

AMAZING VIETNAM, LAOS & THAILAND 16 DAYS/ 15 NIGHTS

Travel plan proposal customized for Blair's Family

Saigon – Da Nang – Hoi An – Hanoi- Bac Ninh-Ninh Binh – Halong Bay – Luang Prabang – Bangkok - Phuket



Trip description:

This special package is designed for those who love leisure and soft adventures with an in-depth discovery of the country for 16 days to enjoy more included services to indulge yourself for a holiday of a lifetime with 3 World UNESCO Heritage sites, Hoi An , Halong Bay and Luangprang Pang . The tour follows a less-travelled route for VERY Vietnam, to peaceful beautiful Luanpra Pang, Laos and Thailand with Bustling Bangkok, Beach paradise Phuket , with a thorough look into the country's natural beauty, culture and it's most interesting cities and countryside.

Travel style: history & culture tours, soft-medium adventure, beaches, cuisine

Starting city: Saigon (Vietnam)

Departing city: Phuket (Thailand)

Highlights of the journey:

- *Visit Hanoi's charming colonial capital with Street food tours of authentic Vietnamese food*

- *Discover mythical Ha Long Bay, a UNESCO Natural World Heritage site on an overnight cruise*
- *Explore the peace, romance and beauty of Hoi An's magical lantern-lit ancient town, world culture heritage site.*
- *Experience the landscape and daily life in the rice basket of Vietnam, the Mekong Delta, with its lush forests.*
- *Engross yourself in the bustle of Saigon's most dynamic city, once called 'The Pearl of Far East'.*
- *Bangkok city tour of Grand Palace & Emerald Buddha (Wat Prakaew), and Klongs (Canal tour of Bangkok's riverside attractions)*
- *Amazing Phuket with highlights and Phi Phi Islands Day tour -paradise on earth*
- *Street Eats tour with Michelin selected by Tuk Tuk : Visit 4 places - Local Market , China Town , Wat Pho @night and secret bar*
- *Old Capital UNESCO Luang Prabang - Pak Ou cave – Koungsi waterfall*
- *AVT's Special offer: Vietnam Special Gift.*

BRIEF ITINERARY:

Day	Date	Itinerary	Overnight in
Day 1	22 Dec	Saigon/ HCMC – half day city	Saigon/ HCMC
Day 2	23 Dec	Mekong Delta day trip.	Saigon/ HCMC
Day 3	24 Dec	Cu Chi Tunnels - Saigon/ HCMC – Flight to Danang, Hoian	Hoi An
Day 4	25 Dec	Hoian countryside (Bike, boat & local village)	Hoi An
Day 5	26 Dec	Hoian, Danang – Flight to Hanoi – Street food	Hanoi
Day 6	27 Dec	Hanoi – Bac Ninh	Hanoi

Day 7	28 Dec	Hanoi city (HCM complex, Temple of Literature) – Ninh Binh: Trang An – Mua Cave	Ninh Binh
Day 8	29 Dec	Ninh Binh – Halong Bay – Lan Ha Bay Cruise	Ha Long Bay/Lan Ha Bay
Day 9	30 Dec	Ha Long Bay – Hanoi – Flight to Luang Prabang.	Luang Prabang
Day 10	31 Dec	Luang Prabang-Alm Giving -City Tour	Luang Prabang
Day 11	01 Jan	Luang Prabang-Pak Ou Cave-Kuangsi Waterfall	Luang Prabang
Day 12	02 Jan	Luang Prabang – Flight to Bangkok – Street food	Bangkok
Day 13	03 Jan	Bangkok – Flight to Phuket afternoon	Phuket
Day 14	04 Jan	Phuket Island -Phi Phi Joined Tour Day trip	Phuket
Day 15	05 Jan	Phuket sightseeing with highlights	Phuket
Day 16	06 Jan	Phuket relaxing & departure	Home sweet home!

FULL ITINERARY:

Day 1: Saigon arrival - Xin chao Vietnam! Half day city tour

Arrival SAIGON, upon arrival, you will be welcomed and escorted to your hotel in Saigon downtown. Check in and relaxing

In the afternoon, explore Saigon bustling city on a walking tour taking in the city's most impressive sites and landmarks including the **War Remnants Museum, Independent palace, or Reunification Palace**-Head quarter of the South Republic of Vietnam during wartime. Wondering around **French quarter** with **Notre Dame Cathedral and the Old Post Office, Opera house, Ben Thanh market.**

Optional activities in Saigon (with extra cost)

Ho Chi Minh City – A O show an amazing show to understand authentic Vietnamese Culture- VND1050000

2. Cyclo tour or Ristraw wandering to local market and highlights of Saigon as this city is so bustling.

Ho Chi Minh City, a Modern dynamic, is the largest city in Vietnam and is informally referred to as Saigon. It is remarkable for the harmonious blending of traditional values with northern and western cultural features. Skyscrapers dot the city and everywhere are the signs of growing status cars, mobile phones, upscale cafés, fine dining, and trendy nightlife. And yet the city still retains a unique Vietnamese feel with the hustle and bustle of the local markets, incessant horns, and local vendors on every street corner.

