

Best of Myanmar, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos

24 days

(Yangon - Bagan - Mandalay - Inle Lake - Hanoi - Halong - Hoian - Hue - Saigon - Mekong - Siem Reap - Luang Prabang)

Note*: This tour is daily departure from Yangon or Luang Prabang (you should book your return flight to Bangkok to start this tour)

Itinerary Overview

Day	Destinations/Activities	Meals
Day 1	YANGON ARRIVAL	---
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Day 5	MANDALAY - MINGUN - MANDALAY	B
Day 6	MANDALAY - INLE LAKE	B
Day 7	INLE LAKE - INDEIN - INLE LAKE	B
Day 8	INLE LAKE - YANGON - HANOI	B
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Day 10	HANOI - HALONG BAY	B/L/D
Day 11	HALONG BAY - HANOI - FIGHT TO DANANG	B/L
Day 12	HOIAN - FREE AND EASY DAY	B/L
Day 13	HOIAN - MY SON TOWERS TOUR	B/L
Day 14	HOIAN - HUE SCENIC TRAIN JOURNEY	B
Day 15	HUE CITY TOUR - FLIGHT TO SAIGON	B/L
Day 16	SAIGON CITY + CU CHI TUNNELS TOUR	B/L
Day 17	SAIGON - PANORAMA MEKONG RIVER CRUISE	B/L/D
Day 18	CAIBE/CAI RANG FLOATING MARKET - SAIGON	B
Day 19	SAIGON - SIEM REAP BY BUS OR FLIGHT	B
Day 20	SIEM REAP - ANGKOR TOUR	B
Day 21	SIEM REAP - LUANG PRABANG	B

Day 22	LUANG PRABANG - HERITAGE - KUANG XI WATERFALL TOUR	B/L
Day 23	PAK OU CAVES - RIVER TRIP AND ELEPHANT RIDING	B/L
Day 24	LUANG PRABANG - DEPARTURE	B

Note*: B: Breakfast / L: Lunch / D: Dinner

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 YANGON ARRIVAL

Arrival in Yangon where you will be welcomed and transferred to your hotel. In the afternoon, a walk through "downtown" Yangon, a diverse mix of faded colonial architecture from the British times, and high-rises built by more recent investors; Sule Pagoda, built in the early 3rd century is a landmark in the city centre.

Late afternoon visit the magnificent Shwedagon Pagoda of Rudyard Kipling fame and one of Myanmar's most sacred places. The massive bell shaped stupa is plated with gold and the tip of the stupa is set with diamonds and rubies, sapphires and topaz - a stunning sight as the sun sets and a most fitting place to begin our trip in this "Golden Land".

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Yangon

Day 2 YANGON - BAGAN

This morning we head for the airport to get the early morning flight to Bagan. Check into the hotel and depart for a sightseeing excursion around the Bagan Archaeological Zone World Heritage Area. A comprehensive exploration of Bagan includes Nyaung Oo market; Shwezigon Pagoda, the prototype of later Myanmar stupas; Kyansittha Umin; Wet-kyi-inn Gubyaukgyi Temple with exquisite mural painting of 13th century and Htilominlo Temple.

In the afternoon, after a visit to lacquer ware workshops; continue to Manuha Temple built by exile King Manuha; Nanphaya, said to have been the residence of King Manuha; Ananda Temple, architectural masterpiece and Oak-Kyaung monastery decorated with multi colour mural paintings. Enjoy the breathtaking sunset from one of the temple of Bagan.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Bagan

Day 3 BAGAN – MT. POPA

This morning, we will be watching sunrise over Bagan (optional) and back to hotel for breakfast. After breakfast at hotel, we head to Mt. Popa about 48 km south east of Bagan. Mt. Popa, known as the abode of Nats (spirits) - a collection of 37 magical spirits both feared and honoured by some Myanmar people and the nat museum, which houses 37 life-size nat statues sculpted from teak. It's time to climb for 777 steps to the summit. Proceed to Popa Mountain Resort (1hr drive) for our lunch. The restaurant offer a great view to the Popa summit that stands straight from the central plain.

