

21 Days Vietnam and Thailand Tour

Trip overview

Discover the vibrant soul of Southeast Asia on this **comprehensive 21-day private journey** through **Vietnam and Thailand**. This grand tour is meticulously designed for travelers who want to go beyond the surface, offering a perfect blend of UNESCO World Heritage sites, bustling metropolises, and serene tropical escapes.

Your adventure begins in **Vietnam**, where you will navigate the colonial charm of Hanoi, cruise through the emerald waters of **Ha Long Bay**, and walk the lantern-lit streets of **Hoi An**. Experience the poignant history of Ho Chi Minh City and the lush rhythms of the Mekong Delta before crossing into the "Land of Smiles."

In **Thailand**, the journey shifts from the golden spires of **Bangkok's Grand Palace** to the mountainous cultural heart of **Chiang Mai**. Finally, reward yourself with total relaxation on the white sands of **Phuket** or the Andaman coast. With **Asia China Tour**, you don't just visit these countries; you immerse yourself in their heritage, flavors, and landscapes with the comfort of a dedicated private vehicle and expert local guides every step of the way.

From the pho stalls of the North to the spicy night markets of the South, this is the ultimate **three-week odyssey** across two of Asia's most captivating nations.

- **Durations:** 21 Days
- **Destinations:** Hanoi - Halong Bay - Danang - Hoi An - Saigon - Bangkok - Chiang Rai - Chiang Mai - Phuket
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://asiachinatour.com/vietnam-thailand-tour-21-days/>

Itinerary

Day 1: Hanoi Arrival – Welcome to the Heart of Vietnam

Welcome to Vietnam! Upon your arrival at Noi Bai International Airport (HAN), your professional private guide and driver will be waiting at the arrival hall to extend a warm welcome. We will transfer you comfortably in a private vehicle to your hotel in the heart of **Hanoi**, Vietnam's

thousand-year-old capital.

After checking in, the rest of the day is yours to enjoy at your own pace. You may choose to unwind from your journey in the comfort of your hotel, or step out to begin your exploration of the **Old Quarter**. This bustling labyrinth of 36 streets is a sensory delight, where ancient shophouses, fragrant street food stalls, and the serene **Hoan Kiem Lake** create a unique blend of historical charm and modern energy. Your guide will be happy to provide local recommendations for your first authentic Vietnamese dinner.

Meals: None (International flights typically arrive at various times)

Accommodation: Luxury or Boutique Hotel in Hanoi

Expert Tips for Your Arrival:

*To ensure a seamless start to your 21-day adventure, your guide can assist you with local SIM cards and currency exchange right at the airport. Look for our **Asia China Tour** signage at the arrival gate—we monitor all flight statuses in real-time to ensure your driver is waiting even in the event of a delay. Since this is an extensive journey across two countries, we recommend spending your first evening with a gentle stroll around the lake to adjust to the local pace (GMT+7) and trying a traditional "Egg Coffee" in a hidden courtyard cafe to officially begin your immersion into Vietnamese culture.*

Day 2: Hanoi City Discovery – History, Heritage & Local Life

Your exploration of Vietnam's capital begins at the **Ho Chi Minh Complex**, a profound site dedicated to the nation's founder. You will visit **Ba Dinh Square**, the solemn **Presidential Palace**, and the **Ho Chi Minh Museum**. A highlight is the modest **house on stilts** where "Uncle Ho" lived and worked, offering a glimpse into his simple lifestyle. Nearby, you will admire the **One Pillar Pagoda**, an 11th-century iconic temple built to resemble a lotus blossom rising from a pond. The morning continues at the **Temple of Literature**, Vietnam's first university. Built in 1070, this serene complex honors Confucius and generations of Vietnamese scholars, standing as a testament to the country's deep-rooted appreciation for education and philosophy.

After enjoying a traditional lunch at a local restaurant, the afternoon is tailored to your interests. You may choose to visit one of Hanoi's renowned museums—such as the **Ethnology Museum** or the **War Remnants Museum**—to dive deeper into the nation's diverse culture or history. Later, stroll along the shores of the picturesque **Hoan Kiem Lake** to visit the **Ngoc Son Temple**, perched on a small island. The day concludes with a charming **one-hour cyclo tour** through the labyrinthine streets of the Old Quarter, allowing you to witness the vibrant daily rhythm of Hanoi from the seat of a traditional three-wheeled rickshaw.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Expert Tips for Your Hanoi Tour:

To fully appreciate the sacred sites like the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and the Temple of Literature, we recommend wearing modest attire that covers your shoulders and knees. Your guide can help you navigate the museum choices based on your interests—the Ethnology Museum is fantastic for understanding Vietnam's 54 ethnic groups, while the Fine Arts Museum is a treasure trove for culture lovers. When enjoying your cyclo tour through the Old Quarter, keep your camera ready but secure; the streets are a beautiful whirlwind of flower vendors, coffee shops, and colonial architecture that define the unique spirit of Hanoi.

