

Journey of vietnam & laos 13 days



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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: Ho Chi Minh hotels



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: Ho Chi Minh hotels



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 lô) 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: Can Tho hotels



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: Can Tho hotels



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: Hoi An hotels



Day 6: 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: Hanoi hotels



Day 7: 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: Halong Bay hotels



Day 8: 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: Halong Bay hotels



Day 9: Luang Prabang - City Tour



Early morning around 05:40am, observing an Arm-Giving, hundreds of monks walking along side walk to collect rice and food from laymen. We then visit Fresh Morning Market at Prakham village. Back to hotel for breakfast then you will be taken to The National Museum. There is plenty to investigate and admire at this large museum in the center of town. Next, you will visit Wat Visoun with its impressive stupa and the shrine of Wat Aham. After your visit to Wat Xieng Thong you will next climb the 355 steps to the summit of Mount Phousi.

There are plenty of rest stops on the way up. At the half-way point you will see the Wat Tham Phousi shrine and at the summit you will visit the gilded stupa. Your trip affords spectacular views of the city. There is a wonderful opportunity to see the sunset from a superb vantage point. After your descent from the mountain; you will be taken to visit The Street Night Market affording plenty of opportunities for purchasing souvenirs. Your Laos tour first full day ends with an overnight stay at your hotel.

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

Accommodation: Luang Prabang hotels



Day 10: Luang Prabang - Pak Ou Cave



You will enjoy breakfast at your hotel before your Laos tour guide collects you for the river cruise for today's tour. The Mekong River is beautiful and of course the best way to view it is to travel on it. The surrounding countryside is both tranquil and picturesque.

We will take you to visit the village of Ban Xanghai. This village is famous for its distilled local rice wine. You will arrive at the mysterious Pak Ou Caves. These are packed full of golden lacquered statues of the Buddha. On the return journey you will take a short drive to Ban Zang Khong. In this village the local people hand weave exquisite silk materials. The day ends with your Laos trip returning to your hotel for the overnight stay.

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

Accommodation: Luang Prabang hotels



Day 11: Luang Prabang - Living Land Laos & Kuangsii Falls



After breakfast, we drive to Living Land Lao Organic farm at Pung Van village. Upon arrival, your guide and the representative of the farm briefs about the historical and activity of the farm. Today attending a half day of rice experience including growing rice until stream rice. We also have time to visit the Organic products after rice experience.

Afternoon, transfer you back to town. We drive out of town 30KM to the beautiful Kuang Sii Fall, where you can swim, relax, soft trek to the top of the fall. On return short stop at Black Hmong Village, where hill tribe hand-made handicraft as souvenirs for visitors pass by. Back to town, check in hotel and relax.

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

Accommodation: Luang Prabang hotels



Day 12: 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.

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: Luang Prabang hotels

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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