

BIG INDOCHINA ADVENTURE **BICA**

Discoverer



WHAT'S INCLUDED

Featured Countries

Thailand, Laos, Cambodia & Vietnam

Accommodation

26 Nights accommodation :

- 22 nights - Hotel
- 1 nights - Special Stay - Floating Raft Hotel
- 1 nights - Overnight Train
- 1 nights - Guesthouse
- 1 nights - Overnight Cruise

Food

38 meals included

- 26 Breakfast

No regrets Inclusions

- Royal Palace Guided Tour
- Long-tail boat tour of canals with fish feeding
- Included boat ride along the River Kwai
- See the Bridge on the River Kwai
- Sai Yok Elephant Sanctuary half day visit
- Bike Ride in Ayutthaya
- Overnight train to Chiang Mai
- Erawan Falls
- Visit Doi Suthep Temple
- See the Pak Ou Caves
- Bike tour of the UNESCO-listed town

- 7 Lunch
- 5 Dinner

- City tour of the Laotian capital
- Visit COPE support & rehab centre
- Included flight to Phnom Penh
- City tour and visit to the Khmer Rouge "Killing Fields" genocide sites
- Experience modern Cambodian cuisine at the Tree alliance restaurant where former disadvantaged youth are trained in hospitality.
- Included flight to Siem Reap
- Travel by tuk-tuk to Angkor Wat, the largest religious monument in the world and watch sunrise over the ruins
- Visit the vine-covered Ta Prohm temple, as seen in the film, "Tomb Raider"
- Included flight to Ho Chi Minh City
- Cruise the Mekong Delta
- Mekong Delta fishing experience
- Live with a local family on an overnight stay
- Experience the underground tunnel network built by Cu Chi Guerrilla fighters over the course of forty years
- View the Notre Dame Cathedral, General Post Office & Presidential Palace
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- Included flight to Nha Trang
- Enjoy this seaside resort town known for its gorgeous beaches and turquoise waters
- Visit Hoi An's UNESCO listed Old Quarter & Japanese covered bridge
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- Flight to Hoi An
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- Cyclo ride to Hue's Imperial Citadel
- Visit the Thien Mu Pagoda and the Imperial Citadel
- Flight to Hanoi
- Visit the Temple of Literature
- Overnight cruise in a traditional junk boat
- Swim and explore the lagoon

FREE TIME

Free Time in Big Indochina

Adventure

- Ziplining
- Thai Cooking Class
- Kuang Si Waterfall trip
- Kayaking and caving experience
- Quad Biking at Sunset
- Mud Bath Excursion
- Cruise to offshore islands to swim and snorkel
- Vietnamese Cooking Class
- Marble Mountain
- Group Photo at Hue's Imperial Citadel
- Hue Street Food Tour
- Kayaking on Halong Bay

What Is Free Time?

Free Time Add-Ons will take your trip to a whole new level with unforgettable experiences unique to the places you visit. See more, do more, live more & go home completely regret-free. Costs for those aren't included in your trip cost & are payable to your trip manager in local currency.

DEPARTURES

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Day 2 : Bangkok to Kanchanaburi

Day 3 : Kanchanaburi

Day 4 : Kanchanaburi to Chiang Mai via Ayutthaya - Overnight Train

Day 5 : Chiang Mai

Day 6 : Chiang Mai

Day 7 : Chiang Mai to Pakbeng

Day 8 : Pakbeng to Luang Prabang

Day 9 : Luang Prabang

Day 10 : Luang Prabang to Vang Vieng

Day 11 : Vang Vieng

Day 12 : Vang Vieng to Vientiane

Day 13 : Vientiane to Phnom Penh

Day 14 : Phnom Penh to Siem Reap

Day 15 : Siem Reap

Day 16 : Siem Reap to Ho Chi Minh City

Day 17 : Ho Chi Minh City to Mekong Delta

Day 18 : Mekong Delta to Ho Chi Minh City

Day 19 : Ho Chi Minh City to Nha Trang

Day 20 : Nha Trang

Day 21 : Nha Trang to Hoi An

Day 22 : Hoi An

Day 23 : Hoi An to Hue

Day 24 : Hue to Hanoi

Day 25 : Hanoi to Halong Bay

Day 26 : Halong Bay to Hanoi

Day 27 : Depart Hanoi

ITINERARY DETAILS

Day 1 : Arrive Bangkok

Bangkok

Welcome to Bangkok fellow globe roamers, where a glorious adventure of Asia exploration lies ahead of us. After checking into our swanky hotel you may wish to do some DIY exploring, grab a massage or just lie by the pool soaking up those sweet Thai rays. Later the group will join forces to hear what's in store for the trip, then the night is yours. Maybe take to the streets for some authentic pad thai and eye-popping nightlife, or jump in a tuk-tuk and hit the buzzy Patpong Night Market, with its neon lights and vibrant street life.

