Thailand & Vietnam Family Adventure: Bangkok, Mekong & Halong Bay – 14 Days

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This two-week family vacation blends cultural exploration with nature and interactive experiences across Thailand and Vietnam. Discover vibrant markets, historical sites, and stunning natural landscapes, designed for enjoyment by all ages.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Bangkok → Ho Chi Minh City → Hanoi → Ha Long

TOUR OVERVIEW

Overview: A Family Exploration of Southeast Asia

Embark on a captivating 14-day family holiday that seamlessly connects the cultural richness of Thailand with the historical depth and natural beauty of Vietnam. This journey is thoughtfully designed to cater to both children and adults, offering a balanced mix of sightseeing, hands-on activities, and relaxation. From the bustling streets of Bangkok to the serene waters of Halong Bay, every day brings a new adventure and a deeper connection to the local way of life. Expect a well-paced itinerary that ensures comfort and enjoyment for the entire family.

Tour Highlights

Explore Bangkok's Grand Palace and revered temples like Wat Phra Kaew and Wat Pho.

Witness the unique Maeklong Railway Market and navigate the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market.

Engage in a hands-on Vietnamese cooking class in Ho Chi Minh City.

Crawl through sections of the historic Cu Chi Tunnels, learning about their wartime significance.

Cruise the tranquil waterways of the Mekong Delta, sampling fresh local fruits.

Discover traditional craftsmanship at Bat Trang Ceramic Village near Hanoi.

Enjoy a peaceful overnight cruise through the magnificent limestone karsts of Halong Bay.

Experience a Tai Chi session on the deck of your Halong Bay cruise ship at sunrise.

Detailed Route Summary

Your adventure begins in Bangkok, Thailand, with visits to iconic landmarks and vibrant markets. A flight then takes you to Ho Chi Minh City in southern Vietnam, where you'll delve into history at the Cu Chi Tunnels and experience river life in the Mekong Delta. The journey continues northward to Hanoi, offering cultural tours and excursions to traditional craft villages. The grand finale is an unforgettable overnight cruise through the spectacular limestone scenery of Halong Bay, followed by a return to Hanoi for your departure.

Who This Journey Suits

This tour is ideal for families with children and seniors who appreciate a blend of cultural immersion, natural exploration, and interactive experiences. With flexible departure options and a pace that allows for both activity and downtime, it's perfect for those seeking a memorable and engaging holiday without feeling rushed. The variety of activities ensures there's something to capture the interest of every family member.

Practical Information

Accommodation includes a mix of hotels and a Halong Bay cruise, providing comfortable stays throughout your trip. All major transfers are handled by air-conditioned vehicles, and two domestic flights are included for efficient travel between countries

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and regions. English-speaking local guides will accompany you during tours, offering insights and assistance. Meals are specified in the itinerary, covering most breakfasts and several lunches and dinners, allowing for flexibility to explore local dining options during free time.

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Bangkok Arrival & Leisure Time

Meals: NA | Stay: Hotel in Bangkok

Upon landing at Suvarnabhumi Airport, a local representative will greet you and arrange your transfer to the chosen Bangkok accommodation. After checking in, the remainder of the day is at your leisure. You might choose to relax at the hotel facilities or venture out for a preliminary exploration of the city's vibrant streets and local atmosphere. This initial free time allows for a gentle introduction to Thailand's bustling capital at your own pace.

Activities: Airport reception and private transfer to hotel
Hotel check-in and relaxation
Independent exploration of Bangkok (optional)

Day 2 — Royal Palace, Temples & Chao Phraya River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Bangkok

Your morning begins with breakfast before embarking on a guided tour of Bangkok's most significant cultural landmarks. The first stop is the majestic Grand Palace, the former residence of Thai royalty, renowned for its intricate architecture and historical importance. Within the palace grounds, you will visit Wat Phra Kaew, home to the revered Emerald Buddha. Continuing your exploration, you'll proceed to Wat Pho to marvel at the colossal Reclining Buddha statue, followed by a visit to Wat Traimit, famous for its solid gold Buddha. In the afternoon, experience a different perspective of Bangkok with a long-tail boat journey

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along the Chao Phraya River and its connecting canals. This offers a unique insight into local riverside life. The boat trip includes a stop at Wat Arun, known as the Temple of Dawn, with its distinctive prangs. The late afternoon concludes with your return to the hotel for an evening of relaxation.

