

Incredible Vietnam & northern Laos 14 days



Brief itinerary

Day	Itinerary Description	Meals
Day 1	Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City	None, Lunch at local favorite restaurant
Day 2	Cu Chi Tunnels - Ho Chi Minh City	Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant
Day 3	Mekong Delta – drive to Can Tho	Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant
Day 4	Floating market - Ho Chi Minh – Fly to Danang – car to Hoi An	Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant
Day 5	Hoian discovery – Choice of the below options	Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

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Day 6	Hoian free day at leisure	Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant
Day 7	Hoi An – Danang – Fly to Hanoi - city visit	Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant
Day 8	Hanoi – Halong Bay	Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant
Day 9	Halong Bay – Hanoi airport – flying to Luang Prabang/ Laos	Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant
Day 10	Luang Prabang - Kuangy Waterfalls	Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant
Day 11	Luang Prabang – Nongkhiau	Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant
Day 12	Nongkhiau - Muong Ngoy	Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant
Day 13	Muong Ngoy – Nongkiau - Luang Prabang	Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant
Day 14	Departure from Luang Prabang	Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

Detailed Itinerary



Day 1: Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City



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. During the drive your guide will provide an introduction to Ho Chi Minh City

Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) in southern Vietnam is a sprawling metropolis of ten million people. Formally renamed Ho Chi Minh City in 1975 at the end of the Vietnam-American war, locals still refer to Saigon. With thousands of motorbikes zipping past luxury cars, French colonial buildings dwarfed by modern skyscrapers and traditionally dressed school girls riding bicycles past trendy city workers, Saigon is an exciting city of contrasts.

Note: We're flexible to switch the itinerary if you want to start/finish your trip in Hanoi or another city, please let us know

Meals: None, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

Accommodation:



Day 2: Cu Chi Tunnels - Ho Chi Minh 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:



Day 3: Mekong Delta – drive to Can Tho



Leave your hotel this morning, heading to visit Mekong Delta. On arrival in Hàm Luông pier. Cruise on Bến Tre river exploring the lively activities along river as fishing, water transferring.....see brick making in handy traditional style by printing and baking. Visit one of plenty of coconut processing workshops located along canal. Turn on natural scissors creeks where they look smaller and smaller to go to village. Take a walk to family workshop making sleepmats and enjoying some fruits and tea.

Riding a motor cart (xe lôi) or bike on shady paths, pass by green rice fields and vegetable plains to be able to touch on real life and find out about tropical culture from Peasants. Lunch at Hai Hồ house.

Afternoon - riding a sampan along canal, before boat back to Ham Luông pier & heading to Can Tho

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

Accommodation:



Day 4: Floating market - Ho Chi Minh – Fly to Danang – car to Hoi An



Take a leisurely boat trip to explore the picturesque tributaries of the Lower Mekong river (Bassac River), then proceed to visit Cai Răng floating market which are the liveliest in the whole region. Have you ever tasted Vietnamese vermicelli soup? Well, now go and see how it is made.

Then wander around the village and meet the friendly local people and experience how to cross a "Monkey bridge" which is built by only one stem of bamboo.

Drive back to Saigon in time to catch the flight to Danang. Upon arrival, meet your Central driver and heading to hotel in Hoi An for checking in & relax.

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

Accommodation:



Day 5: Hoian discovery – Choice of the below options



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 a Tam huu (spring roll) and Bahn xeo (pancake). Of course you must also join in the after lunch nap before returning to the fiel to learn how to harvest and wrap the produce. Mid-afternoon we

wave goodbye to your new friends and go back to Hoian for visiting Hoian 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 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 & go back to Hoian for visiting Hoian Old Quarter

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

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

Accommodation:



Day 6: Hoian free day at leisure



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:



Day 7: Hoi An – Danang – Fly to Hanoi - city visit



Breakfast at your hotel. Free time for relaxing on beach until pick you up and transfer you to airport for a flight to Hanoi.

Arrive in Hanoi, pick you up and transfer you to your hotel to leave your luggage.

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. Start to visit the beautiful Temple of Literature, West Lake's Tran Quoc temple and the bustling Old Quarter and at the end of the day - a water puppet performance.

