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## **TailorMade: Highlights of Southeast Asia**

16 days, Bangkok to Siem Reap

Trip code ATITM

## What's included

- Your G for Good Moment: New Hope Vocational Training Restaurant, Siem Reap
- Your Local Living Moment: Traditional Thai Home Khantoke Dinner, Chiang Mai
- Your Discover Moment: Luang Prabang
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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing June 11th, 2019 and onwards

# Itinerary



**NOTE:** Accommodations vary per departure and are subject to change until tour start date; they are not final and should be used as examples only. Travellers may login to the G Adventures App to view accommodations specific to their departure.

Day 1

## Bangkok

Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included.

Upon arrival you will be transferred to the hotel. There are no activities planned. You are free to relax, explore the city and adjust to the frantic pace and humid heat of Bangkok.

Please note that you **MUST** arrive on tour with your Vietnam visa. Please refer to the visa information section of these trip notes for more information on obtaining your Vietnamese visa.



## Today's Activities

Airport Transfer

Suvarnabhumi Airport – Bangkok

1h-1h

Day 2

## Bangkok/Chiang Mai

Explore Bangkok and take a boat along the klong canals. Visit the Grand Palace and sacred Emerald Buddha at Wat Phra Kaew temple. Later, catch a flight to Chiang Mai. Opt to visit the bustling Chiang Mai night market.

Later today, settle into exquisite surroundings in Chiang Mai and take a relaxing break from the fast pace of Bangkok.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Bangkok Grand Palace and Klong Tour

Bangkok

4h

Take a Klong boat through the extensive canals of Bangkok, arriving at the entrance of the Grand Palace. Undoubtedly Bangkok's premiere landmark, no visit to this city is complete without touring the palatial grounds of this architectural wonder.

Airport Transfer

Bangkok - Suvarnabhumi Airport

1h-1h

Plane

Bangkok - Chiang Mai

1h-1h

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.

Airport Transfer

Chiang Mai International Airport - Chiang Mai

30m-30m



### Optional Activities - Day 2

Street Food Walk at Chiang Mai Night Market

Chiang Mai

Pick up a souvenir at this shopper's paradise. Wander through the market to find music, food, and local artists selling handmade crafts.

Visit the market with a local chef to learn about traditional ingredients. Participate in a Thai cooking class and enjoy your creations for lunch. Indulge in a traditional northern khantoke-style dinner with a local family this evening.

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## Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

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## Today's Activities

Chiang Mai Cooking Class

Chiang Mai

3h-3h

Experience the flavours and scents of traditional northern Thai cuisine with a hands-on cooking class. With fresh herbs, produce, meats and seafood from a local market, prepare northern Thai (known as 'Lan Na') dishes in a tranquil, rural setting.

### ACTIVITY

Head into the peaceful countryside of Chiang Mai and visit a rural community. Stroll through the village and learn about local life. Afterwards, experience a traditional northern khantoke-style dinner with a local family. Sit on the floor around the khantoke, a large teak wood tray, and savour the sticky rice, hang-le curry and crispy pork served with chili paste. End the evening with some tea and conversation with your hosts.

Day 4

## Chiang Mai/Luang Prabang

Visit the Doi Suthep Buddhist Temple this morning. Later, fly to Luang Prabang, Laos, and take a walk around this town, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Doi Suthep Guided Tour

Doi Suthep - Chiang Mai

Climb the 300-step naga (mystical serpent) staircase to one of northern Thailand's most sacred temples, or opt to take a cable car and enjoy the view. Learn all about Doi Suthep's history from a local guide - built on top of a mountain, the temple sits among pagodas, statues, bells and shrines.

Airport Transfer

Chiang Mai - Chiang Mai International Airport

30m-30m

Plane

Chiang Mai - Luang Prabang

45m-45m

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Airport Transfer

Luang Prabang Airport - Luang Prabang

30m-30m

Day 5

## Luang Prabang

Visit the Royal Palace Museum and Wat Xiengthong. After, tour the city and then catch a boat to Pak Ou Temple caves and stop in local villages.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Today's Activities

Luang Prabang City and Pak Ou Cave Tour

Luang Prabang

Explore the winding streets of Luang Prabang to see all this town has to offer. Visit the 16th-century Buddhist temple of Wat Xieng Thong to discover its importance and history in Laos culture. Continue on to the Royal Palace Museum, home to the country's crown jewels, many religious artifacts, and a 50kg (110 lb) Buddha, cast of gold, silver and bronze. Afterwards, take a boat ride to the mythic Pak Ou caves. A shrine to the river spirit and Buddha, these caves are on the most respected holy sites in Laos. Bring a flashlight and tour the darkest recesses in search of thousands of hidden Buddha statues.

