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Tours

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Team Building

Air Ticket

Fusion Of Cultures Between Vietnam And Laos

19 days / 18 nights

Spirit Of The Tour

This tour starts in Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam and ends in Vientiane, the capital of Laos, thus you get the opportunity to visit the most beautiful sites in northern Vietnam and Laos. Stunning mountains, beautiful waterfalls, huge caves, all of the most beautiful landscapes are present in these two Indochinese countries. You get the chance to experience the local life of the northern ethnic groups and the secret of the stone jars on the Plain of Jars.

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Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 : Hanoi

Arrival in **Noi Bai Airport**. Transfer to the hotel for checking.

The afternoon is devoted to walk at the **Lake of the Restored Sword**, a place that lies in the heart of **Hanoi**. Visit the **Temple of the Jade Mountain**, located at the shore of the lake. Take a cyclo to get around the old neighborhoods. Dinner in a local restaurant. Overnight stay at the hotel.



Day 2 : Hanoi – Ba Be

Departure in the morning for **Bac Kan** - great destinations for visitors who want to enjoy natural beauty and golden culture in North West.

Lunch at **Thai Nguyen**. Arrival **Bac Kan** at late afternoon. Check In at the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 3 : Ba Be – Cao Bang

Transfer to the port of **Buoc Lom**. Take a boat to visit the **Ba Be Lake**, nicknamed "The Halong Bay of the mountains." This is one of the hundred largest freshwater lakes in the world.

Lunch. Departure to **Cao Bang**. Enjoy the grand panorama offered by the north-eastern mountains of Vietnam through the **Gio pass**, the **Cao Bac pass** and **Tai Sin Ho**. Arrival in **Cao Bang**. Check In at the hotel. Dinner. Overnight at the hotel.



Day 4 : Cao Bang – Ban Gioc – Cao Bang

Departure for **Trung Khanh**. Passing the **Ma Phuc pass**, you can be enjoyable the magnificent natural landscape of **Cao Bang**. Have lunch.

Visit the **Ban Gioc waterfall**, one of the ten most beautiful waterfalls in the world. This waterfall offers a wonderful landscape where



the greenish colour of the water contrasts with the green of the surrounding mountains.

We continue the **Nguom Ngao cave**, it is situated in a limestone mountain, some parts of it are underground and some under water. Return to **Cao Bang**. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 5 : Cao Bang – Meo Vac – Dong Van

We will take the road over the **Keng Pan pass**, the **Khao Son pass** and the **Long Luong pass** to get to **Meo Vac**. Lunch in **Bao Lac**. Conquer the top of the **Route of Happiness** to discover the impressive geographic park **Dong Van**, one of two geographic parks in South East Asia.



Passing the peak of **Ma Pi Leng**, one of the four most beautiful mountain passes in Vietnam, you will have a great view over the valleys and roofs of H'Mong houses. We explore the old town of **Dong Van**, located in a valley in the heart of the **Dong Van Plateau**. Dinner. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 6 : Dong Van – Lung Cu – Ha Giang

In the morning we depart for the the village of **Lo Lo**, located in the **mountains of the Dragon**. We walk to the village of **Sung La**. The road continues to the **door of heaven of Sa Phin** to visit the **palace of the H'Mong king**, a very original and typical site in the mountainous province.



Lunch. We take the **Route of Happiness**, a legendary route, and pass the peak of the **Pac Sum mountain** as the **Mien river** unfolds before our eyes. A stop along the way is obligatory to savour the special tea of **Ha Giang**, the **Shan Tuyet** with **Bac Ha honey**. Dinner. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 7 : Ha Giang – Lao Cai – Sapa

Visit the **Thon Tha village** and discover the daily life of the Tay ethnicity, the second largest ethnic group in northern Vietnam. Drive to **Sapa**.

Lunch at Pho Rang. Arrival upon **Sapa** in the afternoon. Check in hotel.



Dinner. Evening stroll over the night market in **Sapa**. On Saturday evenings you can witness the spectacle of the **Love Market**, where guys and girls from different villages come to **Lao Cai** to meet one another and maybe find a partner. They talk, sing and play different games according to their ethnic groups' tradition. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 8 : Sapa– Ham Rong – Cat Cat

Ascension of the **Ham Rong Mountain** to the "**gate of heaven**", where you have a great view. Discover the orchid garden.

Lunch. In the afternoon we visit the **Cat Cat village**, a typical village of the **H'Mong** ethnicity. Discover the daily life and culture of this minority. Dinner. Free time to discover **Sapa**. Overnight at hotel.



Day 9 : Sapa – Dien Bien

Departure to **Dien Bien**, passing the **O Quy Ho pass**, which is nicknamed the "king of the passes" of north-western Vietnam.

Lunch in **Muong Lay**. We enjoy the scenic beauty of the north-western mountains with views of the **Nam Na River**. Arrival at **Dien Bien**. Check In at the hotel. Dinner. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 10 : Dien Bien – Tay Trang – Muang Khua

Transfer to cross the Laotian border in **Tay Trang**. Visa procedures.