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

Accommodation:



Day 8: Hanoi – Halong Bay



We'll pick you up in Hanoi by 8:00am 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:



Day 9: Halong Bay – Hanoi airport – flying to Luang Prabang/ Laos



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 excursions 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. Then transfer back to Hanoi airport for the flight to Laos.

This is the World Heritage city of Luang Prabang. You will be met by our Laos tour guide and taken to your hotel. Your time on this first day is free and you can relax and rest overnight.

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

Accommodation:



Day 10: Luang Prabang - Kuangy Waterfalls



After breakfast, we head out of town 30km to the beautiful Kuang Sii Fall. En route, stop and short tour visit Buffalo Dairy Farm: <http://www.laosbuffalodairy.com/>. The tour will be lasted about 40 minutes, including a farm walk, Buffalo feeding, washing, Milking Demonstration & Feeding Chickens and rabbits etc.

Afterwards, we visit some ethnic minority villages and see how these colorful people live. We then continue to the beautiful Khouangsi Waterfalls where you can swim in the turquoise pools or walk along forest paths. Return to the city by late evening to observe the sunset at Wat Phabath. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

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

Accommodation:



Day 11: Luang Prabang – Nongkhiau



After breakfast, we venture into the mountainous area to Nongkghiau. Nong Khiaw is known for its beautiful mountainous jungle landscape. After check into your hotel, we start our short trek to the top of the second highest point overlooking Nong Khiaw.

We'll ascend about 400 meters (1300ft.) on a trail that's 1.8 kilometers (1 mi.) long. The short and adventurous trail takes us into the jungle and ancient high altitude forests surrounding the town. On clear days you can see as far as 20 km to the northern mountains of Muang Ngoi area

Estimated total tour duration 4 hours; walking up 1.5 hours, snack at the top, then 1.5 hours down.

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

Accommodation:



Day 12: Nongkhiau - Muong Ngoy



After breakfast, we take a cruise up on Nam Ou river to Muong Ngoy. On arrival, we begin a trekking of 30 minutes to visit Tham Kaang, the former sheltering cave for local villagers during Indochina war (1960-1972). Which has never damages with beautiful surrounding.

After visiting the cave , we continue enjoying our walk to Ban Houay Boor (a village of Khmu and T'ai Deng Ethnic), where we will eat lunch at villager's home. Then we continue trekking to Ban Na (a village of T'ai Deng ethnic group). Overnight night in Ban Na

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

Accommodation:



Day 13: Muong Ngoy – Nongkiau - Luang Prabang



After breakfast, we return to Muang Ngoi and continue 01 hour cruise down on Nam Ou river to Nong Khiau. Upon arrival in Nongkhiauw, we drive to visit Tam Pha Tok cave, where local villagers hidden during the Indochina war. Afterwards, we begin the journey drive through beautiful unspoiled natural and amazing rolling mountains to Luang Prabang. On the way have a short break to visit Ban Na Yang village, where the famous Thai Lui tribe take place on the ancient wooden room to product clothing silk and the cotton.

We reach ban Pakou in the lunch time and we board a cruise down on the Mekong River, which gives a panoramic view of the tranquil countryside. Along the way we stop at the Pak Ou Caves, sanctuaries consisting of two large caverns, both repositories for thousands of Buddha images. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

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

Accommodation:



Day 14: Departure from Luang Prabang



Your time will be your own until your private car and driver arrives to take you to the airport for your flight home or to next destination. Tour ends.

Thank you for traveling with us and see you in the next trips.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Time check out is 12:00

Note: We are flexible to adjust if you like to shorten or extend your trip, please do share your thoughts as much as you can.

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

Accommodation:

Booking Policy

What's Included

- ✓ Hotel accommodation sharing double/ twin 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
- ✓ Domestic flights: Saigon – Danang, Danang – Hanoi, Hanoi – Luang Prabang
- ✓ Cruise in Halong Bay
- ✓ Cold water and towel during tours

What's Excluded

- ✗ Visa stamp fee
- ✗ International air ticket:
Other meal, drink, Tip to guide and driver, personal expenses
- ✗ Supplement for French, Spanish, Italian and German speaking guide

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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