phu La, Black Dao, Tay, and Nung, who converge from the surrounding mountains to offer an array of local products, intricately crafted handicrafts, and fresh teas. Join in the excitement of this bustling market, engaging with the local ethnic communities and immersing yourself in their lively traditions.

After a satisfying lunch at a local restaurant, we'll continue our adventure with a visit to Hoang A Tuong's palace, known as Vua Meo. This extraordinary structure, constructed by the French in 1921, boasts an unusual 'oriental baroque' style—a fusion of exotic church and French chateau elements—and served as an entertaining venue for Flower H'mong chief Hoang A Tuong. Before bidding farewell to Bac Ha, we'll explore Ban Pho Village and then embark on a scenic drive to Sa Pa, where you can check in at your hotel and unwind.

**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:**



#### **Day 4: Sapa – Trekking to Local Villages – Night Train Back to Ha Noi**



As the day begins, meet your guide in the morning and depart from Sa Pa town to embark on a journey to the enchanting Golden Stream valley. Today's trek promises breathtaking views of cascading rice terraces, verdant gardens, and the majestic Mt. Fansipan, which soars to an impressive 10,312 feet (3,143 meters) above sea level.

Crossing a suspension bridge, you'll be captivated by the mesmerizing landscapes of the Golden Stream valley. Pause at Lao Chai village for a nourishing lunch, and then explore



the village, home to the Black Hmong people, gaining insights into their daily lives and rich culture. Continue your trek to Ta Van village, inhabited by the Dzay tribe. This part of the hike is relatively easy, but be mindful of potential slipperiness if it rains, so ensure you have suitable footwear. Engage with local families, learning about their unique way of life and fascinating traditions before making your way back to the main road. There, you'll meet your driver for the return journey to Sa Pa.

At the designated time, we'll transfer you to the train station, where you'll embark on the night train back to Ha Noi. Please note that our itinerary is flexible, allowing adjustments to accommodate your trekking capabilities.

**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:**



## Day 5: Ha Noi – Ha Long Bay



Our journey begins as we pick you up in Ha Noi at around 9:00 am. We'll traverse the lush Red River Delta en route to the renowned UNESCO World Heritage site—Ha Long Bay. Once you arrive, you'll step aboard a luxurious junk ship for an unforgettable overnight cruise. As you relax on deck, you'll be treated to panoramic views of the mesmerizing limestone karsts rising dramatically from the sea, surrounded by thousands of lush, jungle-covered islands that appear to float on the glistening waters. The turquoise waves of the Gulf of Tonkin gracefully envelop hidden grottoes and ancient caves, creating an enchanting and timeless world.



During your cruise, savor a delectable seafood lunch while taking in the awe-inspiring scenery with a refreshing drink in hand. We'll also take you to a traditional fishing village, where locals have created a bustling town atop their boats—an exceptional sight to explore. Delve into the mesmerizing Tien Ong Cave before returning to the cruise for a delightful evening featuring cocktails, canapés, and a breathtaking sunset. Conclude your day with a romantic candlelit dinner, creating lasting memories.

**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:**



## **Day 6: Ha Long Bay - Ha Noi – Flight to Da Nang/ Hoi An**



Begin your day with a Tai Chi class on deck, set against the tranquil morning mist, or simply revel in the beauty of the sunrise over the azure waters. You can choose between two enticing options: embark on an excursion to a secluded island with a pristine sandy beach, perfect for a refreshing swim, or join the ship's chef for a captivating cooking demonstration to discover the secrets of Vietnamese cuisine.

As your junk cruises through Ha Long Bay, you'll pass by captivating islets and mystical caves, gradually making your way back to the dock. Upon disembarking, your driver will be waiting to transport you to Noi Bai Airport for your flight to Da Nang. Upon your arrival at the airport, you'll be warmly received and transferred to your downtown Hoi An hotel.

Please note that our itinerary is subject to change due to different boat schedules and weather conditions.

**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:**



## **Day 7: Hoi An Day Excursion – Choice of Different Activities**



The charming ancient town of Hoi An, situated 30 kilometers south of Da Nang, nestles along the banks of the Thu Bon River. Its historic district remains a testament to its rich heritage, featuring quaint Japanese merchant houses, ornate Chinese temples, and ancient tea warehouses. While the town's residents and rice fields have gradually given way to tourism, a lively scene of lounge bars, boutique hotels, travel agencies, and tailor shops has emerged, adding to its unique character.

