

ÁO DÀI

TOUR



ECOTOUR AND SPIRITUAL

Tour type

7 PLACES

Hanoi, Ninh Binh, Hue, Hoi An,
Hochiminh, Mekong Delta
and Can Tho

13 DAYS & 12 NIGHTS

Tour periode

Overview

Áo Dài – Ao Dai Tour is an ecological and spiritual, which brings certain income and opportunity to the destination community through the inclusion of locally-owned hotels and restaurants, the emphasis on eating locally produced food, and support of other local enterprise. The trip will be led by local guides we 'tread lightly' to minimize our impact on local resources and the environment.

Payment Term(s)

50% deposit payment: 60 days

prior departure date

40% progress payment on arrival to Vietnam

10% last payment: 14 days after departure date from Vietnam

Cancellation conditions:

30% penalty upon 30 days; 50% penalty upon 15 days before

departure date to Vietnam with written notice

0% penalty lockdown



Exclusive

- International flight with airport taxes
- Gratuities for tour guides and drivers
- Single hotel room
- Travel insurances. We highly recommend that you purchase adequate insurance
- Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone, drinks, etc. All other services not specified in the itinerary

Inclusive

- Accommodation: 12 nights at hotel or homestay
- Meals: 13 Breakfast, 0 Lunch, 0 dinner
- Transportation: # Charter bus or Private car # Express coach # Domestic Flight # Boat
- Single visa to Viet Nam

View Trip Notes

Day 1 - Hanoi arrival. Capital of Vietnam with ancient pagodas, top museums

Hanoi is the capital of Vietnam and the second-largest city in the country. This is also the starting point to explore the breathtaking scenery around Northern Vietnam.



Meal provided: Welcome lunch or dinner
Accommodation: Lacasa Hotel 4*(or similar)

Visiting Hanoi, your tour leader will greet you and then take you all on a short-oriented tour of the city, wandering through the bustling streets of the city's Old Quarter, where There are narrow streets named after many crafts and specialties of the city's artisans: Pho Giay, Pho Silk, Pho Basket, etc. This custom dates back to the 13th century when 36 guilds were gathered. The city's original pubs established themselves here, each establishing a street to distinguish them from their neighbors. The labyrinth of alleys and streets is a fascinating spot to explore on foot, and the area is known for its delightful 'tube houses, where narrow facades give way to long, sprawling rooms from the street, where the sidewalks are dotted with food vendors who lure passers-by with a variety of noodles, snacks, and favorite stir-fries from pan-bread vendors.

Included Experiences

- Walking through the bustling Old Quarter with thirty-six streets

Day 2 - Hanoi. City tour

Your 1-day exploration of Hanoi begins with the ancient Temple of Literature, then the Presidential Palace, the famous One Pillar Pagoda, and the temples around West Lake. You'll stop at a local restaurant, KOTO (*on our recommendation) and enjoy your lunch. Afternoons continue with a visit to Vietnam History Museum, Hanoi Opera House, a beautiful colonial building, then walk to visit the Old Quarter. In the evening sit back and enjoy the unique thousands of years old Water Puppet show. Puppetry is a traditional art form dating back to the 11th century from the Red River Delta and closely associated with the long-standing spiritual life of Vietnamese farmers.

Included Experiences

- Visit ancient Temple of Literature, Presidential Palace, Hanoi Opera House, History Museum
- Cycling tour around glorious West Lake and visit the Pagodas and Temples
- See a thousand-year-old unique Water Puppetry Show

Free time Add-ons

- Have lunch in Koto restaurant, a non-profit social enterprise in Hanoi

Meal provided: Breakfast

Accommodation: Lacasa Hotel 4(or similar)



() In Hanoi, you will have lunch at recommended restaurant KOTO (KnowOne, Teach One), which is a non-profit social enterprise that brings positive, lasting change to young people aged 16- A 22-year-old from disadvantaged and risky old backgrounds in a two-year course in hospitality training and English and life skills. Students also receive accommodation, food, physical examination, and treatment during their training. Many graduates have gone on to develop their careers at KOTO restaurants or have found employment elsewhere after their training, so this is a great initiative to support.*

