

## 13 Days Grand Indochina Tour - BTCAT

Guaranteed departures as per below chart with minimum 2 pax on Sunday for seat-in-coach or daily departure for private tour

### DEPARTURE DATE FOR SEAT-IN-COACH TOUR

#### 2016:

Nov 06-18 Dec 04-16	Nov 13-25 Dec 11-23	Nov 20-Dec 02 Dec 18-30	Nov 27-Dec 09 Dec 25-Jan 06
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#### 2017:

Jan 01-13 Jan 29-Feb 10 Feb 26-Mar 10 Mar 26-Apr 07	Jan 08-20 Feb 05-17 Mar 05-17	Jan 15-27 Feb 12-24 Mar 12-24	Jan 22-Feb 03 Feb 19-Mar 03 Mar 19-31
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Note:- The departure dates will be provided by Spanish speaking guide  
**(subject to availability for Laos only)**

**Cut off date Spanish speaking guide is 45 days prior departure date**

### **WHAT HAS CHANGED:**

Day 4 (Wed): Take a fun stroll along the Old Quarter, and take a break like a local, enjoy some traditional snacks with local drinks or a glass of the famous Bia Hoi, freshly brewed beer. A delightful and friendly "Welcome to Vietnam".

Day 7 (Sat): Since guests have commented that they wanted to stay longer in the old town after the walking tour, we suggest to change "Lunch at hotel" to "Lunch at local restaurant" inside the town to offer guests better flexibility.

Day 9 (Mon): We believe that each meal should be an experience. Take a short cycling 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 invite you to enjoy preparing an authentic home-meal with garden sourced ingredient. Enjoy a relaxing herbal footbath from garden plants.

Day 10 (Tue) If you love shopping for popular souvenirs, Ben Thanh market has all you need. But our guides are ready to take you along on a walk through the antique sellers' street, or showing you some wartime replica objects in Yersin market, a special place for nostalgia junkies. Last but not least, savor the tasty Phở (Vietnamese noodle soup) for lunch is the best way to say "Goodbye Vietnam"

**TET 2017:**

The next "Tet" (Lunar New Year) holidays will take place during **Jan 27-Feb 02 in 2017**. Domestic tourism will increase dramatically the week prior and after "Tet". Many overseas Vietnamese will come back to their motherland to celebrate this occasion; arrival terminals at main airports will be extremely busy in February. Markets, shops, museums and many local restaurants are closed during "Tet" leading to some changes in our program.

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SUNDAY

DAY 01

ARRIVAL – LUANG PRABANG

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Arrive at Luang Prabang, transfer to the hotel for check in  
Lunch on own account

**14.00**

Start your visit with Vat Vixoune influenced by Thai-Lu architecture and That Makmo, the watermelon shaped stupa. Proceed to Vat Xieng Thong, the most beautiful temple of Luang Prabang dating back from 16th century  
Climb up Phousy Hill for a panoramic view of the city and the Mekong River  
Dinner and accommodation at your hotel

MONDAY

DAY 02

LUANG PRABANG-WATCH TAGBAT-PAK OU CAVES

[B/L/-]

*Watch Tagbat, the monks' rounds, early in the morning. It is a ritual that is truly part of Lao people's life and offers a memorable experience and great snapshots. Your guide will explain how to follow the strict customs and rules involved and visit fresh local market. Return to your hotel for breakfast*

Start your day of visit the National Museum (**Tuesday closed**) the former Royal King's Palace then proceed to embark at the local pier of Luang Prabang on a traditional boat and cruise upstream on the Mekong River to visit the sacred Buddha caves. On the way stop at Thin Hong a picturesque village to get a glimpse

of daily life. Visit Tham Ting and Tham Phoum caves in which you find hundreds of Buddha statues

Lunch at local restaurant near by the caves

Return to Luang Prabang by boat. On the way back stop at Ban Xang Khong, handmade paper village. Visit Ok Pok Tok (nice weaving work shop). Drop in the old city for a walk or shop at a Hmong market

Dinner (to own account)

Accommodation at your hotel

TUESDAY

DAY 03

LUANG PRABANG – KUANGSI WATERFALL - HANOI

[B/L/-]

Breakfast at your hotel

Excursion by car to Kuangsi waterfall 32 kms to the 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 can sometimes be watched crafting.

Picnic lunch nearby the waterfall

Back to Luang Prabang and transfer to the airport for departure flight to Hanoi

(See separate airfare)

Meet on arrival at Hanoi/Noi Bai International airport; our guide will pick up at airport and then transfer to hotel for check in

Dinner on own arrangement

Accommodation at hotel in Hanoi

WEDNESDAY  
DAY 04

HANOI - FULL DAY CITY TOUR

[B/L/D]

Breakfast at hotel

Morning: visit Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (outside only) and the former President's stilt house where Uncle Ho lived from 1958 to 1959. Continue visiting the iconic One Pillar Pagoda, the Museum of Ethnology (closed on Monday).

