

VIETNAM BUDDHIST CULTURAL PILGRIMAGE TOUR

HO CHI MINH CITY - BA DEN MOUNTAIN - DA LAT

- TRUC LAM ZEN MONASTERY

5 DAYS 4 NIGHTS | Tour code: SGN03

Ho Chi Minh City: The largest economic and cultural hub in Southern Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh City is a convenient starting point for exploring the spiritual and cultural route of Southern Vietnam and the Mekong region.



Ba Den Mountain - Tay Ninh: A prominent spiritual destination in Southern Vietnam, known as the “roof of Southern Vietnam”. Guests can take the cable car to the summit area, pay homage to the Tay Bo Da Son Buddha Statue, explore the Buddhist cultural space, and enjoy panoramic views of Tay Ninh from above.



Da Lat: A highland city with a cool climate and refreshing natural scenery, suitable for middle-aged guests and groups wishing to combine light pilgrimage with relaxation, leisure, and wellness/healing experiences.



Truc Lam Zen Monastery - Tuyen Lam Lake: A peaceful monastery setting by the lake and pine forest, ideal for learning about the spirit of the Truc Lam Zen school, experiencing a tranquil atmosphere, and enjoying gentle relaxation in Da Lat.



Linh Phuoc Pagoda: A notable pagoda in Da Lat with distinctive architecture, suitable for a Buddhist cultural visit combined with highland scenery.



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SUMMARY ITINERARY

DAY	PROGRAM	MEALS	HOTEL
Day 1	HCMC - City Tour	Dinner	TP.HCM
Day 2	HCMC - Tay Ninh - Ba Den Mountain - HCMC	Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner	TP.HCM
Day 3	HCMC - Da Lat	Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner	Da Lat
Day 4	Da Lat - Truc Lam Zen Monastery - Linh Phuoc Pagoda	Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner	Da Lat
Day 5	Da Lat - Free Time for Relaxation - Airport Transfer	Breakfast	-

DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN HCMC - INNER-CITY PAGODA VISIT

Morning:

Arrive at Tan Son Nhat International Airport. A Chinese-speaking guide and private vehicle will welcome the group at the airport and transfer to downtown Ho Chi Minh City.

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

Afternoon:

Visit one of the representative pagodas in Ho Chi Minh City, suitable for beginning a light spiritual journey in Southern Vietnam:

- **Vinh Nghiem Pagoda:** One of the well-known pagodas in Ho Chi Minh City, featuring solemn architecture and suitable for a general introduction to Buddhism in Southern Vietnam.
- **Or Viet Nam Quoc Tu Pagoda:** A representative Buddhist site in Ho Chi Minh City, suitable for sightseeing, paying homage to Buddha, and praying for peace.
- Visit Ben Thanh Market or the city center area.

Evening:

Enjoy a vegetarian dinner at a local vegetarian restaurant.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 2: HCMC - TAY NINH - BA DEN MOUNTAIN - HCMC

Morning:

Have breakfast at the hotel.

The vehicle and guide pick up the group and depart for Tay Ninh. En route, the guide will introduce the Southeast region, the cultural and religious life of Tay Ninh, and the significance of Ba Den Mountain in Southern Vietnam's spiritual journey.

Arrive at Ba Den Mountain tourist area and take the cable car to visit the summit area.

After the cable car ride, visit the highlights on the summit of Ba Den Mountain:

- **Tay Bo Da Son Buddha Statue:** A prominent spiritual landmark on the summit of Ba Den Mountain.
- **Buddha Relic Area:** A solemn worship space for visitors and Buddhists.
- **Prajna Sutra Pillar:** A Buddhist cultural highlight on the mountain summit.

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- **Maitreya Buddha Statue:** A symbol of joy, peace, and good fortune.
- **Buddhist Cultural Exhibition Area:** A place where visitors can learn more about Buddhist values in a modern setting.
- **986m Landmark - "Roof of Southern Vietnam":** A popular check-in spot with panoramic views over Tay Ninh.

The group has time to pay homage to Buddha, pray for peace, and take photos at the flower garden, cloud plaza, and scenic areas on the summit, subject to actual operating conditions.

Have lunch at a restaurant on the mountain.

Depart back to Ho Chi Minh City.

Evening:

Have dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 3: HCMC - DA LAT

Morning:

Have breakfast at the hotel.

Check out and depart for Da Lat. This is a long overland journey from Southeast Vietnam to the Lam Dong highlands, allowing the group to rest on the vehicle and stop at suitable rest areas according to actual conditions.

Afternoon:

Have lunch at a local restaurant en route or in Da Lat, depending on the actual travel time.

Arrive in Da Lat, check in at the hotel and rest. The cool climate, pine forest scenery, and slower pace of Da Lat help the journey shift from pilgrimage elements to a highland leisure experience.

- **Xuan Huong Lake:** A scenic space in the city center, suitable for a light walk and relaxation.
- **Lam Vien Square:** A recognizable landmark of Da Lat, suitable for group photos.
- **Da Lat Market:** A place to shop for local specialties if time permits.

Evening:

Have dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight in Da Lat.

DAY 4: TRUC LAM ZEN MONASTERY - TUYEN LAM LAKE - LINH PHUOC PAGODA

Morning:

Have breakfast at the hotel.