The morning is free for optional activities such as visiting textile galleries, relaxing in one of the town's cafes, or visiting the Ethnology Museum. In the afternoon, take an excursion to Kuang Si waterfall.



## Meals included

Breakfast



## Today's Activities

Kuang Si Waterfalls Tour

Kuang Si Falls – Luang Prabang

Journey to this magnificent multi-level waterfall, where relaxing is highly recommended. Explore the multiple picture-perfect pools as well as the nearby Asiatic black bear rescue centre (located between the park entrance and waterfall).



## Optional Activities - Day 6

Traditional Arts and Ethnology Centre Entry

Luang Prabang

35000LAK

Take an independent tour of the Traditional Arts and Ethnology Centre (TAEC) to learn about the traditional arts and cultures of Laos's many diverse ethnic groups. Shop in the TAEC Boutique for authentic village-made handicrafts and relax with a drink at the museum café.

Night Market Visit

Luang Prabang

Shop until your heart's content at the night market in Luang Prabang – one of the best in Southeast Asia. Head to the market around dusk. Tour the vendor stalls lining the streets offering food, wooden statues, clothes, trinkets and souvenirs to dozens of people wandering up and down the market. Don't miss the opportunity to interact with the sellers and gently negotiate a good price.

Ock Pop Tok Living Crafts Centre Visit

Luang Prabang

Free

Visit Ock Pop Tok "East Meets West" Living Crafts Centre on the banks of the Mekong River to learn from artisans about Laos handicrafts and the importance of woven textiles in Laos culture. Wander around the grounds for free, for opt to enjoy a drink in the cafe, join a workshop, or take an audio tour.

Day 7

## Luang Prabang/Hanoi

Enjoy some free time in Luang Prabang before catching a late afternoon flight to Hanoi.

Make sure to squeeze in any last minute items on your list before your flight to the buzzing metropolis of Hanoi.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Free Time

Luang Prabang

Get out and explore this picturesque city with some free time.

Airport Transfer

Luang Prabang

30m-30m

Plane

Luang Prabang - Hanoi

1h19m-1h19m

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Airport Transfer

Noi Bai International Airport - Hanoi

1h-1h

Day 8

## Hanoi/Ha Long

Drive to Halong Bay for an overnight cruise on a junk boat which includes a seafood meal. Visit caves or an island lookout.

Transfer to Bai Chay harbour, the entry point to Halong Bay. The sailing junk takes you to some islands and caves. Transfer from boat to kayak for a guided water tour, giving you the chance to get even closer to the stunning natural surroundings. You could enjoy an evening drink on the deck beneath the stars.

On rare occasion Halong Bay is closed to tourist vessels by the government authorities due to extreme weather conditions. Should this occur, an alternate activity will be provided.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Ha Long Bay Overnight Cruise Package - 1 night

Ha Long

24h-30h

Spend the day aboard a traditional junk boat. Cruise slowly on the calm bay on this comfortable craft, soaking in the magnificent karst scenery. Relax on deck and catch some rays or stay inside – you'll still be able to enjoy the scenery through the windows.

During the cruise, feast on local seafood, visit one of the massive cave systems on the islands, and stop off at a floating fishing village. Head out in kayaks or dive in for a refreshing swim.

The next day, continue to cruise through the limestone karsts in the morning with a stop after breakfast by the islands of Man's Head and Turtle Island. Enjoy your final seafood lunch before disembarking.

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Shared Van

Hanoi - Ha Long Bay

4h

Climb aboard and make friends with your seatmate en route to the next stop.

Day 9

## Ha Long/Hanoi

Return to land and head back to Hanoi. Get your bearings before setting out on your guided cyclo ride and orientation tour of the Old Quarter.

Classic French colonial architecture, beautiful decor and a scenic location makes Hanoi a fantastic place to visit. Enjoy the multitude of sights and tastes, steeped in Hanoi's unique city culture.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Ha Long Bay - Hanoi

4h

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Hanoi Cyclo Tour

Hanoi

1h30m-2h

Take a seat on a cyclo for a tour of Hanoi's lively Old Quarter. Let the driver navigate through the bustling streets and start taking some photos or just use the tour to help get familiar with the area.

Free Time

Hanoi

Head to dynamic Hang Gai Street or the night market for some evening shopping.



### Optional Activities - Day 9

Hoa Lo Prison Entry

Hanoi

1.50USD

1h-2h

Independently tour the museum of Hoa Lo Prison, referred to as Hanoi Hilton by American prisoners, to learn more about the Vietnam War.

