

IN-DEPTH BUDDHIST PILGRIMAGE TOUR IN NORTHERN VIETNAM

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

6 DAYS 5 NIGHTS | Tour code: HN03

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Hanoi: A thousand-year-old capital preserving many cultural, historical, and spiritual values of Vietnam. Guests may visit Tran Quoc Pagoda or Quan Su Pagoda and learn about Buddhist cultural life in Northern Vietnam.



Truc Lam Tay Thien Zen Monastery: A prominent spiritual space in Vinh Phuc, suitable for an in-depth pilgrimage journey, learning about the Truc Lam Zen School, and experiencing light mindfulness.



Tam Chuc Pagoda: One of the largest and most prominent pagoda complexes in Vietnam, set amid peaceful lake and mountain scenery, suitable for Buddhist worship, prayers for peace, and vegetarian meals.



Bai Dinh Pagoda: A famous pagoda complex in Ninh Binh, known for its large scale, grand architecture, and many representative Buddhist structures, suitable for learning about Mahayana Buddhist culture in Vietnam.



Trang An: A UNESCO World Cultural and Natural Heritage site, famous for its limestone mountains, caves, and waterways, helping balance the pilgrimage journey with natural landscape experiences.



Yen Tu: An important center of the Truc Lam Zen School of Vietnam, closely associated with Buddhist King Tran Nhan Tong; a deeper highlight for Buddhist groups, middle-aged guests, and those seeking a clearer meditation/mindfulness experience.



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SUMMARY ITINERARY

DAY	PROGRAM	MEALS	HOTEL
Day 1	Arrival in Hanoi - City pagoda visit	Dinner	Hanoi
Day 2	Hanoi - Truc Lam Tay Thien Zen Monastery - Hanoi	Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner	Hanoi
Day 3	Hanoi - Tam Chuc Pagoda - Ninh Binh	Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner	Ninh Binh
Day 4	Bai Dinh Pagoda - Trang An - Hanoi	Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner	Hanoi
Day 5	Hanoi - Yen Tu - Hanoi	Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner	Hanoi
Day 6	Hanoi / Noi Bai - Airport departure	Breakfast	-

DETAILED ITINERARY

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

Morning / Afternoon:

Upon arrival at Noi Bai International Airport, the Chinese-speaking guide and private vehicle will welcome the group and transfer to Hanoi city center.

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

Depending on the actual flight schedule, the group will visit one of the representative pagodas in Hanoi:

- Tran Quoc Pagoda: One of the most famous ancient pagodas in Hanoi, located by West Lake, with long-standing cultural and historical value.
- Or Quan Su Pagoda: An important Buddhist pagoda in Hanoi, suitable for gaining an overview of Vietnamese Buddhism.

Evening:

The group will enjoy a vegetarian dinner at a local vegetarian restaurant.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 2: HANOI - TAY THIEN - TRUC LAM TAY THIEN ZEN MONASTERY - HANOI

Morning:

Have breakfast at the hotel.

The vehicle and guide will pick up the group and depart for Tay Thien in Vinh Phuc Province. This is one of the prominent spiritual spaces in Northern Vietnam, suitable for an in-depth pilgrimage program combining Buddhist culture and the Truc Lam Zen School.

The group will visit sites suitable for the Buddhist and meditation/retreat theme, subject to actual operating conditions:

- Truc Lam Tay Thien Zen Monastery: A space for Buddhist study and meditation, suitable for learning about the Truc Lam Zen School of Vietnam.
- Tay Thien Mandala Grand Stupa or other suitable areas within the Tay Thien complex, depending on time and operating conditions.

Noon / Afternoon:

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

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After lunch, the group will have time for a light visit, Buddhist worship, prayers for peace, or a short mindfulness activity depending on actual arrangements at the destination.

The group departs back to Hanoi.

Evening:

Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 3: HANOI - TAM CHUC PAGODA - NINH BINH

Morning:

Have breakfast at the hotel.

The vehicle and guide will 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 space, harmonious lake-and-mountain scenery, and many large-scale Buddhist structures.

