Round trip: Indochina programme Duration: 58 Days - 57 Nights

**Itinerary:** 

# Day 1: Bangkok- Vientiane (D,G)

Arrive in Bangkok. Welcome and transfer to have dinner before getting on a night train from Bangkok to Vientiane. Overnight on train.

# Day 2: Vientiane (G)

Arrive in Thanaleng railway station in the morning, meet guide then transfer to the hotel to check-in and relax. Overnight in Vientiane.

# Day 3: Vientiane (B,L,D,G)

After breakfast at the hotel, start our trip to visit some attractive places for instance: Wat Sisaket, Wat Prakeo, Wat Simuong, That Luang Stupa and Patouxai. Explore Central Markets of Talad Sao and Talad Konadin. Have an excursion to Buddha Park (1 km) in the afternoon. Overnight in Vientiane.

### Day 4: Vientiane (B)

Free day in Vientiane. Overnight in Vientiane.

# Day 5: Vientiane - Vang Vieng (B,G)

After breakfast at the hotel, take a bus from Vientiane to Vang Vieng (140 km-3 hours). Transfer to the hotel to check-in. Afternoon, take 2-3 hrs tubing on Nam Song river with some stops at bars. Overnight in Vang Vieng.

# Day 6: Vang Vieng (B)

Free day in Vang Vieng. Overnight in Vang Vieng.

# Day 7: Vang Vieng (B,L,G)

Full day rock climbing in Vang Vieng. Overnight in Vang Vieng.

# Day 8: Vang Vieng - Luang Prabang (B,G)

Take a bus from Vang Vieng to Luang Prabang (240 km- 6 hours) early morning. Welcome by our guide and transfer to the hotel to check-in. Free time after check-in to relax. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

# Day 9: Luang Prabang (B,L,G)

After breakfast, excursion by boat trip on the Mekong River to the famous caves of Pak Ou, full of Buddha images of all styles and sizes. Return to Luang Prabang by boat and proceed overland to the traditional hand-weaving village of Phanom a cultural village of Muangkeo Village. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

# Day 10: Luang Prabang (B,L,D,G)

After breakfast at the hotel, visit the National Museum, stupa of Wat Visoun, the shrines of Wat Aham and Wat Mai. Afternoon, have an elephant ride before taking a drive to Kuangsi Waterfalls. Return trip to Luang Prabang to climb up to the top of Mount Phousi, explore gilded stupa, view the whole view of Luang Prabang city. Free in the afternoon to explore Luang Prabang on your own.

Overnight in Luang Prabang.

### Day 11: Luang Prabang - Ha Noi (B,G)

Take a flight from Luang Prabang to Ha Noi. Welcome at the airport of Ha Noi and transfer to the hotel to check-in. Overnight in Ha Noi.

# Day 12: Ha Noi ( B,L,D,G )

Full day city tour in Ha Noi. Visit the 36 old-quarter of Ha Noi and Hoan Kiem Lake (Lake of the Restored Sword). Ba Dinh Square, One-Pillar Pagoda (Chua Mot Cot, circa 1049), Ho Chi Minh house-on-Stilts. Afternoon, visit the Temple of Literature and Ethnology Museum as well as Tran Quoc Pagoda. In the evening, enjoy dinner.

Overnight in Ha Noi.

### Day 13: Ha Noi ( B )

Free day in Ha Noi. Overnight in Ha Noi.

# Day 14: Ha Noi - Ninh Binh - Cuc Phuong National Park (B,L,D,G)

After breakfast, leave Ha Noi for Ninh Binh to get on a hand-rowed sampan ride on Ngo Dong River with limestone cliffs jutting out of wet rice paddies to visit "Tam Coc" caves. The beautiful landscapes make this place also be called "Ha Long Bay inland". After lunch,leave Ninh Binh for Cuc Phuong National Park to check-in and relax afterwards. Overnight at Cuc Phuong National Park.

### Day 15: Ninh Binh - Cuc Phuong (B,G)

Visit Pre-historic Man Cave and one thousand year-old tree in the morning. Free time in the afternoon. Overnight at Cuc Phuong National Park.

# Day 16: Ninh Binh - Ha Long City (B,L,D,G)

Proceed to Ha Long City in the morning. Have lunch on the way and check-in at the hotel. Overnight in Ha Long City.

# Day 17: Ha Long Bay (B,L,D,G)

Morning, free at leisure. At 12:00 o'clock get on board sightseeing magical Ha Long Bay with its over 3,000 islands and islets dotting an emerald green sea. Full day visit Surprise Cave. Swimming & sunbathing at Titov beach and enjoy fresh sea-food lunch. Have fresh sea-food dinner on a wooden Junk. Overnight on a wooden Junk.