After lunch, return drive back to Bagan. On the way back, enroute stop at village cottage industry to learn the regional product as well as to watch the collection of juice from the palm trees, and its conversion to brown sugar.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Bagan

Day 4 BAGAN - MANDALAY

After breakfast at hotel, transfer to Nyaun U airport for flight to Mandalay. When you arrive at Mandalay airport, drive to ancient capital of Amarapura, the city of Immortality for a visit to Bagaya Monastery with a famous collection of Buddha images; weaving industries, two-century old U-Bein teak bridge on the Taungtaman Lake and observe the lunch process of thousand of monks who take their last meal of the day at 10:00 am in total silence. Proceed to Mandalay and check in at the hotel.

After refreshment, you will take a sightseeing tour of Mandalay which includes Mahanumi, a life like Buddha image. Mandalay is the last capital of Myanmar and that make her to be the best place to see all the traditional arts and crafts. Start visiting gold leaf making work-place and see how the gold leaf is being made by hand in a traditional way. Continue visit the Old Palace grounds; Kuthodaw Pagoda, known as the world's largest book for its 729 marble slabs inscribed with the Buddha's Doctrine; Golden Palace Monastery, noted for its exquisite wood carvings and enjoy the panoramic view of the city from Mandalay Hill.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Mandalay

Day 5 MANDALAY – MINGUN - MANDALAY

After breakfast, you will be transferred for Jetty for a private boat across the river Ayeywarwaddy to visit Mingun. The dedications of King Bodawpaya such as the unfinished Pathodawgyi Pagoda a brick counterpart of pyramid in Egypt and the Mingun Bell, the second largest bell in the world are the most

prominent religious heritages. Then visiting the Myatheintan Pagoda, the best representation of the Universe, will refresh your tiredness and fatigue. Return to Mandalay.

After lunch, drive to Ava, 30-minute to the south of Mandalay, was known in the west as the Kingdom of Ava. Stop by a tributary and cross it with a ferry. Travel by pony-cart around Ava to Nanmyint leaning tower which gives a birds' eye view of the mighty Ayeyarwaddy River; Bagaya wooden monastery; Aungmyaybonza Monastery made of brick and stucco. Though the Royal Palace has gone, the Pagodas, Temples and Monasteries still remain. Return drive to Mandalay and see the silversmith work place on our way back to hotel.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Mandalay

Day 6 MANDALAY – INLE LAKE

After breakfast, depart the hotel for flight to Heho on the Shan plateau. Transfer by road to Inle Lake and transfer to our hotel by long tail boat across the lake. Upon arrival, check in at hotel. In the afternoon, we plan to spend the day visiting villages and sampling the spectacular array of traditional handicrafts. You will see the unique method locals use to row their boats, fishermen with their own style of fishing, floating farms and gardens and a handloom weaving cottage with its own showroom. You will visit Phaungdawoo Pagoda which houses the five most revered Buddha Images in the southern Shan State.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Inle Lake

Day 7 INLE LAKE - INDEIN - INLE LAKE

This morning, visit the "5 Day Market" which is held in different villages surrounding the lake. This is definitely a fascinating place to enjoy the scene of local tribes in their colorful clothes and exotic market atmosphere.

After lunch, the boat will take you to the beautiful temple of Indein, located on the hill overlooking the lake. It is relaxing to walk along the corridors and enjoy the giant columns that have been left to the nature for centuries.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Inle Lake

Day 8 INLE LAKE - YANGON - HANOI

We are heading back down country today to return to the airport at Heho for our flight to Yangon. Our route takes us back to Heho and down the escarpment to Nyaung-Shwe for a busy local market. Check in at airport and fly back to Yangon for departure flight to Hanoi. Arrive Hanoi in the evening. Transfer to your hotel in the city centre for check-in and free at leisure.

