

Ninh Binh – Hoa Lu – Tam Coc Cycling & Cooking Class

(Hanoi – Ninh Binh)

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Detailed Itinerary

Full-Day

SMALL GROUP HANOI – HOA LU – TAM COC CYCLING & COOKING CLASS

7.20 – 7.45 Am. Pick you up from your hotel in Hanoi by luxury join bus.

9.00 – 9.15 Am. we will have a short break on the half way, you can enjoy the drink, shopping or rest room.

10.00 – 10.15 Am. Arrive Ninh Binh At Ninh Hai Village you will get a mountain Bike for cycling around to explore the Rural villages and countryside area, we will ride the bike through the villages where you have chance to meet local people and see their daily life and also visit a local family where tour guide will tell you about the culture and how people live.

NOTE: if you don't want to go cycling, you still can join us because we will provide car or Motorbike with driver to take you follow group

After visit a local family, our guide will lead you go cycling pass through the beautiful rice paddy field area, where you will stop to take pictures, see amazing Landscape and learn about wet rice culture then continue riding bike to see panorama View of Thung Nang Valley where you will see spectacular landscape, and we will cycle again on the nice route to see beautiful scenery and we ride pass through Small Alley of the villages and stop at the Local family at the village to have rest and enjoy some local fruits. It's chance for you to hear our guide tell you more about the local people here,

After rest we go cycling again to see the huge Valley of Tam Ngo where you have chance to see spectacular scenery where you will say "wow it's so beautiful" and cycling inside the Valley will take you to visit a hidden temple named Thai Vi with famous story and history. This Temple is where people worship King Tran Thai Tong and it was built in 1258 with Beautiful architecture. After visiting most spectacular landscape, we will go cycle back where we start for cooking class lesson.

12.00 – 12.30 Am you will have lunch at local restaurant, after lunch you relax before our next destination to do the Boat trip to visit Tam Coc.

13.30 Pm. Board the sampan boats (2 people share a boat) in Tam Coc dock to drift down the river among the villages, mountains and lush rice fields. Passing through 3 caves “Hang Ca – First cave, Hang Hai – Second cave, Hang Ba – Third cave” to get a strange feeling.

15.20 PM Finish your boat trip to visit Tam Coc our Tour guide and driver will pick you to visit our last destination to day is visit Hoa Lu (the ancient capital) Visit temples dedicated to King Dinh Tien Hoang (923-979) and Le Dai Hanh (941-1005). Tour guide give you an introduction of Vietnam history in 10th century or save time to see more Ninh Binh if you dont want to see more temple

16.00 – 16.20 Pm. After visit 2 temples will get on our luxury limousine to get back To Hanoi.

18.00 – 18.30 PM will arrive back to Hanoi and drop off at your hotel in Ha Noi. Tour ends!

Meal: Lunch

Accommodation: N/A

Inclusions & Exclusions

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lunch ➤ Join luxury bus ➤ Entrance fees ➤ 1 bottle of water ➤ Boat trip ➤ English-speaking guide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Personal expenses ➤ Tips and Gratuities ➤ Travel insurance ➤ All service not mentioned above

Important Information

Emergency Contact

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call the travel consultant whom you deal with and then our hot line contacts. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please send us a detailed message and contact information by email to the agent and to info@indochinatreks.com, we may check and return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

Our all travel consultants use WhatApps. Please ensure that you have the contact number. It's best to buy a local sim-card upon arrival. Most hotels offer free wifi. So it's very easy to contact in urgent case.

Emergency contact numbers

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Combo Trip

If you book small group tour option, please note that the tour combines with our other tours. As such, some travel companions on your tour may have previously been travelling together with us. Likewise, some travel companions may be continuing together on another tour after your trip concludes. You can start the tour on any date (please contact our consultant in advance to avoid peak dates or holidays) and customize itinerary with extra days/activities at any destination.

Internal Flights

For all internal flights, we would use Vietnamairlines, Vietjesair, Jestar, Cambodia Angkorair or Laos Airlines. Most domestic flights in Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar, airlines would use small 70 seat ATR72 for short distances. Most airlines in Vietnam use the Airbus A321. 20kg for checkin luggage and 7kg for hand-bag is included in the price.

International flights before/after the tour must be booked by yourself before travelling date.

