

Discover Laos & Vietnam 15 days



Brief itinerary

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Day 1	Arrive Vientiane	Vientiane
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Day 4	Luang Prabang - City Tour - Kuangsii Falls	Luang Prabang
Day 5	Luang Prabang – Pak Ou cave	Luang Prabang
Day 6	Luang Prabang – flying to Hanoi	Hanoi
Day 7	Hanoi city tour	Hanoi
Day 8	Hanoi – Halong bay	Halong Bay
Day 9	Halong Bay – Hanoi airport – Fly to Danang/ car to Hoi An	Halong Bay

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Day 10	Hoian exploring – Choice of the below options	Hoi An
Day 11	Hoi An free day	Hoi An
Day 12	Hoian – Danang - Fly to Saigon	Ho Chi Minh
Day 13	Cu Chi tunnel & Saigon city	Ho Chi Minh
Day 14	Saigon – Mekong day trip	Mekong Delta
Day 15	Saigon airport transfer - departure	Ho Chi Minh

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Vientiane



Vientiane (The City Of The Moon) is the largest city in Laos and its capital. The beautiful ancient city sits on the left bank of the Mekong River.

Our Laos tour guide will meet you on your arrival and escort you to your hotel. After check in we will take a short sightseeing trip of Vientiane, taking in some of the local favourites. The Religious Museum housed in the temple at Wat Sisaket, predates the Siamese war of 1828. It features the famous cloister, the wall of which features 6,840 ceramic and silver statues of the Buddha. Wat Ho Prakeo is the former home of the Emerald Buddha but today it contains a collection of Buddha statues and antiquities. Pha That Luang,

The Great Stupa, is a symbol of the Laos Nation. It is the single most important monument in the country. It was built to cover an original small Stupa which holds a section of the breastbone of Buddha. Patouxy (The Triumphal Arch) was built between 1957 and 1968 and commemorates the dead of past conflicts. It has become one of the most famous landmarks of the city of Vientiane.

Meals: None, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

Accommodation: Vientiane hotels



Day 2: Vientiane - Vang Vieng



After breakfast at the hotel, your Laos tour guide will collect you to begin the journey to Vang Vieng. As we leave the town, we drive through the Atacular countryside towards the mountains. We head out towards the 11th century archaeological site at Vang Xang. On the way we briefly call at Thalat to visit the colourful market. From there we make our way to

the rapidly expanding village of Vang Vieng. Tourism has caused huge growth in this village but the surrounding areas remain as they were centuries ago. The first full day of your Laos trip can be spent strolling round the village, before you settle down at your overnight hotel.

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

Accommodation: Vang Vieng hotels

Day 3: Vang Vieng - Luang Prabang



Day 3 of your Laos holiday begins with breakfast at the hotel. We then head off to visit the famous cave of Tham Jang. This was used as a hideout from Chinese invaders and is of historic significance. We carry on through the village of Ban Huai Ngai into stunning mountain scenery. We will pass through Kasi and Phoukhone and finally on to Luang Prabang.

Claimed by UNESCO to be the “best preserved city in Southeast Asia”, its gleaming temples and colonial architecture have remained unchanged for years. Monks in traditional dress hurry about carrying umbrellas to shade themselves from the midday sun. You will stay overnight in this fascinating town courtesy of your Laos holiday package.

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

Accommodation: Luang Prabang hotels

Day 4: Luang Prabang - City Tour - Kuangsii Falls



After breakfast your Laos tour guide will take you to see the former Royal Palace, which is now home to The National Museum. Interesting artifacts depicting Laos life under the early Kings are displayed.

The museum tells the story of Laos right up to the last sovereign, King Savang Vatthana, who abdicated in 1973 following the establishment of The Lao People's Democratic Republic. We find time to visit the impressive stupa of Wat Visoun, the shrine of Wat Aham, Wat Sene and Wat Mai with its five tiered roof.

After taking lunch we will drive 30 km South to Kuang Sii Waterfall. This beautiful area is in the heart of the National Park. On the way we go to see the most famous hill-tribe people in Laos, the Hmong at Ban Na Oune. At the Falls there will be time to relax or swim if you so wish. Heading back into Luang Prabang we climb the 355 steps to the top of Mount Phousi to take in the magnificent sunset view. Again your Laos tour remains overnight in Luang Prabang.

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

Accommodation: Luang Prabang hotels



Day 5: Luang Prabang – Pak Ou cave



After breakfast we will take a cruise upstream on The Mekong River. This presents a different perspective of the incredible surrounding countryside. From here we will go to Pak Ou Caves. These mysterious geographical features are crammed with thousands of gold lacquered Buddha statues in many shapes and sizes.