Day 3: Hanoi to Halong Bay – A Journey into the Emerald Wonders

After a refreshing breakfast, we depart Hanoi for a scenic three-hour drive to the coast, arriving at Tuan Chau Island—the gateway to the legendary **Halong Bay**. Around noon, you will step aboard your luxury cruiser, where you will be warmly greeted by the professional crew and Cruise Manager. As the vessel sets sail into the "Bay of the Descending Dragon," find your favorite spot on deck to witness thousands of limestone karsts and jagged islets rising majestically from the emerald waters.

The afternoon is dedicated to discovering the bay's hidden treasures. You will explore mystical sea caves, visit pristine beaches, and pass picturesque floating villages that seem frozen in time. Between excursions, the ship offers a sanctuary of relaxation: indulge in a rejuvenating treatment at the **onboard Spa**, or head to the sundeck for a **traditional Vietnamese cooking demonstration** led by the ship's chef. As evening falls, enjoy a world-class dining experience in the elegant dining room, where innovative fusion cuisine is paired with a curated selection of fine wines, all set against the backdrop of the bay's silhouetted peaks under the starlight.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Overnight on a Luxury Cruise (Halong Bay)

Expert Tips for Your Halong Bay Cruise:

To make the most of your time on the water, we suggest packing a small overnight bag with essentials—such as swimwear, sunscreen, and a light jacket for the cooler evening breeze—while leaving your larger luggage securely stored. Don't forget your camera and extra memory cards, as the "Golden Hour" sunset over the karst formations is one of the most photographed sights in Asia. If you are interested in a truly serene experience, we highly recommend waking up early the following morning to join the Tai Chi session on the sundeck; it is a peaceful way to connect with the natural beauty of the bay as the mist lifts off the water.

Day 4: Halong Bay Sunrise – Flight to Danang & Arrival in Hoi An

Start your morning with a serene **Tai Chi session** on the sun deck as the first light of dawn illuminates the mist-covered peaks. After a refreshing breakfast buffet in the panoramic restaurant, we continue our exploration of the bay with a visit to a magnificent **limestone grotto**, where you can admire the intricate stalactites and stalagmites formed over millions of years. As the cruise winds its way back to the harbor, enjoy a final brunch on board while soaking in the last views of this UNESCO World Heritage site.

Upon disembarking at noon, your private driver will be waiting to transfer you directly to **Hanoi Airport** for your short flight to **Danang**. Upon arrival in Danang, another private vehicle will escort you on a scenic 30-hour drive to the enchanting ancient town of **Hoi An**. This evening, you will check into your hotel and catch your first glimpse of this "Lantern City," famous for its preserved architecture and romantic riverside atmosphere.

Meals: Breakfast, Brunch

Accommodation: Boutique Hotel in Hoi An

Expert Tips for Your Travel Day:

Since today involves a domestic flight, we recommend keeping your passport and flight itinerary easily accessible in your carry-on bag. Your private transfer is synchronized with your flight

schedule, ensuring you have ample time for check-in without unnecessary waiting at the airport. Once you arrive in Hoi An, the town is best explored on foot or by bicycle; we suggest a gentle evening walk toward the Japanese Covered Bridge to see the thousands of colorful silk lanterns reflecting on the Thu Bon River—it is the perfect introduction to the town's magical charm.

Day 5: Hoi An Heritage – My Son Sanctuary & The Ancient Lantern Town

Your morning begins with a journey back in time as you travel with your private guide and driver to the **My Son Sanctuary**, Vietnam's most significant archaeological site from the Champa Kingdom. Nestled in a lush valley, this complex of Hindu temples dedicated to Shiva is Southeast Asia's counterpart to Angkor Wat or Borobudur. As you explore the ancient red-brick ruins, your guide will reveal the secrets of the Champa civilization and the site's resilience through centuries of history. After immersing yourself in the spiritual atmosphere of the countryside, we drive back toward the coast, stopping for a traditional Vietnamese lunch at a hand-picked local restaurant.