Accommodation

We would use different hotel categories and you can select any basing on your budget. So your travel companions would not stay at your hotel. A Hotel Voucher will be provided once your tour is confirmed with all hotel details.

Packing List

Conservative Dress

- Modest clothing that covers knees and shoulders (Long pants, long skirts, shirts that cover shoulders)

- Shawl or scarf (for temple visits)

Note*: Please pack clothing for the season in which you will be travelling. From Dec-Feb weather can be cold, so please pack warm clothing. From May-Nov it is the wet season, so please bring waterproof clothing.

Documents

- All tickets (required)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Required visas
- Hotel & Tour Vouchers
- Meeting sign (with your names and flight details that we will use for transfers)

Train Travel

Train travel in Vietnam is very basic and train cleanliness is often not a priority for train staff. Sleeper trains normally have 4 seats per compartment, which convert into sleeping bunks (two upper and two lower). A sheet, pillow and blanket are provided, although many people prefer to bring their own sleeping sheet. At times, passengers of different genders may be required to share a sleeper train berth and/or share a compartment with people not travelling in your group. For short distance - 3 hours (as Hue to Danang or vv), you will do the trip on soft/hard seat carriage.

Simple food is available on the train but many people like to stock up on freshly baked bread, cheese and fruit prior to departure. Water should also be bought before the journey.

Train journeys in Vietnam are an experience and allow you to get a real taste of Vietnam.

Airport transfers

All airport transfers are included in the tour price. You should provide us your arrival/departure flight details and we will arrange things basing on the information. A meeting sign with your name and all flight details will be sent to you. Please be ready at the lobby at pointed time for pickup.

Driver/guide should always be present at the airport before your arrival time. If you could not find the driver, please contact your travel consultant who you deal with. For any reason that airport transfer could not be arranged, please take the taxi to the hotel. We will refund the money then.

Travel insurance

Travel insurance is not included in our tour price. When travelling with us, you are suggested to buy insurance that covers all medical coverage, cancellation, personal liability, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects.

Trip Specific Safety

We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable

jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage.

Be aware that petty theft can be an issue in some towns and cities especially late at night. A common tactic is opportunists on motorbikes that drive by and snatch bags. Please always leave valuables and passports etc in your hotel in safety boxes if available and only carry with you enough cash to spend for the day. Bags should always be carried over the neck and not left to sit on your shoulder.

Warning

Please do not buy gems unless you know what you are doing. Even if genuine you should not expect to be able to sell them at home. If you fall victim to a gem scam, we are unable to assist you.

Visas and Entry Requirements

Please note that visas for Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos are the responsibility of the individual traveller. The visa requirements for your trip vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. For the most up to date information please check your Governments Foreign Ministry website or with your travel agent as rules do change.

CAMBODIA - Visas can be obtained at the Cambodian border or Siem Reap Airport for approx. \$35 USD very easily. Please have *at least* 2 passport photos with you as well.

VIETNAM - As of March 2017, a select 80 nationalities are now eligible to enter Vietnam with an E-Visa. Please contact your Foreign Ministry or Vietnamese consulate to see if your nationality is eligible. Please note that you should ONLY apply for a Vietnam E-Visa if you are entering Vietnam by international airport - either Noi Bai International Airport (Hanoi) or Tan Son Nhat International Airport (Ho Chi Minh City).

If you are entering Vietnam by land border, please apply for a regular visa for Vietnam. Many of the land borders we travel through do not accept the Vietnam E-Visa. Please view this link to apply E-Visa: <https://evisa.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn/web/guest/trang-chu-ttdt>

LAOS - Visas are issued upon arrival in Laos. You will need two passport size photographs and approx \$35. Tourists are generally admitted to Laos for 15 days with a visa on arrival or for 30 days with a visa issued at a Lao embassy. Please bring visa photos with you.

Please be aware that you will require four clean pages (minimum) in your passport and at least six months validity.

Tipping

It is customary in Asia to tip service providers such as waiters, at approximately 10%, depending on the service. Tipping is expected - though not compulsory - and shows an expression of satisfaction with the people who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides or drivers we use. Recommendations for tipping drivers and local guides would range from \$3-\$5 USD per person per day depending on the quality and length of the service.

Electricity

Indochina Countries use 220V, and a mixture of flat 2-pin, round 2-pin or 3 pin plugs. It is recommended to bring a universal plug adapter.