VIETNAM TOUR FUN

TAILOR-MADE TRAVEL. PERSONALLY PLANNED.

Thailand and Vietnam: Cities, Culture and Local Life - 16 Days

16 days · Tailor-made itinerary



Tour photograph · Hanoi

Your journey. Your pace. Your experiences.

Bangkok - Chiang Mai - Hanoi - Halong Bay - Hoi An - Hue - Ho Chi Minh City - Cai Be - Can Tho

From USD 2,101 per person

Indicative price · international arrival and departure flights excluded

A tour idea we can personalise together.

Your journey at a glance

Destinations: Vietnam · Thailand



1. **Bangkok**
2. **Chiang Mai**
3. **Hanoi**
4. **Halong Bay**
5. **Hoi An**
6. **Hue**
7. **Ho Chi Minh City**
8. **Cai Be**
9. **Can Tho**

Itinerary Arrival & departure

Connections are schematic. Flights depend on your travel arrangements.
Map data: Natural Earth.

What makes this journey special

- Bangkok’s Grand Palace and Buddha images
- Free days in Chiang Mai
- Overnight Halong Bay cruise
- Hoi An and the Hai Van Pass
- Hue’s Imperial City
- Cai Be, Can Tho and Cai Rang Floating Market

DAY 1

Welcome to Thailand: arrive in Bangkok



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Your Thailand and Vietnam journey begins in Bangkok. Your private driver meets you at the airport with a name board and takes you to your city-centre accommodation. Explore independently or rest after the flight.

Overnight in Bangkok.

DAY 2

Bangkok’s Grand Palace and temples (B)



Tour photograph · Bangkok

After breakfast, discover Bangkok’s cultural heritage through colourful temples, grand palaces and important Buddha images. At Wat Traimit in Chinatown, see one of the largest solid-gold Buddha statues, weighing around 5.5 tonnes. Continue to Wat Pho and its celebrated Reclining Buddha, around 45 metres long. The complex was also an early centre for traditional Thai massage.

Continue to the Grand Palace, one of the country’s most important royal landmarks. Explore halls used for different royal occasions, including coronation and funeral ceremonies, and the royal guesthouse. Visit the highly revered Emerald Buddha.

Transfer back to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

Overnight in Bangkok.

DAY 3

Fly from Bangkok to Chiang Mai (B)



Tour photograph · Chiang Mai

Enjoy your remaining time in Bangkok before your private driver takes you to the airport for the flight to Chiang Mai. On arrival, meet your driver and transfer to your accommodation. The rest of the day is free.

Overnight in Chiang Mai.

DAY 4

Free day in Chiang Mai; optional Elephant Jungle Sanctuary visit (B)



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Enjoy a free day or book the optional half-day visit to Elephant Jungle Sanctuary, including lunch. The programme lists this at USD 165 per person, with a minimum of two participants.

Optional programme: the morning visit is advertised as approximately 6:30 am–12:30 pm. Depart at around 7 am for a 1.5-hour drive south of Chiang Mai through hills, forest and farmland. Arrive at the sanctuary at around 8:30 am, meet the elephants, change into traditional Karen clothing and prepare herbal remedies for them.

From 9 am, feed the elephants, give them the prepared remedies and learn about their behaviour and histories, with time for photographs. The optional programme includes a mud bath at around 9:45 am and a walk to the river for bathing at 10:30 am. Enjoy a traditional Thai meal at 11:30 am before saying goodbye. The detailed schedule places departure at around noon for the 1.5-hour return drive; your actual hotel arrival time will be confirmed.

Bring swimwear if you intend to join the elephant-bathing activity.

Overnight in Chiang Mai.

DAY 5

Chiang Mai at your own pace (B)



Tour photograph · Chiang Mai

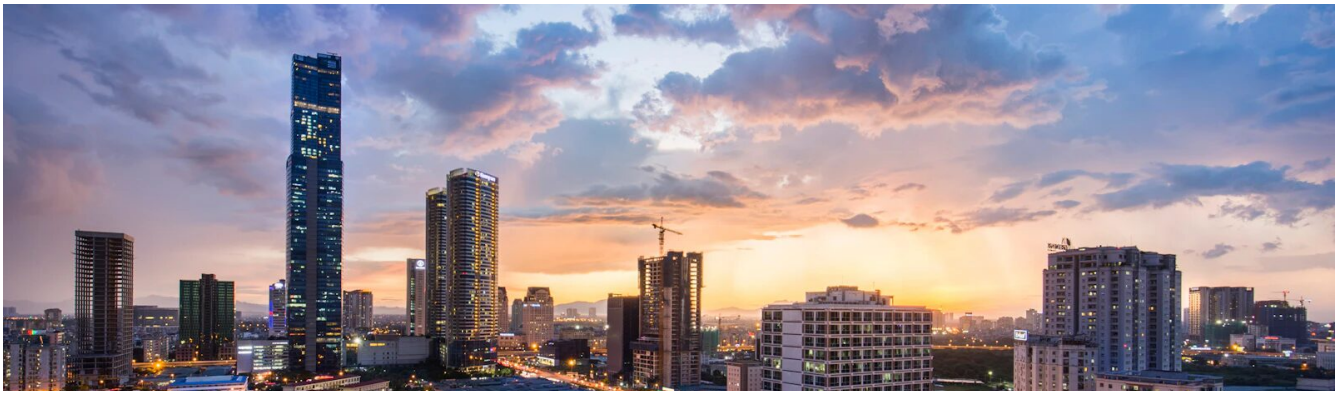
Spend the day as you wish. Stroll through Chiang Mai or head into the mountains for a walk. Independent options include galleries east of the Ping River, markets and street food.

