

Explore Vietnam and Thailand — 10 Days from Saigon to Bangkok

10 days · Tailor-made itinerary



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Your journey. Your pace. Your experiences.

Ho Chi Minh City - My Tho - day trip - Hanoi - Halong Bay - Chiang Mai - Doi
Inthanon - day trip - Bangkok

From USD 2,561 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 Ho Chi Minh City
- 2 My Tho - day trip
- 3 Hanoi
- 4 Halong Bay
- 5 Chiang Mai
- 6 Doi Inthanon - day trip
- 7 Bangkok

— Itinerary - - - Arrival & departure

Connections are schematic. Flights depend on your travel arrangements.

Map data: Natural Earth.

What makes this journey special

- Mekong Delta village life and a sampan ride
- Overnight Halong Bay cruise
- Doi Inthanon and the Ang Ka nature trail
- A waterfall and the King and Queen chedis
- Elephant Jungle Sanctuary
- The Grand Palace, Wat Pho and the Marble Temple

DAY 1**Welcome to Vietnam — arrival in Ho Chi Minh City**

Tour photograph · Ho Chi Minh City

After arriving at Tan Son Nhat International Airport and completing entry formalities, make your way to the arrivals hall. Your driver will be waiting with a name sign. If you cannot find them, go to the information desk between the domestic and international arrivals halls and call the emergency numbers provided by your travel adviser. Your driver will collect you there and take you to the hotel. After check-in, enjoy free time.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 2

Mekong Delta — group tour (B/L)

Tour photograph · Mekong Delta

The Mekong Delta supplies Vietnam with rice and fruit and is often called the country's rice bowl. Mangrove-lined waterways, workshops and orchards offer a glimpse of rural life in southern Vietnam.

After breakfast, meet your driver between 7:30 and 8 am; the exact time will be confirmed the day before. Travel by shuttle bus to My Tho, visit Vinh Trang Pagoda, dating from the late 19th century, then take a sampan ride among the river islands.

On one of the islands, walk through the countryside and orchards, taste tropical fruit and listen to traditional folk music. Continue along Thoi Son Canal to another village, where you visit a coconut-sweet workshop and a bee farm. Enjoy honey tea, sweets and the peaceful surroundings.

After lunch in a local restaurant and a short break, cycle through Tan Thanh village. If you prefer not to cycle, relax in a hammock or take a walk. Return to Ho Chi Minh City, arriving at around 5:30 pm.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

Meals: breakfast and lunch.

DAY 3**Fly from Ho Chi Minh City to Hanoi (B)**

Tour photograph · Hanoi

Enjoy your remaining time in Ho Chi Minh City before your private driver takes you to the airport for the flight to Hanoi. Meet your driver on arrival and transfer to your accommodation. The rest of the day is free.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 4**Hanoi to Halong Bay by shuttle bus — shared cruise (B/L/D)**

Tour photograph · Halong Bay

After breakfast, meet the cruise team at your hotel. Travel through the Red River Delta, passing broad green rice fields. On arrival in Halong, board your boat and discover the bay's limestone cliffs and karst caves.

After your first views of the bay, enjoy a seafood lunch. Visit a well-known limestone cave, then take time to kayak or swim for a closer look at floating villages and shops.

Return to the boat for an early dinner. Afterwards, join activities on board or simply relax.

Overnight on board.

DAY 5**Halong Bay to Hanoi (B/L)**

Tour photograph · Halong Bay

Rise early for tai chi or enjoy breakfast at leisure. On the return towards the harbour, the boat stops at a limestone cave with stalagmites and stalactites. Continue to the main pier and transfer back to Hanoi, arriving at around 3 pm. The rest of the day is free.

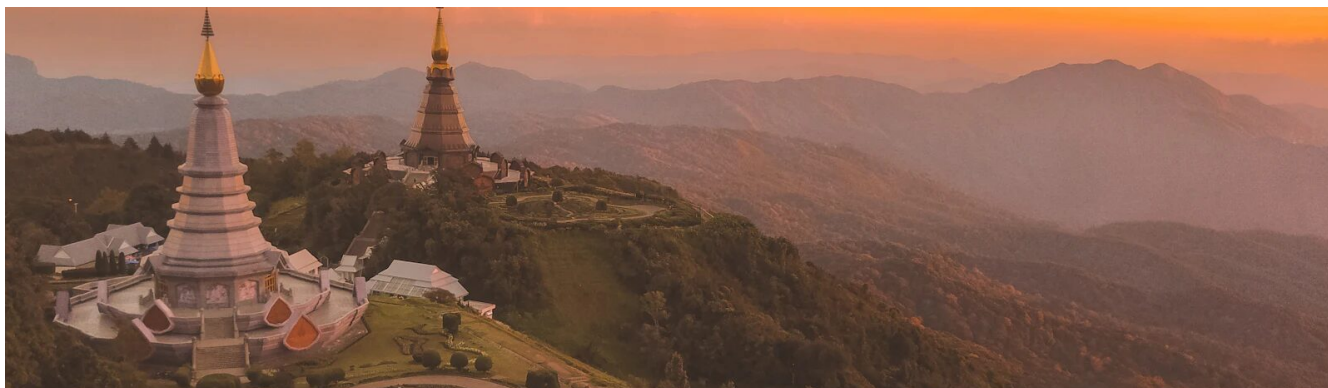
Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 6**Fly from Hanoi to Chiang Mai (B)**