Note*: Please be advised that both international and domestic might be crowded at sometimes during the day, so in case that you arrive and cannot find our representatives, please be presented at Pole **No.16** outside lobby A2 (International) and contact us, so we could easily search for you.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 9 HANOI CITY TOUR

Free to relax in the morning.

In the afternoon, half day tour to visit Hanoi. We start with visit to President Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum (Outside). We also visit the famous One Pillar Pagoda nearby. Leaving the President's complex, we continue to visit the Temple of Literature (Van Mieu). Although several Van Mieu can be found throughout Vietnam, the most prominent and famous is that situated in the city of Hanoi, and was functioned as Vietnam's first university. Finally, visit the Hoa Lo prison.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 10 HANOI - HALONG BAY - NIGHT ON BOARD

08h00: Pick up from your hotel in Hanoi. Drive to Halong City through the paddy fields in the Red River Delta.

10h00: Stopover on the way for a refreshment break

12h00: Arrive at Tuan Chau wharf – Break and photography time

12h30: Board the Cruise for departure. Welcome drink will be served

13h00: Lunch is served while cruising through the bay

15h30: Visit exciting Cua Van fishing village. The village is free of busy roads and streets, electric lights, houses and high rise buildings. Instead, there are only herds of little boats and rafts. You will have the chance to discover the traditional culture and customs of the fishermen.

16h30: Enjoy kayaking or swimming (if the weather permits).

17h00: Back on board and continue cruising.

19h00: Dinner is served.

21h00: Take some leisure time to enjoy chatting at the bar or enjoy some night fishing.

Note*: the itinerary and activities on board would vary depending on the boat you choose. Please see the choice of boat in Hotel Inclusions.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Sleep on board

Day 11

HALONG BAY - HANOI - FIGHT TO DANANG

07.00: Coffee and tea will be served

08.00: Continue cruising

08h15: Visit splendid Sung Sot Cave

09h00: Check out and enjoy a fantastic cruise on the bay, passing Dinh Huong Island, fishing villages, Ga Choi Island, Dog Island and Sail Island.

09.30: Buffet brunch (breakfast/lunch) while cruising back through Halong Bay to the pier

11h30: Arrive at the pier. Time to say goodbye to the crew.

12.00: Return from Halong to Hanoi. Arrive Hanoi at about 17pm.

Airport transfer for late flight to Danang. Transfer to the hotel in Hoian upon arrival.

Note*: the itinerary and activities on board would vary depending on the boat you choose. Please see the choice of boat in Hotel Inclusions.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoian

Day 12

HOIAN - FREE AND EASY DAY

Free and easy day to explore Hoian ancient town or swim at nearby beach.

Hoi An is an ideal town for shopping and relaxing. It's once a major Southeast Asian trading post in the 16th and 17th centuries, is basically a living museum that houses old-town architecture. Some notable heritage buildings include Chinese temples, a Japanese-designed bridge, pagodas, wooden shop-houses, French-colonial houses, and old canals. Although large-scale trading had long moved elsewhere, Hoi An has been successful in preserving and restoring its charming roots and was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in December 1999.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoian

Day 13 HOIAN - MY SON TOWERS TOUR

Pickup at the hotel at 7:50 am, we drive to visit My Son. The My Son temple complex is regarded one of the foremost Hindu temple complexes in Southeast Asia and is the foremost heritage site of this nature in Vietnam. It is often compared with other historical temple complexes in Southeast Asia, such as Borobodur of Java in Indonesia, Angkor Wat of Cambodia, Bagan of Myanmar and Ayutthaya of Thailand. Although badly damaged by bombing raids in the 1960s, the site still has more than 20 structures and was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1999.

Leaving My Son for boat station and taking a boat trip on Thu Bon river. You could visit the living of the local people and feeling the fresh air. Enjoy the beautiful views along the river. Arrive Hoian in early afternoon. Free time to explore Hoian ancient town.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoian

Day 14 HOIAN - HUE SCENIC TRAIN JOURNEY

Free in the morning.

