

**Laos/Vietnam Classic Tour
11 Days – 10 nights**

**Luang Prabang, Pak Ou Caves, Kuang Si Waterfall, Hanoi, Ha Long, Da Nang, Hoi An, Hue, Ho Chi Minh
Lifestyle & Culture**

Day 1 – Sun: Luang Prabang

After arrival at Luang Prabang you'll be met and transferred to the hotel of your choice. After lunch on your own, start your tour with a visit to Vat Vixoune Buddha statues influenced by Thai-Lu and That Makmo architecture, the watermelon shaped stupa. Proceed to Vat Xieng Thong, the most beautiful temple of Luang Prabang dating back from 16th century. Climb Phousy Hill for a panoramic view of the city and the Mekong River. Return to the hotel for dinner and accommodation. [D]

Day 2 – Mon: Luang Prabang (Watch Tagbat, Pak Ou Caves)

Watch Tagbat, the monks' rounds, early in the morning. It is a ritual that is truly part of Laos people's life and offers a memorable experience and great snapshots. Your guide will explain how to follow the strict customs and rules involved. Then visit a local fresh market and return to your hotel for breakfast. Start your day visiting the former Royal King's Palace now the National Museum. Then, proceed to the local pier to embark on a traditional boat and cruise upstream on the Mekong River to visit the sacred Buddha caves. On the way stop at the picturesque Thin Hong to get a glimpse of the village's of daily life. Visit Tham Ting and Tham Phoum caves in which you find hundreds of Buddha statues. Lunch at local restaurant nearby and return to Luang Prabang by boat. On the way back stop at Ban Xang Khong a unique handmade paper village. Visit Ok Pok Tok (weaving work shop). Drop in the old city for a walk or to shop at a Hmong market. Accommodation at your hotel. [B/L]

Day 3 – Tue: Luang Prabang, Kuang Si Waterfall, Hanoi

Breakfast at your hotel before today's excursion by car to Kuang Si waterfall, 20 miles west of Luang Prabang. On the way, short walk through the forest to the waterfall. After enjoying the scenery, take a swim in one of the nearby clear pools. Below the tiered limestone pools lies the Khmu village Ban Thapene. Khmu men are especially good basket weavers and, sometimes, can be watched crafting. Have a picnic lunch by the waterfall before returning to Luang Prabang. At the appointed time transfer to the airport to board your flight to Hanoi. Our guide will meet on arrival at Hanoi/Noi Bai International airport and will drive you to your hotel for check in. The rest of the day is free. Overnight in Hanoi. [B/L]

Day 4 – Wed: Hanoi

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before this morning's visit to Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (outside only) and the former President's still house where Uncle Ho lived from 1958 to 1969. Continue visiting the iconic One-Pillar Pagoda, the Museum of Ethnology. After lunch at local restaurant visit the Temple of Literature, Ngoc Son Temple and Hoan Kiem Lake. Enjoy the famous Water Puppet Show, a unique Vietnamese traditional art form that takes its origins from rural festivals in Vietnam. Take a fun stroll around Hanoi's Old Quarter, with its 36 old streets, before heading to a typical Hanoi local coffee shop to try a local refreshment or a glass of Bia Hoi, fresh locally brewed beer. Dinner and accommodation at your hotel in Hanoi. [B/L/D]

Day 5 – Thu: Hanoi, Ha Long (Cruise)

After breakfast at the hotel start your drive to Ha Long (100 miles, approx. 4 hours) to board an overnight cruise. Embark between 12.30-13.00pm in time for lunch served aboard. Discover Ha Long Bay, "Dragon descending to the sea" as it is known in Vietnamese and recognized as a new World Heritage of outstanding natural beauty. Picturesque Ha Long Bay has more than 3,000 limestone islets rising from the clear emerald water, many of them containing beautiful grottoes. Optional activities include: swimming, kayaking, cooking demonstration, night squid fishing. Enjoy dinner and overnight on board. [B/L/D]

(Cruise itinerary and schedule is subject to weather conditions)

Day 6 – Fri: Ha Long, Hanoi, Da Nang, Hoi An

Breakfast on board. Continue the cruise program. Disembark and leave Ha Long around noon. Lunch en route. Proceed to Noi Bai airport for a flight to Da Nang. Be welcomed and transferred to Hoi An to check in at

your hotel. The rest of the day is free. Overnight in Hoi An [B/L]

Day 7 – Sat: Hoi An

Enjoy breakfast at hotel and take a walking tour to discover the historic town, which used to be a prosperous seaport city from 16th to the 18th centuries. Its sizeable community of foreign merchants resulted in a unique architectural style with Vietnamese, Chinese and Japanese influences. Visit the Phuc Kien hall, Japanese covered bridge, Tan Ky old house and a silk workshop. After lunch at local restaurant have some time on your own and get back to the hotel by your own means. Overnight in Hoi An. [B/L]

Day 8 – Sun: Hoi An, Da Nang, Hue

After breakfast drive to Hue, through Hai Van pass (if weather permits). Visit the Cham culture museum in Da Nang and head for lunch at local restaurant. In the afternoon, visit the Imperial Citadel and Dong Ba market. The rest of the day is at your leisure. Overnight in Hue. [B/L]

Day 9 – Mon: Hue, Ho Chi Minh

Enjoy breakfast and get ready for a boat trip on the Perfume River to visit Thien Mu pagoda and Tu Duc Tomb. Take a short bike tour to the ancient village nearby, Hue, to immerse into the greenery of a so-called “Garden City”. Be welcomed to an ancient Garden-House where the host family will not only share with you their lifestyle, traditions but also invite you to prepare an authentic home-meal with garden sourced ingredients. Enjoy a relaxing herbal footbath from garden plants. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Upon arrival you’ll be welcomed and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh. [B/L]

NOTE: The surcharge for changing from bicycle to cyclo in Hue is USD \$7 per person (need to book in advance).