# Day 18: Ha Long Bay - Ha Noi - Lao Cai, Sapa (B,L,D,G)

After breakfast, discover Ha Long Bay with a small boat. Swimming, visiting beach or a lagoon

cave by kayaking. Continue cruising the spectacular of the Bay. Cruise back and brunch then check-out and disembark. Transfer back to Ha Noi for your night train from Ha Noi to Lao Cai, Sapa. Overnight on train.

### Day 19: Sapa (B,G)

Morning, arrival in Lao Cai railway station and transfer to Sapa by vehicle (38 km). Check-in at the hotel and free time afterwards. Overnight in Sapa.

# Day 20: Sapa ( B,G )

Introduction about ethnic minorities' history, culture. Some do and don't before starting "1 weeks cultural visit in the Vietnamese hills". Overnight in Sapa.

# Day 21: Sapa - Ta Van (B,L,D,G)

Leave Sapa for Ta Van with a trek around Ta Van village of Zay hill tribes with cultural visit. The program includes 10 lessons at Ta Phin and Ta Van homestay (Language, cooking, history, traditions and customs with all meals included).

Overnight at homestay at Ta Van.

### Day 22: Ta Van ( B,L,D,G )

Ta Van homestay with soft trekking around the village.

Overnight at homestay at Ta Van.

### Day 23: Ta Van (B,L,D,G)

Ta Van homestay. Overnight at Ta Van homestay.

### Day 24: Ta Van - Ta Phin (B,L,D,G)

Overland to Ta Phin village of Red Dao hill tribe. Overnight at homestay at Ta Phin.

### Day 25: Ta Phin (B,L,D,G)

Visit and trek around Ta Phin village. Overnight at Ta Phin homestay.

### Day 26: Ta Phin - Sapa (B,G)

Back to Sapa to relax at the hotel. Overnight in Sapa.

### Day 27: Sapa - Lao Cai - Ha Noi (B,L,D,G)

Leave Sapa for Lao Cai station for your night train from Lao Cai to Ha Noi. Overnight on train.

#### Day 28: Ha Noi - Hue (B,D,G)

Welcome at Ha Noi railway station, have breakfast at a local restaurant and free time to explore Ha Noi on your own until transfer back to Ha Noi railway station for your night train from Ha Noi to Hue. Overnight on train.

# Day 29: Hue ( B,L,D,G )

Arrive at Hue railway station in the morning, transfer to the hotel to check-in. After breakfast, get on board to have a boat ride on the Perfume River to visit Thien Mu pagoda, the Citadel. Overnight in Hue.

# Day 30: Hue ( B,G )

Visit Tu Duc royal tomb in the morning. Free time in the afternoon. Overnight in Hue.

### Day 31: Hue (B)

Free day in Hue. Maybe visit Dong Ba market or Thanh Toan covered bridge on your own. Overnight in Hue.

# Day 32: Hue - Da Nang - Hoi An (B,L,D,G)

Leave Hue for Hoi An via the scenic Hai Van Pass with a stop to view the spectacular panorama of the central coastline. Stop on the way to visit the Marble Mountains and Cham Museum. Arrive in Hoi An in the afternoon to check-in at the hotel. Overnight in Hoi An.

# Day 33: Hoi An (B,L,G)

After breakfast, have a walking-tour to visit Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese houses, pagodas, assembly halls, Japanese covered bridge as well as traditional handicraft workshop. Overnight in Hoi An.

# Day 34: Hoi An - My Son Holyland - Hoi An (B,L,G)

Morning visit My Son Holyland of Cham people which built up between 7th–13th century. Afternoon, return to Hoi An ancient town and free at leisure.

Overnight in Hoi An.

### Day 35: Hoi An (B)

Free day in Hoi An. Overnight in Hoi An.

### Day 36: Hoi An (B)

Free day in Hoi An. Overnight in Hoi An.

### Day 37: Hoi An (B)

Free day in Hoi An. Overnight in Hoi An.

# Day 38: Hoi An (B)

Free day in Hoi An. Overnight in Hoi An.

# Day 39: Hoi An - Da Nang - Nha Trang (B,L,G)

Transfer to Da Nang railway station for your train from Da Nang to Nha Trang. Welcome at Nha Trang railway station and transfer to the hotel to check-in. Overnight in Nha Trang.

### Day 40: Nha Trang (B)

Free day in Nha Trang. Overnight in Nha Trang.

# Day 41: Nha Trang (B)

Free day in Nha Trang. Overnight in Nha Trang.