Meals included: None

Accommodation: Hotel in Saigon

Day 2 : Mekong Delta day trip (B, L)

Today **8AM** you leave Saigon and travel to the **Mekong River Delta**. Enjoy an early breakfast at the hotel before driving to the riverside town passing a green rice field, boarding a private boat cruise on the Mekong River, visiting a **tropical fruit garden** with **Traditional Music**, a **coconut candy factory** **Bee farm**, **rowing boat**, lunch on one of the islands with great local food.



PM: Take a Motor Cart or Electricity car – Great Fun Fun. Your driver will meet you at the Pier and we drive back to Saigon for your last night in Vietnam.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Saigon

Day 3 : Cu Chi Tunnels – HCMC – Flight to Da Nang, Hoian (B):



8:00AM Tour guide and car picks up, departs for Cu Chi tunnel, the trip will take approximately one and a half hours car driving. Upon arrival, before exploring the tunnels, you will have some short introduction followed by introductory video about how the tunnels were constructed and how the people survived in the harsh conditions of the war time. Then, spend your time to explore the remaining area and tunnel systems which included the special constructed living areas with kitchens, bedrooms side by side with other martial facilities like storage, weapons factories, field hospitals, and command centers helping whoever lives inside the tunnels meet their basic needs. Besides, there are also many hidden trap doors and dangerous traps within the maze-like tunnels for security purpose during the war.

Have lunch (on your own).

Heading to airport, take flight to Da Nanang

FLIGHT: DANANG

Arrive to Danang, our transfer will pick you up and drive to your hotel in Hoi An Town.

Check in and relax.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoi An

Day 4 : Hoi An countryside (Bike, boat, local village) (B):



In the morning, **9:00 AM** we dress up to be ready for the tour, we cycle from hotel to peaceful Countryside in Hoian with local men, visit **vegetable villages, farm as locals, talk with people working on farm, continuing biking to see buffalo, local animals, duck farm....** then visiting the **Coconut farm** with round **bamboo basket boat**, lots of fun.



After that, we keep **cycling** further to the local area, stop to take **a river cruise**, enjoy **fresh fruit** and great scenery along the way back to the ancient town.

You'll have a free afternoon and evening to continue exploring on your own.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoian

Day 5 Hoi An – Da Nang – Flight to Hanoi – Street food (B,D):

Breakfast at hotel. Relaxing day and leisure morning in Hoi A town

Check out hotel. We take flight to Ha Noi Capital.

FLIGHT: HANOI

Arrive to Hanoi, car drive to your hotel in Old Quarter.

Let's experience the real life of the local culture of **Hanoian Street Food** which is the best way for you to see insight into Hanoi in the Old Quarter -the hustle and bustle, no sidewalk or pavement with 36 streets named under the titles of items which people used to sell and are selling.

Meals included: Breakfast,Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel in Ha Noi

Day 6 : Hanoi - Bac Ninh biking to Vietnam originals (B, L):

After your breakfast at the hotel, at **8AM** you are welcomed and escorted to the car for our great day to Bac Ninh

8:30-8:45 Stop at the bank of Duong River, get dressed up with biking equipment and a camera to be ready for a bike ride along the river with the stunning peaceful scenery of the countryside dotting green bamboo tree lines and fields of rice, flowers, and vegetables... take great shots for memories of the trip. Give your hands to the farmers, if you like to help, try to be a real farmer to join them plough the soil or seeding vegetables...and taking a picture to save the memorable experience. Wave your hands to the farmers; keep cycling along the farm then stop to visit a local temple



9:45-10:00 Enjoy the breath-breaking scenery of the riverside, we stop to visit one of the oldest pagodas- But Thap, and understand more about Vietnamese Buddhism dating back to the 13th century. Admire the impressionistic Buddhist statue that has a thousand arms and thousand eyes. On the way, you can see many giant old trees, meet friendly locals, take pictures of water buffaloes, etc

10:45-11:00 Cycling through the Rice Field to Dau Phu Village where you learn about how to make Dau Phu from Soybean, really interesting manual labor to make



Yummy Dau Phu for Vegetarian, is highly recommended by the local people to taste traditional Vietnamese food. Stop by the Kumquat Garden, where thousands of kumquat trees are growing and breathing fresh air in the peaceful countryside.

