

## 13 DAYS VIETNAM – THAILAND

*18 – 30 August 2025*

### ITINERARY

Day 1 – 18 Aug'25:	Arrival in Hanoi	Day 9 – 26 Aug'25:	Phuket-Bangkok
Day 2 – 19 Aug'25:	Hanoi	Day 10 – 27 Aug'25:	Bangkok
Day 3 – 20 Aug'25:	Hanoi-Halong	Day 11 – 28 Aug'25:	Bangkok
Day 4 – 21 Aug'25:	Halong-Hanoi-Chiang Mai	Day 12 – 29 Aug'25:	Bangkok
Day 5 – 22 Aug'25:	Chiang Mai	Day 13 – 30 Aug'25:	Bangkok – Departure
Day 6 – 23 Aug'25:	Chiang Mai-Phuket		
Day 7 – 24 Aug'25:	Phuket		
Day 8 – 25 Aug'25:	Phuket		

#### **Day 1 – 18 Aug'25: Arrival in Hanoi**

Arrival at Hanoi airport where our English-speaking guide will be waiting for you. Transfer to the city (1 hr.), meanwhile, you will be able to get a first impression of Hanoi and its amazing fusion between bustle and serenity. Free time. Accommodation in Hanoi. Recommendations: Book a traditional massage or Street Food Tour (on foot/ by Vespa/ jeep with supplements)

#### **Day 2 – 19 Aug'25: Hanoi – Bahia de Halong**

After breakfast, meet our guide in the hotel lobby. Departure by road (2.5 hrs) to Halong Bay, which means “the dragon that descends from the sea” in Vietnamese, and according to legend, it was a dragon who formed the islands in the bay. Embark on a wonderful cruise to visit the bay. Lunch on board. After lunch, we will continue sailing and discover thousands of islands and islets with abundant vegetation that emerge in the bay with their unusual shapes and different sizes. The emerald waters of this legendary treasure take us to explore sublime islands such as the Turtle Island, the Dog Island, the Man's Head Island, etc. Due to its unique beauty, geological peculiarity, biological wealth, cultural and historical importance, Halong Bay was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1994 and included in the list of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World since 2011. Beyond the contemplation of the magnificent landscape, we enjoy free time or some of the optional activities such as swimming, kayaking (on your own) or participating in a Vietnamese cooking demonstration on the boat's terrace. Dinner and accommodation on board.

**Note: The cruise itinerary is subject to change without notice due to weather conditions.**

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Recommendations: Enjoy a massage, learn Vietnamese cooking or admire the beautiful sunset from the deck.

#### **Day 3 – 20 Aug'25: Halong Bay – Hanoi – Visits**

We continue sailing through the bay enjoying its unique landscapes. At sunrise and for those interested there is a Tai Chi class on board on the sun terrace. We will have a good brunch to recharge batteries and begin the return to land. 10.30am approx. We disembark at the Halong pier, from where we travel to Hanoi by road (2.5 hrs approx.) Hanoi - Visits We begin the visits to Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam. It is also considered one of the few Asian cities with tree-lined avenues, French colonial architecture, peaceful lakes and oriental temples. The tour includes a visit to the Temple of Literature, the first university in Vietnam, founded in 1070 in honor of Confucius and considered the symbol of Hanoi. We continue with the route to the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, visiting the exterior of it from Ba Dinh Square. We will continue to the One Pillar Pagoda, built in

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1049 on a single stone pillar by Emperor Ly Thai Tong, who reigned from 1028 to 1054. The pagoda is designed in the likeness of a lotus flower leaf in honor of Buddha.

We will then arrive at Hoan Kiem Lake, the heart of Hanoi, and the red bridge The Huc.

Finally, we will take a panoramic cyclo pousse ride through Hanoi's Old Quarter, also known as the 36-street district, as it was once known for the craftsmen who lived there and for the workshops that were there.

Return to the hotel and overnight in Hanoi.

Meals: Brunch on board.

Recommendations: Book a traditional massage. Attendance at the Water Puppets show or the Mi Pueblo Show, with an additional cost of 20 USD/pax.

#### **Day 4 – 21 Aug'25: Hanoi – Chiang Mai**

Early breakfast (take-away).

