

VIETNAM BUDDHIST CULTURAL PILGRIMAGE TOUR

HCM CITY - TAY NINH - SAMTEN HILLS - DA LAT -

TRUC LAM ZEN MONASTERY

6 DAYS 5 NIGHTS | Tour code: SGN04

Ho Chi Minh City: The largest economic and cultural hub in Southern Vietnam and 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 take the cable car to the mountain summit area, worship at the Tay Bo Da Son Buddha Statue, visit Buddhist cultural spaces and admire 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 seeking to combine light pilgrimage with leisure, relaxation and wellness/healing.



Truc Lam Zen Monastery - Tuyen Lam Lake: A peaceful monastery space by the lake and pine forest, suitable for guests to learn about the spirit of the Truc Lam Zen school, experience a tranquil atmosphere and enjoy gentle relaxation in Da Lat.



Samten Hills Dalat: A Vajrayana Buddhist spiritual and cultural space combined with relaxation and healing, highlighted by the Great Prayer Wheel Stupa, peace-prayer experiences, quiet contemplation, vegetarian cuisine and the serene highland atmosphere.



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BRIEF ITINERARY

DAY	PROGRAM	MEALS	HOTEL
Day 1	Arrival in HCMC - City Tour	Dinner	HCMC
Day 2	HCMC - Tay Ninh - Ba Den Mountain	Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner	HCMC
Day 3	HCMC - Da Lat	Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner	Da Lat
Day 4	Samten Hills Dalat	Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner	Da Lat
Day 5	Truc Lam Zen Monastery - Tuyen Lam Lake - Linh Phuoc Pagoda	Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner	Da Lat
Day 6	Da Lat - Free Time for Relaxation - Airport Transfer	Breakfast	-

DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN HCMC - CITY PAGODA VISIT

Morning:

The group arrives at Tan Son Nhat International Airport. The Chinese-speaking guide and private vehicle welcome the group at the airport and transfer to central 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 the hotel's actual room availability and is not included in the quotation unless confirmed in advance.

Afternoon:

The group visits one of the representative pagodas in Ho Chi Minh City, suitable as a gentle spiritual opening to the journey in Southern Vietnam:

- **Vinh Nghiem Pagoda:** One of the well-known pagodas in Ho Chi Minh City, featuring solemn architecture and suitable for gaining an overview of Buddhism in Southern Vietnam.
- **Or Vietnam Quoc Tu Pagoda:** A representative Buddhist landmark in Ho Chi Minh City, suitable for sightseeing, worship and prayers for peace.
- Visit Ben Thanh Market or the downtown area.

Evening:

The group enjoys a vegetarian dinner at a local vegetarian restaurant.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

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

Morning:

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Have breakfast at the hotel.

The vehicle and guide pick up the group and depart for Tay Ninh. Along the way, the guide introduces the Southeastern region, local cultural and religious life in Tay Ninh and the significance of Ba Den Mountain in the Southern spiritual journey.

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

After the cable car ride, the group visits key areas on the summit of Ba Den Mountain:

- **Tay Bo Da Son Buddha Statue:** A prominent spiritual icon on the summit of Ba Den Mountain.
- **Buddha Relic Area:** A solemn worship space for visitors and Buddhists.
- **Prajnaparamita Sutra Pillar:** A Buddhist cultural highlight on the mountain summit.
- **Maitreya Buddha Statue:** A symbol of joy, peace and good fortune.
- **Buddhist Cultural Exhibition Area:** A place where guests can learn more about Buddhist values in a modern setting.
- **986m Milestone - "Roof of Southern Vietnam":** A popular photo spot with panoramic views over Tay Ninh.

The group has time for worship, prayers for peace and photos at the flower garden, cloud square 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.

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 rhythm of Da Lat help the journey shift from pilgrimage to a highland leisure experience.

- **Xuan Huong Lake:** A scenic area in the city center, suitable for a gentle walk and relaxation.
- **Lam Vien Square:** A signature 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.

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Overnight in Da Lat.

DAY 4: SAMTEN HILLS DALAT - WELLNESS/HEALING EXPERIENCE

Morning:

Have breakfast at the hotel.

The vehicle and guide take the group to Samten Hills Dalat, a Vajrayana Buddhist spiritual and cultural space combined with relaxation, contemplation and healing experiences in the Lam Dong highlands.

Upon arrival at **Samten Hills Dalat**, the group begins the visit and experiences the following highlights:

- Samten Hills Dalat gate and the highland hill landscape area.
- The Vajrayana Buddhist spiritual and cultural space, where guests can discover a different Buddhist tradition from traditional Vietnamese pagodas.
- **Great Prayer Wheel Stupa** - the symbolic highlight of Samten Hills, suitable for peace prayers, quiet contemplation and souvenir photos.
- Kora practice area / circumambulation around the spiritual space, subject to guidance and actual operating conditions.
- **OM Meditation Garden** or other quiet areas for gentle meditation and enjoying the peaceful highland atmosphere.
- **The Leaf Coffee** or rest areas for relaxation within the complex.

The group has time for worship, peace prayers, quiet contemplation and learning more about Buddhist cultural values in a highland setting.

Afternoon:

Have lunch, with priority given to arranging a vegetarian meal at Samten Hills.