Activities: Visit the Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaew (Emerald Buddha Temple)
Explore Wat Pho and its Reclining Buddha
See the Golden Buddha at Wat Traimit
Enjoy a long-tail boat cruise on the Chao Phraya River
Stop at Wat Arun (Temple of Dawn)

Day 3 Maeklong Railway Market, Floating Market & Safari Adventure

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Bangkok

Today features an early departure from Bangkok for a full day of diverse experiences. Your first destination is the remarkable Maeklong Railway Market, where vendors swiftly retract their stalls as a train passes directly through the market area, offering an unforgettable spectacle and photographic opportunity. Following this, you will proceed to the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market. Here, you'll board a motorboat to navigate the canals, observing local traders selling fresh produce and various goods from their boats. Lunch will be served at a nearby local restaurant, providing a taste of regional cuisine. The afternoon is dedicated to family fun at Safari World Bangkok. This extensive park allows for close encounters with a wide array of animals in both its Safari Park and Marine Park sections, alongside engaging live shows. You will return to your hotel in Bangkok in the late afternoon, with the evening free for relaxation.

Activities: Witness the unique Maeklong Railway Market
Take a motorboat tour of Damnoen Saduak Floating Market
Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant
Explore Safari World Bangkok (Safari Park and Marine Park)

Day 4 Flight to Ho Chi Minh City & Southern Vietnam Welcome

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City

After enjoying breakfast at your hotel, you will be transferred to the airport in Bangkok to catch your flight to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Upon your arrival at Tan Son Nhat International Airport, a local guide will meet you and facilitate your transfer to your hotel. Following check-in, the rest of the day is free for you to settle in and unwind. You may choose to relax at the hotel or begin a gentle self-guided exploration of the vibrant streets and initial sights of Ho Chi Minh City at your own leisure.

Activities: Transfer to Bangkok airport
Flight from Bangkok to Ho Chi Minh City
Airport reception and transfer to Ho Chi Minh City hotel
Hotel check-in and free time

Day 5 Vietnamese Cooking & Cu Chi Tunnels Exploration

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Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City

Your day begins with a short drive to the Ho Chi Minh Agricultural Village, offering a glimpse into local rural life. Here, you'll observe small farms, learn about the cultivation of rice and various vegetables, and gain insight into traditional farming practices. Later in the morning, participate in an engaging, hands-on cooking class where you will learn to prepare several authentic Vietnamese dishes. The highlight is enjoying your freshly prepared creations for lunch. In the afternoon, the journey continues with visits to a local rice paper workshop and a rubber plantation, showcasing the production of these everyday items. The main afternoon activity is exploring the historic Cu Chi Tunnels. You will navigate sections of this intricate underground network, gaining a profound understanding of its strategic importance during the Vietnam War. Optional additional activities are available at an extra charge. The late afternoon sees your return to Ho Chi Minh City.

Activities:
Visit Ho Chi Minh Agricultural Village
Participate in a hands-on Vietnamese cooking class
Enjoy lunch with dishes prepared during the class
Visit a rice paper workshop and rubber plantation
Explore the Cu Chi Tunnels

Day 6 Mekong Delta River Life & Tan Phong Island Exploration

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City

Following breakfast, a driver will transfer you to the Cai Be tourist pier, where your exploration of the Mekong Delta begins. You'll visit the Cai Be floating market, observing the bustling local trade conducted directly on the river. Along the way, stops include a small coconut candy workshop, where you can see the traditional production process, and a local bee farm, offering a chance to sample fresh honey tea. The journey continues by boat to Tan Phong Island, renowned for its abundant fruit orchards. Depending on the season, you'll have the opportunity to taste a variety of tropical fruits directly from the gardens. Enjoy traditional folk music performed by local hosts before boarding a small rowing boat to navigate the island's narrow canals. A relaxed cooking session and lunch await at a local ecolodge. The afternoon allows for a leisurely walk through the gardens or simply unwinding before returning to the pier. An optional cycling tour of the island is available, offering views of local crafts. You will return to Ho Chi Minh City in the afternoon.

