

Explore two of the most amazing countries in Asia in style on our Thailand + Vietnam Experience! This trip will have you seeing the very best of Thailand and Vietnam over 27 action-packed days. You'll discover Bangkok by boat, visit ancient temples, stay overnight on floating bungalows, explore tropical islands, visit an elephant sanctuary, trek the mountains of Sapa, cruise Ha Long Bay, be charmed by Hoi An, learn about the Vietnam War, experience local life in the Mekong, treat yourself at rooftop bars, and so much more. Oh, and did we mention that we're including a bunch of activities, premium accommodation, an experienced group leader, and an instant new group of friends? Get ready for the trip of a lifetime!

BANGKOK - HO CHI MINH CITY

Transport: Minivan, Taxi, Bus, Ferry,

Tuk Tuk, Boat, Overnight Train, Internal Flights

Meals: 24B, 14L, 8D

Group size: 4 - 16
Age Range: 18 - 40's
Local Fees: None

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy our hand-selected upgraded accommodation, including four-star hotels & home stavs
- Discover ancient temples & wild nights out in bustling Bangkok
- Sleep overnight on floating bungalows and hidden jungle treehouses
- Experience the stunning Phi Phi islands on an exclusive boat trip
- Get up close and personal with elephants at an amazing sanctuary
- Immerse yourself in the buzz of Hanoi on a walking and rickshaw tour
- Trek with the locals through the lush landscapes of Sapa
- Cruise through the World Heritage Listed Ha Long Bay
- Learn about local village life in the Mekong Delta and discover the Cu Chi tunnels



INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Personal Airport Pickup To Our Accom 24/7
- √ 26 Nights Premium Accommodation
- √ 46 Meals
- ✓ All Transport & 2 Internal Flights
- √ Awesome Group Leader
- √ Bangkok River Cruise
- √ Visit Ancient Temples
- ✓ Cooking Classes
- ✓ Experience Local Life
- ✓ Party in Bangkok
 ✓ Khao Sok National Park
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 ✓ Floating Bungalows
- ✓ Jungle Treehouse Experience
- ✓ Kayaking & Tubing
- ✓ Island Tour
- √ Beach BBQ
- ✓ Muay Thai or Yoga Experience
- √ Thai Massage
- ✓ Snorkelling
- ✓ Phi Phi Islands Boat Trip
- ✓ Phi Phi Viewpoint
- ✓ Elephant Experience
- √ Walking & Rickshaw Tour of Hanoi
- ✓ Night Out in Hanoi
- ✓ Sapa Mountain-Side Accommodation
 ✓ Sapa Trekking
- ✓ Overnight Boat Trip on Ha Long Bay
- ✓ Kayaking✓ Local Homestay Experience
- ✓ Bicycle Tour of Ninh Binh
- ✓ River Boat Trip
- ✓ Dragon Mountain Viewpoint
- ✓ Cooking Class
- √ Traditional Crab Fishing Basket Boat Tour
- ✓ Lantern Making Class✓ Overnight Mekong Delta Experience
- ✓ Cu Chi Tunnels Tour✓ Help with Onward Travel





NOT INCLUDED:

Arrival and departure flights, travel Insurance, visas & some meals.

ITINERARY & IMPORTANT INFO

DAY 1 - ARRIVE IN BANGKOK

• BANGKOK We'll pick you up from the airport and take you to the hotel in Bangkok. You'll have plenty of time to relax and meet everyone in your group.

DAY 2 - TEMPLES & TUK TUKS

• BANGKOK We'll cruise on a long-tail boat through the heart of Bangkok before visiting sacred temples as well as travel by tuk tuk through the crazy streets! At night we'll head out to experience Bangkok's nightlife.

DAY 3 - THAI COOKING CLASS

• BANGKOK Learn the secrets to preparing Thai cuisine with a traditional cooking class! Then sit back and enjoy the sights when we board the overnight train south.

DAY 4 - FLOATING BUNGALOWS

• KHAO SOK Enter the magical Khao Sok National Park, a hidden paradise of pristine lakes and limestone cliffs. Go tubing, kayaking and sleep overnight in floating bungalows!

DAY 5 - JUNGLE TREEHOUSES

• KHAO SOK We'll continue further into the untouched rainforest to experience local life in the jungle. Visit a local family's plantation and then go tubing or kayaking down a beautiful turquoise river. Tonight we'll stay overnight in tree houses!

DAY 6 - TRAVEL TO KOH PHANGAN

• KOH PHANGAN We'll travel by boat to the beautiful tropical island of Koh Phangan. After checking in to our beachside bungalows you can spend the afternoon exploring the island or just relax by the pool. We'll then head out for dinner and have a party on the beach!