Bangkok

Day 2 : Bangkok to Kanchanaburi

Bangkok

The Royal Palace and its 61 acres of incredible buildings will be number one on today's to do list. We'll start the day early, with so much to see there's no time to waste. We'll start with a tour of the klongs (canals) and some fish feeding, as well as watching locals go about their day and living life along the river. Just listing today's sites gives us the butterflies, and we'll take it all in with our Local Guide leading the charge. Armed with more Local knowledge than we know what to do with, get ready for ME Time. From shopping, grabbing a massage to indulging in delicious local eats, this afternoon is gearing up to be brilliant.

Inclusions

Royal Palace Guided Tour

Long-tail boat tour of canals with fish feeding

Kanchanaburi

Bangkok, you've been a dream, but the show must go on! Fast becoming a must-visit in this part of the world, we make tracks to our next destination, the sleepy town of Kanchanaburi to really get local. We jump straight into the way of life here, visiting sites including learning about the darker times past at the WWII Cemetery and the famed Bridge on the River Kwai, with our guide giving us all the info we need on this riverside spot steeped in history. There's nothing like getting some local transport to keep things interesting, so we'll pop into a boat along the River Kwai where we'll reach our home for the night, the The Jungle Raft Hotel, Kanchanaburi. Rooms lit by candle light are what you'll be greeted with, followed by a delicious included dinner of local specialities at dusk. You can even jump in the river directly from your room. Amazing! Because of course here at Contiki we like to keep things a bit special. Tonight as we watch the sunset over the landscape we'll no doubt be toasting our first full day on the trip and contemplating just how good life is.

Inclusions

Included boat ride along the River Kwai

See the Bridge on the River Kwai

Day 3 : Kanchanaburi

Kanchanaburi

We'll wake up in jungle paradise, eat breakfast & if you're lucky catch a glimpse of the local elephant taking their morning dip. Then, we'll head to a Sai Yok elephant sanctuary to see how the rescued elephants are cared for. We'll spend half a day learning about how the haven rescue & care for these beautiful creatures. This afternoon is free to explore Kanchanaburi town.

Inclusions

Sai Yok Elephant Sanctuary half day visit

Kanchanaburi

Day 4 : Kanchanaburi to Chiang Mai via Ayutthaya - Overnight Train

Kanchanaburi

We'll start our day with a visit to the breathtaking Erawan Falls, one of the most famous National Parks of Thailand, made up from seven levels of stunning waterfalls. Take a quick dip in the emerald green ponds, dive into the clear waters & get that FOMO Insta shot before we head off to our next stop Ayutthaya.

Inclusions

Erawan Falls

Ayutthaya

We'll make a stop in the UNESCO listed city of Ayutthaya, once the capital of Kingdom of Siam before being destroyed by the Burmese in the 18th Century. We'll grab bikes & ride past ornate temples, towering spires and beautiful palaces. Ride past ornate temples, towering spires, and beautiful palaces. Later, we board our overnight train to Chiang Mai.

Inclusions

Bike Ride in Ayutthaya

Overnight train to Chiang Mai

Chiang Mai

Day 5 : Chiang Mai

Chiang Mai

The laid-back city of Chiang Mai is ours as we wake this morning. Buddhist rituals, traditional architecture & surrounding countryside will see us smitten. The city is yours to make the most of YOU style - maybe that means roaming the old quarter or the city's heart on foot, maybe it means little more than a Thai massage.

Inclusions

Visit Doi Suthep Temple

Chiang Mai

Day 6 : Chiang Mai

Chiang Mai

And with a ziplining experience on the cards today for those feeling adventurous, we'll be thanking ourselves for this chance to return. Tonight, dabbling in the art of Thai cooking will be one activity that most of us can't resist.