You have the freedom to choose from several enticing itineraries to craft your own exploration of Hoi An:

### **Option 1: Cooking Class**

Your culinary journey begins with a visit to a vibrant local market, where you'll select the freshest ingredients needed for your cooking class. Afterward, you'll return to a welcoming kitchen, where your skilled chef will demonstrate the art of crafting typical Vietnamese cuisine. With guidance from the chef, you'll prepare and savor your own delectable creations. In the afternoon, explore the enchanting time-capsule town of Old Hoi An on a walking tour with your knowledgeable guide. Hoi An's history as a major Asian sea port has resulted in a harmonious fusion of architectural styles and cultures that has been beautifully preserved. Wander through traditional Chinese shops, elegant French residences, and an



ancient Japanese bridge. The town also boasts silk markets, Vietnamese food stalls, and captivating street performers to delight you.

### **Option 2: Tra Que Village Discovery**

After breakfast at your hotel, embark on a leisurely bike ride to Tra Que Village and explore a local farm. This experience offers a unique insight into authentic Vietnamese rural life. You'll delve into the village's history and witness the daily practices of vegetable cultivation. Learn how these vegetables play a crucial role in traditional Vietnamese medicine.

Participate in the activities of local farmers, from collecting seaweed fertilizer to sowing, raking, watering, and harvesting. Immerse yourself in the culture as you join a family to prepare and enjoy a meal featuring the produce you helped grow. You'll also have the chance to taste local specialties like Tam Huu (spring rolls) and Banh Xeo (pancakes). Don't miss the opportunity to take an afternoon nap—a cherished local tradition—before returning to the fields to learn the art of harvesting and wrapping the produce. In the late afternoon, bid farewell to your newfound friends and head back to Hoi An for a visit to the Hoian Old Quarter before returning to your hotel to relax.

### **Option 3: Bike or Motorbike Adventure to the Countryside**

Your adventure begins as our guide picks you up from the hotel on a motorbike, taking you to Tra Que Village. From there, ride to the river and board a local ferry to Kim Bong Village. This village is renowned not only for wood carving but also for weaving sleeping mats. You'll stop by a local family to witness the traditional art of mat weaving, which was a vital part of daily life in the past, before the advent of modern mattresses. Additionally, visit a local family involved in making the famous local noodle, Mi Quang, and even have the opportunity to make and enjoy the perfect Banh Dap (rice cracker). A short ride will take you to a small village, where you'll gear up for an exhilarating 300-meter bamboo bridge river crossing to the opposite side—a picturesque seascape unfolds before you.

You'll make your way to Duy Hai market and harbor, where a local ferry will transport you to the water coconut palm-fringed Cam Thanh Village. At Cam Thanh homestay, savor a delicious lunch. Conclude your journey by returning to the hotel on a motorbike. If you prefer biking to a scooter tour, we can adjust the route to match your abilities.

**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:**



**Day 8: Hoi An/ Da Nang – Flight to Siem Reap**



Siem Reap has always been destined for greatness. While the temples are the primary draw, the city offers a multitude of attractions for those seeking diverse experiences. From party pads and world-class dining to sumptuous spas, vibrant shopping, and local tours catering to food enthusiasts and adventurers alike, Siem Reap has reinvented itself as the epitome of chic Cambodia. The city also boasts a thriving cultural scene, including Cambodia's leading contemporary circus.

Enjoy a leisurely morning breakfast at your hotel before we pick you up and transport you to the airport for your flight to Siem Reap, Cambodia. Upon your arrival at the airport, our team will greet you and transfer you to your downtown hotel in Hoi An. Take the time to relax and soak in the ambiance.

**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:**



## **Day 9: Siem Reap – Outlying Temples Exploring**





The temples of Angkor are a source of inspiration and national pride for all Khmers as they continue to rebuild their lives after years of terror and trauma. Today, these temples hold immense cultural significance, attracting pilgrims from all corners of Cambodia. No traveler to the region should miss the opportunity to witness their extravagant beauty. Angkor is a timeless ancient site that combines the epic proportions of the Great Wall of China, the intricate detail of the Taj Mahal, and the symbolism and symmetry of the pyramids, all within one awe-inspiring location.