At the scheduled time, approximately 06:00 am, transfer to the airport to take the departure flight (approximately 09:00 am) to Ching Mai.

Transfer to the hotel in Chiang Mai. Accommodation in Ching Mai.

**Flight: 21 Aug'25: Hanoi – DMK / FD 643 0900 1050**

**21 Aug'25: DMK– Chiang Mai / FD 3439 1440 1555**

Meals: Breakfast

Recommendations: Tai chi on board, dinner at one of the riverside restaurants, coffee in the Old Quarter.

#### **Day 5 – 22 Aug'25: Chiang Mai**

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, we will visit some local craft factories. We will also visit a factory of wooden sculptures where it is possible to buy Burmese antiques. Departure to visit the orchid farm.

Lunch at a local restaurant. Afterwards we will move to the elephant sanctuary to learn about these animals and carry out various activities including giving them food and taking a bath, an unforgettable experience.

Back to the hotel. Rest at your disposal. Accommodation at the hotel in Chiang Mai.

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

#### **Day 6 – 23 Aug'25: Chiang Mai – Phuket**

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, visit to the Wat Doi Suthep temple complex, the best known in Chiang Mai, located on the top of a small hill 15 km northwest of the city.

Transfer to Chiang Mai airport to connect with the flight to Phuket. Arrival in Phuket, meet your English-speaking guide, then transfer to the hotel to check in. Rest at your disposal. Accommodation at the hotel in Phuket

**Flight: 23 Aug'25: Chiang Mai – Phuket / FD 3162 1530 1730**

Meal: Breakfast

#### **Day 7 – 24 Aug'25: Phuket**

Breakfast at the hotel. Meet your guide at your hotel to start the half day 'Phuket City Tour', First transfer to a panoramic view of Phuket Town, where you can see some of the most beautiful views of the island from Cape Phromthep. You will also visit Wat Chalong, the largest temple on the island. Then, you will be exploring the Phuket old town, seeing the old architecture, culture and life of the Phuket people. Transfer to the hotel.

Meal: Breakfast

#### **Day 8 – 25 Aug'25: Phuket**

Breakfast at the hotel. Free day at your disposal.

Accommodation at the hotel in Phuket.

**Optional Tour: Phi Phi Island Day tour with buffet lunch at Phi Phi Don. @ 158 USD per pax (price based on 15-19 pax + 1 FOC)**

A day trip from Phuket to Phi Phi Island is very popular among tourists who do not want to stay on Phi Phi Island. Phi Phi Island is 48km southeast of Phuket which takes about 1 hour by speedboat. Phi Phi Island is

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the most popular tourist destination for travelers. It is one of the most famous and beautiful tourist destinations and the magical scenery of Maya Bay where the movie “The Beach” was filmed. We will visit Nui Bay and Camel Rock where we will see the exceptional crystal-clear water and white sand. Afterwards we head to Monkey Beach which is the playground of human background where we will snorkel and swim. We will explore the empire of swallows at Viking cave. Then we head to our main destination, Pileh Cove, where we explore the emerald lagoon, swim and snorkel surrounded by the stunning cliffs. We will also snorkeling in Loh Samah to see the magical emerald and marine animals of this island. Then, Buffet lunch at local restaurant on Phi Phi Don. We will discover Hin Klang, one of the largest coral reefs in Southeast Asia. Then we will have a relaxing time on Bamboo Island to relax and sunbathe on the beach with fine sand. Afterwards return to the pier.

Meal: Breakfast

**Day 9 – 26 Aug’25: Phuket – Bangkok**

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Phuket airport to take the flight to Bangkok. Arrival at Bangkok airport where your English-speaking guide awaits you and transfer to the hotel.

Free time until check-in at the hotel according to availability (normally the rooms are available from 2:00 p.m.). Accommodation at the hotel in Bangkok.