Free Time

Ziplining

US\$98.00

Thai Cooking Class

US\$24.00

Chiang Mai

Day 7 : Chiang Mai to Pakbeng

Chiang Mai

Pakbeng

Taking a border hop we'll cross out of Thailand and into Laos. After collecting our passport stamps we'll journey to Pakbeng, taking part of the trip by river cruise on a local boat. Remote, traditional, and endlessly charming, Pakbeng is a true traveller's dream.

Day 8 : Pakbeng to Luang Prabang

Pakbeng

Leaving Pakbeng, we make our way to Luang Prabang - get ready for gorgeous waterfalls, biking explorations and a chance to experience the local community and sacred Buddhist rituals.

Inclusions

See the Pak Ou Caves

Luang Prabang

Ending our Mekong Delta magic we arrive in the much-loved city of Luang Prabang. Temples dusted in gold, historic French mansions, & locals wrapped in saffron robes make this one of the prettiest places in Asia. Our explorations will involve a sunset from a hill-top stupa & a bout of shopping at the local night markets.

Inclusions

Bike tour of the UNESCO-listed town

Day 9 : Luang Prabang

Luang Prabang

A city cycle and a swim under the 60-metre cascades of Kuang Si Falls will provide our daily nature fix, but most of the day is yours to visit palaces & temples & watch local life by the river, or choose to explore any way that suits. Tonight, watch the sunset at a riverside bar, and contemplate just how good life is and how relaxed you already feel just one week in.

Free Time

Kuang Si Waterfall trip

US\$20.00

Luang Prabang

Day 10 : Luang Prabang to Vang Vieng

Luang Prabang

This morning early risers will be rewarded with Buddhist rituals kissed by the sun's morning rays. Take part in a sacred Laotian ritual offering alms (food) to Buddhist monks. This morning we take an overland journey to a lively tourist hub filled with opportunities for adventure. It makes leaving the charming town of Luang Prabang a little easier.

Vang Vieng

Known for its dramatic limestone karsts & world food flair, Vang Vieng will keep you busy. Explore the

local rivers and caves or chill out surrounded by like-minded travellers, watching the sun set over the mountains.

Day 11 : Vang Vieng

Vang Vieng

Today is yours to conquer Vang Vieng. Stuck for ideas? Grab a pushbike and allow yourself to get a little lost, stopping at swimming holes and weaving through limestone caves, watching life unfold in the pretty countryside of Laos.

Free Time

Kayaking and caving experience

US\$21

Vang Vieng

Day 12 : Vang Vieng to Vientiane

Vang Vieng

Today you should wake up feeling satisfied with your Vang Vieng explorations, and ready to peel back the layers of another Laos hotspot.

Vientiane

Welcome to the capital of Vientiane. If you're expecting a bustling Asian capital, prepare to be surprised; the vibe in this quaint Mekong town is strictly chilled. Apart from seeing the beauty of Pha That Luang stupa & the artistic talent of Patuxai, we'll use our time here to visit the COPE centre, a local charity that provide prosthetic limbs and rehabilitation services to those who have lost their limbs as a result of unexploded bombs. Our visit here will also provide an insight into Laos' troubled history, and is a great chance for us to lend a helping hand to the Laotian community.

Inclusions

City tour of the Laotian capital

Visit COPE support & rehab centre

Day 13 : Vientiane to Phnom Penh

Vientiane

This morning we cross the border sky high, flying out of Laos as we make for the capital of Cambodia.

Inclusions

Included flight to Phnom Penh

Phnom Penh

Although it's easy to find reminders of Cambodia's dark past in the city of Phnom Penh, it is also a place brightened by shy smiles and pretty tree-lined streets. We'll learn about the horrific Khmer Rouge rule by visiting the mass graves of the 'Killing Fields' & the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum with our Local Guide. With knowledge in hand, we'll lighten the mood by paying a visit to the Tree Alliance Restaurant, where disadvantaged and former street children are trained up in hospitality skills. And wow, do they do it well; their frozen shakes and mouth-watering menu never fail to impress. Later tonight, the night is yours to explore as you please.

Inclusions

City tour and visit to the Khmer Rouge "Killing Fields" genocide sites

Experience modern Cambodian cuisine at the Tree alliance restaurant where former

disadvantaged youth are trained in hospitality.

Day 14 : Phnom Penh to Siem Reap

Phnom Penh

Another included flight takes us out of Cambodia's capital this morning, landing us in the heartland of an ancient masterpiece and what is still the largest religious monument in the world.