Vietnamese Women's Museum

Hanoi

1.50USD

The Vietnamese Women's Museum highlights the significant contributions made by women in Vietnam. Take in an independent tour of the museum to gain an in-depth knowledge of women's role in Vietnamese culture, with a key focus on family, history and fashion.

### Museum of Ethnology Visit

Hanoi

2USD

Learn about Vietnam's various ethnic groups on this visit to the Museum of Ethnology – considered to be the finest modern museum in Vietnam.

### Temple of Literature Entry

Hanoi

2USD

1h-2h

Visit this sprawling temple built to honour Confucius, sages, and scholars. Dedicated to learning, it housed the country's first university in 1076. Independently explore its five courtyards, containing various gates, altars, sanctuaries, shrines, the stelae of doctors, and the Well of Heavenly Clarity.

### Fine Arts Museum

Hanoi

2USD

Wander through the Fine Arts Museum, where you'll find over 20,000 works of art housed in a former French colonial boarding school. Stand before some of Vietnam's National Treasures, immerse yourself in traditional folk art, find sculptures inspired by deities or admire intricate lacquer and silk paintings you won't find anywhere else.

### Hanoi Foodie Culture Tour

Hanoi

1-2km

Indulge your inner foodie with a street food tour through bustling Hanoi. Follow your guide through the back streets and markets of the city's old quarter, sampling local fare along the way. Mingle with city natives and experienced street food artists alike, as you taste a variety of Hanoi faves like "nem ran" and "banh goi." Stop at a streetside bar to savour a draught beer like Hanoians do. Cap off the tour at the Hanoi Food Culture restaurant, a G Values Fund Project, and try the city's signature specialty coffee.

Day 10

## Hanoi/Ho Chi Minh City

Catch your flight to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), Vietnam and take a thrilling cyclo tour of this bustling city.

Continue your tour of the greatest cities Vietnam has to offer. Today's stop is Vietnam's largest, Ho Chi Minh city. As a central location for much of Vietnam's history, there's so much to explore by foot and bike.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Airport Transfer

Hanoi - Noi Bai International Airport

1h-1h

Plane

Hanoi - Ho Chi Minh City

2h-2h

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.

Ho Chi Minh City Cyclo Tour

Ho Chi Minh City

1h30m-2h

Take a city tour on a cyclo (cycle rickshaw) - a great way to absorb the sights, sounds, and smells of Ho Chi Minh City. Watch your belongings though - they're easy for people to grab, if you're not careful.

Airport Transfer

Tan Son Nhat International Airport - Ho Chi Minh City

1h-1h



### Optional Activities - Day 10

Benh Tan Market Visit

Ho Chi Minh City

Wander the bustling aisles of this energetic market known for its abundance of dried and fresh produce, jewelry, textiles, liquor, and tobacco products. Be fancy (and efficient) and have a one-day suit made. Feel free to bargain!

Day 11

## Ho Chi Minh City

Take a guided tour of the infamous Cu Chi tunnels, legendary for the vital part they played during the Vietnam War.

Take a half day trip to the Cu Chi tunnels with a local guide. Allow some free time in the afternoon to sightsee or shop. Try your hand bargaining at the Ben Thanh Market, hire a cyclo (cycle rickshaw) for sightseeing or take a boat ride on the Saigon river.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Cu Chi Tunnels Guided Tour

Củ Chi - Ho Chi Minh City

8h

Take a guided tour of the Cu Chi Tunnels, a complex network of tunnels that the Viet Cong lived in to protect themselves from opposing forces during the Vietnam War. Try crawling through some of the tunnels (if you're not claustrophobic). These tunnels stored ammunition, had underground hospitals, and served as a hidden base for attacking allied forces.

Free Time

Ho Chi Minh City

Shop at the Ben Thanh Market, tour the War Remnants Museum, or boat down the Saigon river.



### Optional Activities - Day 11

Reunification Palace Visit

Ho Chi Minh City

2USD

Wander the historic halls of the Reunification Palace (Independence Palace), a landmark in Ho Chi Minh City. This former home of the South Vietnamese president during the Vietnam War became the location of the end of the war when a North Vietnamese tank pushed through the palace gates on April 30, 1975.

Dam Sen Water Park Visit

Ho Chi Minh City

4USD

Get away from the hustle and bustle of Ho Chi Minh City at this nearby water park. A lush setting and refreshing water make Dam Sen the perfect place for the whole family to cool off and have some fun— splash around or take a ride down one of the slides.