After lunch, the group continues to experience Samten Hills and may join light activities such as a relaxing walk, sightseeing, taking photos or enjoying drinks at the rest area.

After the program, the group returns to Da Lat.

Evening:

Have dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight in Da Lat.

DAY 5: TRUC LAM ZEN MONASTERY - TUYEN LAM LAKE - LINH PHUOC PAGODA

Morning:

Have breakfast at the hotel.

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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 to learn about the spirit of the Truc Lam Zen school, worship, pray for peace and experience the tranquil highland atmosphere.

The group visits and relaxes around Tuyen Lam Lake, an area with lake scenery, pine forests and a peaceful leisure atmosphere, matching the light wellness/healing positioning of the program.

Afternoon:

Have lunch at a local restaurant.

After lunch, the group visits Linh Phuoc Pagoda, a famous pagoda in Da Lat known for its distinctive architecture, impressive decorative details and a space suitable for learning more about Buddhist culture in the highlands.

Evening:

Have dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight in Da Lat.

DAY 6: DA LAT - FREE TIME FOR RELAXATION - AIRPORT TRANSFER

Morning:

Have breakfast at the hotel.

The group is free to rest, relax at the hotel or shop for local specialties depending on the actual flight schedule.

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

Afternoon:

Transfer to Lien Khuong Airport for the flight home or connecting flight according to the actual itinerary. If the group departs from Ho Chi Minh City, PYS Travel will advise a suitable transfer plan based on the flight time and group budget.

End of program.

Important Notes for the Program

The actual itinerary may be affected by objective factors such as traffic congestion, heavy rain or storms, peak periods, cable car operation, boats at attractions, etc. Therefore, if guests have important appointments after the tour, please inform us in advance so we can provide advice and make suitable arrangements.

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TOUR PRICE

Tour prices will be updated after confirming the number of guests, hotel category, meal standard, departure date, flight schedule and mandatory 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	470 USD	415 USD	390 USD	370 USD	365 USD
4 Star Hotel	560 USD	500 USD	475 USD	460 USD	450 USD
5 Star Hotel	765 USD	695 USD	665 USD	645 USD	635 USD

NOTES

- The tour price does not include compulsory tips for the guide and driver, estimated 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 change depending on 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: basic vegetarian, Buddhist vegetarian, vegan, or strict vegetarian without eggs/dairy/five pungent spices.
- Samten Hills Dalat is a Vajrayana Buddhist spiritual and cultural space, suitable for light spirituality combined with wellness/healing; it is not a specialized Mahayana Buddhist pilgrimage route.
- For senior groups, the program should prioritize cable cars, electric carts and light sightseeing arrangements to reduce walking time.
- A quotation does not mean that hotels, vehicles, restaurants or services are held. All services are subject to availability at the time of booking confirmation.

PROPOSED HOTEL CATEGORY

Hotels may change according to 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
Queen Ann Hotel or equivalent hotel	HCMC	3*
Cicilia Saigon Hotel & Spa or equivalent hotel	HCMC	4*

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Hotel name	City	Level
La Vela Saigon Hotel or equivalent hotel	HCMC	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*

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 2 guests/room or 3 guests/room upon request, including breakfast at the hotel.
- Meals according to the program, with priority for vegetarian meals at suitable points if confirmed in the quotation.
- Entrance tickets to attractions in the program according to the official quotation.
- Ba Den Mountain cable car ticket.
- Samten Hills Dalat entrance ticket.
- Da Lat / Truc Lam Zen Monastery cable car ticket.
- Mineral water: 01 bottle/guest/tour day.
- Tour operation support from the PYS Travel team in Vietnam.

SERVICES NOT INCLUDED

- 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 surcharge.
- Early check-in and late check-out fees.
- Compulsory tips for the guide and driver.
- Personal expenses: laundry, phone calls, minibar, excess baggage, personal medical expenses, etc.
- Personal merit offerings, incense offerings and personal ritual items at spiritual sites.
- Upgraded services outside the program such as private boat at Tuyen Lam Lake, special experiences at Samten Hills, spa, workshops or wellness activities not clearly stated in the quotation.
- Travel insurance.

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- Additional costs arising from causes beyond control such as natural disasters, storms/floods, flight delays/cancellations/schedule changes, accidents, medical emergencies, strikes, changes in attraction policies or other force majeure events.
- Any services not clearly mentioned in the Services Included section.

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, 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 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, are subject to the airline's own policy.
- Cable car, boat, electric cart and on-site services are subject to each attraction's own height/age policy.

RECOMMENDED ITEMS TO BRING

- Modest clothing suitable for visiting pagodas and spiritual sites.
- Comfortable footwear suitable for walking.
- Sunglasses, sunscreen, personal medicine and insect repellent.
- Light jacket or umbrella depending on the weather, especially during the stay in Da Lat.
- Passport and required immigration documents.
- Small bag or light backpack for visiting Ba Den Mountain, Samten Hills and Truc Lam Zen Monastery.

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 terms 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 services: cancellation fee may be up to 100% of the total tour value.

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- During peak seasons, holidays or for groups with special services, the cancellation policy will follow the specific terms of each supplier.

GENERAL NOTES

- Estimated prices are based on double or triple occupancy. Single room surcharge 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 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 we can check the availability of restaurants and destinations.

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