You may like to visit Wat Sri Suphan, the Silver Temple, known for its intricate silver decoration. Beyond the city, explore mountain trails or the Sticky Waterfalls. Alternatively, unwind with a spa visit or Thai massage.

Overnight in Chiang Mai.

DAY 6

Fly from Chiang Mai to Hanoi (B)



Tour photograph · Hanoi

Enjoy your remaining time in Chiang Mai before your private transfer to the airport and flight to Hanoi. Meet your driver at Noi Bai International Airport and transfer to your accommodation. The rest of the day is free.

Overnight in Hanoi.

Please note: on some days of the week, the flight may connect through Bangkok.

DAY 7

Discover Halong Bay (B/L/D)



Tour photograph · Halong Bay

Check out in the morning and meet your cruise transfer team. Travel through the Red River Delta, passing green rice fields along the way.

Board at the pier and take in the limestone cliffs and caves. A seafood lunch is served, followed by time to enjoy the bay from the sundeck.

The boat stops in a quiet spot for kayaking or swimming, giving you a closer view of the limestone scenery. Return to the ship in the early evening for dinner, followed by time to join on-board activities or relax.

Overnight on board.

DAY 8

Halong Bay to Hanoi (B/L)



Tour photograph · Halong Bay

Rise early to watch the sunrise over the bay. Breakfast is served in the dining room, and a tai chi session on the sundeck offers a gentle start to the day.

Visit a limestone cave filled with stalagmites and stalactites, then return to the boat, check out and enjoy brunch as you sail back to the harbour. Transfer to your accommodation in Hanoi afterwards.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 9

Fly to Da Nang and transfer to Hoi An (B)



Tour photograph · Hoi An

Enjoy your remaining time in Hanoi before your private airport transfer and flight to Da Nang. On arrival, transfer to your accommodation in Hoi An. The rest of the day is free.

Overnight in Hoi An.

DAY 10

Hoi An at your own pace (B)



Tour photograph · Hoi An

Explore Hoi An at your own pace. Hire a bicycle from your hotel for a ride to the river or beach. After a swim, relax with a fresh fruit drink at a small beachside café.

Hoi An’s tailors can often make clothing, bags or shoes overnight; confirm the timing and allow for fittings. In the evening, stroll through the lantern-lit Old Town and look out for colourful street performances.

Overnight in Hoi An.

DAY 11

Hoi An to Hue via the Hai Van Pass (B)



Tour photograph · Hue

After breakfast, travel by private vehicle from Hoi An to Hue via the Hai Van Pass, enjoying mountain and sea views. Check in on arrival and spend some time exploring your surroundings.

Overnight in Hue.

DAY 12

Hue city sights — shared tour (B/L)



Tour photograph · Hue

Your guide and vehicle collect you from your central hotel at around 8 am. Take a dragon boat along the Perfume River for about 30 minutes to Thien Mu Pagoda, enjoying the fresh morning air.

Visit the Imperial Citadel, the former seat of the Nguyen dynasty, Vietnam’s last royal dynasty. Continue to bustling Dong Ba Market to watch the trading and browse for souvenirs.

After a lunch of Hue specialities and a short break, visit the royal tombs. Khai Dinh’s tomb combines Eastern and Western architectural influences, while Minh Mang’s is known for its grand layout and natural setting.

On the way back, stop at conical-hat and incense-making villages to learn about traditional crafts. Return to your hotel at around 4 pm.

Overnight in Hue.

DAY 13

Fly from Hue to Ho Chi Minh City (B)



Tour photograph · Ho Chi Minh City

Enjoy your remaining time in Hue before your private airport transfer and flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Meet your driver at Tan Son Nhat Airport and transfer to your accommodation. The rest of the day is free.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 14

Ho Chi Minh City to Cai Be and Can Tho — shared tour (B/L)



Tour photograph · Can Tho

You are collected at 7:30 am for the drive to Cai Be. Take a boat to the part of the Tien River once known for its wholesale floating market. Learn how modern road transport and farming techniques have changed trading patterns. The surrounding orchards reveal the abundance of this fruit-growing area of the lower Mekong.