The afternoon is dedicated to the enchanting **Hoi An Ancient Town**. Once a major Southeast Asian trading port, this beautifully preserved town reflects a unique fusion of Chinese, Japanese, and European influences. Since cars are restricted in the historic center, you will explore the narrow, atmospheric streets on foot. Visit the **200-year-old Tan Ky House**, a masterpiece of traditional architecture preserved over seven generations, and the **Museum of Trade Ceramics**, which houses artifacts from across Asia. Your walk continues to the vibrant **Chua Ong Pagoda** and the iconic **Japanese Covered Bridge**, where every corner offers a glimpse into the town's prosperous maritime past.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Boutique Hotel in Hoi An

Expert Tips for Your Heritage Day:

For the morning visit to My Son, we recommend wearing comfortable walking shoes and bringing a hat or umbrella, as the ruins are located in an open valley that can get quite warm. While exploring Hoi An in the afternoon, keep in mind that the town is world-famous for its expert tailors; if you are interested in having high-quality custom clothing made, Day 5 is the perfect time for your first fitting to ensure there is time for final adjustments before you depart. As the sun sets, we suggest staying in the Old Town a little longer to see the silk lanterns light up and perhaps enjoy a refreshing "Mot" herbal tea, a local Hoi An specialty.

Day 6: Da Nang Marvels – The Golden Bridge & Imperial Journey to Hue

Your day begins with a scenic drive along **Nguyen Tat Thanh Street**, one of Da Nang's most beautiful coastal roads, passing the historic Red Beach. Your destination is the breathtaking **Ba Na Hills**. Upon arrival, you will ascend the mountain via a world-record-breaking **cable car system**. As you glide above the lush jungle and silver waterfalls, you will experience the pristine ecological beauty of the Ba Na Mountains from a spectacular bird's-eye view.

Step out onto the world-famous **Golden Bridge**, a stunning architectural marvel standing 1,400m above sea level. Held aloft by two giant, weathered "Hands of Gods," this 150-meter golden walkway offers uninterrupted panoramic views of the majestic landscape below. Your exploration continues at the **Le Jardin D'Amour**, the ancient French wine cellars, and the serene **Linh Ung Pagoda** with its 27m-high Buddha statue. After conquering the **Peak of Chua Mountain** at

1,487m to see Da Nang nestled under a blanket of clouds, you will descend the mountain and depart for the imperial city of **Hue**. This afternoon drive takes you through iconic central landscapes, arriving in Hue for an evening at your leisure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Imperial-style Hotel in Hue

Expert Tips for Your Ba Na Hills Adventure:

Since the Golden Bridge is a global sensation, we aim to arrive at the cable car station early to help you beat the largest crowds and capture the best photos in the soft morning light. The temperature at the summit is often 5–10 degrees cooler than at the coast, so even on a warm day, we recommend bringing a light jacket or pashmina. If the mountain is shrouded in mist, don't worry—this "sea of clouds" actually adds a mystical, ethereal quality to the Golden Bridge that many travelers find even more enchanting than a clear day.

Day 7: Hue Imperial Discovery – Dynastic Grandeur & The Perfume River

Explore the soul of Vietnam's imperial past in **Hue**, the capital of the Nguyen Dynasty from 1802 to 1945. Your morning begins at the **Imperial Citadel**, a massive UNESCO-recognized fortress spanning 520 hectares. As you walk through its heavy ramparts, your guide will lead you through the three layers of history: the Civic City, the Royal City, and the enigmatic **Forbidden Purple City**, once reserved exclusively for the Emperor and his family. Following this, you will visit the **Khai Dinh Tomb**. This architectural masterpiece is renowned as the most elaborate of all royal burials, showcasing a unique fusion of traditional Vietnamese style with vivid European Baroque influences.

After a lunch of Hue's famed local specialties, you will board a traditional **dragon boat** for a scenic cruise along the poetic **Perfume River**. We stop at the **Thien Mu Pagoda**, an active Buddhist monastery and the city's unofficial symbol, dating back to 1601. Your journey continues to the **Minh Mang Tomb**, a symmetrical architectural gem nestled within serene gardens and lakes that reflect the Emperor's traditional values. We conclude the day at the vibrant **Dong Ba Market**, the city's oldest commercial hub, where you can witness the authentic daily life of Hue and shop for traditional handicrafts.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hue

Expert Tips for Your Hue Imperial Tour:

*The Imperial Citadel involves a fair amount of walking on stone paths, so comfortable footwear is essential today. Hue is often referred to as the "City of Festivals," and its atmosphere is more laid-back and traditional than Hanoi or Saigon. To truly embrace the local culture, we suggest trying a bowl of **Bun Bo Hue** (spicy beef noodle soup) for lunch, which originated here in the royal kitchens. If you find a beautiful silk scarf or a traditional conical hat (Non \ La) at Dong Ba Market, don't be afraid to engage in a friendly haggale—it's all part of the local experience!*

Day 8: From Imperial Hue to Vibrant Saigon

Enjoy a leisurely morning in the tranquil atmosphere of Hue. You might choose to take one last stroll along the Perfume River or enjoy a final traditional breakfast at your hotel. At the scheduled

time, your private driver will transfer you to the airport for your short flight to **Ho Chi Minh City**, still affectionately known by many locals as **Saigon**.