War Remnants Museum Visit

Ho Chi Minh City

2USD

Visit the War Remnants Museum, a gut-wrenching but worthwhile experience that includes three storeys of exhibits and military hardware. Learn about the devastation that occurred in Saigon during the Vietnam War, a period that greatly contrasts the joy and liveliness of the Vietnamese people today.

Day 12

## Ho Chi Minh City/Phnom Penh

Flight to Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Take a cyclo city tour along the waterfront and key city sights, then opt to visit the famous Foreign Correspondents' Club for sunset drinks.

Hit the ground running in Cambodia's bustling capital city. There's a wealth of landmarks and cultural experiences around every corner! Take a cycling tour then continue on foot to experience as much as possible.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Airport Transfer

Ho Chi Minh City - Tan Son Nhat International Airport

1h-1h

Plane

Ho Chi Minh City - Phnom Penh

54m-54m

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Airport Transfer

Phnom Penh International Airport - Phnom Penh

1h-1h

Phnom Penh Cyclo Tour

Phnom Penh

1h30m-2h

Settle in a traditional cyclo and depart from Wat Phnom. Tour busy streets to soak up the real vibe of the city. Pass the post office and Van's restaurant, both stunning colonial buildings, and make your way to the Royal Palace and National Museum. Go along the riverside road and take in the atmospheric cafes that line the street.

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## Meals included

Breakfast



## Optional Activities - Day 13

National Museum Visit

Phnom Penh

10USD

Wander the galleries of the National Museum to see amazing works of art from Cambodia's "golden age" of Angkor. Visit the museum's lovely courtyard before you leave.

Silver Pagoda Visit

Phnom Penh

10USD

Tour the Royal Palace complex to see the neighboring Silver Pagoda (aka the Temple of the Emerald Buddha). See the many magnificent treasures inside this beautiful vihara (Buddhist monastery), including its floor lined with more 5,000 tiles of silver.

Royal Palace Visit

Phnom Penh

Visit the King's current dwelling place, a magnificent riverside palace with classic Khmer architecture. Dress appropriately please; visitors must wear clothing that covers knees and shoulders, and shirts must reach the elbow.

Day 14

## Phnom Penh/Siem Reap

Fly to Siem Reap, Cambodia. Take a walk through the entertainment district and opt to visit the exciting night market.

After a quick flight to Siem Reap, make a pit stop at your hotel before opting to visit Siem Reap's famous night market. Have a "fish massage" to soothe your travel-weary feet, or grab a souvenir to immortalize your experience.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Airport Transfer

Phnom Penh – Phnom Penh International Airport

1h-1h

Plane

Phnom Penh – Siem Reap

45m-45m

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Airport Transfer

Siem Reap International Airport – Siem Reap

30m-30m



### Optional Activities - Day 14

Night Market Visit

Siem Reap

A neighbourhood unto itself, Siem Reap's night market is lively with shoppers exploring more than 240 hut shops selling souvenirs, artwork, and clothing.

Spend the day exploring the ruins of the Angkor Wat temple complex with a local expert guide. Also experience a Khmer lunch at New Hope, a local training restaurant and G Adventures-supported project.

Experience the mystical temple complex of Angkor Wat, one of the world's largest religious monuments. Your guide will provide a wealth of knowledge on this must-see attraction. Afterwards, visit one of our G Adventures social initiatives, the New Hope Vocational restaurant, which provides job training and funding for a nearby community school and health centre, along with delicious local meals for our travellers.

It can get very hot and humid walking around Angkor. Please wear lightweight clothes and good walking shoes, and be sure to drink lots of water to stay hydrated.



### **Meals included**

Breakfast | Lunch



## Today's Activities

Angkor Wat Sunrise Tour

Angkor Wat

8h

Enjoy a tour of impressive ancient ruins with a local professional guide. Wake early to watch the sun rise over the magnificent Angkor Wat temple. Visit the enigmatic faces of Bayon within the walled city of Angkor Thom, and tour Ta Prohm (aka the "Tomb Raider" temple), which is slowly being swallowed by the jungle.

### ACTIVITY

Enjoy a traditional Khmer lunch at one of New Hope's Vocational Training Restaurants, an initiative kickstarted by G Adventures. Providing skill-building opportunities to marginalized community members, the project also funds a free community school and health centre. Visit the locally-run restaurant and see how the New Hope project has supported positive change in the community.

Free Time

Siem Reap

Take some time to explore this lively town on your own.

Day 16

## Siem Reap

Depart at any time.

Grab any last minute keepsakes before wrapping up your unforgettable tour.