Later we go to sample the famous distilled rice wines at the village of Ban Xanghai. On the return journey we take a short drive to see the hand weavers of Ban Xang. Centuries old methods of dyeing and weaving are used to create their wonderful silks. Day 5 of your Laos tour then ends with an overnight stay in Luang Prabang.

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

Accommodation: Luang Prabang hotels



Day 6: Luang Prabang – flying to Hanoi



Morning time is free at your hotel until your private car arrives for transfer to the airport for the flight to Hanoi/ Vietnam.

Upon arrival, you will be met by your guide who will escort you to a waiting vehicle for your transfer to downtown with a brief introduction en route. Your guide will be holding a welcome signboard with the ASIA TOUR ADVISOR LOGO & your name. The rest of the day is at your leisure to explore the tree-lined boulevards, French Indochinese architecture and tranquil lakes of this unique city.

Hanoi is Vietnam's capital city and home to seven million people. Traditional and refined with French colonial architecture, tree-lined boulevards, scenic lakes and a bustling Old Quarter, Hanoi has a sophisticated charm. Observe locals practicing Tai Chi by the lake, with barbers and food vendors plying their sidewalk trade.

Notes:

- + Hotel check-in time is from 14:00/ early check-in subject to room availability
- + We're flexible to switch the itinerary if you want to start/finish your trip in another city

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

Accommodation: Hanoi hotels



Day 7: Hanoi city tour



After breakfast at your hotel .The guide pick you up at your hotel and then visit the capital of Vietnam, a city that celebrated 1.000 years in 2010 has countless fascinating cultural and historic sites and our days' tour will visit the highlights.

See the grand and solemn mausoleum of Ho Chi Minh (viewed from outside; closed Mon and Fri and from Oct-Nov), the 'icon of Hanoi' - The One Pillar Pagoda, West Lake's Tran Quoc temple. After lunch, visit the beautiful Temple of Literature, take a cycle for visiting the bustling Old Quarter .

Enjoy the balance of the day at leisure or on your own activities.

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

Accommodation: Hanoi hotels



Day 8: Hanoi – Halong bay



We'll pick you up at hotel and drive through the verdant Red River Delta to make our way to the famous UNESCO World Heritage site, Halong Bay. You'll board a luxury junk ship for an overnight cruise-- while you relax on-board you can marvel at the incredible limestone karsts that jut out of the sea and the thousands of jungle-covered islands that seem to float on the waves. The turquoise waters of the Gulf of Tonkin swirl around hidden grottoes and ancient caves to create an enchanting, timeless world.

We'll serve you a fresh seafood lunch while you sit back and relax as you enjoy the incredible view with a drink in your hand. We'll take you to a traditional fishing village where the locals have created an entire town on the decks of their boats, then you can explore Tien Ong Cave before returning to the cruise for cocktails, canapés, and a spectacular sunset. End your day with a romantic, candlelit dinner.

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

Accommodation: Halong Bay hotels



Day 9: Halong Bay – Hanoi airport – Fly to Danang/ car to Hoi An



Begin the day with a Tai Chi class on deck in the early morning mist or just admire the beautiful scenery as the sun rises over the azure waters. Choose between an excursion to a secluded island with a sandy beach for a swim or join the chef for a cooking demonstration to learn more about Vietnamese cuisine. Enjoy a leisurely brunch while your junk cruises Halong Bay, passing islets and caves as you make your way back to the dock.

Your driver will meet you when you disembark and transfer you straight to the airport for a short flight to Danang. Meet your guide upon arrival and heading to your hotel

Hoi An was a prosperous port from the 16th to 19th centuries trading with merchants from China, Japan, India, Indonesia and Europe who came to buy silk, spices and porcelain. Hoi An's UNESCO World Heritage Old Quarter is beautifully preserved with ornate pagodas, antique trading houses and old tile-roofed shops.

It is a rich architectural fusion of Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese and European styles. Many of the historic buildings lining the canals and pedestrian streets have been converted into art galleries, boutique restaurants, bars and cafes. Hoi An is surrounded by attractive countryside with traditional farming and fishing, and by sandy beaches with modern seaside resorts.

Note: The cruise itinerary is subject to change according to weather conditions & different cruise operators

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

Accommodation: Halong Bay hotels



Option 1 – Cooking class:

Your cooking class today will begin with a visit to a colorful local markets, buying all the necessary ingredients and head back to prepare. Your cheft will demonstrate how to cook some typical Vietnam cuisine, you will then start cooking yourself and enjoy what you have cooked ☐

In the afternoon, exploring the enchanting time-capsule town of Old Hoi An on a walking tour with your guide.

Hoi An was a major sea port in Asia and it resulted in a fusion of style and culture that has been perfectly preserved. Wander traditional Chinese shops, luxurious French homes, and an ancient Japanese bridge. The town is home to silk markets, Vietnamese food stalls, and talented street performers-- all of which are sure to charm you.