Inclusions

Included flight to Siem Reap

Siem Reap

You could relax poolside this afternoon, before seeing what's going on by night! There are plenty of things you could spice up your night with, like local night markets though probably best to reserve your energy for our early morning visit to an Eighth Wonder of the World and something we know you've all been waiting for.

Day 15 : Siem Reap

Siem Reap

Prepare to be moved to the core this morning as we journey to Angkor Wat through dawn's hours in preparation for sunrise. Nothing can quite describe the feeling of watching the day's first rays touch this ancient spiritual site, it's pretty much magic. After a siesta and pool hangs to break up the day back at our hotel, we journey back to the temples to explore Angkor Thom and the Tomb Raider temple of Ta Prohm, which is slowly being swallowed by the jungle. With no early rise on tomorrow's agenda, we can let loose on the city's famous Pub Street and the buzzing local night markets.

Inclusions

Travel by tuk-tuk to Angkor Wat, the largest religious monument in the world and watch sun over the ruins

Visit the vine-covered Ta Prohm temple, as seen in the film, "Tomb Raider"

Free Time

Quad Biking at Sunset

US\$36

Siem Reap

Day 16 : Siem Reap to Ho Chi Minh City

Siem Reap

With plenty of free time in Siem Reap before our afternoon flight to Vietnam, you can get busy with some DIY exploring. Head to the local markets to stock up on souvenirs and tasty snacks, or simply unwind by the pool, reflecting on the magnificence of yesterday.

Ho Chi Minh City

With a coriander filled Bánh mì in one hand and a Vietnamese coffee in the other, hit the road and get ready to explore the busy streets of Ho Chi Minh. Tonight we take on the Ben Thanh markets where you can eat and shop to your wanderlusting hearts content.

Inclusions

Included flight to Ho Chi Minh City

Day 17 : Ho Chi Minh City to Mekong Delta

Ho Chi Minh City

Today we leave Ho Chi Minh exchanging fast paced city life for an energy that's a little more quaint. Such is the contrasting beauty of Vietnam.

Mekong Delta

Though this isn't the first time we are seeing the Mekong Delta, our journey in a traditional boat will prove just how dramatically this river's fringes can vary. We'll see floating markets, visit a rice paper factory, and sip brewed herbs at a traditional tea house. A home-cooked meal and local musicians will round off our day as we settle in for a night at a local guesthouse.

Inclusions

- Cruise the Mekong Delta
- Mekong Delta fishing experience
- Live with a local family on an overnight stay

Day 18 : Mekong Delta to Ho Chi Minh City

Mekong Delta

After an early breakfast we'll make our way back to Ho Chi Minh, detouring past the staggering 250-kilometres of tunnels that make up the Viet Cong's Cu Chi.

Inclusions

- Experience the underground tunnel network built by Cu Chi Guerrilla fighters over the fourty years

Ho Chi Minh City

Back in the addictive mayhem of Vietnam's biggest city you will have free time to carry on your explorations. Continuing to eat your way through Vietnam's culinary highlights would be one wise way to use your time (we think).

Day 19 : Ho Chi Minh City to Nha Trang

Ho Chi Minh City

With some traditional R'n'R on our afternoon agenda, the morning can be used to put on our discovering boots. We'll dabble in history and religion before taking flight to a coastal town overlooking the South China Sea.

Inclusions

- View the Notre Dame Cathedral, General Post Office & Presidential Palace
- Visit to the War Remnants Museum
- Included flight to Nha Trang

Nha Trang

Golden sand beaches, turquoise oceans, water sports galore - this is Nha Trang. This afternoon why not book in for a mineral mud bath and hot thermal spring experience before heading out to dinner with your crew. Ah, the good life.

Free Time

- Mud Bath Excursion

US\$17

Day 20 : Nha Trang

Nha Trang

Good news - we're kicking it in Nha Trang for another night. Have a massage, sign up for the optional cruise, or just hang on the beach saving your energy for seaside bar fun as the sun sets.

Inclusions

Enjoy this seaside resort town known for its gorgeous beaches and turquoise waters

Free Time

Cruise to offshore islands to swim and snorkel

US\$25.00

Nha Trang

Day 21 : Nha Trang to Hoi An

Nha Trang

After a zippy flight north & a short coastal drive we find ourselves in a canal town overflowing with beauty and ancient history.