11:45-12:00 We keep cycling further through the Rice Field observing more local life to the dyke to visit the Ancestral Mausoleum Kinh Duong Vuong –the primitive Ancestor founder of Vietnam from BC located on the bank of the River, wandering around, and sightseeing, you can see many giant old trees, meeting friendly locals, taking pictures of water buffaloes...

12:30-13:00 We have yummy lunch with a local family, you can try to cook if you want, or you are a master chef. Relax and walk around the village to visit traditional houses made from bricks and wood with tile roofs



14:00 Next, we're cycling to Dong Ho Folk painting-UNESCO Intangible World Heritage, you love painting, and You have a chance to be an artist to draw your own pictures! Here is a unique Folk Painting which is used Gio Papers to be printed on Wood blocks with special inks from natural leaves, and shells ...the pictures are telling you about local life, festival, animals, wedding...

16:30-17:00 wandering more around to enjoy the peaceful scenery of the countryside, then we drive back to Hanoi. Or if you like to have peaceful overnight at the Village, do the homestay with the local family that would be an amazing real-life

local experience.



Meals included: Breakfast, lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 7 : Hanoi city – Ninh Binh: Trang an – Mua Cave (B):

8:00AM Today you will explore Vietnam's charming capital. With its wide tree-lined boulevards, French colonial architecture, peaceful lakes, and ancient oriental pagodas, Hanoi is an eclectic mix that offers something for everyone.

Your city tour will take you to Hanoi's key sites: **the Ho Chi Minh Complex** (Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum and stilt house), the nearby **One Pillar Pagoda**; the **Presidential Palace**

Then continue our journey to Ninh Binh province. Have lunch in a local restaurant (arranged by clients).

Visit Trang A Grotto - that was recognized by UNESCO as A World Heritage Site in 2014. Trang An has a wonderful tunnel cave system and hundreds of limestones.

Explore Mua Cave (Dancing Cave) to walk up almost 500 steps, you can reach the top of Lying Dragon Mountain & have an amazing panoramic view of Tam Coc from here. This could be the best photo spot for Ninh Binh.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Homestay in Ninh Binh

Day 8 Ninh Binh – Halong Bay – Lan Ha Bay Cruise (B, L, D):

8:00-8:30 AM After breakfast, we drive 2,5 hours to Halong bay the UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The scenery of Halong Bay where **thousands of limestone islands** jut out of the



emerald sea, sculpted into bizarre shapes is truly an iconic image for Vietnam. An **overnight relaxing boat** trip is the best way to enjoy this must-see natural wonder of Vietnam.

On arrive at the jetty in Halong City around noon, proceeding with check-in formalities. After a welcome onboard,

lunch will be served while cruising towards the bay itself.

In the afternoon, the program also includes more activities such as **swimming or**



kayaking (excluded from the cruise package) or **cave visits** on the vast sea, **cooking class** onboard to challenge your skills in preparing a very famous Vietnamese dish (depending on each boat's itinerary) or you can just spend some time relaxing on board.

Towards the end of the day the boat sets anchor for the night among the karst formations. Dinner is served on board.

Overnight on Ha Long Bay/ Lan Ha Bay

Note: The cruise itinerary is the subject to vary, depending on what cruise will be chosen for the trip. Please review the website of the cruise you are interested for full details or contact your travel consultant for further information!

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: on cruise

Day 9 Ha Long Bay – Ha Noi – Flight to Luang Prabang (B, Br):



The sun rises on Halong in the morning and a light breakfast is served on board (also brunch on some boats) while cruising slowly back to the shore. This is the time you can take advantage of the sundeck and admire the **amazing rock formations of the bay** as you navigate back to Halong City.

12.00 Disembark and meet your driver at the dock and drive to Noi Bai International Airport.

Take flight to Laos. Arrive to Lao, tour guide and car picks up from Airport, drive to your hotel

FLIGHT: LUANG PRABANG



The Driver and Van will pick up at the airport and transfer to hotel to check in.

Going out to see the local life.