# Day 42: Nha Trang (B)

Free day in Nha Trang. Overnight in Nha Trang.

# Day 43: Nha Trang (B)

Free day in Nha Trang. Overnight in Nha Trang.

# Day 44: Nha Trang - Sai Gon (B,G)

Free time in Nha Trang until transfer to Nha Trang railway station for your night train from Nha Trang to Sai Gon. Overnight on train.

# Day 45: Sai Gon - Vinh Long - Cai Be (B,L,D,G)

Welcome at Sai Gon railway station and transfer to Vinh Long. Breakfast on the way in the Mekong Delta. Board a small motor boat in Vinh Long for a river cruise though the winding canals, where you can get a close-up view of the colourful floating markets and daily life on the river. Cross the main branch of the Mekong Delta River for a stroll down the riverbanks, where you can stop at one of the many orchards and sample exotic fruits you picked yourself. We will stay overnight with a local family in Cai Be with cooking class in the evening.

Overnight at homestay in Cai Be.

### Day 46: Cai Be ( B,L,D,G )

After breakfast, have a bicycle ride around the village to visit some local factories which produce coconut-candy, rice-cracker... Enjoy homestay farewell dinner.

Overnight at homestay in Cai Be.

### Day 47: Cai Be - Sai Gon (B,G)

Leave Cai Be for Sai Gon to check-in at the hotel in Sai Gon and relax afterwards. Overnight in Sai Gon.

### Day 48: Sai Gon (B,L,D,G)

City tour in Sai Gon Colonial French quarter, the Reunification Palace, War Remnant Museum, Cho Lon market in China Town. Overnight in Sai Gon.

# Day 49: Sai Gon - Cu Chi - Sai Gon (B,L,G)

Departure for Cu Chi tunnels, where you will visit the amazing tunnel network built by Vietnamese fighters during the Viet Nam war. Leave Cu Chi for Sai Gon to have free time in Sai Gon. Overnight in Sai Gon.

# Day 50: Sai Gon - Phnom Penh (B,L,G)

After breakfast at the hotel, take a public bus from Sai Gon to Phnom Penh (SAPACO Bus departs at 9:00). Welcome at the bus station of Phnom Penh and transfer to the hotel to check-in. Visit the Killing Fields in the afternoon.

Overnight in Phnom Penh.

# Day 51: Phnom Penh (B,L,D,G)

Visit the Silver pagoda, the National Museum, Royal Palace and the Toul Sleng Museum of genocide. Overnight in Phnom Penh.

# Day 52: Phnom Penh (B)

Free time in Phnom Penh. Overnight in Phnom Penh.

# Day 53: Phnom Penh - Siem Reap (B,G)

In the morning, take a bus from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap (6 hours). After check-in at the hotel, free time to explore Siem Reap on your own. Overnight in Siem Reap.

# Day 54: Siem Reap (B,L,D,G)

ANGKOR HISTORICAL PARK

Morning: visit the World Seventh Wonder of Angkor Wat and Taprom Temple (Jungle temple). Afternoon: tour to Angkor Thom included Terrace of the Elephants and Terrace of the Leper King, Baphoun, Bayon then travel forward to South gate of Angkor Thom before going to view sunset at Phnom Bakheng Hill. Overnight Siem Reap.

### Day 55: Siem Reap (B,L,D,G)

Great lake TONLE SAP

Morning: visit Great lake Tonle Sap - Kompong Pluk area where you can see floating village and great lake Tonle Sap.

Afternoon: Visit Silk Village, local market and Artisan D' Angkor.

Overnight Siem Reap.

# Day 56: Siem Reap (B,G)

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES** 

Morning: Travel by Tuk Tuk visit local school or street children organization and do some volunteer activities with children.

- Activities: clean school and around, teach children how to do some small toys by recycle material, fun games with children.
  - Clients need to prepare:
    - Some gift for children: pen, books, toys etc.,
    - Fun game before meeting
    - Recycle material for making toys.

Afternoon: LEISURE Overnight Siem Reap.

# Day 57: Siem Reap (B)

Free day in Siem Reap. Overnight in Siem Reap.

# Day 58: Siem Reap - Bangkok (B)

- Siem Reap Poi Pet to Bangkok Plaza Hotel.
- 08.00am, pick up from Hotel's lobby for transfer to border. 11.00am, arrive at Poi Pet border (approximately). 13.00pm finish immigration, and transfer to Bangkok 17.00pm, Arrive at Plaza Hotel. Check in to hotel. Evening free and check in at the hotel in Bangkok.
  - Overnight in Bangkok.

End of service

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