## Meals included

Breakfast

## What's included

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While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.

## **What important notes should I be aware of before the trip?**

1. Please note that these Trip Details are based on the sample itinerary that was used to create your customized tour, meaning that some things listed here may no longer apply, including the service level, physical grading, and inclusions. For the specifics related to your particular personalized tour please refer to your tour vouchers or consult with your Private Travel GCO or travel agent.

### 2. ACCOMMODATION NOTE:

Please be aware that properties we stay in with only two stories may not have elevators installed and climbing the stairs with your luggage will be necessary.

## **What meals are included in this trip?**

15 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners

## **What are the meals like on this trip?**

Eating is a big part of traveling. Travelling with G Adventures you experience the vast array of wonderful food that is available out in the world. Generally meals are not included in the trip price when there is a choice of eating options, to give you the maximum flexibility in deciding where, what and with whom to eat. It also gives you more budgeting flexibility, though generally food is cheap. Included breakfasts in some places may be asian style consisting of noodles or congee (rice porridge) or bread and eggs. Vegetarians will be able to find a range of different foods, although in some areas the choice maybe limited. For all trips please refer to the meals included and budget information for included meals and meal budgets.

## **What are the modes of transportation on my trip?**

Private vehicle, boat, plane, cyclo, traditional junk boat, walking.

## **Are local flights included in the cost of the trip?**

All local flights are included in the cost of your tour unless otherwise noted. It is important that we have your passport information at the time of booking in order to process these tickets. Internal flight tickets are issued locally and will be given to you prior to the flight departure.

There may be a weight restriction for the internal flight on this tour. Each passenger is allowed to carry one checked bag with a maximum weight of 20 kg (44lbs). Additional bags or excess weight charges may apply. These charges are the responsibility of the passengers.

## **Where will we stay during the trip?**

Hotels (15 nts), junk boat (1 nt).

## **What is the joining hotel?**

For details of your joining hotel please refer to your tour voucher, G Account, the G Adventures App or contact your travel agent.

## **What are the joining instructions?**

On your TailorMade trip, you will be met by a G Adventures Representative on Day 1 with more information about your tour. They will also be able to answer any questions you may have. If you have an arrival transfer, please meet your transfer representative in the arrivals area; they will be holding a G Adventures sign.

## **What happens if I experience problems when arriving?**

We don't expect any problems, and nor should you, but if for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, as soon as possible please contact the emergency number listed below and on your voucher.

If you have not made contact with our representative within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend that you make your own way to the Starting Point hotel, following the Joining Instructions. Please apply to your travel agent on your return for a refund of the transfer cost if this occurs.

## Who should I contact in case of an emergency?

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call either the G Adventures Local Representative (if one is listed below) or our G Adventures Local Office. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so they may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

### AIRPORT TRANSFER

Your arrival transfer has been arranged based on flight information provided to us. Included arrival transfers are provided from the nearest airport to your starting location. If you are advised of a flight schedule change within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, we will do our best to rearrange your arrival transfer however we cannot guarantee this. If your arrival transfer does not arrive within 30 minutes after you have exited the arrivals area please take a taxi to your start point hotel.

If your call is specifically concerning Bangkok Airport Transfer complications please call our local G Adventures Transfer provider directly at: +66 86 321 0729 (086 321 0729 from within Thailand) or +66 82 450 2777 (082 450 2777 from within Thailand)

### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

After hours emergency number:

From outside Thailand +66 (0) 92 338 9222

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If you are unable for any reason to contact our local office, please call the numbers listed below which will connect you directly with our Sales team who will happily assist you. Hours of operation by region can be found [here](#).

Toll-free, North America only: 1 888 800 4100

Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from Germany: 0800 365 1000

Calls from Australia: 1 300 796 618

Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307

Outside North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

## Are there any additional packing suggestions I should consider?

What you need to bring depends on the trip you have chosen and the countries or regions you are planning to visit. We suggest that you pack as lightly as possible as you are expected to carry your own luggage. As a rule we try not to have to walk more than 15-20 minutes with your bags which is why we recommend keeping the weight of your bag around 15kg/30lb. Suitcases are not recommended for G Adventures trips! Most travellers carry a backpack or rolling bag of small to medium size (no XXL ones please!). You will also need a day pack/bag to carry water, cameras and other electronics like ipods and mobile phones.