**Flight: 26 Aug’25: Phuket – Bangkok / FD 4110 1420 1550**

Meal: Breakfast

**Day 10 – 27 Aug’25: Bangkok**

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit three of the most popular Buddhist temples in the city. We will start with Wat Traimit, located at the edge of Chinatown, on Yaowarat Road, near the Hualampong train station. Wat Traimit is home to the largest golden Buddha in the world, measuring almost five meters tall and weighing five and a half tons. The tour will continue to Wat Pho, the largest temple in Bangkok. The temple of the enormous reclining Buddha and the Chedis of the Kings. This is located behind the Buddha Temple. It is one of the largest temples in the city and famous for its gigantic reclining Buddha that measures 46 meters long and is covered in gold. Next, you will visit the Royal Palace, which is undoubtedly the most famous monument in the city. Built in 1782, for 150 years it was the home of the king of Thailand, the royal court and the administrative headquarters of the government. The Grand Palace in Bangkok is an ancient building that continues to impress its visitors with its beautiful architecture and details. Within the complex, there is Wat Phra Kaew or the Temple of the Emerald Buddha (officially known as Wat Phra Sri Rattana Satsadaram), considered the most important Buddhist temple in Thailand, it enshrines the image of the Buddha revered by people carved alone in a block stop. After the visits, we return to the hotel. Rest at your disposal.

Accommodation at the hotel in Bangkok.

Meal: Breakfast

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**Day 11 – 28 Aug’25: Bangkok**

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Ayutthaya, the ancient capital 90 kilometers from Bangkok, situated at the conjunction of the Lopburi, Prasak and Chao Phraya rivers, the historic city of Ayutthaya was founded in 1350 by King U-Thong and served as the capital of what was the predecessor of the Siamese Empire and modern Thailand. The main attractions in this city are Wat Phra Si Sanphet, the largest temple in the city, known for its distinctive row of restored chedis found in many images of the city, and Wat Mahathat with the buddha head in the root of a tree. Lunch upon arrival to Ayutthaya. After the tour, return to your hotel.

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

**Day 12 – 29 Aug’25: Bangkok**

Breakfast at the hotel. Meet with the guide at the reception desk of your hotel and transfer 80 km southwest of the city to visit the famous Train Market. Watch as the train approaches the market, and the vendors quickly fold up their stalls to allow the train to pass through the middle of the market! Once the visit is finished, we will head to the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market. There, we will take a boat to navigate

through the canals until we reach the market and observe how fruits, vegetables, and other goods are traded. After the excursion, we will return to the hotel.  
Accommodation at the hotel. Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

**Day 13 – 30 Aug’25: Bangkok – Salida**

Breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast transfer to the airport to take the departure flight.  
Meal: Breakfast

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**ACCOMMODATION**

CITY	SUPERIOR	Deluxe
HANOÍ	THE ANN Room. Deluxe or similar or LE JARDIN HOTEL HAUTE COUTURE Room. Classic Wing	PAN PACIFIC HANOI Room. Deluxe or similar
HALONG	BHAYA CLASSIC CRUISE Hab. Deluxe or similar	AU CO CRUISE Room. Deluxe or similar
CHIANG MAI	NOVOTEL NIMMAN Room. Superior Balcony or similar	U NIMMAN CHIANG MAI Room. Deluxe room or similar
PHUKET	NOVOTEL KAMALA Room. Superior or similar	ANGSANA LAGUNA Room. Laguna room or similar
BANGKOK	JC KEVIN SATHORN BANGKOK Room. One bedroom suite or similar	MONTIEN SURAWONG Room. Deluxe or similar

**SERVICES INCLUDED**

- Flights – International and domestic
- Accommodation in the scheduled hotels (or similar) with breakfast.
- Sightseeing as per itinerary with English-speaking local guides, except on board the cruise in Halong Bay which does not allow the guide's access, passengers will be assisted by the boat's crew in English.
- Land sightseeing as per programme by air-conditioned minibus.
- Meals as mentioned
- All entrance fees as indicated on the tour
- Cyclo pousse ride
- Shared cruise in Halong Bay
- One bottle of water and one refreshing towel per day of tour

**SERVICES NOT INCLUDED**

- Beverages
- Personal expenses and tips
- Optional service and tour.
- Vietnam visa letter: 50 USD per person, single entry
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- E-visa Vietnam: 50 USD per person, single entry
- All items not mentioned in SERVICES INCLUDE