

VIETNAM BUDDHIST CULTURAL PILGRIMAGE TOUR

HANOI - TAM CHUC - BAI DINH - TRANG AN - YEN TU

5 DAYS 4 NIGHTS | Tour Code: HHHN02

Hanoi: Vietnam's thousand-year-old capital, preserving rich cultural, historical and spiritual values. Guests may visit representative inner-city pagodas such as Tran Quoc Pagoda or Quan Su Pagoda while learning about Buddhist life in Northern Vietnam.



Tam Chuc Pagoda: One of the largest and most remarkable pagoda complexes in Vietnam, set amid tranquil mountains and lake scenery. It is suitable for pilgrimage, Buddhist worship, prayers for peace and vegetarian meal experiences in a spiritual travel setting.



Bai Dinh Pagoda: A famous pagoda complex in Ninh Binh with large-scale architecture and representative Buddhist structures. This is an appropriate site for visitors to learn about Mahayana Buddhist culture in Vietnam.



Trang An: A UNESCO World Cultural and Natural Heritage Site, known for limestone mountains, caves and waterways. The boat trip offers a balance between Buddhist pilgrimage and Northern Vietnam heritage scenery.



Yen Tu: A renowned Truc Lam Buddhist center in Northern Vietnam, associated with King Tran Nhan Tong and the Vietnamese Truc Lam Zen school. It adds deeper cultural value through meditation, pilgrimage and Buddhist history.



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SUMMARY ITINERARY

DAY	PROGRAM	MEALS	HOTEL
Day 1	Arrival in Hanoi - Inner-city pagoda visit	Dinner	Hanoi
Day 2	Hanoi - Tam Chuc Pagoda - Ninh Binh	Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner	Ninh Binh
Day 3	Bai Dinh Pagoda - Trang An - Hanoi	Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner	Hanoi
Day 4	Hanoi - Yen Tu - Truc Lam Zen experience	Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner	Hanoi
Day 5	Hanoi - Airport departure	Breakfast	-

DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN HANOI - INNER-CITY PAGODA VISIT - VEGETARIAN DINNER

Morning:

The group arrives at Noi Bai International Airport. A Chinese-speaking guide and private vehicle welcome the group at the airport and transfer to Hanoi city center.

Depending on the actual flight time, the group may have lunch at a local restaurant or transfer directly to the hotel.

Afternoon:

Check in at the hotel and rest. Standard check-in time is from 14:00 to 15:00. Early check-in is subject to the hotel's actual room availability and is not included in the quotation unless confirmed in advance.

Afterwards, the group visits one of Hanoi's representative pagodas:

- Tran Quoc Pagoda: One of Hanoi's oldest and most famous pagodas, located by West Lake and known for its long-standing cultural and historical value.
- Quan Su Pagoda: An important pagoda of Vietnamese Buddhism in Hanoi, suitable for an introductory understanding of Buddhism in Vietnam.

Evening:

Enjoy a vegetarian dinner at a local vegetarian restaurant.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 2: HANOI - TAM CHUC PAGODA - NINH BINH

Morning:

Have breakfast at the hotel.

The guide and vehicle pick up the group and depart for Tam Chuc Pagoda in Ha Nam Province. This is one of the prominent spiritual tourism complexes in Northern Vietnam, featuring a vast setting, harmonious lake-and-mountain scenery and large-scale Buddhist architecture.

Upon arrival at Tam Chuc, the group starts exploring the pagoda complex. Depending on actual operation, the group may use a boat or electric car inside the tourism area.

Main sightseeing points in Tam Chuc may include:

- Thuy Dinh Guest House
- Tam The Hall
- Phap Chu Hall

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- Quan Am Hall
- Pagoda grounds and Tam Chuc Lake scenery

The group will have time for Buddhist worship, prayers for peace and commemorative photos.

Afternoon:

After lunch, transfer to Ninh Binh. Check in at the hotel and rest. The group may relax at the hotel or take a light walk around the accommodation area.

Evening:

Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight in Ninh Binh.

DAY 3: BAI DINH PAGODA - TRANG AN - HANOI

Morning:

Have breakfast at the hotel.

