

Loop through 4 countries that make up the Indochina Region and enjoy the highlights that they have to offer.

Starting Point Instructions

As you have an arrival transfer as part of this tour, a driver will await you holding a sign with your name when you exit the airport terminal. Please note most drivers don't speak English.

Arrival Complications

We don't expect any problems but if for any reason you are unable to commence your group trip as scheduled, please contact your starting point hotel, requesting that you speak to or leave a message for your trip leader. If this is unsuccessful, please refer to our Emergency Contact person & phone number.
If your airport transfer has not made contact within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend that you make your own way to the Starting Point Hotel. Should this occur, please apply to your travel agent for a refund of the transfer cost on your return.

Starting Point Hotel – Vieng Thai

42 Rambuttri Road
Banglumpu

Bangkok 10200
Tel: +66 2 280 5434-45
Fax: +66 2 281 8153

Finishing Point Instructions As you have a departure transfer as part of this tour, a driver will collect you from the finishing point hotel 3 hours before your departure flight. If your airport transfer has not made contact within 30 minutes before the appointed time, we recommend that you make your own way to the airport. Should this occur, please apply to your travel agent for a refund of the transfer cost on your return.

Finishing Point Hotel – Vieng Thai

42 Rambuttri Road
Banglumpu

Bangkok 10200
Tel: +66 2 280 5434-45
Fax: +66 2 281 8153

Day 1 Bangkok

Today you can check into you hotel and spend the day exploring the streets of Hanoi. Look for the Wide Eyed Tours welcome note at reception, on it your leader will have arranged a time to meet with you to run through the tour itinerary.

Day 2 Bangkok

Enjoy the big-city buzz, shopping and Thai cuisine that this capital city has to offer. Explore the famed Grand Palace and Wat Po set on the banks of the Chao Phraya River before taking a boat tour of the famous Klongs. Tonight board your overnight travel to Chiang Mai.

Day 3 Chiang Mai

Chiang Mai is a town full of heritage and culture. Enjoy the highlights including War Doi Sutherp, Thailand holiest temple.



Important Note:

When traveling with Wide Eyed tours we hope to give you as much information as possible before your departure and we recommend that you read our Important Messages document which can be downloaded from our website. This will help you prepare and have a great journey in Vietnam

CULTURE SHOCK RATING?

The trip includes a range of accommodation, such as basic hotels with western facilities or overnight trains. Days of being on the move are well interspersed, communication with the outside world is ever-present and a wide variety of food is commonly available.

Physical Rating

There will be times where you will be required to carry your own bag. Your itinerary may include easy paced walks or bike rides, but these are on mainly flat ground.

Here today .. where tomorrow?

- Day 1 Bangkok Vieng Thai
- Day 2 Overnight train
- Day 3 Tapae Garden Guesthouse
- Day 4 Ruan Thai Guesthouse
- Day 5 Pek Beng Guesthouse
- Day 6 Rama Hotel
- Day 7 Rama Hotel
- Day 8 Rama Hotel
- Day 9 Mali Namphu Guesthouse
- Day 10 Mali Namphu Guesthouse
- Day 11 Hong Ngoc
- Day 12 Overnight boat
- Day 13 Overnight train
- Day 14 Gold Hotel
- Day 15 Hai Yen Hotel
- Day 16 Hai Yen Hotel
- Day 17 Thuan Thien Hotel
- Day 18 Thuan Thien Hotel
- Day 19 Nguyen Trung
- Day 20 Riverside Hotel
- Day 21 Riverside Hotel
- Day 22 Freedom Hotel
- Day 23 Freedom Hotel
- Day 24 Vieng Thai
- Day 25 Vieng Thai
- Day 26 Departure

Day 4 Chiang Khong

Travel to the border town of Chiang Khong. Here we will stay overnight in a guesthouse on the Mekong River looking across to Laos.

Day 5 Mekong River

Cross into Laos and begin our 2 day boat journey along the Mekong River. The pace is slow and relaxed and the perfect introduction to the people and pace of Laos.

Day 6 Luang Prabang

Travel through small villages where children wave from the riverbanks as we take our final boat journey into the World Heritage town of Luang Prabang. Enroute stop and visit the Pak Ao caves.

Day 7 Luang Prabang

Enjoy the relaxed pace and charming town of beautiful temples and friendly people. Stroll and bargain at the night market where you can purchase wonderful handmade handicrafts.

Day 8 Luang Prabang

Your guide will accompany you to the beautiful Kwang Sii waterfalls where you can enjoy a refreshing swim if weather permits.

Day 9 Vientiane

Today you will travel by air to the Vientiane. Enjoy the laid back atmosphere of Laos gentle capital city.

Day 10 Vientiane

Take the time today to explore this casual city.

Day 11 Hanoi

Bid farewell to one capital city and fly to Hanoi, the French influenced capital city.