In the afternoon, transfer to the station for day train to Hue. Enjoy scenic view of Hai Van Pass on the way. Arrive Hue in late afternoon. Transfer to the hotel and enjoy free time.

Note*:

- Train schedule is subject to change depending on availability
- Train journeys are part of a great local experience. The train take about 2.5 hours. Restrooms at either end of the carriages.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hue

Day 15 HUE CITY TOUR - FLIGHT TO SAIGON

08:00: Pickup at the hotel.

Today, we will spend a full day touring Hue city.

In the morning: visit Old Imperial City, Flag Tower, Thien Mu Pagoda and Dong Ba bustling market.
Lunch at the local restaurant.

In the afternoon: visit Royal Tombs of Minh Mang and Khai Dinh. We will also visit a Conical hat village and incense stick village

Then airport transfer for late afternoon flight to Saigon. Transfer to your hotel for checkin upon arrival.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Saigon

Day 16 SAIGON CITY + CU CHI TUNNELS TOUR

Pickup at the hotel at 7:40, we head out of town to visit the Cu Chi Tunnels, which is an extensive underground network of approximately 200 kilometers of tunnels dug initially by the Viet Minh and then expanded by the Viet Cong. Here contains hospitals, plus accommodation and schools, and were used extensively for refuge and storage and also utilized as a military base for the Viet Cong close to Saigon.

In late afternoon, transfer to Saigon for half day city tour. Our city tour will help you to see the best of Saigon. We visit the historic Reunification palace and War Remnants Museum, followed by the architectural treats of French colonial Notre Dame Cathedral and the post Office. Free time at leisure or shopping at Ben Thanh Market nearby.

Airport transfer for late flight to Danang. Transfer to the hotel in Hoian upon arrival.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Saigon

Day 17 SAIGON - PANORAMA MEKONG RIVER CRUISE

Pickup at the hotel in Saigon to Can Tho or Cai Be. You board your comfortable wooden Mekong Eyes cruise vessel around noon. After a refreshing welcome drink we show you our on-board facilities and your cosy cabin. As lunch is served, the Mekong Eyes Cruise starts cruising. Sit back and watch the fantastic scenery and the daily life of the Mekong people.

In the afternoon you can disembark for a guided leisurely stroll through a village and the surrounding fruit orchards or rice fields. Meet the friendly locals and taste the local produce and fruits.

Get back on board and enjoy a drink at the bar or relax on deck as the sun sets over the magnificent water landscape of the Mekong river. The Mekong Eyes Cruise will anchor for the night. The day ends with a delicious on-board dinner. You stay overnight on board your floating hotel in the Mekong Delta.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Sleep on board

Day 18

CAIBE/CAI RANG FLOATING MARKET - SAIGON

Wake up well rested to the sound of the river and get ready for another exciting day of sightseeing in the Mekong Delta. At 6.30h the Mekong Eyes cruise vessel sets off for a sunrise cruise. Watch the locals go about their daily work drying exotic fruits and building ships on the wooden yards while enjoying an early breakfast.

After breakfast, we will board a sampan boat to Cai Be or Cai Rang floating market, the region's busiest and most lively markets. Marvel at the sheer abundance of exotic fruits, vegetables and skilfully handcrafted regional products. We will pull up to the boats for talking and bargaining with the merchants. We will also visit some of the local candy and cake making factories or boat through the green water landscape to see local houses, verdant orchards and ship-building yards.

Note*: The floating markets in the Mekong Delta are no tourist markets but wholesale markets where produce of the Mekong Delta like fruits and vegetables are traded. For this reason the number of boats on the market fluctuates depending on harvesting seasons and market demand. Furthermore, modern wholesale markets are becoming more popular in Vietnam. This can result in decreasing numbers of boats being present on the markets.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Saigon

Day 19

SAIGON - SIEM REAP BY BUS OR FLIGHT

By bus (to save the cost – upto US\$120/person): pickup at the hotel in the morning for a full day bus to Siem Reap. The bus journey would take over **12 hours drive**. You would arrive Siem Reap in late afternoon. Pickup upon arriving Siem Reap. Transfer to the hotel for checkin.