The guide and vehicle take the group to Bai Dinh Pagoda, one of the most famous pagoda complexes in Ninh Binh. Bai Dinh is impressive for its large-scale architecture, sacred atmosphere and representative Buddhist structures.

The group visits the main points within the pagoda complex:

- Tam Quan Gate
- Arhat Corridor
- Quan Am Hall
- Phap Chu Hall
- Tam The Hall
- Bell Tower and other Buddhist structures in the pagoda grounds

Here, the group has time for Buddhist worship, prayers for peace and learning more about Vietnamese Buddhist culture.

Afternoon:

After lunch, visit Trang An Eco-tourism Complex. Guests board a boat to explore the signature river system, caves and limestone mountains of Ninh Binh. This scenic highlight balances the pilgrimage element with a natural heritage experience.

After the visit, depart back to Hanoi.

Evening:

Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 4: HANOI - YEN TU - TRUC LAM ZEN EXPERIENCE

Morning:

Have breakfast at the hotel.

The guide and vehicle pick up the group and depart for Yen Tu. Yen Tu is a renowned center of Truc Lam Buddhism in Vietnam, associated with King Tran Nhan Tong and the formation history of the Truc Lam Zen school.

Upon arrival, the group begins the sightseeing and pilgrimage program. Depending on actual operation, the group uses cable cars to reduce walking time, especially for middle-aged or senior guests.

Main points in Yen Tu may include, subject to weather, group health conditions and actual timing:

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- Trinh Pagoda or the first stop area of the route
- Hoa Yen Pagoda
- Ancestor Tower
- Mot Mai Pagoda
- Dong Pagoda, if weather and group health conditions allow

Afternoon:

After lunch, continue experiencing the Buddhist cultural space of Yen Tu, learning about the Truc Lam Zen school and the values of Vietnamese Buddhist culture. If time permits, a short quiet reflection time or free walk in the peaceful grounds may be arranged.

Depart back to Hanoi. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 5: HANOI - AIRPORT DEPARTURE

Morning:

Have breakfast at the hotel.

Check out from the hotel. Standard check-out time is 12:00.

If flight time allows, the group may be free to shop for local specialties or have a light city visit in Hanoi.

Afternoon:

Transfer to Noi Bai International Airport for the departure flight.

End of program.

Important notes for the program

The actual itinerary may be affected by objective factors such as traffic congestion, rainstorms, peak travel periods and other external conditions. Therefore, if guests have an important appointment after the tour, please inform us in advance so that we can provide advice and arrange the program more appropriately.

TOUR PRICE

The tour price will be updated after confirmation of group size, hotel category, meal standard, departure date and mandatory services at sightseeing sites.

Hotel level	10pax +1 FOC	15 pax +1 FOC	20 pax +1 FOC	25 pax +1 FOC	30 pax +1 FOC
3 Star Hotel	365 USD	330 USD	310 USD	300 USD	295 USD
4 Star Hotel	440 USD	400 USD	380 USD	370 USD	365 USD
5 Star Hotel	595 USD	550 USD	525 USD	515 USD	510 USD

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- The tour price does not include mandatory tipping for the guide and driver: estimated at USD 3 per guest per day, or according to the official quotation.
- Early check-in or late check-out is not included. Standard check-in time is 14:00-15:00 and standard check-out time is 12:00.
- The itinerary may be adjusted depending on flight time, weather, traffic conditions, site operation rules and actual group requirements.
- Vegetarian meals can be arranged upon request; however, the vegetarian standard must be confirmed in advance: basic vegetarian, Buddhist vegetarian, vegan, or strict vegetarian without eggs/milk/five pungent spices.
- For senior groups, the program should prioritize electric cars, boats and cable cars at tourism sites to reduce walking time.
- The quotation does not mean that hotels, vehicles, restaurants or services are being held. All services are subject to availability at the time of booking confirmation.

PROPOSED HOTEL CATEGORY

Hotels may change depending on actual room availability at the time of booking confirmation. If the proposed hotel is not available, PYS Travel will suggest an equivalent hotel of the same category.