Lunch at local restaurant

In the afternoon, 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 the Old Quarter of Hanoi, with 36 old streets before heading to typical Hanoi local coffee shop where you settle down for refreshment with local drink or a glass of Bia Hoi, fresh locally brewed beer

Dinner and accommodation at hotel in Hanoi

THURSDAY  
DAY 05

HANOI – HALONG

[B/L/D]

Breakfast at hotel

Drive to visit Temple of Literature and then proceed to Halong for 2 days/1 night cruise.

In Halong board the junk, check-in registration (Check-in time between 12.30 and 13.00). Discover Halong Bay, listed as a World Heritage Area of outstanding natural beauty. "Dragon descending to the sea" as it is known in Vietnamese, picturesque Halong Bay has more than 3,000 limestone islets rising from the clear emerald water, many of them containing beautiful grottoes.

Seafood lunch on board

A fantastic cruise in Ha Long bay will take you to visit some of the islands and caves.

Opportunity to swim at Titov beach

Enjoy dinner and overnight on board.

*(Times of activities may vary slightly. Itinerary and Program subject to change when necessary)*

FRIDAY  
DAY 06

HALONG – HANOI – DANANG – HOI AN

[B/L/-]

Breakfast on board

Continue to cruise the bay.

Disembark and have lunch on the way

*(Times of activities may vary slightly. Itinerary and Program subject to change when necessary)*

Drive back to Hanoi and transfer to airport for flight to Danang (See separate airfare)

Arrive in Danang; meet our guide and transfer to Hoi An for overnight  
Dinner on own arrangement  
Accommodation at hotel in Hoi An

**Lunch on day 6:** will be served in a local restaurant in Halong Bay after check-out from the boat.  
There is neither time nor an adequate restaurant facility on the way to Hanoi Airport.

SATURDAY  
DAY 07

HOI AN [B/L/-]  
Breakfast at hotel  
Take a walking tour to discover the historic town which used to be a prosperous seaport city during the 16th to 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.  
Lunch at local restaurant  
Afternoon: Time at leisure  
Dinner on own arrangement  
Accommodation at hotel in Hoi An

SUNDAY  
DAY 08

HOI AN - DANANG - HUE [B/L/-]  
Breakfast at hotel  
Drive to Danang: Visit carving village at Marble Mountain; Cham Museum  
Lunch at local restaurant  
Proceed to Hue via Hai Van pass: Visit Imperial Citadel and Dong Ba market  
Dinner on own arrangement  
Accommodation at hotel in Hue

MONDAY  
DAY 09

HUE – HO CHI MINH [B/L/-]  
Breakfast at hotel  
Boat trip on perfume River; visit Thien Mu pagoda then Tu Duc Tomb. Take a short cycling 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 invite you to enjoy preparing an authentic home-meal with garden sourced ingredient. Enjoy a relaxing herbal footbath from garden plants.  
Transfer to airport for flight to Ho Chi Minh City.  
Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City. Be welcomed and transferred to your hotel.  
  
Dinner on own arrangement  
Accommodation at hotel in Ho Chi Minh

TUESDAY  
DAY 10

HO CHI MINH – CU CHI TUNNEL – HO CHI MINH [B/L/-]  
Breakfast at hotel  
In the morning, drive to Cu Chi Tunnels, an amazing complex of the underground tunnels used during the Vietnam War and return to Ho Chi Minh City.

Savor the tasty Phở (Vietnamese noodle soup) for lunch is the best way to say “Goodbye Vietnam”

Take a sightseeing tour including the War Remnants Museum, the Central Post Office and photo stops (outside visit) at the Reunification (former Presidential Palace), Notre Dame Cathedral.

Free shopping time at the central Ben Thanh Market, or follow the guide to stroll Le Cong Kieu Street, selling antiques, replica object and Yersin market offering a bunch of commodity and wartime objects.

Dinner on own arrangement  
Accommodation at hotel in Ho Chi Minh

WEDNESDAY  
DAY 11

HO CHI MINH – SIEM REAP

[B/-/D]

Breakfast at hotel

Pick up at hotel and transfer to airport for departure flight (See separate Airfare)

..... Arrive at Siem Reap airport by flight and transfer to hotel for check in.  
Lunch at leisure  
Visit Artisans D’Angkor and local market.  
Dinner at local restaurant.  
Accommodation at hotel.

THURSDAY  
DAY 12

SIEM REAP

[B/L/D]

Breakfast at hotel

Visit of South Gate of Angkor Thom, the Bayon, Baphuon, Baksei Chamkrong, the Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King.

Lunch at local restaurant

Visit of Ta Prohm and Angkor Wat temple.

**Restriction:** The visitor should wear blouse covering arms, shoulders & long skirts covering legs (no short miniskirt or short trousers).

Dinner at local restaurant with Apsara Dance performance.

Accommodation at hotel.

FRIDAY  
DAY 13

SIEM REAP – DEPARTURE

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Breakfast at hotel

Free at leisure until transfer to Siem Reap airport for departure flight.

END OF SERVICE

\*\* Itinerary is subject to changes depending on confirmed flights, road- and weather conditions and availability of rooms. \*\*

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