Upon your arrival at Tan Son Nhat International Airport (SGN), your southern guide and driver will be waiting to provide a warm welcome and transfer you to your hotel in the heart of the city. As you drive through the bustling streets, you will immediately feel the shift in energy—from the poetic silence of Hue to the dynamic, neon-lit pulse of Vietnam's commercial engine. The rest of the day is yours to relax or begin exploring the nearby French colonial landmarks and trendy cafes that define this cosmopolitan city.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Luxury or Boutique Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)

Expert Tips for Your Arrival in Saigon:

*Saigon is a city that truly comes alive after dark, and its energy is best experienced by wandering through the illuminated District 1. If you are feeling adventurous on your first evening, we suggest heading to a rooftop bar to enjoy a panoramic view of the skyline, or exploring the vibrant stalls of **Ben Thanh Market** for some of the city's best street food. Please keep in mind that the traffic in Saigon is legendary—the secret to crossing the street is to walk at a slow, steady pace, allowing the symphony of motorbikes to flow naturally around you!*

Day 9: Saigon's Legacy – The Cu Chi Tunnels & Urban Highlights

Your morning begins with a journey to the legendary **Cu Chi Tunnels**, an immense underground network that serves as a powerful testament to the resilience and ingenuity of the Vietnamese people. Extending over 250 kilometers toward the Cambodian border, these tunnels once housed entire communities, complete with living quarters, kitchens, meeting rooms, and even triage areas. You will have the opportunity to explore sections of this historic labyrinth, gaining a profound understanding of the strategic spirit that defined this era.

After a traditional local lunch, we return to the city for a comprehensive tour of **Ho Chi Minh City's** most iconic landmarks. We begin at the **Reunification Palace**, the former presidential residence and a site of immense historical significance marking the end of the Vietnam War in 1975. Nearby, you will admire the French colonial architecture of the **Notre Dame Cathedral** and the **Old Saigon Post Office**, designed by Gustave Eiffel. The afternoon continues with a visit to **Cholon (Chinatown)**, where the vibrant local commerce meets spiritual tradition at the **Emperor Jade Pagoda**. This ornate temple, filled with the scent of incense and intricate carvings, remains one of the most culturally captivating sites in Vietnam.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)

Expert Tips for Your Saigon & Cu Chi Tour:

The Cu Chi Tunnels involve some walking and, for those who choose, crawling through widened sections of the network, so we recommend wearing comfortable, breathable clothing and sturdy shoes that you don't mind getting a little dusty. At the Reunification Palace, your guide will point out the famous tanks that crashed through the gates, offering a perfect photo opportunity for history buffs. In the afternoon, while exploring the bustling markets of Cholon, keep a lookout for traditional herbal medicine shops—the unique aromas are a signature part of Saigon's Chinatown heritage.

Day 10: Mekong Delta Escape – River Life & Tropical Flavors

Leave the urban energy of Saigon behind for a full-day exploration of the **Mekong Delta**, the lush agricultural heart of Southern Vietnam. Your journey takes you through picturesque expanses of flat rice fields as you head toward **My Tho**. Upon arrival, you will board a private cruise boat to reach **Thoi Son Island**. Here, you will be welcomed with the soulful sounds of **traditional folk music** performed by local artists. The adventure continues as you board a small **hand-rowed paddle boat**, drifting through narrow, palm-shaded canals that offer an intimate look at the river's rhythmic life.

Along the way, you will discover the region's artisanal heritage with visits to family-run workshops specializing in **coconut candy** and traditional rice wine. Afterward, a motorized boat will whisk you to another island to explore a local **bee farm**, where you can sample soothing honey tea and enjoy a platter of sun-ripened tropical fruits. Before returning to Saigon, we stop at the magnificent **Vinh Trang Pagoda**, a unique architectural masterpiece that blends Vietnamese, Chinese, and Cambodian styles. By late afternoon, you will be back in the city, reflecting on a day spent in the serene "World of Water."

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)

Expert Tips for Your Mekong Delta Adventure:

The Mekong Delta is a vibrant, sunny region, so we recommend bringing plenty of sunscreen and a hat to stay comfortable during the boat excursions. While visiting the coconut candy and honey workshops, you will have the chance to see the production process from start to finish—these make excellent, authentic gifts to take home. Don't forget your camera for the Vinh Trang Pagoda; its intricate mosaics and giant Buddha statues are among the most beautiful in the south. If you're feeling adventurous, ask your guide about trying some local "Elephant Ear Fish" during lunch—it's a signature delicacy of the region!

Day 11: From Saigon to the "City of Angels" – Bangkok Arrival

Enjoy a final leisurely morning in the vibrant streets of Saigon. Perhaps indulge in one last Vietnamese iced coffee at a sidewalk cafe or do some last-minute shopping at the nearby boutiques. At the appointed time, your private driver will escort you to the airport for your flight to **Bangkok**, the legendary capital of Thailand.