Free and leisure evening

Meals included: Breakfast, Brunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Luang Prabang



Day 10 : Luang Prabang City Tour with highlights (B):

Have breakfast at the hotel and we take the city tour to visit the former Royal Palace which has

been turned into a National Museum. This interesting structure displays a lovely

collection of the artifacts

reflecting the richness of Lao culture dating from the days of the early kings right through the last sovereign. Wat Xiengthong. We also have enough time this day to

explore some other landmarks, including the impressive stupa of Wat Visoun, the shrine of Wat Aham,

the city's oldest temple of Wat Sene and the Wat Mai with five tiered roofs. A visit to Luang Prabang would be not complete without climbing 329 steps to the top of Phousi Hill for a beautiful sunset view of the Mekong River. The zigzag path crosses over various temples to the sacred, gilded stupa of Wat Phou, another World Heritage Site,

recognized by UNESCO in 2002si at the summit. Overnight in Luang Prabang.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Luang Prabang

Day 11 Luang Prabang Luang Prabang - Alm Giving observation- Pak Ou cave – Koungsi waterfall (B):



Rise up bit early to observe Alm Giving, the most authentic local culture of Laos ,the monks will go around to collect the Alms then give to others!

Then back to your hotel to have breakfast, we then board a cruise upstream on the Mekong River, which also gives us a beautiful view of the tranquil countryside

as well as an interesting visit to the mysterious of Pak Ou Caves, crammed with thousands of gold lacquered Buddha statues of various shapes and sizes.

Afternoon, we take a drive (30 km South) to visit Kuangsi Waterfall, which, though not very high, is spectacular and really beautiful with its green surroundings as the preserved National park. We stop en-route, stop to visit a fresh produced market namely Talad

Phosy, and also visit Ban Na Oune, a small village of a hill-tribe group “Hmong”, probably the best-known minority group in Laos. Late afternoon return to town Overnight in Luangprabang Meal included: Breakfast

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Accommodation: Hotel in Luang Prabang

Day 12 Luang Prabang – Bangkok – Street food (B,D):

Enjoy your peaceful morning and check out you're your for FLIGHT: BANGKOK



Upon arrival you are picked up from Bangkok Airport to hotel

After refreshing, we check out bustling Bangkok with Street Eats tour with Michelin selected by Tuk Tuk : Visit 4 places - Local Market , China Town , Wat Pho at night and secret bar

Meals included: Breakfast,Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel in Luang Prabang

Day 13 Bangkok -Grand Palace, Klong (canal tour) – Phuket (B,L):



Morning departs from your hotel by private car to Bangkok's Old Town or **Rattanakosin Island**, to travel by motor launch on the picturesque Chao Phraya River and canals, or **Klongs**, to observe the serene family homes and temples along the waterways

We visit **Grand Palace**, a complex of buildings at the heart of Bangkok,

Thailand. The palace has been the official residence of the Kings of Siam (and later Thailand) since 1782.

After that we drive to the Airport for flight to **PHUKET**

Upon arrival, pick up and relaxing

Meals included: Breakfast,Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Phuket

Day 14 Phuket – Phiphi Island Day tour (Joined Services)



Today you will explore the gems of Southern Thailand, Phi Phi islands on joined services boat.

07:00 AM Pick up from your hotel lobby – Arrive Safely at private pier “VISIT PANWA” with smile

08:00 AM Check-in – Arrive at Pier for check-in, enjoy breakfast with sandwiches, fresh juice

including tea and coffee

08:00 AM Introduce our Loving – Nature tour guide & get ready for hopping on the boat-program

briefing from our tour guide on coral-friendly tour including details and safety instructions on board,

full with smile and laugh

09:00 AM Depart from pier heading to Phi Phi Leh – Cruising and sightseeing beautiful scenery,

astounding beauty of steep stone cliff and curved bay created by nature. Enjoy your trip with our

service-minded team by fully equipped safety speed boat with life jackets provided.

09:45 AM Maya Bay – the mysterious crescent moon-shaped clear white sand beach hidden in

the huge limestone mountain, full of baby sharks. Its beauty is in the world’s rank and it is chosen to

be the location for shooting the movie titled “The Beach” because of its beauty.

10:45 AM Phileh Lagoon – Known as “Swimming Pool in the Sea”, enjoy swimming in the

emerald green water surrounded by limestone mountains.

*Special with “Love Andaman”, booking the local long-tailed boat (Long boat with a small motor

driving a propeller at the end of a long shaft), please make a booking in advance.

Hop on the long-tailed boat, getting close to the real locals’ ways of life on Phi Phi Island, take photos

on Pileh Bay, indulge in amazing Andaman Sea.