Inclusions

Visit Hoi An's UNESCO listed Old Quarter & Japanese covered bridge

Included flight to Hoi An

Free Time

Vietnamese Cooking Class

US\$22.00

Hoi An

With Japanese, Chinese, Vietnamese and European influences, Hoi An has no shortage of charm and architectural interest. Bike riding through rice fields, roaming the old quarter & ordering custom made clothes at an artful tailor are just some of the activities that will colour our day. Tonight you can opt onto a Vietnamese cooking class, whipping up a storm of up to 4 traditional dishes.

Inclusions

Flight to Hoi An

Free Time

Vietnamese Cooking Class

US\$22.00

Day 22 : Hoi An

Hoi An

Visit the ruined Hindu temples of the Champa Empire on Marble Mountain, poke around in galleries & antique shops, and marvel at traditional methods of pottery, silk weaving and wood-carving on display at the local markets. That's how your free day in Hoi An could roll.

Free Time

Marble Mountain

US\$19.00

Hoi An

Free Time

Vietnamese Cooking Class

US\$22.00

Day 23 : Hoi An to Hue

Hoi An

Though we'll have grown content with Hoi An life, this morning the show must go on. After all, the former imperial town of Hue has invited us over, and we'd be foolish to turn it down.

Inclusions

See stunning scenery en route to Hue

Hue

Intricately decorated pavilions, lotus flower ponds, and colourful artworks mark our first sightseeing venture in Hue. Totally in awe of Tu Duc Mausoleum, we move on to the 7-story Thien Mu Pagoda & learn of the horrific history of the Hue Buddhist massacre as well as taking in a cyclo ride to see the city from a whole new angle.

Inclusions

Cyclo ride to Hue's Imperial Citadel

Visit the Thien Mu Pagoda and the Imperial Citadel

Free Time

Group Photo at Hue's Imperial Citadel

US\$9

Hue Street Food Tour

US\$27.00

Day 24 : Hue to Hanoi

Hue

Today we fly out of Hue in the direction of Vietnam's time capsule capital. A trio of influences and filled with romance, 2-nights here will see us utterly smitten.

Inclusions

Flight to Hanoi

Hanoi

With an epic fusion of French, Chinese & Vietnamese influence, you'll be nothing short of ecstatic as we check-in to our Hanoi hotel, right in the middle of the bustling Old Quarter. Our time will be spent weaving through a maze of 36 trading streets filled with colourful goods for sale, and unwinding in the walled gardens of the Temple of Literature. Later, we'll roam Parisian-style boulevards and maybe dine on a nom ngo sen lotus-stem salad, dau chien ron fried tofu & a few bia hoi beers.

Inclusions

Visit the Temple of Literature

Day 25 : Hanoi to Halong Bay

Hanoi

After a Hanoi history 101 lesson we move on to Halong Bay where a night on a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site awaits.

Free Time

Kayaking on Halong Bay

US\$12

Halong Bay

A drive through stunning scenery will evoke plenty of 'oh wow's, but it only gets better as we board our home for the night, a Chinese-style junk boat in Halong Bay. Feel the serenity kicking in immediately as we drift the limestone island seas of the Gulf of Tonkin. We will pass hidden lagoons, thick forests & dreamy grottos, & stop to explore the Sung Sot Caves. A fresh seafood dinner and sunset at our docking spot will polish off a wonderful day packed with No Regrets moments and simply unforgettable experiences.

Inclusions

Overnight cruise in a traditional junk boat
Swim and explore the lagoon

Day 26 : Halong Bay to Hanoi

Halong Bay

Today will be all about the leisurely vibes as we wake up to breakfast and a grotto swim - quite possibly being joined by some monkey shaped friends. Make the most of your time on the junk boat & kayak your way around Halong Bay - the views don't get much better than this.

Hanoi

After cruising back to Hanoi we find ourselves enjoying our final night together on tour. Save the choir of tears for tomorrow - this evening is all about making the most of your free time and staying positive. The quirky world-famous water puppet performance in Red River Delta makes for the perfect send off, should you fancy opting for something a bit different.

Day 27 : Depart Hanoi

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Enjoy one final squad breakfast this morning before the tour wraps up. Hug it out and make plans to reunite somewhere fabulous sometime soon - Latin America, perhaps?