By flight:

Free and easy for shopping and personal activities in Saigon.

In the afternoon, take the flight to Siem Reap. Arrive Siem Reap by afternoon flight, Siem Reap – Treasures of the Kingdom of Cambodia. Pickup and transfer to the hotel for checkin.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Siem Reap

Day 20 SIEM REAP – ANGKOR TOUR

08:00 We drive to South Gate of Angkor Thom, the famous Bayon temple – a unique for its 54 towers decorated with over 200 smiling faces of Avolokitesvara, Baphoun, the Terrace of Temple, Elephants and Terrace of the Leper King.

15:00 The tour start with the visiting to the famous temple: Angkor Wat. Angkor Wat is a World Heritage Site since 1992, famous for its beauty and splendor. Angkor Wat features the longest continuous bas-relief in the world, which runs along the outer gallery walls and narrates stories from Hindu mythology. After that, visit Bakheng Temple and enjoy a romantic sun set view form Bakheng hill.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Siem Reap

Day 21 SIEM REAP – LUANG PRABANG

In the morning, we visit the fabulous Ta Prohm embraced by the roots of enormous fig trees and gigantic creepers, Ta Keo. Thommanon, small, attractive temple in very good condition, built at the same time as Angkor Wat, Chaosay Tevoda. Prasat Kravan - with its unique brick sculptures, Srah Srang - The Royal Baths" was once used for ritual bathing), Banteay Kdei (surrounded by four concentric walls).

Airport transfer for the afternoon flight to Luang Prabang. Transfer to the hotel upon arrival for checkin.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Luang Prabang

Day 22 LUANG PRABANG - HERITAGE - KUANG XI WATERFALL TOUR

The first half of the day is spent visiting the museum at the former Royal Palace Museum which was built between 1904 & 1905, during the French colonial times as a residence for King Sisavangvong.

This fascinating museum features the original royal chambers, paintings depicting traditional Lao life, a throne room, and four of the old royal cars, including an Easel.

We then continue to the monasteries of Wat Xieng Thong which was built by King Sayasettha back in 1565. It is also known as the most beautiful temple in Luang Prabang.

The next stop is Wat Visoun temple which was built by King Visounnarath 500 years ago in 1513! After enjoying lunch we head to Ock Pop Tok weaving center - a Lao fair trade textile enterprise.

The next stop is the incredibly scenic Kuang Xi Waterfall which is surrounded with turquoise blue pools and an ideal place for swimming!

You will pass by the Free the Bears Center, a rescue center for endangered Asiatic black bears. If available, chat with the centers Program Manager and learn about the pan-Asian organization which provides a home for black bears res-cued from poachers and traffickers

Back in Luang Prabang we will visit Wat Phousi to enjoy the rewarding view of the city.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Luang Prabang

Day 23

PAK OU CAVES - RIVER TRIP AND ELEPHANT RIDING

Pickup at the hotel for transfer to the boat pier. We board the boat and begin our cruise along the amazing Mekong which takes us past idyllic scenes of rural riverside life and spectacular scenery until reaching the beautiful Pak Ou Caves which sit amongst the limestone cliffs where the Mekong and Nam Ou rivers meet. The caves are spilt in two, one named Tham Ting and the other Tham Theung. They are both filled with thousands of Buddha images and statues which have been deposited here over centuries.

Pak Ou remains a popular pilgrimage site for Lao people, especially during the Lao New Year in April when the caves become crowded with pilgrims who gain merit by ceremonially washing the Buddha statues. We take time to explore upper and lower caves before stopping for a delicious Lao lunch at a nearby restaurant.