Day 3 - Ninh Binh. Paddleboat tour in Trang An scenic complex and Thung Nham bird park

Meal provided: Breakfast

Accommodation: Tam Coc Nature Lodge or
Le Clos Du Fil 3* (Ninh Binh)

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- Spends time in more remote locations and Trang An, where groups explore by bike and boat or Bai Dinh Pagoda
- Visit Thung Nham natural bird park
- Trang An boat trip and Bai Dinh Pagoda visit. Arrive in Ninh Binh in the morning, take a boat at a wharf to board along the stream in the middle of rice fields to visit Trang An tourist area – a world cultural and natural heritagewith limestone ranges,valleys, natural cavesand woven river.They make a special fanciful, mysterious space. Then you will visit Bai Dinh Pagoda, the largest temple in Vietnam with an area of 107 ha.
- In the afternoon, you will visit Thung Nham bird park. You can choose to go by ferry or special car. Thung Nham bird park is home of more than natural 50,000 birds with 40 species of birds such as cauldrons, storks, herons, teals, fire warblers, etc. And precious birds such as flamingos or phoenixes
- Ninh Binh is just about 100 kilometer south of Hanoi and it takes about one hour and half by tourist bus/car or luxury minivan. With unspoiled nature, charming scenery, Ninh Binh is one of the famous tourism destinations of Northern Vietnam. Coming to Ninh Binh, you will have opportunity to visit the natural heritage and world cultural heritage such as Trang An, Bai Dinh pagoda, Tam Coc Bich Dong, Van Long nature reserve-lagoon, the ancient capital Hoa Lu, Cuc Phuong national forest and Thung Nham bird park.

Day 4 -Ninh Binh. Bich Dong's bike trip. Back to Hanoi

Meal provided: Breakfast

Accommodation: Lacasa Hotel 4* (or similar)



After breakfast, you can choose a half-day hike in Cuc Phuong national forest or Bich Dong bikingtrip. Return to Hanoi in the late afternoon.

Day 5 - Fly to Hue. Nguyen Dynasty relics. City tour

Meal provided: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hue Riverside Boutique resort & Spa or Hue Riverside Villa 4* (Hue city)

Once the capital of Vietnam and an inspiration for poets and artists alike for centuries, Hue is divided by the waters of the Perfume River, which separate the city's 19th-century citadel from the suburbs that radiate from the eastern shore and, even today, its easy air of leisurely ambiance makes it one of the most engaging cities in the country to explore.

Free time Add-ons

- Discover the hidden charm of Hue on a local cyclo (rickshaw) ride

Included Experiences

- Visit the Thien Mu Pagoda and the Imperial Citadel
- Evening cruise along Perfume River



You will visit the Imperial Palace. Located on the banks of the Perfume River, the Imperial Palace was designed with unique royal art architecture. It was built from the early 19th century to the first half of the 20th century. This is the work symbolizing the authority of the central Nguyen dynasty for hundreds of years of ups and downs and sanctity in this ancient capital. This is one of the relics belonging to the Hue monuments complex, which has been recognized as a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site since 1993.

Next you will visit the iconic Thien Mu Pagoda, home to the oldest monastery in the city, whose 21m high tower has become one of the symbols of Hue. Join an evening cruise along the Perfume River to listen to royal music and local folk songs.

Day 6 - Hue. Culture and cuisine, relax and yoga course

Spend your time relaxing in the peaceful, quiet resort on the bank of the tranquil and picturesque Nhu Y and Perfume rivers. From the hotel's windows and balconies, you will admire the rural landscape, and fishermen's activity in the river and will have meals in their green biodynamic gardens. You may choose a cuisine cooking, yoga, or meditation course.