Day 12 Halong Bay

After breakfast you will drive to Ha Long Bay (approx. 3.5 hours) and board your private boat. You will enjoy lunch whilst cruising through some of the thousands of limestone karsts within this World Heritage site. There is an opportunity to swim in the bay's emerald waters, explore caves with incredible formations of stalactites and stalagmites and enjoy the tranquility of this bay of wonders. Spending the night on the boat allows you to sit back and enjoy the tranquility of Ha Long Bay whilst sipping away on your favorite beverage. Lunch, dinner & breakfast are included.

Day 13 Hanoi

This morning you have the opportunity to visit Dong Trieu ceramic village as you make your way back to the capital. In Hanoi it is free time for some shopping and sightseeing before boarding the train this evening.

Day 14 Hue

On arrival to the former Imperial Capital of Vietnam you have a full day to enjoy the many sights and slower pace of this tranquil city. You have the opportunity to visit the Imperial Citadel followed by visiting one of the Nguyen Emperors' tombs plus also enjoy a boat cruise on the Perfume River. Hue, known as the centre of Buddhism and education in Vietnam, has a wealth of pagodas and monasteries to discover.

INCLUSIONS:

Tour Leader/guide

For groups of 6 or more, an experienced Western tour leader will lead the tour. For 5 and less group numbers, an experienced Thai guide will lead the tour

Accommodation

2 to 3 star accommodation, air conditioned rooms, centrally located, basic breakfast included

Excursions

Bangkok City tour
Ha Long Bay overnight tour
Hue Tour incl: Citadel & one tomb
Cyclo Tour HCMC Incl War Museum
Cu Chi Tunnels Tour

Meals

Some breakfasts
Halong Lunch, Dinner & Breakfast
Mekong Delta Lunch

Transport

Hanoi airport to hotel
Transport to/from train stations
Air-con sleeper 4 berth train cabin
Hue to Hoi An private mini van or bus
Transfer from Hoi An to Danang airport
Flight tickets Danang to HCMC
Transfer from HCMC airport to hotel
Transfer from hotel to Ho Chi Minh airport

EXCLUSIONS:

Tourist Visas
Entrance fees not listed
Spending money & gratuities
Travel insurance
International Departure tax

N.B.

Hotels are subject to availability. If the one listed is unavailable, then one of a suitable standard will be used
Guaranteed to depart with a minimum of three fully paid passengers
All rooms are twin share unless single supplement is requested

Day 15 Hoi An

You will leave Hue and head south through coastal rice paddies to the fishing village of Lang Co, before taking the scenic mountainous route over the spectacular Hai Van Pass. In the afternoon, you will arrive at the once bustling river port of Hoi An (approx. 4 hours driving time). Declared a World Heritage site, the architecture of Hoi An is being beautifully restored and preserved. It's also a shopping mecca, with much to browse over and buy.

Day 16 Hoi An

Free day for you to make the most of what Hoi An has to offer. Enjoy the local sea food and relax on the beaches, or explore the My Son temples on a countryside trip.

You may consider doing a cooking class that your leader can organise for you.

Day 17 Ho Chi Minh City

A short flight brings you to the economic hub of Ho Chi Minh City (approx 1 hour). After arriving at the hotel, settle in time before absorbing the sights and sounds of this famous Asian city.

Day 18 Cu Chi and Ho Chi Minh City

This morning is an early start to first go and visit the former Viet Cong stronghold at Cu Chi where the tunnel system provides a valuable insight into the tenacity and resourcefulness of the Vietnamese people. Back to HCM city, lunch followed by an orientation tour by cyclo of the main attractions, including the very sobering War Remnants Museum. Your hotel is centrally located to the city's main shopping district and Ben Thanh Market, so there is much for you to explore and discover during the afternoon.

Day 19 Chau Doc

Today it's off to the fascinating Mekong where you get to see how life is dependant on the river for survival. Travel to the depths of the Mekong allowing for numerous photo opportunities. Another highlight is you will also get to sample an array of tropical fruits that are grown locally.

Day 20 Phnom Penh

The might Mekong River is your connection between two countries. Travel by boat to Cambodia's Capital city.

Day 21 Phnom Penh

With a volatile past, Phnom Penh is a fascinating city to explore. Visit the Royal Palace and genocide museum. Enjoy a evening meal on the waterfront.

Day 22 Siem Reap

A short flights brings you to the sleepy town of Siem Reap. It is the gateway to the archeological wonder of Angkor. Start your exploration this afternoon and catch the sunset and be amazing by the Angkor complex

Day 23 Siem Reap

Your local guide will help you experience the temple area today. Take in the grandness of Angkor, the faces of the Bayon temples and the overgrown Ta Prohm.

Day 24 Siem Reap

With more than 100 stone temples to choose from, your exploration continues. After a boat trip on Tonle Sap Lake you day you have to option to see a traditional dinner and dance show (not included).

Day 25 Bangkok

Transfer overland into Thailand. In the evening you will arrive back in Bangkok for our farewell dinner

Day 26 Bangkok

Depart Thailand.