DAY 7 - ISLAND TOUR

• KOH PHANGAN Today we'll discover the beauty of the island as we travel to some of the most amazing beaches in the world! Chill, soak up the sun and check out some of the island's amazing viewpoints. We'll then kick back with a beach BBO.

DAY 8 - MUAY THAI OR YOGA

• KOH PHANGAN Today you have the choice of learning the art of Muay Thai boxing, or bringing some harmony into your trip with a yoga class. Then relax with a traditional Thai massage!

DAY 9 - TRAVEL TO PHI PHI

• PHI PHI We'll make our way to the Phi Phi Islands by boat and bus, then check in before a taste of island nightlife!

DAY 10 - PHI PHI BOAT TRIP

 PHI PHI We'll head off on our exclusive, private speedboat to the beautiful Phi Phi Lei. Explore hidden lagoons, snorkel blue water and discover hidden sandy beaches, truly an unforgettable day!

DAY 11 - VIEWPOINT & TRAVEL TO PHUKET

• PHUKET Enjoy a morning hike to the iconic Phi Phi viewpoint, and relax on some beautiful beaches before we jump on the ferry to Phuket. We'll check in to our boutique hotel and treat ourselves to a sunset dinner.

DAY 12 - ELEPHANT EXPERIENCE

• PHUKET Ending our time in Thailand on a high, we'll spend the day learning about Thailand's elephants at an incredible sanctuary, then head out to a delicious dinner and drinks.

DAY 13 - ARRIVE IN VIETNAM

• HANOI Goodbye Thailand, good morning Vietnam! Landing in Hanoi we'll take you to your hotel in the old quarter. Spend the afternoon relaxing and noticing what differentiates Vietnam from Thailand!

DAY 14 - EXPLORE HANOI

• HANOI Immerse yourself in the bustle of Hanoi with a walking and rickshaw tour of the capital as well as fuelling up on delicious street food. Tonight we'll head out for dinners and drinks to experience Hanoi's nightlife.

DAY 15 - SAPA TREKKING

• SAPA VILLAGE This morning we'll take a limousine bus to the rolling hills of Sapa. We'll head off on a short trek up the Muong Hoa valley. Tonight we stay with a local family, learning about their way of life over dinner and a little rice wine.

DAY 16 - VILAGES & MOUNTAINS

• SAPA Today we trek through green terraced hills and discover local villages. A quick drive will take us back to Sapa in the afternoon, where we'll check in to our mountain-side hotel.

DAY 17 - DISCOVER SAPA TOWN

• SAPA Explore Sapa at your own pace, or take the cable car up to Fan Si Pan peak for incredible views. We'll then jump back in the limousine bus back to Hanoi.

DAY 18 - HA LONG BAY

• HA LONG BAY We'll head to the stunning natural wonder of Ha Long Bay and board our luxurious boat for the night. Known for its emerald waters, magical caves and limestone mountains covered in rainforest, we can kayak, swim and sunbathe on deck.

DAY 19 - TRAVEL TO NINH BINH

• NINH BINH Today we head south to the beautiful countryside of Ninh Binh. This evening we'll check in to our unique traditional homestay and watch the sunset whilst relaxing in our riverside bungalows.

DAY 20 - EXPLORE NINH BINH

• NINH BINH We'll hop on bicycles to ride through rice paddies, then take a rowboat through rivers and caves. We'll tackle the iconic Dragon Mountain viewpoint for jawdropping scenery before boarding the overnight train.

DAY 21 - EXPLORE HOI AN

 HOI AN Hoi An is full of markets, colourful alleyways and lanterns. Tonight we'll go out for dinner and drinks to soak up the nightlife.

DAY 22 - BASKET BOAT FISHING

• HOI AN Be guided by local fisherman through coconut groves and learn the art of crab fishing before a Vietnamese cooking class. The afternoon is free for you to relax or get a massage. This evening we'll enjoy amazing food and heading over to the night markets.

DAY 23 - LANTERNS & BEACHES

• HOI AN This morning we'll learn how to make lanterns. We'll then hop on bicycles for a short ride to the beach for a chilled day at a beach club.

DAY 24 - HO CHI MINH CITY

• HO CHI MINH CITY Enjoy the last bits of Hoi An before we catch a flight to Ho Chi Minh City. We'll head straight out to the markets for dinner then up to a rooftop bar to treat ourselves to a drink.

DAY 25 - LOCAL LIFE

• MEKONG DELTA Today we'll explore the lush beauty of the Mekong Delta, learn how locals live on the river and check in to our riverside accommodation.