Activities:
Visit Cai Be floating market
Explore a coconut candy workshop
Visit a local bee farm and try honey tea
Boat trip to Tan Phong Island
Sample tropical fruits on Tan Phong Island
Enjoy traditional folk music
Rowing boat trip through narrow canals
Participate in a cooking session at an ecolodge
Lunch at an ecolodge
Optional cycling tour on Tan Phong Island

Day 7 Journey to Hanoi & Northern Capital Discovery

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Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Tan Son Nhat International Airport for your domestic flight to Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam. Upon your arrival at Noi Bai International Airport, a local representative will meet you and provide a comfortable transfer to your hotel. Once checked in, the remainder of the day is at your disposal. You can choose to relax and settle into your new surroundings or embark on an independent stroll to begin discovering the unique charm and atmosphere of Hanoi at your own pace.

Activities: Transfer to Ho Chi Minh City airport
Flight from Ho Chi Minh City to Hanoi
Airport reception and transfer to Hanoi hotel
Hotel check-in and free time

Day 8 Hanoi Historical Landmarks & Cultural Insights

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

Your morning in Hanoi begins after breakfast, with a relaxed guided tour of some of the city's most important cultural and historical sites, typically starting around 8:00 AM. The first stop is the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum in Ba Dinh Square, a significant national landmark (note: closed on Mondays, Fridays, and for maintenance from June to August). Nearby, you'll visit the distinctive One Pillar Pagoda, an architectural marvel built on a single stone pillar. The tour continues to the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first national university, offering valuable insights into the country's rich history and Confucian heritage. The morning concludes with a satisfying lunch at a local restaurant, providing an authentic taste of Hanoi's cuisine.

Activities: Visit Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (exterior view if closed)
Explore the One Pillar Pagoda
Discover the Temple of Literature
Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant

Day 9 Traditional Craft Villages Exploration

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

Today offers a deep dive into Vietnam's rich cultural heritage through a full-day excursion to traditional craft villages, showcasing skills passed down through generations. You have two distinct options for this experience.
Option 1: Journey from Hanoi to Non Chuong Village, renowned for its classic conical hats. Here, you'll meet local artisans and observe the intricate handcrafting process. Continue to Quang Phu Cau Incense Village, where you can wander through vibrant lanes filled with drying incense sticks and learn about their cultural significance. The day concludes with a visit to a To He village, where you can try shaping small figures from colored rice dough, a delightful hands-on activity suitable for all ages.
Option 2: Alternatively, travel to Bat Trang Ceramic Village, famous for its ancient pottery traditions. Witness skilled craftsmen at work and even try your hand at creating your own ceramic piece. Next, visit Ha Thai Lacquer Village to see the detailed process of lacquerware creation, from initial stages to the finished product, with an opportunity to try a simple painting activity. This option also concludes with a visit to a To He village for a creative, relaxed experience.

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Activities: Option 1:
Visit Non Chuong Village (conical hat making)
Explore Quang Phu Cau Incense Village
Participate in To He (rice dough figure) making
Option 2:
Visit Bat Trang Ceramic Village (pottery making)
Explore Ha Thai Lacquer Village (lacquerware craftsmanship)
Participate in To He (rice dough figure) making

Day 10 Scenic Drive to Halong Bay & Overnight Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: Halong Bay Cruise

After breakfast, you will depart Hanoi around 8:00 AM for a scenic drive to Tuan Chau Marina, the embarkation point for your Halong Bay cruise. The journey typically takes about 2.5 hours, including a brief comfort stop. Upon arrival late morning, you will board your chosen cruise ship. Following check-in, a delicious lunch will be served on board as your vessel begins to navigate through the breathtaking seascape of limestone karsts. The afternoon is dedicated to the cruise's planned activities, which may include kayaking, swimming in the bay's emerald waters, or exploring one of the fascinating caves, depending on the specific itinerary. Later in the day, you'll return to the boat, with opportunities to join a casual cooking demonstration or simply relax on deck while enjoying the sunset. Dinner is served on board, followed by a relaxed evening where you can try night squid fishing, engage in board games, or simply unwind and appreciate the tranquil surroundings.