# What should be on my 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)

## Documents:

- Flight info (required) (Printouts of e-tickets may be required at the border)
- Insurance info (required) (With photocopies)
- Vouchers and pre-departure information (required)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Visas or vaccination certificates (With photocopies)

## Essentials:

- Toiletries (required) (Shampoo, bodywash, soap, etc.)
- Binoculars (optional)
- Camera (With extra memory cards and batteries)
- Cash, credit and debit cards
- Day pack (Used for daily excursions or short overnights)
- Ear plugs
- First-aid kit (should contain lip balm with sunscreen, sunscreen, whistle, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, bandaids/plasters, tape, anti-histamines, antibacterial gel/wipes, antiseptic cream, Imodium or similar tablets for mild cases of diarrhea, rehydration powder, water purification tablets or drops, insect repellent, sewing kit, extra prescription drugs you may be taking)
- Flashlight/torch (Headlamps are ideal)
- Fleece top/sweater
- Footwear
- Hat
- Headphones (Noise-cancelling recommended)
- Locks for bags
- Long pants/jeans
- Moneybelt
- Outlet adapter
- Personal entertainment (Reading and writing materials, cards, music player, etc.)
- Reusable water bottle
- Shirts/t-shirts
- Sleepwear
- Small travel towel
- Sunglasses
- Swimwear
- Watch and alarm clock
- Waterproof backpack cover
- Windproof rain jacket

**Health & Safety:**

- Face masks (Clients will be only be required to wear a face mask where it is mandated by local regulations.)
- Hand sanitizer
- Pen (Please bring your own pen for filling out documents.)

**Smart Dress:**

- Smart outfit (For evenings out)

**Warm Weather:**

- Sandals/flip-flops
- Sturdy water shoes/sandals
- Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear

## When can I do my laundry on this trip?

Laundry facilities are offered by some of our hotels for a charge. There will be times when you may want to or have to do your own laundry so we suggest you bring non-polluting/biodegradable soap.

## What are the visas and entry requirements for my trip?

All countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). Contact your local embassy or consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements, or see your travel agent. It is your own responsibility to have the correct travel documentation. Visa requirements for your trip will vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. We keep the following information up to date as far as possible, but rules do change and sometimes without warning. While we provide the following information in good faith, it is vital that you check the information yourself and understand that you are fully responsible for your own visa requirements.

Visa information specific to your destination and nationality can be found in our Important Pre-Departure Information page [here](#)

**THAILAND** - Most nationalities do not need a visa for Thailand for stays of 30 days or less but if you do they are available on arrival at Bangkok Airport. If staying in Thailand for more than 30 days, you will be required to obtain a tourist visa in advance. Only 15 day tourist visas are issued when entering Thailand overland.

**CAMBODIA** - Visas can be obtained in advance from your local Embassy or on arrival in Bangkok (if your tour begins in Thailand). You will need at least one full working day to arrange this. You can also obtain your visa at the Cambodian border or Siem Reap Airport for approx. \$30 USD very easily. Please have \*at least\* 2 passport photos with you as well.

**VIETNAM** - If you require a visa for Vietnam, they need to be arranged ahead of time (BEFORE your trip) as the processing time varies and they are not available upon arrival.

If you are entering Vietnam by land border, please apply for a regular visa for Vietnam. While some land borders are starting to accept E-visa, it's inconsistent and we recommend securing a regular visa for land crossings.

### LAOS

Visas are issued upon arrival in Laos. You will need two passport size photographs and approx \$50. 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 lots of visa photos with you.

## What should I consider when planning my personal expenses and discretionary spending for this itinerary?

Every traveller is different and therefore spending money requirements will vary. Some travellers may drink more than others while other travellers like to purchase more souvenirs than most. Please consider your own spending habits when it comes to allowing for drinks, shopping and tipping. Please also remember the following specific recommendations when planning your trip.

## **What should I know about currency, credit cards, and exchanging money while on this tour?**

During this tour the local currencies you will use are the Thai Baht, Laos Kip, US Dollar, Cambodian Riel and Vietnamese Dong. As currency exchange rates in South East Asia do fluctuate, we ask that you refer to the following website for the most up to date daily exchange rates: [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com) for each of the above mentioned currencies. The best way to carry your money is in debit cards, withdrawing cash in local currencies from ATM machines. ATMs are found throughout South East Asia and will generally accept cards on the Visa and Mastercard networks. It is a great idea to travel with both a Visa and Mastercard if at all possible in case of loss or problems with one card, you will have a back up. Please note, your bank will charge a fee for overseas withdrawals. USD Cash is recommended for times when ATMs are not accessible. You should bring some cash with you for emergency situations (please refer to our trip dossier) but carrying only cash is a high safety risk. ATM card/s and some cash is the ideal mix. Travellers cheques can be tricky, timely and expensive to exchange. Cash advances can also be made with some banks but are time consuming and tend to have high fees attached. Credit cards can be used at some upmarket restaurants, and at some larger stores if shopping for big items. If you are bringing US Dollars, please make sure that the notes are new and in good condition. Notes older than 2003, or with any tears or blemishes may not be accepted. Be fussy with your bank when buying cash!