Free time Add-ons

- Cycling to explore the Old Citadel of Hue city
- Join in a cuisine cooking, yoga or meditation course

Meal provided: Breakfast
Accommodation: Hue Riverside Boutique resort & Spa or Hue Riverside Villa 4* (Hue city)

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Day 7 - Drive to Danang, Hoi An then. Fascinating ancient town

After breakfast, you will go by charter bus from Hue to Da Nang. On the road, you crossing part of the Truong Son Mountains and travelling via the Hai Van (Sea Cloud) Pass. This stunningly scenic region once marked the boundary between Vietnam and the Champa Kingdom to the south. Arrive in Danang, you continue by car to Hoi An. On our way you pass the popular beach resorts of My Khe, better known as East Vietnam Sea. Given the early hour of arriving at the hotel, you might not be able to check in. We suggest having lunch(optional fee) and then embark on a walking tour of Hoi An. First colonized by the Portuguese in the 16th century, by the 17th and 18th centuries Hoi An had become one of the busiest international trading posts in southeast Asia and, even today, it still retains the engaging charm of a medieval port, with many of its old buildings superbly preserved. Highlights include the Phuc Kien Assembly Hall, a pagoda dedicated to the worship of Buddha originally built by the Vietnamese people in the 16th century and the 400 years-old Japanese covered bridge. You end at the colorful riverside market, a perfect setting for exploring, the rest of the day is free to enjoy as you wish

Included Experiences

- Exploration by bike riding through little Hoi An Ancient Town

Meal provided: Breakfast

Accommodation: An Bang Beachside Boutique resort or Hoi An Ecologe & Spa Hotel 3* Hoi An)



Day 8 - Hoi An. Riverside life, green rice paddles and breezy beaches



Included Experiences

- Visit fish market organized by local people in the early morning
- Spend more deeply experience in Hoi An Old Quarter

Meal provided: Breakfast

Accommodation: An Bang Beachside Boutique resort or Hoi An Ecologie & Spa Hotel 3* (Hoi An)

Free time Add-ons

- Must-try Cao Lau noodle maker, a bean sprout grower's home and available in local market
- Visit the lantern workshop and learn to make flickering beacons
- Learn how to whip up fresh Vietnamese food with a Hoi An cooking class
- Visit the myriad of silk and tailor shops for making quick clothes





A well-preserved heritage site with unique architecture, a beguiling riverside position, white sandy beaches, and a tranquil village-like atmosphere. Hoi An is arguably Vietnam's most tourist-friendly town. You wander through the historic heart of this World Heritage Site at your leisure. An early morning visit to the fish market presents a riot of noise and color that is perfect for some great photo opportunities and some choice local interaction. You might also like to pay a visit to the Japanese bridge, Hoi An's emblematic symbol.

Believed to have been constructed to quell the violent rumblings of a restless monster, or perhaps explore the traditional wooden houses and Chinese temples that line the streets. A very worthy suggestion for your travelling days in Hoi An is there are numerous local tailor shops in. Hoi An providing an incredibly cheap and quick service and almost all visitors have at least one item made before they depart. Hoi An is also a great place to hire a bicycle as the roads are relatively quiet.

There's a nice beaches, Cua Dai and An Bang just a few kilometers from the town or alternatively why not set out to explore nearby villages. Cooking classes or try out traditional lantern making are yet another option available in this popular traveler's hangout.



Day 9 - Hoi An. Become a Hoian person in countryside activities

You will spend some hours to explore the Cam Thanh, the seven-acre palm forest near Hoi An Town by local small boat and Tra Que vegetable village nearby. To spend a real life in TraQue vegetable village, come here early in the morning, when the farmers just start watering vegetables in the morning and harvesting vegetables to bring to the market. Coming to TraQue vegetable village is not only to see vegetables, you can interact with the farmers here, ask them to harvest together, try the experience of watering vegetables. In addition, walking, cycling or even trying to ride a buffalo, walking between the fragrant streets of vegetables is also very interesting.