Option 2 – Vegetable village:

Breakfast at your hotel and then it's time for a little bit of exercise and a bike ride to Tra Que Vilage and a visit to a local farm. This is a very special involvement in true Vietnamese rural life. You will learn about the history of the village and then be shown the daily practices of growing vegetables. You will learn how the vegetables are used in traditional Vietnamese medicine.

You will join in the activities of the farmers – collecting seaweed fertilizer, sowing, raking, watering and picking. Your cultural immersion continues as you join the family to prepare

and eat the lunch you have helped grow. You will also taste other local specialties such as Tam huu (spring roll) and Bahn xeo (pancake). Of course you must also join in the after lunch nap before returning to the field to learn how to harvest and wrap the produce. Mid-afternoon we wave goodbye to your new friends and go back to Hoi An for visiting Hoi An Old Quarter. Return to your hotel for relaxing

Option 3 – Countryside biking or motor riding:

Our guide will pick you up at the hotel by motobike, riding to Tra Que village and then ride back to the river for aboard a local ferry to Kim Bong Village. This village is not only famous for wood carving but weaving sleeping mat as well, so we will stop at a family to see how they weave the mat for every day use in the old time before having today popular mattresses.

Visit a local family making the famous local noodle - Mi Quang is the other chance to learn the local life. You also have a chance to make and eat the perfect banh dap (rice cracker). Riding into a small village, gearing up for an adrenalin pumping 300 metre bamboo bridge river crossing to the opposing landscape of the sea-board side of the island making our way to Duy Hai market and harbour. Here, the local ferry crossing takes guests to the water coconut palm fringed Cam Thanh village. Have lunch at Cam Thanh homestay. Back your hotel by motobike.

Note: If you prefer biking than scooter tour, we can be flexible to modify the route, matching with your cycling ability.

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

Accommodation: Hoi An hotels



Day 11: Hoi An free day



The most common regret from travelers leaving Vietnam is staying too short in Hoi An! You can stay from three to five nights or even longer, it's really hard to run out of things to see & do in Hoi An. From the lanterns to the beach, from the boat trips to the shopping, from the vegetable villages to the handcraft areas.

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy time on your own activities or ask our travel experts to organize our Hoi An tour collections.

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

Accommodation: Hoi An hotels



Day 12: Hoian – Danang - Fly to Saigon



You'll have the morning for a leisurely breakfast before we come to collect you and take you to Danang to catch a flight to Saigon. When you arrive at the airport, you will be met and transferred directly to your hotel. Enjoy the balance of the day at leisure.

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

Accommodation: Ho Chi Minh hotels

 **Day 13: Cu Chi tunnel & Saigon city**



We'll pick you up in the morning and take you to the Cu Chi Tunnels, a major part of the Vietnam-American War and a fascinating day trip-- explore the mysterious tunnels, find hidden doors and once-deadly traps.

After lunch we'll go back to HCMC and spend the afternoon either visiting the War Remnants Museum or the Presidential Palace, whichever you prefer. Then stroll around the city's colonial streets in the evening to the Old Saigon Post Office, Dong Khoi Street, Continental Hotel, Opera House and City Hall.

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

Accommodation: Ho Chi Minh hotels



Day 14: Saigon – Mekong day trip



From Ho Chi Minh we'll take a short drive through lush green rice fields into the Mekong Delta and the town of My Tho. We'll stop to visit the Vinh Trang Pagoda and take a hand-rowed sampan boat down the mighty Mekong, drifting under the shade of coconut trees through the river's natural canals.

You'll get to see wooden stilt houses, aromatic fruit plantations and traditional fishing villages built along the banks. At Tortoise Islet we'll stop to have lunch in an orchard garden, then continue down the river to An Khang.

If you'd like, we can take a short bicycle tour (you can apply for a private tour if time permits) and enjoy seasonal fruit, honey, and tea to the beautiful sounds of southern Vietnamese folk music performed by local musicians. In one of the small river villages you

can taste delicious, hand-made coconut candies while you experience the idyllic rural lifestyle. Later, you will be transferred back to Saigon or leisure evening.

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

Accommodation: Mekong Delta hotels



Day 15: Saigon airport transfer - departure



After check out , transfer to Airport for your flight home or next destination. Tour ends.
Thank you for traveling with us and see you in the next trips

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

Accommodation: Ho Chi Minh hotels

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
- ✓ Cruise in Halong Bay
- ✓ Cold water and towel during tours
- ✓ 03 Flight tickets: Luang Prabang – Hanoi, Hanoi – Danang, Danang – Saigon

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
- ✗ Festival surcharge

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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