## **How much emergency money should I bring on this trip?**

Please also make sure you have access to at least an additional USD \$250 (or equivalent) as an 'emergency' fund, to be used when circumstances outside our control (ex. a natural disaster) require a change to our planned route. This is a rare occurrence!

## **Do I need to pay a departure tax?**

All departure taxes should be included in your international flight ticket

## **Should I be tipping on my trip?**

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 \$1.5-\$3.5 USD per person per day depending on the quality and length of the service.

# What activities are optional on this trip?

## Chiang Mai

- Street Food Walk at Chiang Mai Night Market

## Luang Prabang

- Traditional Arts and Ethnology Centre Entry (35000LAK per person)
- Night Market Visit
- Ock Pop Tok Living Crafts Centre Visit (Free)

## Hanoi

- Hoa Lo Prison Entry (1.50USD per person)
- Vietnamese Women's Museum (1.50USD per person)
- Museum of Ethnology Visit (2USD per person)
- Temple of Literature Entry (2USD per person)
- Fine Arts Museum (2USD per person)
- Hanoi Foodie Culture Tour

## Ho Chi Minh City

- Benh Tan Market Visit
- Reunification Palace Visit (2USD per person)
- Dam Sen Water Park Visit (4USD per person)
- War Remnants Museum Visit (2USD per person)

## Phnom Penh

- National Museum Visit (10USD per person)
- Silver Pagoda Visit (10USD per person)
- Royal Palace Visit

## Siem Reap

- Night Market Visit

## **Are there any health considerations I should know before travelling?**

Please note inoculations may be required for the country visited. It is your responsibility to consult with your travel doctor for up to date medical travel information well before departure.

You should consult your doctor for up-to-date medical information pertaining to the country you are traveling to well before departure. We recommend that you carry a First Aid kit and hand sanitizers / antibacterial wipes as well as a full supply of any personal medical requirements. In Asia, you will not find the same drugs as you get at home. Please be aware that sometimes we are in remote areas and away from medical facilities. When selecting your trip please carefully read the brochure and itinerary and assess your ability to cope with our style of travel. Please refer to the Physical and Culture Shock ratings for trip specific information. For travelers over 70 years a completed Medical Form is required.

## **What do I need to know to about safety and security on my trip?**

Many national governments provide a regularly updated advice service on safety issues involved with international travel. We recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest travel information before departure. 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.

During your trip you will have some free time to pursue your own interests, relax and take it easy or explore at your leisure. Please note that any optional activities you undertake are not part of your itinerary, and we offer no representations about the safety of the activity or the standard of the operators running them. Please use your own good judgment when selecting an activity in your free time. Although the cities visited on tour are generally safe during the day, there can be risks to wandering throughout any major city at night. It is our recommendation to take taxis to and from restaurants, or during night time excursions.

Protests and Demonstrations- Protests and demonstrations, even those that are well intended, have the potential to turn violent with no warning. Counter protests can also turn violent. Action by security forces to disperse demonstrators and protesters may occur at any time. If you are in an area where demonstrators or protesters are gathering, avoid the temptation of staying for a good photo opportunity and leave the area immediately.

Water based activities have an element of danger and excitement built into them. We recommend only participating in water based activities when accompanied by a guide(s). We make every reasonable effort to ensure the fun and adventurous element of any water based activities (in countries with varying degrees of operating standards) have a balanced approach to safety.

Swimming, including snorkeling, is always at your own risk.

We take all prudent measures in relation to your safety. For ways to further enhance your personal safety while traveling, please visit:

[www.gadventures.com/travel-resources/safety/](http://www.gadventures.com/travel-resources/safety/)

## **What are the trip specific safety considerations?**

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Be aware that petty theft can be an issue in some Vietnamese 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.

We do not recommend passengers to jump or dive into Kuang Sii Waterfalls in Luang Prabang, this may result in injury.

## **What rules should I know before joining this trip?**

Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on any trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts the rest of the group at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for our travellers. Our philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter, and in particular the local people who make the world the special place it is. The exploitation of prostitutes is completely contrary to this philosophy.