Upon arrival at Suvarnabhumi Airport (BKK), your Thai guide and driver will be waiting at the arrival hall with a warm "**Sawasdee**" to welcome you to the "Land of Smiles." You will be transferred in a private vehicle to your hotel in the heart of this buzzing metropolis. As you drive toward the city center, you'll witness Bangkok's unique skyline, where shimmering golden temple spires sit alongside futuristic skyscrapers. The rest of the day is yours to unwind at the hotel or begin your first exploration of Bangkok's world-famous street food and vibrant night markets.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Luxury or Boutique Hotel in Bangkok

Expert Tips for Your Bangkok Arrival:

To ensure a smooth transition into Thailand, your guide can assist you with getting a local SIM card and local currency (Baht) right at the airport. Bangkok is known for its incredible hospitality

and its tropical climate, so staying hydrated is key as you start your exploration. For your first evening, we suggest a relaxing walk along the **Chao Phraya River** or a visit to a nearby night market like **Jodd Fairs** for an authentic taste of Thai nightlife. Keep in mind that while Bangkok is modern, the traffic can be lively—using the iconic **Skytrain (BTS)** or a **Tuk-Tuk** is often the fastest and most fun way to navigate short distances!

Day 12: Bangkok Heritage – Royal Palaces & The River of Kings

Your immersion into Thai culture begins at the breathtaking **Grand Palace**, a majestic complex that served as the official residence of the Kings of Siam for centuries. Within its walls, you will marvel at the **Wat Phra Kaew (Temple of the Emerald Buddha)**, home to Thailand's most sacred religious icon—a statue meticulously carved from a single block of jade. From here, embrace the city's vibrant energy as you "Ride like a Local" in a private **Tuk-Tuk** to **Wat Pho**. This historic temple houses the awe-inspiring **Reclining Buddha**, a 46-meter-long masterpiece covered in gold leaf, featuring intricate mother-of-pearl inlay on its feet.

After a traditional Thai lunch, the perspective shifts to the water. You will board a private **long-tail boat** to navigate Bangkok's ancient **klongs (canals)**, offering a nostalgic glimpse into the traditional "Venice of the East" where life still revolves around the river. Your cruise continues onto the mighty **Chao Phraya River** to visit the **Royal Barge Museum**, showcasing the ornate vessels used in royal processions. Finally, you will stop at the iconic **Wat Arun (Temple of Dawn)**, whose porcelain-encrusted spires shimmer beautifully against the riverbank, marking a spectacular conclusion to your exploration of the Thai capital.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Luxury or Boutique Hotel in Bangkok

Expert Tips for Your Bangkok Heritage Tour:

As the Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaew are Thailand's most sacred sites, a strict dress code is enforced: both men and women must wear clothing that covers their shoulders and ankles (no shorts, sleeveless tops, or ripped jeans). We recommend wearing light, breathable fabrics to stay cool while remaining respectful. During your long-tail boat ride through the canals, keep your camera ready for the "stilt houses" and hidden temples that line the water. Finally, Wat Pho is the birthplace of traditional Thai massage; if time permits, your guide can help you book a session at the temple's renowned massage school for an authentic recovery after your morning walk.

Day 13: Bangkok - Kanchanburi - Bangkok

Your day begins with an early morning drive to the world-famous **Damnoen Saduak Floating Market**. As you board a traditional paddle boat, you will immerse yourself in a kaleidoscope of colors and scents. Witness local vendors expertly navigating their wooden boats laden with exotic fruits, steaming bowls of noodles, and vibrant handicrafts. This is the ultimate opportunity to taste authentic Thai street food and experience a way of life that has thrived along these canals for generations.

In the afternoon, the journey continues to the province of **Kanchanaburi**, a region of haunting beauty and immense historical significance. You will visit the iconic **Bridge on the River Kwai**, part of the infamous "Death Railway" constructed during World War II. After walking across this

historic landmark, you will board a local train for a scenic ride along the original tracks. The journey takes you through breathtaking landscapes of lush sugar cane fields and emerald rice terraces, offering a poignant reflection on the past. Finally, we visit the **Thailand-Burma Railway Centre**, an interactive museum and research facility that provides a deep, educational insight into the history of the POWs and laborers who lived and worked here.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Luxury or Boutique Hotel in Bangkok

Expert Tips for Your Kanchanaburi Excursion:

To capture the most vibrant atmosphere of the Floating Market, we start early before the midday heat and the arrival of larger tour groups. We recommend trying the "Boat Noodles" or the fresh coconut pancakes directly from a vendor's boat—they are a local favorite! For the afternoon in Kanchanaburi, the sun can be quite strong during the train ride, so sunscreen and a hat are essential. If you are a history enthusiast, the Railway Centre offers a very detailed narrative, so don't hesitate to ask your guide for more specific stories about the landmarks you visit along the Kwai River.