Walk through small villages, visit an old house and learn about local traditions. At a family workshop, see coconut sweets and crispy puffed rice being made. Sample fresh fruit and listen to southern Vietnamese folk music, an important part of the delta’s culture.

Paddle along small canals and enjoy the peaceful surroundings. Explore the natural scenery of Tan Phong Island, then prepare Vietnamese dishes with local residents and share the meal in a garden.

Cycle along village lanes through orchards, meet island residents and learn about their daily lives. Visit Ba Kiet’s old house, then return by boat to Cai Be, where your bus is waiting for the onward journey to Can Tho.

Overnight in Can Tho.

DAY 15

Cai Rang and return to Ho Chi Minh City — shared tour (B/L)



Tour photograph · Can Tho

After breakfast, take a boat through the scenic waterways of the lower Mekong and Bassac area to visit Cai Rang Floating Market.

Visit a noodle workshop on foot and admire the distinctive Khmer architecture of Munir Ansay Pagoda. Continue by boat to Con Son, where you visit an orchard and taste seasonal fruit.

Return to Ho Chi Minh City after lunch.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 16

Depart from Ho Chi Minh City (B)



Tour photograph · Ho Chi Minh City

Enjoy breakfast on the final day of your Thailand and Vietnam trip. After check-out, browse local markets for souvenirs if time allows. Your private driver later takes you to the airport for your flight home.

Your journey comes to an end.

Included services

Accommodation

- Accommodation type and room or cabin depend on the selected travel package.

Flights

- Flight from Bangkok to Chiang Mai with 20 kg of baggage per person.
- Flight from Chiang Mai to Hanoi with 20 kg of baggage per person.
- Flight from Hanoi to Da Nang with 20 kg of baggage per person.
- Flight from Hue to Ho Chi Minh City with 20 kg of baggage per person.
- Child airfares follow the airline’s conditions at booking. Please contact us for a quote if travelling with more than one child.

Guide

- Experienced English-speaking guide. German-, French-, Spanish- or Dutch-speaking guides are available on request for a supplement.

Meals

- Meals as listed in the daily itinerary. B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner.

Transport

- Private door-to-door collection and drop-off.
- Return air-conditioned bus transfers between Hanoi and Halong Bay.
- Air-conditioned buses or private vehicles for excursions.

Other included

- All sightseeing and admission tickets listed in the itinerary.
- Tissues and drinking water in the vehicle.
- Service charges and government taxes.
- 24/7 assistance through our hotline.

Final inclusions and availability will be confirmed in your personal proposal.

Excluded Services

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- International arrival and departure flights.
- Drinks, personal expenses and tips.
- Early check-in and late check-out unless expressly included.
- Compulsory gala dinners on 24 and 31 December, where applicable.
- Holiday surcharges at Christmas, New Year and Tet in Vietnam, where applicable.
- Airport-transfer surcharges between midnight and 5 am.
- An e-visa or visa for Vietnam and Thailand, where required.
- Optional half-day elephant excursion in Chiang Mai with lunch: USD 165 per person, with a minimum of two participants. See Day 4 for the full programme.
- Services not expressly listed.

The items above are excluded from the tour price unless specifically stated in your personal proposal.

Carefully selected accommodation

Suggested hotels by destination and category. Your personal proposal will confirm room types and availability.

Bangkok

3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
True Siam Rangnam or similar	Century Park Hotel or similar	The Sukosol Bangkok or similar

Chiang Mai

3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
De Charme Chiang Mai or similar	Empress Chiang Mai Hotel or similar	NA NIRAND Romantic Boutique Resort or similar

Hanoi

3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
Chalcedony Hotel or similar	Le Jardin Haute Couture or similar	Apricot Hotel or similar

Halong Bay

3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
Le Journey Premium Cruise or similar	Milalux Cruise or similar	Amanda Luxury Cruise or similar

Hoi An

3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
Hoi An Riverside Villas & Apartments or similar	The Saga Hoi An or similar	Palm Garden Hoi An or similar

Hue

3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
Cherish Hue Hotel or similar	Eldora Hotel or similar	Silk Path Grand Hue Hotel & Spa or similar

Ho Chi Minh City

3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
Acnos Hotel or similar	Paragon Saigon Hotel or similar	The Myst Dong Khoi or similar

Can Tho

3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
Ninh Kieu Riverside Hotel or similar	TTC Can Tho or similar	Sheraton Can Tho or similar

The listed hotels and cruise vessel apply to each trip category, with comparable alternatives possible. The final selection is confirmed when you book.

These hotels are suggestions, not reservations. If unavailable, a comparable alternative will be offered. Columns show the trip categories; some lodges, homestays and cruises may be the same across categories.

Turn your idea into your journey.

Discuss your route, pace, accommodation and activities with our local travel team. We will help you shape a trip around your interests, with personal advice in English.



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