## **Is travel insurance required for my trip?**

Travel insurance is compulsory in order to participate on any of our trips. When selecting a travel insurance policy please bear in mind that all clients must have medical coverage and that we require a minimum coverage of USD 200,000 for repatriation and emergency rescue. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. If you have credit card insurance we require proof of purchase of the trip (a receipt of credit card statement) with a credit card in your name. Contact your bank for details of their participating insurer, the level of coverage and emergency contact telephone number.

## What is Planeterra?

Planeterra International Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to turning travel into impact by helping local communities earn an income from tourism. Planeterra connects underserved local communities to the benefits of tourism by developing and supporting small community-owned businesses. These businesses support Indigenous people, empower women, grant youth access to employment opportunities, and protect the environment. Planeterra also works to ensure these businesses have a thriving customer base by integrating their projects into G Adventures' itineraries globally.

G Adventures is Planeterra's largest corporate donor, covering all operating costs, so 100% of your donation will bring opportunity to people in need.

G Adventures Dollar-a-day Program - Make Every Day Count - Turn your travel into impact with [Planeterra Foundation](#).

Did you know? Most communities around the world do not benefit from tourism. Give back to the places you visit on your travels by creating opportunities for local people to earn an income, and protect the environment.

Make every day count by donating \$1/day for the length of your trip, and join us in empowering the communities you will visit when you travel. 100% of your donation goes directly to Planeterra projects.

## How should I dress to respect local customs during the tour?

When packing be aware that dress standards are conservative throughout Asia. To respect this and for your own comfort, we strongly recommend modest clothing. This means covering shoulders and no very short shorts. Loose, lightweight, long clothing is both respectful and cool in the predominantly hot Asian climate. Shorts should be knee-length.

## How can I share feedback about my trip experience?

Earn 5% off your next G Adventures Tour (up to \$100 USD)\*

After your travels, we want to hear from you! Your feedback information is so important to us and to thank you for your time, we are pleased to offer a 5% discount (up to a maximum of \$100 USD) off your next G Adventures holiday. All you need to do is submit the form within 4 weeks of the completion of your tour, and you'll be able to join the thousands of travellers who have taken 2, 3, 4 or even 10 or more tours with us!

Discount cannot be combined with other offers or applied to 'Independent' style trips. Maximum discount value is \$100 USD (or equivalent currency). Valid for new bookings only. G Adventures reserves the right to withdraw or modify this offer at any time without notice. Limited to one discount per person.

## Does G Adventures have an email newsletter I can subscribe to?

Our adventure travel e-newsletter is full of travel news, trip information, interesting stories and contests. To avoid missing out on special offers and updates from G Adventures, subscribe at [www.gadventures.com/newsletters/](http://www.gadventures.com/newsletters/)

Stay current on how our company invests in our global community through our foundation – Planeterra. Sign up for [Planeterra's monthly news](#) to learn more about how to give back and support the people and places we love to visit.

## How old must I be to join this trip?

Minimum age of 5 years for this trip.

## Are international flights included in this trip?

No, international flights are generally not included in the price of your tour.

However, on some combo tours travelling between two different countries, international flights are included as part of the itinerary and price of the tour. Please speak to your GCO or booking agent for further details.

In addition, check-in times and baggage allowances/restrictions vary by airline and can change at any time. For the most up-to-date information for your flight, please contact your airline. We recommend checking in online in advance to avoid potential delays at the airport.

## What should LGBTQ+ travellers know about safety and travel considerations on this trip?

The safety and well-being of all of our travelers is a priority at G Adventures and that includes our travelers who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community. We recognize that there are specific concerns and questions you may have about your adventure in terms of safety and security. We encourage you to visit our [LGBTQ+ page](#) for useful resources to ensure you feel safe and comfortable throughout the duration of your trip. The Equaldex tool linked on this page can be of particular help when deciding where you may want to visit next.

## Dossier Disclaimer

The information in this trip details document has been compiled with care and is provided in good faith. However it is subject to change, and does not form part of the contract between the client and the operator. The itinerary featured is correct at time of printing. It may differ slightly to the one in the brochure. Occasionally our itineraries change as we make improvements that stem from past travellers, comments and our own research. Sometimes it can be a small change like adding an extra meal along the itinerary. Sometimes the change may result in us altering the tour for the coming year. Ultimately, our goal is to provide you with the most rewarding experience. Please note that our brochure is usually released in November each year. If you have booked from the previous brochure you may find there have been some changes to the itinerary.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Please ensure that you print a final copy of your Trip Details to review a couple of days prior to travel, in case there have been changes that affect your plans.

## **Itinerary Disclaimer**

While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.