Day 14: From the Capital to the Northern Frontier – Chiang Rai Arrival

Enjoy a relaxed morning at your leisure in Bangkok. Take this time for a final stroll through the city's vibrant markets, a last Thai massage, or simply a slow breakfast at your hotel. At the scheduled time, your private driver will transfer you to the airport for your flight to **Chiang Rai**, the northernmost province of Thailand and the gateway to the legendary Golden Triangle.

Upon your arrival at Mae Fah Luang – Chiang Rai International Airport (CEI), your northern Thai guide and driver will be waiting to welcome you. You will be transferred in a private vehicle to your hotel, nestled amidst the rolling hills and lush landscapes of the north. Unlike the high-energy pulse of Bangkok, Chiang Rai offers a more serene, artistic, and laid-back atmosphere. The rest of the day is yours to unwind or begin your exploration of this charming city. In the evening, we recommend visiting the local **Chiang Rai Night Bazaar**, where you can browse unique hill-tribe handicrafts and enjoy authentic northern Lanna cuisine.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Luxury or Boutique Hotel in Chiang Rai

Expert Tips for Your Chiang Rai Arrival:

*As you transition to Northern Thailand, you will notice a slightly cooler climate and a more relaxed pace of life. Chiang Rai is famous for its unique artistic spirit, and your guide can recommend some local art galleries or "hidden gem" cafes to visit this evening. If you head to the Night Bazaar, keep an eye out for **Khao Soi**—a creamy, coconut curry noodle soup that is the signature dish of the north. Also, don't miss the city's golden **Clock Tower**; designed by the same artist who created the White Temple, it features a spectacular light and music show every evening on the hour.*

Day 15: The Golden Triangle – Mystical Borders & High-Mountain Cultures

Embark on a full-day discovery of the **Golden Triangle**, a region that has long captured the imagination of travelers with its mysterious history and stunning landscapes. Your journey begins

with a visit to a **Long Neck Karen village**, where you will meet the hill tribe people known for their unique tradition of wearing brass coils. Moving deeper into the highlands, we ascend **Mount Doi Mae Salong**, a breathtaking ridge settled by Chinese soldiers in the 1960s. Today, it is a serene village famous for its high-altitude oolong tea plantations and a unique fusion of Thai and Yunnanese cultures. Enjoy a traditional local lunch as you soak in the panoramic mountain views.

The afternoon takes you to the highest peak on the Thai-Myanmar border: **Doi Tung**. As we wind up the mountain, you will pass terraced farmlands and remote Lahu and Akha villages. You will witness the magnificent **Princess Mother's Flower Garden**, a vibrant alpine oasis, and visit the sacred **Doi Tung Temple**. Built in A.D. 1493 and perched at the very summit, the temple's architecture and crisp mountain air often evoke the feeling of the Swiss Alps. From this vantage point, you can look out across the entire northern rice plains and into the neighboring borders. We return to your hotel in Chiang Rai for an evening of relaxation after a day of unforgettable discovery.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Chiang Rai

Expert Tips for Your Golden Triangle Adventure:

To truly appreciate the cultural nuances of the hill tribe villages, we recommend engaging with your guide to learn about their history and traditions; small, respectful interactions often lead to the most meaningful memories. The mountain air at Doi Mae Salong and Doi Tung can be significantly cooler than in the city, so a light sweater is highly recommended even in the afternoon. When visiting the tea plantations at Mae Salong, don't miss the chance to do a fresh tea tasting—the local Oolong No. 12 is world-renowned for its delicate fragrance and makes a wonderful souvenir for tea lovers.

Day 16: Artistic Marvels & The Crown of Chiang Mai

Your morning begins with a visit to the world-renowned **Wat Rong Khun**, famously known as the **White Temple**. This architectural masterpiece, envisioned by artist Chalermchai Kositpipat, is a surreal blend of traditional Buddhist symbolism and contemporary pop-culture references. Its intricate, snow-white carvings and sparkling glass mosaics symbolize purity and wisdom, offering a visual experience unlike any other temple in Thailand.