Activities: Scenic transfer from Hanoi to Tuan Chau Marina
Boarding and check-in for Halong Bay cruise
Lunch served on board while cruising
Afternoon activities (e.g., kayaking, swimming, cave exploration)
Cooking demonstration or sunset relaxation
Dinner on board
Evening activities (e.g., squid fishing, games)

Day 11 Halong Bay Activities & Sunset Views

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: Halong Bay Cruise

Begin your day with an optional invigorating Tai Chi session on the deck, or choose to sleep in and enjoy a leisurely breakfast. The cruise continues its journey through the stunning Halong Bay, with a schedule of activities that might include visiting a captivating cave, enjoying a serene rowing boat trip, or taking a refreshing swim, all depending on the day's program. You'll return to the main boat for a relaxed lunch. In the afternoon, the cruise will anchor near a quiet beach area, offering another opportunity for swimming or kayaking, allowing you to fully appreciate the picturesque scenery at your own pace. As the day draws to a close, find a comfortable spot on deck to enjoy a drink and witness the spectacular sunset over the bay, a truly memorable highlight. Dinner is served on board, followed by a laid-back evening. Options include trying your hand at squid fishing, enjoying a drink at the bar, or simply relaxing in your cabin with the serene views.

Activities: Optional Tai Chi session or leisure morning

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Morning cruise activities (e.g., cave visit, rowing boat, swimming)
Lunch on board
Afternoon beach time for swimming or kayaking
Sunset viewing from the deck
Dinner on board
Evening relaxation or optional activities (e.g., squid fishing, bar)

Day 12 Halong Bay Morning & Return to Hanoi

Meals: Breakfast, Brunch | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

Start your final morning on Halong Bay with an optional Tai Chi session on the deck, or simply enjoy a slow start before breakfast. The cruise will continue its scenic route, providing time for a last activity such as a cave visit or a short boat ride, based on the itinerary. Afterwards, you will return to the main vessel to check out of your cabin. A relaxed brunch will be served as the cruise makes its way back towards the harbor. You will disembark late morning and be transferred back to Hanoi. The entire afternoon and evening are then free for you to relax at your hotel or explore more of Hanoi at your leisure, perhaps revisiting a favorite spot or discovering something new.

Activities:
Optional Tai Chi session or leisure morning
Final cruise activity (e.g., cave visit or boat ride)
Check-out from cruise cabin
Brunch served on board
Disembarkation and transfer back to Hanoi
Free time in Hanoi

Day 13 Hanoi Leisure Day or Optional Excursions

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

Today is dedicated to your personal preferences in Hanoi. You have the freedom to enjoy a relaxed pace, perhaps revisiting areas you enjoyed, or exploring new corners of the city independently. For those seeking more structured activities, there are excellent optional excursions available. You could opt for an exciting night street food tour by motorbike, a fantastic way to sample local delicacies and experience Hanoi's evening ambiance (additional cost). Alternatively, a full-day trip to Duong Lam Ancient Village offers a fascinating glimpse into traditional Vietnamese village life and ancient architecture (additional cost).

Activities:
Free day for independent exploration or relaxation
Optional night street food tour by motorbike (additional cost)
Optional full-day trip to Duong Lam Ancient Village (additional cost)

Day 14 Hanoi Departure

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: NA

After your final breakfast in Hanoi, a private transfer will pick you up from your hotel. You will be comfortably transported to Noi

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Bai International Airport for your scheduled onward flight. We wish you safe travels and hope you carry many wonderful memories from your journey through Thailand and Vietnam.

Activities: Breakfast at hotel
Transfer to Noi Bai International Airport
Departure from Hanoi

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- v 13 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 1 brunch, 2 dinners as specified in the itinerary.
- v 11 nights accommodation in hotels and 2 nights on a Halong Bay cruise.
- v All tours and transfers via air-conditioned vehicles.
- v English-speaking local guides during guided activities.
- v Entrance fees and permits for all scheduled sightseeing.
- v Two domestic flights: Bangkok to Ho Chi Minh City, and Ho Chi Minh City to Hanoi.

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CANCELLATION POLICY

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