Tour photograph · Chiang Mai

Meet your driver in the hotel lobby for the airport transfer and flight to Chiang Mai. You will be welcomed on arrival and taken to your hotel for check-in, followed by free time.

Overnight in Chiang Mai.

DAY 7**Doi Inthanon National Park — group tour (B/L)**

Tour photograph · Doi Inthanon

Today, explore Thailand's highest peak and Doi Inthanon National Park. The programme notes that cold nights can fall to around -8°C , with night frosts in the cool dry season. It can feel surprisingly chilly even during the day, so bring a warm long-sleeved layer.

On the way up, visit Wachirathan Waterfall and the King and Queen chedis, with wide views across the park. Continue to Doi Inthanon's summit.

Near the summit, walk along the Ang Ka nature trail through the distinctive forest and plants of this elevation. Karen and Hmong communities live in the park; meet local people at a market on the way back. Return to Chiang Mai afterwards.

DAY 8**Elephant Jungle Sanctuary and flight to Bangkok (B)**

Tour photograph · Bangkok

Meet your driver at the hotel and travel around 1.5 hours south of Chiang Mai through hills, forest and farmland. At Elephant Jungle Sanctuary, meet the elephants and change into traditional Karen clothing.

Feed the elephants, spend time observing them in their surroundings, learn about their behaviour and histories, and take photographs. The programme then includes a mud bath, a walk with the elephants to the river and bathing together.

After a traditional meal, say goodbye and travel around 1.5 hours back to Chiang Mai, with drop-off at your accommodation. Later, fly to Bangkok.

Overnight in Bangkok.

DAY 9**Bangkok's temples (B)**

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Meet your guide at the hotel and visit the Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaew, the Temple of the Emerald Buddha. Photography may be restricted inside the buildings. After exploring the chedis and palace architecture, continue to the Reclining Buddha at Wat Pho, one of Bangkok's oldest and largest temple complexes, with a history spanning more than 200 years.

Continue to Wat Benchamabophit, the Marble Temple, which combines Italian marble with traditional Thai architecture.

Overnight in Bangkok.

DAY 10**Departure from Bangkok (B)**

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Enjoy breakfast on your final day. After checking out, you may have time to visit local markets and buy souvenirs for family and friends before the airport transfer and your flight home.

Your journey comes to an end.

Included services

- Flight from Ho Chi Minh City to Hanoi with 20 kg of baggage per person.
- Flight from Chiang Mai to Bangkok with 20 kg of baggage per person.
- Flight from Hanoi to Chiang Mai 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.
- Experienced English-speaking guide. German-, French-, Spanish- or Dutch-speaking guides are available on request for a supplement.
- Meals as listed in the daily itinerary. B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner.
- Private airport transfers.
- Private transfers during the trip as described. Excursions expressly marked as group activities and the shared cruise take place with other travellers.
- Private door-to-door collection and drop-off.
- All sightseeing and admission tickets listed in the itinerary.
- Tissues and drinking water in the vehicle.

Your personal proposal will set out the included services. Any changes and availability will be confirmed before you book.

Additional costs

- International arrival and departure flights, and departure taxes. The expressly listed flight from Hanoi to Chiang Mai is included.
- Drinks, personal expenses and tips.
- Travel insurance.
- Early check-in and late check-out unless expressly included.
- E-visas for Vietnam and Thailand, where required.
- Compulsory gala dinners on 24 and 31 December.
- Any applicable holiday surcharges.
- Services not expressly listed.

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Carefully selected accommodation

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

Ho Chi Minh City

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

Hanoi

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

Halong Bay

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

Chiang Mai

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

Bangkok

3 stars**True Siam Rangnam or similar****4 stars****Silom Serene, a Boutique Hotel or similar****5 stars****The Sukosol Bangkok 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.

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