After this artistic immersion, we begin our scenic journey toward **Chiang Mai**, the "Rose of the North." Our first stop in the mountains is the **Hmong (Meow) Hill Tribe Village** on Doi Pui. Once known for its history of opium cultivation, the village has transformed into a vibrant community showcasing traditional textiles, lush gardens, and a glimpse into the resilient highland way of life. We conclude the day at the sacred **Wat Phra That Doi Suthep**, perched majestically atop the mountain. Whether you choose to climb the 306 Naga-lined steps or take the tram, you will be rewarded with a breathtaking panoramic view of Chiang Mai City. As the golden spires of the pagoda shimmer in the late afternoon light, it remains one of the most magical spots to witness a Northern Thai sunset.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Luxury or Boutique Hotel in Chiang Mai

Expert Tips for Your Journey to Chiang Mai:

The White Temple is a highly popular site, so your guide will aim to arrive early to help you capture that "perfect shot" of the bridge leading to the main chapel. At Doi Suthep, please

remember to wear attire that covers your shoulders and knees, as this is one of Thailand's most revered spiritual sites. If you choose to walk up the Naga stairs, take your time—the mountain air is fresh, and the carvings along the way are beautiful. For the evening in Chiang Mai, we suggest exploring the area around the "Old City" walls; the atmosphere is distinctively Lanna, with countless artisan shops and cozy cafes to discover.

Day 17: Elephant Nature Park – A Sanctuary of Gentle Giants

Experience a day of profound connection at the **Elephant Nature Park**, a world-renowned sanctuary dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of elephants, buffaloes, and many other animals. Your journey begins with a scenic drive through the lush Northern Thai countryside to this peaceful valley. Here, you will hear the moving personal stories of orphaned and rescued elephants, witnessing firsthand how they have formed new, supportive herds—living free from exploitation for the first time in their lives.

Your morning is spent in close proximity to these majestic creatures. From a dedicated viewing platform, you will have the opportunity to **hand-feed the elephants** fresh fruit treats, observing their unique personalities and gentle nature. After a nourishing **vegetarian buffet lunch** featuring a variety of Asian and International dishes, you will join the staff for a walk to the river that skirts the park. You can watch as the elephants splash, bathe, and play in the water while you remain dry on the bank, capturing unforgettable photos of them in their natural element. This visit is not just a tour; it is a meaningful contribution to elephant conservation and the sanctuary's ongoing regional projects.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Luxury or Boutique Hotel in Chiang Mai

Expert Tips for Your Sanctuary Visit:

*Since this is an outdoor, hands-on experience, we recommend wearing comfortable clothes that you don't mind getting a bit of "nature" on, along with sturdy walking shoes or sandals. Sunscreen and insect repellent are essential for your time in the valley. The park follows a strict **no-riding policy** to ensure the well-being of the animals, focusing instead on observation and respectful interaction. If you have any dietary preferences beyond the vegetarian buffet, please let your guide know in advance, though the park's buffet is widely celebrated by travelers for its freshness and variety!*

Day 18: Chiang Mai Soul – Sacred Temples & The Spirit of Lanna

Your morning begins in the soft light of dawn at the **Kad Ton Payom Market**, a vibrant hub of fresh blossoms and aromatic northern spices. Here, you will experience the heart of Thai spirituality by participating in the local tradition of **almsgiving**, offering food to the saffron-robed monks as they silently pass by. After this moving start, we explore the crown jewels of Chiang Mai's temples. We begin at **Wat Phra Singh**, a masterpiece of Lanna architecture that houses the revered Phra Singh Buddha. Its intricate wood carvings and murals vividly bring ancient Buddhist legends to life.

In the afternoon, the journey through time continues at **Wat Chedi Luang**, where the massive, weathered stupa—partially reclaimed by nature after a 16th-century earthquake—still whispers stories of the era when it once held the Emerald Buddha. We then retreat to the tranquil "Forest

Temple" of **Wat Umong**, hidden in the foothills of Doi Suthep. Walk through its unique underground tunnels and reflect on the Buddhist proverbs posted among the ancient trees. Our cultural exploration concludes at the 14th-century **Wat Suan Dok**, famous for its sea of white funerary stupas. Here, you will have a rare and invaluable opportunity to engage in a "**Monk Chat**," gaining personal insights into Buddhism and the daily life of a monk in the "Rose of the North."

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Luxury or Boutique Hotel in Chiang Mai

Expert Tips for Your Cultural Immersion:

*Participating in almsgiving is a beautiful, solemn experience; we recommend dressing modestly (shoulders and knees covered) and maintaining a quiet, respectful presence. During the "Monk Chat" at Wat Suan Dok, feel free to ask questions about meditation, daily routines, or the philosophy of peace—it is a wonderful bridge for cross-cultural understanding. Between temple visits, keep an eye out for the local market snacks like "**Sai Oua**" (Northern Thai sausage); the aromatic herbs in this regional specialty are a hallmark of the Kad Ton Payom Market.*

Day 19: From Lanna Highlands to the Pearl of the Andaman

After breakfast, take a final morning to soak in the tranquil atmosphere of Chiang Mai. Whether you choose to enjoy a final Thai coffee in the Old City or simply relax by the pool, the morning is yours to savor at a slow pace. At the appointed time, your private driver will transfer you to the airport for your flight to **Phuket**, Thailand's largest and most famous tropical paradise.