Begin your day with breakfast at your hotel. Your guide will then escort you to the ancient Khmer civilization site of Hariharalaya, which flourished in the late 9th and early 10th centuries. These are among the earliest temples in the Angkor region and are collectively known as the Rolous Group, encompassing Lo Lei, Preah Koh, and Bakhong Temples. Enjoy a lunch hosted by a local family before embarking on a drive to the rural outskirts, approximately 35 kilometers from Angkor. There, you'll discover the magnificent Banteay Srei, built in the 10th century and dedicated to Shiva.

This temple is renowned for its intricate pink sandstone structure, adorned with a captivating array of sculptures, lintels, pediments, and friezes. Locals believe that this temple must have been carved by women, as the details are too delicate for the hands of men. On your way back to Siem Reap, visit Banteay Samre Temple, adorned with impressive reliefs depicting scenes of Vishnu and Krishna legends.

**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:**





## Day 10: Siem Reap – Angkor Highlighted Temples



Start your day with an early breakfast at your hotel. At 7:30 am, depart for a visit to the picturesque Ta Prohm Temple, a remarkable site that appears to have been devoured by the jungle, creating an oddly haunting and exotic ambiance. The incredible tree roots, which wind their way around the temple's massive stone blocks, create an unforgettable scene that will linger in your memory.

Next, explore the intricately carved Khmer ruins at Angkor Wat—one of the world's most impressive architectural wonders. This temple boasts exceptional Apsara carvings, representing the height of Angkorian-era art. Continue your exploration by visiting the enigmatic Royal city of Angkor Thom, home to the iconic Bayon Temple with its 54-tower structure. At first glance, it may appear as an amorphous mass of stone, but upon closer examination, you'll discover numerous faces staring out with a mysterious, contemplative gaze—an encounter with a distant and primitive era.

Delve further into the Royal city by exploring the Baphou, Elephant Terraces, Lipper King Terrace, and Royal Palace Enclosure area. Conclude your temple exploration with a visit to Preah Khan Temple, constructed in the 12th century by King Jayavarman VII, and resembling the architectural style of Ta Prohm Temple. The day's adventure provides a deep immersion into the mesmerizing world of Angkor.

**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:**





## Day 11: Siem Reap Departure



You'll have the morning at your leisure to enjoy a relaxed breakfast. When the time comes, our private car and driver will arrive to transfer you to the airport for your onward flight to your next destination.

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**Accommodation:** The latest hotel check-out time is 12:00 pm.

**Meals:** Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

**Accommodation:**

# Booking Policy

## What's Included

- ✓ Hotel accommodation in shared twin or shared double room with daily breakfast.
- ✓ Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner).
- ✓ Tours and transfers by private air-conditioned vehicles.
- ✓ English speaking local guide
- ✓ All entrance fees as indicated in itinerary.
- ✓ Boat trips as mentioned in the itinerary
- ✓ 03 Domestic flights: Ha Noi – Da Nang; Da Nang Siem Reap
- ✓ Cruise in Ha Long Bay
- ✓ Cold water and towel during tours

## What's Excluded

- ✗ Visa stamp fee
- ✗ International air ticket:
- ✗ International airport tax:
- ✗ Other meal, drink, Tip to guide and driver, personal expenses
- ✗ Supplement for French, Italian and German speaking guide
- ✗ Peak season surcharge on Christmas, New Year Festival

## Cancellation by Customer

- ✗ Cancellation received before 60 days: FREE of charge
- ✗ Cancellation received from 30 days to 59 days prior arrival date: 10% of total rate
- ✗ Cancellation received from 15 days to 29 days prior arrival date: 30% of total rate
- ✗ Cancellation received from 7 days to 14 days prior arrival date: 50% of total rate
- ✗ Cancellation received less than 7 days prior arrival date or No show: 100% of total rate





## Children Policy

- The rate for children applicable for one child sharing a twin or double cabin with two adults
- For infant (<04 years old): FOC except domestic ticket cost
- 04 - 11 years old without bed: 50% adult rate
- 04 - 11 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate
- 04 - 11 years old in twin share: 90% adult rate

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