Enjoy the wild landscapes of the nature of the mountains of northern Laos. Arrival in **Muang Khua**. Check in hotel. Dinner. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 11 : Muang Khua – Muang Ngoi

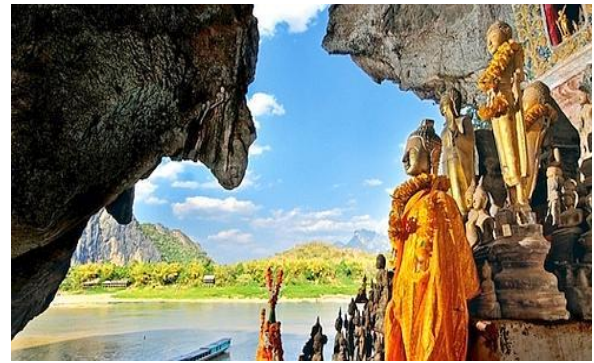
We board a boat in the morning for a ride on the **river Nam Ou**. Arrival in the village of **Muong Ngoi**, a small remote village in north-eastern Laos, only accessible by boat. Surrounded by mountains, it offers sailing to beautiful waterfalls and walks to discover the landscapes and villages of the Hmong and Khmu. Check in hotel. Dinner. Overnight at the hotel.



Day 12 : Muang Ngoi – Nong Khai – Luang Prabang

We continue the ride down the river **Nam Ou** in the morning and see the wonderful landscapes of forests of **Nong Khiaw**.

We continue to **Luang Prabang**. We have the opportunity to make a few stops on the way and find the hidden **caves of Pak Ou**, two consecutive caves with thousands of gold statues with lots of different shapes and sizes. In the evening we arrive in **Luang Prabang**. Check in hotel. Dinner. Overnight at the hotel.



Day 13 : Luang Prabang

The morning is visiting the old temple of **Wat Sene** and **Wat Xieng Thong**, which means the temple of the golden city. Decorated with mosaics of inestimable value, ornate wood carvings, the **Wat Xieng Thong** temple is one of the stars of the city of **Luang Prabang**.

Discover **Wat Visoun**, the oldest temple in **Luang Prabang**. We continue with the visit of the **Wat Aham** and **Wat Mai** temple. Conquer the summit of the **Phousi mountain** to get a view of the city at sunset as well as the **Mekong River**.



Dinner. Evening stroll to the night market in **Luang Prabang** and we can observe how the local artisans make textiles. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 14 : Luang Prabang - Kuang Si waterfall - Luang Prabang

Visit the artisanal Laotian minorities' villages like **Ban Ou**, **Lao Loum**, **Ban Thapene** and **Khmu**.

Transfer to the **Kuang Si waterfall**, a must-see for everyone visiting **Laos**. These cascades pour down on different levels of water and form small turquoise pools below. You can bathe, swim or climb up the rock where the source of the waterfall is located. Return to **Luang Prabang** via the village of **Ban Xang Khong**, a village known for its traditional silk weaving and paper manufacturing. Enjoy the sunset at **Wat Siphouthabath**. Dinner. Overnight at the hotel.



Day 15 : Luang Prabang – Xieng Khouang – Phonsavan

In the morning we depart for **Xieng Khouang**. We make a few stops along the way to take pictures and discover the daily life of the Laotian people.

We visit the ancient capital **Muang Khoun** and the surrounding traditional villages (Hmong and Thai Dam ethnicity). Arrival in **Phonsavan**. Check In at the hotel. Dinner. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 16 : Xieng Khouang – Plain of Jars – Vang Vieng

We visit the **Plain of Jars** which is a remarkable archaeological site in Laos with hundreds of ancient stone jars spread over a field. The mystery of this field regarding the meaning and origin of the jars are not yet fully understood.

Lunch. Road to **Vang Vieng**, a small village nestled on the edge of the **Nam Song river**. Check In at the hotel. Dinner. Overnight at the hotel.



Day 17 : Vang Vieng –Tham Jang cave – Vientiane

We explore the exciting dug out caves and karst cliffs of **Vang Vieng** by boat. Visit the cave of **Tham Jang**, the most famous of **Vang Vieng** which overlooks the valley. We continue by boat to the village of **Huai Ngai**.

Lunch. Departure in the afternoon to **Vientiane**. Arrival in **Vientiane**, capital of Laos, a city marked by the cultural mix between Laos, Thailand, China and Vietnam. Check In at the hotel. Dinner. Overnight at the hotel.



Day 18 : Vientiane

We visit **Wat Sisaket**, the oldest temple in **Vientiane** that retained its original appearance. Then we discover the temples of the ancient kingdom of **Wat Prakeo**, which houses the photo of the famous **Emerald Buddha**. We visit the Buddhist stupa **Pha That Luang**, the most sacred monument of the country, and the triumphal arch **Patuxai**.



Lunch. The afternoon is devoted to visit the **Buddha Park**, a collection of about 200 Buddhist and Hindu statues made of concrete. Enjoy the sunset over the **Mekong River**. Dinner. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 19 : Vientiane

Transfer to the airport of **Vientiane** for the flight back.

End of excursion

The price of the tour includes:

- transfers with private air-conditioned vehicle
- accommodation at the hotels
- Tourist attraction sites and services mentioned in the programme
- meals mentioned in the programme
- English speaking guide.
- travel insurance

The price of the tour excludes:

- international flights
- personal expenses
- tips for the guide and the driver



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