Upon arrival at Phuket International Airport (HKT), you will be greeted by our southern island team. A private vehicle will whisk you away to your resort, where the vibrant green hills of the north are replaced by swaying palm trees and the sparkling turquoise waters of the **Andaman Sea**. Once checked in, the rest of the day is dedicated to pure relaxation. Whether you choose to sink your toes into the soft white sand, enjoy a cocktail as the sun dips below the horizon, or take a refreshing dip in the ocean, your island holiday has officially begun.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Luxury Beachfront Resort in Phuket

Expert Tips for Your Phuket Arrival:

*Phuket offers a wide variety of beach experiences, and your guide can recommend the best spots based on your preference—from the lively energy of **Patong** to the serene sunsets of **Kata** or **Bang Tao**. If you're looking for a great dinner spot on your first night, we suggest trying some fresh **Andaman seafood** at a beachfront restaurant; the local lime-steamed snapper is a must-try! Keep in mind that the sun is quite strong in Southern Thailand, so be sure to apply sunscreen even if it's a bit breezy on the coast.*

Day 20: Phuket – Tropical Bliss & Golden Sands

Today is dedicated entirely to your personal well-being and the simple pleasure of island life. After a leisurely breakfast overlooking the ocean, the day is yours to design. You might choose to find a quiet spot under a palm tree with a good book, listen to the rhythmic pull of the **Andaman Sea**, or indulge in a world-class **Thai spa treatment** at your resort. For those who still crave a bit of

exploration, a stroll through the colorful Sino-Portuguese streets of **Phuket Old Town** offers a charming blend of history and trendy cafes.

As the afternoon fades into evening, find a comfortable vantage point on the beach to witness one of Phuket's legendary sunsets. The sky transforms into a canvas of fiery oranges and soft purples, providing a breathtaking backdrop for your penultimate night in Thailand. Whether you choose a quiet dinner on the sand or a vibrant evening exploring the local night markets, today is about celebrating the incredible journey you've shared across Vietnam and Thailand.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Luxury Beachfront Resort in Phuket

Expert Tips for Your Relaxation Day:

*Phuket is a haven for wellness, so if you haven't experienced a traditional **Thai Oil Massage** yet, today is the perfect opportunity. For a unique late-afternoon activity, we suggest heading to **Promthep Cape**; it's the island's most famous sunset viewpoint and offers stunning panoramic views. If you are looking for a special "farewell dinner," your guide can recommend a hidden seaside restaurant where you can enjoy the catch of the day with your feet in the sand. Remember to stay hydrated and enjoy the slower pace—you've earned it!*

Day 21: Farewell to the Andaman – Homeward Journey

Savor your final morning in paradise with a leisurely breakfast as the sun rises over the turquoise waters of the **Andaman Sea**. This is your time to reflect on an incredible 21-day odyssey that has taken you from the ancient imperial citadels of Vietnam to the golden, shimmering temples of Thailand. Whether you choose a final walk along the shoreline to collect a few seashells or a last-minute hunt for souvenirs at a local boutique, enjoy these final moments of tropical serenity.

At the scheduled time, your private driver will meet you at the resort for a comfortable transfer to **Phuket International Airport (HKT)**. As you head to the terminal for your onward flight or journey home, you carry with you not just souvenirs, but a lifetime of memories—the flavors of the Mekong, the smiles of the "Land of Smiles," and the profound history of Indochina. We wish you a safe and pleasant flight, and we look forward to welcoming you back to Asia in the near future.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: /

Expert Tips for Your Departure Day:

To ensure a stress-free departure, we recommend being ready in the hotel lobby approximately three hours before your international flight. Your guide and driver will assist you with your luggage and ensure you arrive at the correct terminal. If you have any last-minute VAT refund documents from your shopping in Bangkok or Phuket, please have them ready to present at the airport customs office before you check in. Most importantly, keep your camera or phone handy—the aerial views of the Thai islands as you fly out are often the final, breathtaking highlight of the trip!

Booking Policy

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation by Customer

- Cancellation received before 60 days: FREE of charge
- Cancellation received from 30 days to 59 days prior arrival date: 20% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 15 days to 29 days prior arrival date: 40% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 7 days to 14 days prior arrival date: 70% of total rate
- Cancellation received less than 7 days prior arrival date or No show: 100% of total rate

Children Policy

The rate for children applicable for one child sharing a twin or double cabin with two adults.

- For infant (<04 years old): Free of Charge
 - 04 - 11 years old without bed: 50% adult rate
 - 04 - 11 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate
 - Above 11 years old with extra bed: 100% adult rate
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