Day 10 – Tue: Ho Chi Minh (Cu Chi Tunnel)

After breakfast drive to Cu Chi Tunnels, an amazing complex of the underground tunnels used during the Vietnam War and return to Ho Chi Minh City. Savoring the tasty Phở (Vietnamese noodle soup) for lunch is the best way to say “Goodbye Vietnam”. The ensuing sightseeing tour includes the War Remnants Museum, the Central Post Office and photo stops (outside visit) at the Reunification Palace (former Presidential Palace) and Notre Dame Cathedral. Free time for shopping at the central Ben Thanh Market, or follow the guide to stroll Le Cong Kieu Street, a market where you find replicas of antique objects and Yersin market that offers a bunch of commodity and wartime objects. The rest of the day is at your leisure. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh. [B/L]

Day 11 – Wed: Ho Chi Minh, USA

Have breakfast at the hotel take advantage of some free time until your transfer to the airport for your departure flight to the USA. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [B/L] = Breakfast and Lunch | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Note: Itinerary is subject to changes depending on confirmed flights, road and weather conditions and availability of rooms.



Your Tour includes:

- All transfers
- 10 nights accommodation at chosen hotels:
 - Luang Prabang - 2 nights
 - Hanoi - 2 nights
 - Ha Long - 1 night
 - Hoi An - 2 nights
 - Hue - 1 night
 - Ho Chi Minh - 2 nights
- Meals:
 - Breakfast daily
 - 9 lunches
 - 3 dinners
- Cruise in Ha Long
- Guides on all tours
- Baggage handling
- All Entrance and boat fees
- Fresh Water and towel during visits
- Service charges and tax

Price does not include:

- International and Domestic airfares, taxes and fees
- Vietnamese visa fee 25.00 per person
- Laotian visa fee 30-40.00 per person (depending on nationality)
- Vietnamese visa fee 25.00 per person
- Other items not mentioned in the program
- Optional tours
- All items of a purely personal nature such as other drinks that is not specified, laundry, fax etc.
- Early check in and late checkout.
- Travel insurance
- Gratuities to guides and driver

Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Room Type	Tripadvisor
Superior Tourist			
Luang Prabang	Maison Dalabua Hotel	Deluxe	4.5
Hanoi	Anise Hotel	Superior	4
Halong	Image Junk	Deluxe cabin	5
Hoi An	Phu Thinh Boutique Resort	Standard	4.5
Hue	Romance Hotel	Standard	4.5
Ho Chi Minh	Emm Hotel	Superior	4.5
First Class			
Luang Prabang	Maison Dalabua Hotel	Deluxe	4.5
Hanoi	Mercure Hanoi La Gare Hotel	Standard	4
Halong	Indochina Sails Junk	Superior cabin	4.5
Hoi An	Hoi An Beach Resort	Superior	4
Hue	Imperial hotel	Deluxe city view	4.5
Ho Chi Minh	Equatorial Hotel	Deluxe	4.5
Deluxe			
Luang Prabang	Victoria Xieng Thong Palace Hotel	Victoria Suite	4.5
Hanoi	Pan Pacific Hanoi Hotel	Deluxe	4.5
Halong	Indochina Sails Junk	Superior cabin	4.5
Hoi An	Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort	Garden view	4.5
Hue	La Residence Hotel & Spa	Superior	4.5
Ho Chi Minh	Caravelle Hotel	Deluxe	4.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices:

Departure Dates	Tourist		First		Deluxe	
	Double	Single	Double	Single	Double	Single
2017 Departures						
Nov 5,12,19,26	\$1,695	\$2,135	\$1,765	\$2,585	\$2,469	\$3,849
Dec 3,10						
Dec 17	\$1,695	\$2,135	\$1,839	\$2,669	\$2,639	\$4,019
Dec 24	\$1,799	\$2,239	\$1,945	\$2,769	\$2,469	\$3,849
Dec31	\$1,829	\$2,275	\$1,765	\$2,585	\$2,469	\$3,849
2018 Departures						
Jan 7,14,21,28	\$1,685	\$2,119	\$1,755	\$2,565	\$2,365	\$3,635
Feb 4						
Feb 11	\$1,699	\$2,135	\$1,839	\$2,669	\$2,445	\$3,739
Feb 18,25	\$1,685	\$2,119	\$1,755	\$2,565	\$2,365	\$3,635
Apr 1,8,15,22,29	\$1,609	\$2,045	\$1,699	\$2,509	\$1,995	\$3,219
May 6,13,20,27	\$1,329	\$1,749	\$1,415	\$2,215	\$1,995	\$3,219
Jun 3,10,17,24						
Jul 1,8,15,22,29						
Aug 5,12,19,26						
Sep 2,9,16,23,30						
Oct 7,14,21	\$1,609	\$2,045	\$1,699	\$2,509	\$2,109	\$3,379

Prices are per person and may change without notice

Child policy:

Age	Conditions	Discount
02-12 years	With extra bed and breakfast	15%
	Without extra bed and breakfast	25%

Child must share twin with 2 adults

Maximum 2 children per party

Tour code: LA01LPQ18AT