The vehicle and guide take the group to visit Truc Lam Zen Monastery in Da Lat, one of the notable Zen monasteries in Vietnam, located in a peaceful setting near Tuyen Lam Lake. This is a suitable place for the group to learn about the spirit of the Truc Lam Zen school, pay homage to Buddha, pray for peace, and experience the tranquil atmosphere of the highlands.

Visit and relax around Tuyen Lam Lake, which features lake scenery, pine forests, and a peaceful resort atmosphere, matching the program's light wellness/healing positioning.

Afternoon:

Have lunch at a local restaurant.

After lunch, visit Linh Phuoc Pagoda, a famous pagoda in Da Lat with distinctive architecture, impressive decorative details, and a setting suitable for learning more about Buddhist culture in the highlands.

Evening:

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Have dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight in Da Lat.

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DAY 5: DA LAT - FREE TIME FOR RELAXATION - AIRPORT TRANSFER

Morning:

Have breakfast at the hotel.

Free time to rest and relax at the hotel or shop for Da Lat specialties, depending on the actual flight schedule.

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

Afternoon:

Transfer to Lien Khuong Airport for the departure flight or connecting flight to Ho Chi Minh City, depending on the actual travel arrangement.

If the group needs to return to Ho Chi Minh City by road after the tour, the travel time will be long and should be advised separately according to the international flight schedule.

End of program.

Important notes for the program

The actual itinerary may be affected by objective factors such as traffic congestion, storms, peak periods, cable car operations, weather in Da Lat, etc. Therefore, if guests have an important appointment after the tour, please inform us in advance so that we can advise and arrange the program more appropriately.

TOUR PRICE

Tour prices will be updated after confirming the number of guests, hotel category, meal standard, departure date, flight schedule, and compulsory services at 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	385 USD	335 USD	315 USD	300 USD	290 USD
4 Star Hotel	435 USD	395 USD	375 USD	360 USD	350 USD
5 Star Hotel	595 USD	550 USD	525 USD	510 USD	500 USD

NOTES

- The tour price does not include compulsory tips for the guide and driver: expected at USD 3/guest/day or according to the official quotation.
- 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 depending on flight schedules, weather, traffic conditions, attraction operating regulations, and the actual requirements of the group.
- 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/dairy/five pungent spices.

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- The Da Lat route involves a long overland journey from Ho Chi Minh City. For groups with tight international flight schedules, PYS Travel recommends checking domestic flight options or ending the tour at Lien Khuong Airport.
- For elderly groups, the program should prioritize cable cars, electric carts, or adjusted sightseeing pace 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 be changed according to actual room availability at the time of booking confirmation. If the proposed hotel is fully booked, PYS Travel will suggest an equivalent hotel of the same category.

Hotel name	City	Level
Queen Ann Hotel or equivalent hotel	TP.HCM	3*
Cicilia Saigon Hotel & Spa or equivalent hotel	TP.HCM	4*
La Vela Saigon Hotel or equivalent hotel	TP.HCM	5*
River Park Hotel or equivalent hotel	Da Lat	3*
Hotel Colline or equivalent hotel	Da Lat	4*
Dalat Palace Heritage or equivalent hotel	Da Lat	5*

INCLUSIONS

- Air-conditioned tourist vehicle according to the program.
- Chinese-speaking guide according to the program.
- Accommodation 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 locations if confirmed in the quotation.
- Entrance tickets to attractions in the program
- Ba Den Mountain cable car ticket
- Cable car ticket in Da Lat
- Mineral water: 01 bottle/guest/tour day.
- Tour operation support from the PYS Travel team in Vietnam.

EXCLUSIONS

- International and domestic air tickets.
- Vietnam visa, e-visa, or costs related to immigration procedures.
- Drinks during meals and meals not mentioned in the program.
- Single room supplement.
- Early check-in and late check-out fees.
- Compulsory tips for the guide and driver.
- Personal expenses: laundry, telephone, minibar, excess baggage, personal medical expenses, etc.

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- Personal donation, incense offering, and worship items at spiritual sites.
- Wellness/spa/deep guided meditation services if not clearly mentioned in the Inclusions.
- 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 Inclusions.

CHILD POLICY

- Children aged 10 and above: charged 100% of the adult tour price.
- Children aged 3 to under 10: charged 75% of the tour price, sharing 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: 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, are subject to the airline's own policy.
- Cable car, boat, electric cart, and attraction services are subject to the height/age policy of each site.

RECOMMENDED ITEMS TO BRING

- Polite clothing suitable for visiting pagodas and spiritual sites.
- Comfortable shoes suitable for walking.
- Sunglasses, sunscreen, personal medicine, and insect repellent.
- A warm or light jacket suitable for Da Lat weather, especially in the evening and early morning.
- Umbrella or light raincoat depending on the weather.
- 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 cancellation policy will be confirmed for each booking and 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 within 14 days before departure or no-show/unused services: cancellation fee may be up to 100% of the total tour value.
- During peak seasons, holidays, Tet, or for groups with special services, cancellation policies will follow the separate conditions 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 customer/partner.
- 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.

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- If the proposed hotel is fully booked, 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 we can check the ability of restaurants and destinations to accommodate the request.
- Wellness/healing elements in the program are positioned as light experiences. If the group requires a retreat, guided meditation, or in-depth wellness services, the program and costs need to be designed separately.

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