12:15 PM Viking Cave – Cruising and taking photos of Viking Cave or known as Phraya Nakarat

Cave with the swallows ‘nests concession inside, enjoy snorkeling among various kinds of fish along

the coral reef.

13:30 PM Ton Sai Bay – Lunch time at Ton Sai Seafood beach-side restaurant on Phi Phi Don,

enjoy delicious buffet lunch including desserts, relax, take photos, feel free to roam around the island.

14:30 PM Phai Island – Heading to Bamboo Island, one of the most popular tourist attractions in

Andaman Sea, long curved beach with powdery white sand with astonishing beauty, enjoy swimming

and relax on the beach.

15:30 PM Time to say goodbye to the island of beautiful nature – depart from Phai island to our

pier.

16:15 PM Back at the Pier – Arrive safely at the pier and transfer back to the hotel

Accommodation in PHUKET

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch Included

Day 15 Phuket Sightseeing city and relaxing (B):



Have breakfast at the hotel and take half Day City Tour with local lunch included. We visit Big Buddha , Phuket Old Town , Wat Chalong , Promthep Cape - Private tour WITH ENGLISH GUIDE and have lunch. Enjoy your free afternoon

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Phuket

Day 16 Phuket departure (B)

Have breakfast at the hotel and package all for Airport transfer. The driver will come to pick your family for your departures.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: None

Thank you for choosing Asia Vietnam Travel. We trust you have had a great holiday in Vietnam. Hope to see you again!

SPECIAL OFFER COST (Currency: \$US/ Per person)

Price in USD per person	4 pax	6 pax	8 pax
	1898	1742	1635

Notes:

- *The price is valid to Jan 2024. The travel beyond this date to be updated or checked case by case.*
- *The price is NOT applicable for national holidays, Christmas & New Year seasons, Lunar New Year holiday, weekend stay. The exact quote is subject to be checked case by case as soon as the travel date is set.*

Price Includes:

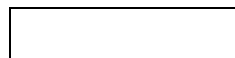
- Accommodations ,3 and 4 Star Hotels, Halong Bay Luxury Cruise (Twin/ Double Share room) with daily breakfast.
- 2 Domestic flight tickets: Saigon/ HCMC – Danang, Danang – Hanoi (Vietnam Airlines/ Bamboo Airways, with 7 kg hand bag + 20 kg checked luggage)
- 1 Bangkok/Phuket t with 20 KGs Baggage (Local airline)
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary, Meals as stated (B = breakfast, L = lunch & D = dinner).
- Services of a private driver and air-conditioned vehicle.
- Service of a private tour leader (English speaking).
- Ha Long Bay cruise shared (2 days/1night packages).
- Kayaking fee in Halong bay
- Mekong Cruise Private Boat trip
- Entrance fees, performances, boat trips & excursions mentioned
- Laos tours in the tour mentioned
- Thailand trip in the Tour meantioned
- AVT Travel's special gifts
- Gov't tax and service charge

Price Excludes:

- International flights into Vietnam and out: Hanoi-Luangpra Pang , Luangpra Pang -Bangkok.
- Visa fees
- Meals other than those mentioned in the itinerary.
- Early check-in and late check-out at the hotel.
- Personal expenses (such as laundry, telephone, drinks, etc.).
- Tips for tour guides and drivers.
- Travel insurance (compulsory)

ACCOMMODATIONS: DOUBLE/ TWIN ROOM 3 star & 4 star

City	Hotel names	Room type	Catogory
Saigon	Silverland Min Hotel www.silverlandhotels.com/	Deluxe	3 star
Hoian	Mulberry Silk Collection https://silkvillage.mulberrycollectionvn.com/	Deluxe	3 stars Plus
Hanoi	Hồng Ngọc Dynastie Hotel https://hongngochotels.com/hong-ngoc-dynastie/	Deluxe	3 stars
Ninh Binh	Tam Coc River View https://tamcocriverview.com/	Deluxe	local
Halong bay	La Casta Cruise https://lacastacruise.com/	Junior Balcony	4 star Luxury
Luangpra pang	Sanctuary Luang Prabang	Superior	4 Star
Bangkok	Quarter by Hualumpong http://www.quarterhualumphong.com/	Deluxe Room	3 Star
Phuket	R Mar Hotel https://www.rmarresortandspa.com/	Superior Room	3 Star



Notes: Please be aware that hotels, flights and all others logistics, services and days of travel are subject to availability and to fare increase. The similar hotels would be recommended when the proposed ones are fully booked. We encourage the early booking to ensure better service!