Included Experiences

- Early morning exploration of palm forest by local boat
- Visit of Tra Que vegetable village near Hoi An town, famed for its avenues of herbs.

Meal provided: Breakfast

Accommodation: An Bang Beachside Boutique resort or Hoi An Ecology & Spa Hotel 3* (Hoi An)



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Day 10 - Fly to Hochiminh city (Saigon). The biggest commercial hub in Vietnam

Morning fly to Ho Chi Minh City. Still commonly referred to by locals as 'Saigon', Ho Chi Minh is the largest city in Vietnam and the country's commercial hub. You will find an eclectic mix of the traditional and the new, where pagodas and markets compete alongside the trappings of Vietnam's newly discovered entrepreneurial spirit. In the morning, you will take in some of the central sights of the city, including the Reunification Palace, Opera House (formerly South Vietnam National Assembly), Hotel de Ville, Notre Dame Cathedral and the impressive French style edifice that is the GPO building, Saigon Post Office.



Meal provided: Breakfast
Accommodation: Huong Sen Hotel
or Alagon Hotel 3* (Hochiminh
City)

Included Experiences

- View of the Notre Dame Cathedral, General Post Office, Reunification Palace and Opera



Day 11 - Mekong Delta. Mangrove forests and on-the-water villages



A full-day excursion to the colorful Mekong Delta is also possible, to witness locals exchanging fresh produce at the floating market and taking a sampan boat ride through small waterways narrow of the Plain. This morning the car went to Ben Tre, then to My Tho, on the way stopped at Ba Thien Hau Pagoda, a sophisticatedly designed temple. Arriving at My Tho, you will board a boat cruise on the Mekong River, passing by floating markets and local villages. Your boat will dock at Unicorn Island, giving you the chance to tour fruit farms and coconut sweeters where you can sample these local delicacies. Visit the bee farm for a traditional honey tea. Walk along palm-lined canals and exchange for exotic fruits before a boat tour takes you to Can Tho for the night.

Included Experiences

- Visit local fruit farms

Free time Add-ons

- Optional dinner in a cruise in Can Tho river

Meal provided: Breakfast

Accommodation: Victoria Can Tho Resort or Can Tho Ecolodge 4* (Can Tho)





Day 12 - Mekong Delta. Floating market in Can Tho. Spa retreat, yoga or meditation courses (Option)

Morning in Can Tho, you will begin with a gentle trip through the picturesque canals and waterways in a small boat, taking in the sultry scenery and daily activities of the small boat vendors of the floating markets who live along these Mekong canals, as well as stopping at the spectacular Cai Rang floating market, one of the most famous crowded floating markets in Mekong Delta river's region. This is a wholesale market in buying and selling goods on the river, especially fresh vegetables, tubers and tropical fruits. Afternoon is the relax time for spa, yoga or meditation course.

Included Experiences

- Visit Cai Rang famous floating market

Free time Add-ons

- Optional for spa, yoga or meditation course

Meal provided: Breakfast

Accommodation: Victoria Can Tho Resort or Can Tho Ecolodge 4* (Can Tho)

Enjoy a last breakfast with the squad this morning before the trip wraps up. Domestic flight from Can Tho back to Hanoi or Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam's big and exciting cities. You will have free time to carry on your explorations or shopping before departure.

Meal provided: Breakfast

Accommodation: None

Day 13 - Hochiminh city. End tour trip



However, a 13 days tour or similar is just your beginning of exploration journey in Vietnam. You continue to your extension to sharing with us your private wishes for the rest of your holiday. We are here to fulfil your dream.

- **(1)Luxury escape in the high-end resort on the white sandy beach? (Everywhere on 3,000 kilometer S-shape coastline in tropical climate zone)**
- **(2)Explore the world-recognized amazing caves? (CentralVietnam)**
- **(3)Find your inner self in the primary forest? (Highland region)**

Goodbye!