Hotel name	City	Level
Amorita Boutique Hotel or equivalent	Hanoi	3*
Splendid Premium Hotel or equivalent	Hanoi	4*
Dolce by Wyndham Hanoi Golden Lake or equivalent	Hanoi	5*
Ninh Binh Premier Hotel or equivalent	Ninh Binh	3*
Bai Dinh Riverside Resort & Spa or equivalent	Ninh Binh	4*
Wyndham Grand Vedana Ninh Binh Resort or equivalent	Ninh Binh	5*

SERVICES INCLUDED

- Air-conditioned tourist vehicle according to the program.
- Chinese-speaking guide according to the program.
- Hotel according to the confirmed category, based on twin sharing or triple sharing upon request, including breakfast at the hotel.
- Meals according to the program, with priority for vegetarian meals at suitable sites if confirmed in the quotation.
- Entrance tickets for sightseeing sites according to the official quotation.
- Boat/electric car tickets at Tam Chuc, Bai Dinh and Trang An according to the confirmed route.
- Yen Tu cable car ticket according to the route confirmed in the quotation.
- 01 bottle of mineral water per guest per tour day.
- Tour operation support from the PYS Travel team in Vietnam.

SERVICES EXCLUDED

- International and domestic air tickets.
- Vietnam visa, e-visa or any costs related to immigration procedures.

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- Drinks during meals and meals not mentioned in the program.
- Single room supplement.
- Early check-in and late check-out charges.
- Mandatory tipping for guide and driver.
- Personal expenses: laundry, telephone, minibar, excess baggage, personal medical expenses, etc.
- Travel insurance.
- Additional expenses caused by circumstances beyond control, such as natural disasters, storms, floods, flight delays/cancellations/schedule changes, accidents, medical emergencies, strikes, changes in sightseeing site policies or other force majeure events.
- Any service not clearly mentioned in Services Included.

CHILD POLICY

- Children from 10 years old and above: charged 100% of the adult tour price.
- Children from 3 to under 10 years old: charged 75% of the tour price and share bed with parents. Each room with 2 adults applies to 1 child only; the second child is charged 100% of the tour price.
- Children under 3 years old: free of charge, sharing meals and bed with parents. Each room with 2 adults applies free of charge to 1 child only; the second child is charged 50% of the tour price.
- Air tickets, if any, follow the separate policy of the airline.

RECOMMENDED ITEMS TO BRING

- Modest clothing suitable for visiting pagodas and spiritual sites.
- Comfortable walking shoes.
- Sunglasses, sunscreen, personal medicine and insect repellent.
- Light jacket or umbrella depending on weather conditions.
- Passport and necessary immigration documents.

CANCELLATION POLICY

- The cancellation policy below is for reference only and applies to FIT/small group bookings outside peak periods. The official policy will be confirmed for each booking and according to hotel/service supplier conditions.
- All cancellation requests must be submitted in writing.
- Cancellation after booking confirmation: minimum cancellation fee of 10% of total tour value or according to supplier policy.
- Cancellation from 29 to 15 days before departure: cancellation fee may be up to 75% of total tour value.
- Cancellation within 14 days before departure or no-show/unused services: cancellation fee may be up to 100% of total tour value.
- During peak seasons, public holidays or for groups with special services, cancellation conditions will follow the specific terms of each supplier.

GENERAL NOTES

- The estimated price is based on twin sharing or triple sharing. Single room supplement applies separately.
- PYS Travel does not hold hotel rooms or services before receiving booking confirmation from the customer/partner.
- Prices are quoted in USD and may change without prior notice due to fluctuations in fuel costs, supplier services, hotels, restaurants or changes in sightseeing site policies.

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- If the proposed hotel is not available, PYS Travel will suggest another equivalent hotel of the same category.
- Gala dinner supplements may apply during holidays such as Christmas, New Year, Lunar New Year or peak periods in Vietnam.
- For groups requiring strict vegetarian meals, please inform PYS Travel in advance so we can check the service capability of restaurants and destinations.
- Yen Tu is a mountainous area and is highly dependent on weather conditions; the actual sightseeing route will be adjusted to ensure safety and a suitable experience for the group.

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