Upon arrival at Tam Chuc, the group will begin visiting the pagoda complex. Depending on actual operating conditions, the group may travel by boat or electric car within the tourism area.

Visit the main sites in the Tam Chuc area:

- Thuy Dinh Guest House
- Tam The Hall
- Phap Chu Hall
- Quan Am Hall
- Pagoda grounds and Tam Chuc Lake scenery

Noon / Afternoon:

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

Enjoy lunch, with priority given to arranging a vegetarian meal or vegetarian buffet within the tourism area or at a suitable restaurant, subject to actual operating conditions.

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 4: BAI DINH PAGODA - TRANG AN - HANOI

Morning:

Have breakfast at the hotel.

The vehicle and guide will 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 many representative Buddhist structures.

Visit the main sites within the pagoda area:

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

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Noon / Afternoon:

Here, the group will have time for Buddhist worship, prayers for peace, and further learning about Vietnamese Buddhist culture.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, with priority given to a vegetarian meal if requested by the group and confirmed in advance.

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

After the visit, the group departs back to Hanoi.

Evening:

Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 5: HANOI - YEN TU - TRUC LAM ZEN SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

Morning:

Have breakfast at the hotel.

The vehicle and guide will pick up the group and depart for Yen Tu in Quang Ninh Province. Yen Tu is an important center of the Truc Lam Zen School of Vietnam, closely associated with Buddhist King Tran Nhan Tong and the formation of a Zen tradition with Vietnamese identity.

Upon arrival at Yen Tu, the group will begin the visit, Buddhist worship, and learning experience about Truc Lam Zen culture. Depending on the group's physical condition, weather, and actual operation, cable cars and/or electric cars may be used to support movement.

Expected visiting sites in the Yen Tu area:

- Hoa Yen Pagoda
- Patriarch Tower / Hue Quang Golden Stupa
- Mot Mai Pagoda
- An Ky Sinh area
- Statue of Buddhist King Tran Nhan Tong
- Dong Pagoda or another suitable area, depending on weather, group health, and cable car operating hours

Noon / Afternoon:

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, with priority given to a vegetarian meal or a menu suitable for a pilgrimage group if confirmed in advance.

In the afternoon, the group continues exploring the Yen Tu cultural space or spends time on light mindfulness, with an introduction to the Truc Lam Zen School and the significance of Yen Tu in Vietnamese Buddhist history.

The group departs back to Hanoi and enjoys dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 6: HANOI / NOI BAI - AIRPORT DEPARTURE

Morning:

Have breakfast at the hotel.

The group checks out of the hotel. Standard check-out time is 12:00.

If the flight schedule allows, the group may enjoy free time for local specialty shopping or a light city visit in Hanoi.

Afternoon:

Transfer to Noi Bai International Airport for the flight home.

End of the tour.

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Important Notes for the Program

The actual itinerary may be affected by objective factors such as traffic congestion, heavy rain or storms, peak periods, etc. Therefore, if guests have an important appointment after the tour, please inform us in advance so that we can provide suitable advice and arrangements.

For itinerary HN03, an overnight stay in Yen Tu/Uong Bi is recommended to deepen the Truc Lam Zen experience. If the group has an early flight on the final day, the program can be adjusted to return to Hanoi for the night on Day 5 to facilitate airport transfer.

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TOUR PRICE

The tour price will be updated after confirming the number of guests, hotel category, meal standard, departure date, and compulsory services at the attractions.

