

Central Highlands Essential Tour 1

(Dalat – Buon Ma Thuot – Kontum – Hoian)

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Itinerary Overview

Day	Destinations/Activities	Meals
Day 1	DALAT – LAK LAKE – BUON MA THUOT	L
Day 2	BUON ME THUOT – KONTUM	B/L
Day 3	KONTUM – YACHIM CITY TOUR	B/L
Day 4	KONTUM – HOIAN	B/L

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1

DALAT – LAK LAKE – BUON MA THUOT

Guide and the vehicle pick-up clients at hotels in Dalat, Depart Da Lat to Lak Lake via the Highway27, driving to Lak Lake "The homeland of M'Nong people" Visit Jun & Le villages, to see the long house, the daily activities of the hill tribe here, enjoy a peaceful country landscape. Also take the wooden boat on the Lake. Continues to Buon Ma Thuot. Check-in Hotel.

Meal: Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Buon Ma Thuot

Day 2

BUON ME THUOT – KONTUM

Breakfast. City tour including: Museum of Ethnology & Dray Nu Falls (30 km from Buon Ma Thuot) It is in the middle of hardwood rainforest.

Depart to Kontum (240 Km) stop to enjoy the views and panoramic views low country landscape: rubber, coffee, pepper, along the road. To Kontum, Check-in hotel.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Kontum

Day 3

KONTUM – YACHIM CITY TOUR

Breakfast at the hotel. Driving to the West of Kontum visit ethnic village Ja Rai: Plei Weh villages with the characteristics of the populations of the statue. Back to Kontum for lunch.

Afternoon: city tour: Museum, Wooden Church, Seminary. Drive to visit the Bahnar villages: Konjori & Konkotu villages.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Overnight in Kontum

Day 4

KONTUM – KONPLONG – KONTUM

Morning: breakfast at the hotel. Departure for Hoi (340 Km-ride about 7 hours). Along the road visit Đaktô-Tan canh victory monument, Phoenix airstrip & "Rong" house of Gie-Triêng people, Have a lunch at local restaurant in Kham Duc. Continue to Hoi An. End of tours.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: N/A

Inclusions & Exclusions

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Transport : A/c bus with drinking water ➤ ESG or FSG: Experienced tour guide ➤ Hotel accommodation (3 nights) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Personal expenses (laundry, telephone, tips, etc. ...)

<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Meals: 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches are mentioned in the itinerary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Other services not mentioned as air ticket, other meals➤ Travel insurance➤ Surcharge during peak season: Lunar new year
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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.