DAY 26 - CU CHI TUNNELS

• HO CHI MINH CITY Today we learn history at the Cu Chi tunnels. We'll arrive back to Ho Chi Minh city this afternoon before heading out for our farewell dinner and drinks!

DAY 27 - CHECK OUT

• HO CHI MINH CITY Your amazing 27 day adventure comes to an end. You can either check out, or continue your travels with help from your group leader.

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Thailand + Vietnam Experience starts in Bangkok. It's best to arrive on the actual start date. There's no activities on the first day, so you can arrive at any time. If you do arrive early we'll still pick you up from the airport and will book you into our Bangkok hotel from the day you arrive. Extra nights can be paid to your agent or direct with us.

It's also recommended to have onward travel booked out of Vietnam before travelling there, as you may get asked for proof of this before boarding your flight to Vietnam.

AFTER THAILAND + VIETNAM EXPERIENCE

Thailand + Vietnam Experience finishes in Ho Chi Minh. You can choose to stay on longer in Vietnam or continue your travels around Asia. Your group leader can help with any other onward travel options.

If you need to get back to Ho Chi Minh City Airport then it's a simple taxi ride that will take around 30 minutes and cost around £10/\$20. We can organise this for you in Vietnam.

If you need to get back to Hanoi then the easiest way is to get yourself a cheap internal flight, we can help you with this. Just let your group leader know when you arrive.

VISAS

It's important to check your visa requirements before arriving in South East Asia.

Please refer to our <u>FAQ</u> page for all up to date visa information for Thailand and Vietnam.

If you're unsure of your visa requirements or need any help just contact us.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance for South East Asia is compulsory to join Thailand + Vietnam Experience. Your group leader will ask to see proof of your cover before your trip begins. You can organise a quote and policy for yourself here.

ACCOMMODATION GUIDE

THAILAND

BANGKOK - CHILLAX HERITAGE HOTEL

2 NIGHTS

A fancy 4 star hotel close to all the action.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi

Air Con

Swimming Pool & Bar

OVERNIGHT TRAIN

1 NIGHT

A comfy bed and great journey.

Multishare Cabin with Air Con

Toilet Onboard

Fresh Linen & Pillow

KHAO SOK - FLOATING BUNGALOWS

1 NIGHT

An amazing experience in the middle of the rainforest.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

Air Con

Kayaking & Tubing

KHAO SOK - JUNGLE TREEHOUSES

1 NIGHT

As awesome as it sounds!

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite & Laundry

Beautiful Rainforest Location



KOH PHANGAN - SARANA BUNGALOWS

3 NIGHTS

Deluxe rooms at our own place!

Twin/Double/Triple/Quad Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi

Air Con

Laundry

Infinity Pool, Bar, Restaurant, Gym & Yoga Hall

PHI PHI - ANDAMAN LEGACY RESORT

2 NIGHTS

Premium rooms at a great resort.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi

Air Con

Laundry

Swimming Pool & Bar

PHUKET - HOTEL CLOVER

2 NIGHTS

Boutique 4 star hotel!

Twin/Double

Ensuite

WiFi

Air Con

Laundry

Rooftop Pool & Gym



VIETNAM

HANOI - HANOI EMERALD WATERS HOTEL & SPA

3 NIGHTS

Stay right in the heart of Hanoi.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Restaurant & Bar

SAPA VILLAGE - CHAPA ECO LODGE HOMESTAY

1 NIGHT

A beautiful lodge surrounded by lush rice paddies and mountains.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Bar & Terrace

SAPA - PAO'S SAPA LEISURE HOTEL

1 NIGHT

A stunning 5 star mountain-side hotel.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Bar & Insane Views of Sapa!



HA LONG BAY - OVERNIGHT BOAT

1 NIGHT

An amazing boat with incredible views.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

Air Con

Once In A Lifetime Stay!

NINH BINH - LOCAL HOMESTAY

1 NIGHT

Private riverside bungalows in a magical setting.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi

Riverside Hammocks

OVERNIGHT TRAIN

1 NIGHT

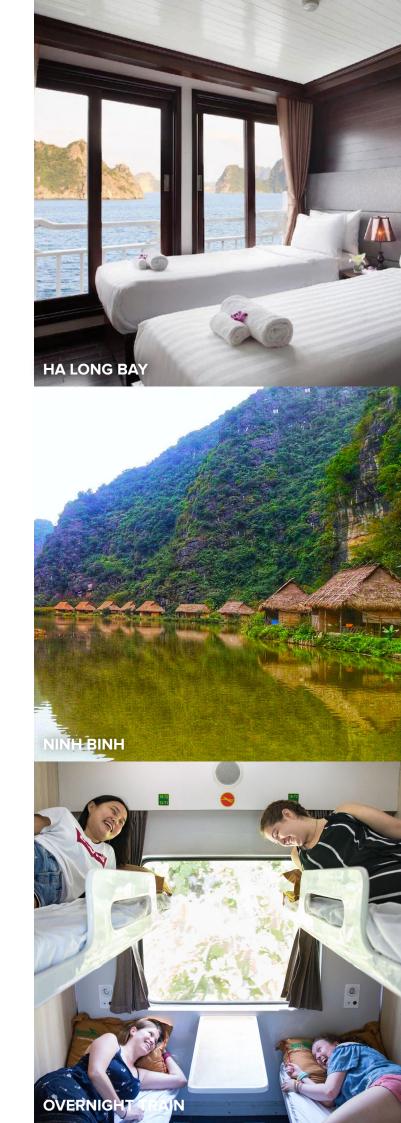
A comfy bed on a great journey.

4 Share Cabin

Bathrooms Onboard

Air Con

Epic Views!



HOI AN - THANH BINH RIVERSIDE HOTEL

3 NIGHTS

A nice hotel nestled on the river.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Swimming Pool

HO CHI MINH CITY - ALAGON D'ANTIQUE HOTEL & SPA

2 NIGHTS

A boutique hotel close to all the action.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Rooftop Swimming Pool

MEKONG DELTA - MEKONG LODGE RESORT

1 NIGHT

A beautiful lodge surrounded by gardens and the Tien River.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Swimming Pool & Bar



The accommodation featured in this document is our usual properties. At certain locations we use alternative accommodation (of equal standard) when needed.









SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL



PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT



SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES



CULTURAL EXCHANGE & EDUCATION



ANIMAL WELFARE

Making a positive difference to the amazing destinations we travel is at the core of what we do.

Small Change is our own socially conscious initiative aimed at making the world that little bit better place to explore!

Click here to learn more!



WE'RE PLANTING 10 TREES FOR EVERY INTRO TRAVEL BOOKING!





DO MANY PEOPLE TRAVEL ALONE?

Yes. Lots of people on our trips are travelling solo. But by doing our trip you'll instantly be part of a group, so it's a great way to meet others and make friends! Most of our accommodation is twin or triple share, so we will put you in a room with someone of the same gender.



CAN I CHAT TO MY GROUP BEFORE I LEAVE?

You can start chatting to people in your group and other travellers before you leave. Just go to our Facebook page, click on 'Groups' and choose <u>South East Asia</u>.



WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO VISIT SOUTH EAST ASIA?

It's always a good time to go travelling in Thailand and Vietnam. Most months of the year you will experience sunshine and possibly some rain. It's usually quite hot and humid, but it can occasionally get cold, especially in the north of Vietnam between November and February, so it's always best to bring a couple of warm layers with your summer clothing.



WHAT'S A PREMIUM TRIP?

When we have 2 similar itinerary options in the same destination, the premium trip is the upgraded version. With a higher standard of accommodation, some exclusive activities and more meals.



WHAT LUGGAGE DO YOU RECOMMEND?

We always recommend travelling with a backpack and packing light! 10-20kgs of stuff should be plenty. It's generally quite hot in South East Asia so dragging around a huge suitcase is not much fun. There is luggage storage at the airport or at some accommodations if needed.



HOW MUCH SPENDING MONEY WILL I NEED?

All your activities, accommodation, transport and some meals are included with Thailand + Vietnam Experience, so you'll just need money for some meals, drinks, shopping and any onward travel. We recommend you bring at least £700 / \$1200 spending money.



HOW WILL I ACCESS MY MONEY WHILE I'M AWAY?

We recommend getting a travel currency card through <u>Wise</u>. You can use the Wise card almost everywhere and withdraw cash and use it with Google or Apple Pay. If you transfer your money into the local currency, you can avoid paying foreign exchange fees when you use the card. There are ATM's available throughout the South East Asia so it's easy to get access to cash.



IS THERE WI-FI THROUGHOUT THE TRIP?

Most accommodations we stay at have free Wi-Fi available. Thailand and Vietnam's network quality is often lower than you're used to.



WHAT POWER OUTLETS ARE USED?

Thailand and Vietnam generally uses a flat or round 2 pin socket the same as most of Europe. It's always best to grab yourself an appropriate adaptor if needed before you go.



TERMS & CONDITIONS

For the full set of terms & conditions for our tours including your responsibilities as a traveller with us, please see the <u>Terms & Conditions</u> section of our website.

That's about it for now!

Once you've booked you'll get access to 'Manage My Booking' and the INTRO Travel App, which will give you all the information you'll need about Thailand + Vietnam Experience, so you can just relax and enjoy the experience.

Of course if you have an more questions just contact us. We're happy to help!