Hotel level	10pax +1 FOC	15 pax +1 FOC	20 pax +1 FOC	25 pax +1 FOC	30 pax +1 FOC
3 Star Hotel	390 USD	345 USD	320 USD	310 USD	300 USD
4 Star Hotel	425 USD	380 USD	355 USD	345 USD	335 USD
5 Star Hotel	560 USD	510 USD	480 USD	470 USD	460 USD

NOTES

- The tour price does not include compulsory tips for the guide and driver: estimated at USD 3/guest/day.
- The price does not include early check-in or late check-out. Standard check-in time is 14:00-15:00 and standard check-out time is 12:00.
- The itinerary may be adjusted according to flight times, weather, traffic conditions, attraction operating regulations, and the group's actual requirements.
- Vegetarian meals can be arranged upon request; however, the vegetarian standard must be confirmed in advance.
- A quotation does not mean that hotels, vehicles, restaurants, or services are reserved. All services are subject to availability at the time of booking confirmation.
- Tay Thien is a comprehensive spiritual space; the program will prioritize sites that match the Buddhist, Truc Lam Zen, and mindfulness experience themes.
- Meditation/mindfulness activities or Buddhist exchanges, if any, must be checked and confirmed in advance with the destination or operating unit.

EXPECTED HOTEL CATEGORY

Hotels may change depending on actual room availability at the time of booking confirmation. If the proposed hotel is unavailable, PYS Travel will suggest an equivalent hotel of the same category.

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

SERVICES INCLUDED

- Air-conditioned tourist vehicle as per itinerary.
- Chinese-speaking guide as per itinerary.
- Hotel accommodation according to the confirmed category, based on twin sharing or triple sharing upon request, including breakfast at the hotel.
- Meals as per itinerary, with priority given to vegetarian meals at suitable locations if confirmed in the quotation.
- Entrance tickets to sites listed in the itinerary according to the official quotation.
- Boat/electric car tickets at Tam Chuc, Bai Dinh, and Trang An according to the package confirmed in the quotation.

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- Cable car/electric car tickets at Tay Thien and Yen Tu.
- 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 other costs related to entry procedures.
- Drinks during meals and meals not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Single room surcharge.
- Early check-in and late check-out costs.
- Compulsory tips for the guide and driver.
- Personal merit offerings, incense, and worship items at pagodas or spiritual sites.
- Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone, minibar, excess baggage, personal medical expenses, etc.
- Travel insurance.
- Additional costs arising from causes beyond control such as natural disasters, storms/floods, flight delays/cancellations/rescheduling, accidents, medical emergencies, strikes, changes in attraction policies, or other force majeure events.
- Any service not clearly mentioned in the Services Included section.

CHILD POLICY

- Children aged 10 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. Only one child applies per room with 2 adults; the second child is charged 100% of the tour price.
- Children under 3 years old: free of charge, sharing meals and bed with parents. Only one child per room with 2 adults is free of charge; the second child is charged 50% of the tour price.
- Air tickets, if any, are subject to the airline's own policy.

RECOMMENDED ITEMS TO BRING

- Polite clothing suitable for visiting pagodas and spiritual sites.
- Comfortable footwear suitable for walking and moving around mountain/pagoda areas.
- Sunglasses, sunscreen, personal medicine, and insect repellent.
- A light jacket or umbrella depending on the weather.
- Passport and necessary entry 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 according to the conditions of hotels/service suppliers.
- All cancellation requests must be submitted in writing.
- Cancellation after booking confirmation: minimum cancellation fee of 10% of the total tour value, or according to supplier policy.
- Cancellation from 29 to 15 days before departure: cancellation fee may be up to 75% of the total tour value.
- Cancellation less than 14 days before departure or no-show/unused service: cancellation fee may be up to 100% of the total tour value.
- During peak seasons, holidays, or for groups with special services, cancellation conditions will follow the specific terms of each supplier.

GENERAL NOTES

- Estimated prices are based on twin or triple sharing. Single rooms are subject to a separate surcharge.
- PYS Travel does not hold hotel rooms or services before receiving booking confirmation from the client/partner.

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- Prices are quoted in USD and may change without prior notice due to fluctuations in fuel prices, supplier services, hotels, restaurants, or changes in attraction policies.
- If the proposed hotel is unavailable, PYS Travel will suggest another equivalent hotel of the same category.
- Gala dinner surcharges 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 that we can check the capacity of restaurants and destinations.
- For an in-depth pilgrimage program, the group should follow regulations on dress code, order, photography, and behavior at pagodas/monasteries.

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