After lunch, we take a short walk to the elephant camp where you will enjoy an exciting elephant riding, approximately an hour ride around the camp and also bathing in the Mekong River. After this activity, we enjoy boating back to Luang Prabang.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Luang Prabang

Day 24

LUANG PRABANG - DEPARTURE

Free and easy to explore Luang Prabang till airport transfer for departure flight. Trip ends.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: N/A

Hotel Inclusions

Location	Hotel		
	2-3*	3-4*	4*
Yangon	Grand United Hotel	Best Western Green Hill	SuleShangri-la Hotel
Bagan	Floral Breeze Hotel	Amazing Bagan	BaganThande Hotel
Mandalay	ShweIngyinn Hotel	Best Western Plus	Mandalay HillResort
Inle Lake	Amazing Nyaungshwe	Paramount InleResort	Rupar Mandalar Resort
Hanoi	Holiday Emerald Hotel	Hanoi Noble Hotel	Golden Silk boutique hotel
Sapa	Panorama Hotel	Sapa Vista hotel	Sapa Amazing Hotel
Halong Bay Cruise	A Class Cruise	Stellar Cruise	Huong Hai Sealife Cruise
Hoian	Hoian Trail Resort		Hoian Beach Resort
Hue	Orchid hotel	Hue Cherish Hotel	Edora Hotel
Saigon	Saigon Beautiful 3	Tan Hoang Long Saigon Hotel	Grand Silverland Hotel & Spa
Mekong Cruise	Mekong Eyes/ Le Cochinchine Cruise		
Siem Reap	Desire Park Hotel	Angkor Holiday Hotel	Somadevi Angkor
Luang Prabang	My Dream Resort		Maison Dalabua

Note*: Checkin/checkout time is 14:00pm and 12:00am respectively as per the hotel's policy. Early checkin/late checkout is subject to availability. Supplement for early checkin/late checkout (if any) is not included.

Flight Inclusions

YANGON – BAGAN

BAGAN – MANDALAY

MANDALAY – INLE LAKE
INLE LAKE – YANGON
YANGON – HANOI
HANOI – DANANG
HUE – SAIGON
SIEM REAP – LUANG PRABANG

Inclusions & Exclusions

INCLUSIONS	EXCLUSIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Overnights in selected hotels or similar ➤ Vietnam visa approval letter ➤ Local English speaking guides ➤ Excursions as mentioned in the itinerary ➤ Meals as indicated in the itinerary ➤ Entrance fees for sightseeing mentioned in the itinerary ➤ Tours and transfers as mentioned, by air-conditioned vehicles ➤ Halong bay 2 day Cruise package ➤ Mekong 2 day Cruise package ➤ 1 day train for Danang – Hue ➤ 8 flights (Hanoi - Danang, Hue – Saigon, Siem Reap – Luang Prabang) ➤ 1 optional flight or bus for Saigon – Siem Reap 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Meals and services other than those noted in the itinerary ➤ Visas fees ➤ Laundry, telephone calls, and personal expenditures ➤ Gratuities for guides, drivers, porters, boat crew, and personal, non-itinerary services

Booking Terms & Conditions

Payment

Note*: this is a copy of itinerary on Indochina Treks Travel' Official Website and not the final itinerary.

- To guarantee your land tour booking, a deposit 30% must be paid in advance. The balance must be settled **either** in USD Cash on arrival **or** 1 week before arrival date via any other methods.
- We accept payments in cash, by credit card or by bank transfer and Western Union. Any charges to settle the payment must be paid by the Clients. We will recognize the amount received only.

Cancellations

Cancellations for all or any part of the trip will not be effective until received in writing. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply:

- Between 65 and 45 days before departure: 15% of total tour cost
- Between 44 and 35 days before departure: 30% of total tour cost
- Between 34 and 15 days before departure: 50% of total tour cost
- Between 14 and 7 days before departure: 80% of total tour cost
- 6 days or less before departure / No Show: 100% of total tour cost

Full charge is applied for all flights

Note: We strongly recommend for your protection that you purchase a trip cancellation insurance.