

# Topdeck

## ASIAN FUSION



TRIP CODE:

AHAFBH-9



## Topdecker, MEET ASIA

On this month-long adventure, you'll be taking in the very best of Asia with a bunch of awesome Topdeckers. Ticking off Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam, this is a journey you won't be forgetting any time soon. Tuck into yummy street food, explore ancient temples, travel across pretty rivers and get to know the locals that call this place home. It's all here on our 28 day Asian Fusion trip. Let's go!

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Hotel



Nights



Android/iPhone app  
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This is a principal  
package.

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We really appreciate your decision to travel with us, and rest assured that the entire Topdeck team will be pulling out all the stops to make your trip an unforgettable one.

Now it's time to get excited and get ready for a fantastic holiday!

From all the crew at Topdeck Travel

## ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs, including where to meet, what to bring and what you can expect on your trip of a lifetime! Also, you can easily download and print this document off so you can check off the lists or bring it with you when you travel.

Please do bear in mind though, some points should be taken as a guide only - after all, everyone's different! For example, daily spending money and clothing lists can vary greatly from one person to the next so don't be alarmed if you don't expect to spend (or even wear) so much! However, we're sure you'll find the information in general to be very useful.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** We strongly urge you to refresh this document as close to the time of your departure as possible to ensure you have the most up-to-date accommodation list and information available.

### ON THE BUCKET LIST (INCLUDED)

- + See Angkor Wat at sunrise
- + Street eats tuk
- + tuk tour in Bangkok
- + Guided trishaw tour in Chiang Mai
- + Visit Wat Rong Khun
- + Street eats tour in Ho Chi Minh City
- + Cu Chi Tunnels tour
- + Visit the Cai Be floating markets
- + Drive along the Hai Van Pass
- + Party cruise in Halong Bay

### MORE INCLUSIONS

- + Street eats tuk-tuk tour in Bangkok
- + Overnight train ticket
- + Visit Wat Rong Khun
- + Cruise the Mekong River
- + Visit a whiskey village
- + Visit the Pak Ou Caves
- + Join an almsgiving ceremony in Luang Prabang
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## YOUR TRIP WILL START

### PICK UP:

Bangkok  
Asia

## YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

### DROP OFF:

Hanoi  
Asia

## *Trip currencies*

- + Thailand -
- + Laos - LAK
- + Cambodia - KHR
- + Vietnam - VND

# Your Itinerary



AWESOME TRIP  
LEADER

## DAY 1 | BANGKOK, THAILAND

Arrive in Bangkok and get ready to zip through the streets on an included street eats tour. Mode of transport? Tuk-tuk. Eeek!



**MEALS:**

+ Dinner



**INCLUDED TODAY:**

+ Street eats tuk-tuk tour in Bangkok

## DAY 2 | BANGKOK TO CHIANG MAI

Tick off the Bangkok bucket list with a half-day city tour: Grand Palace and Wat Pho temple, we're looking at you. Tonight, catch some zzz's on an overnight train.



**MEALS:**

+ Breakfast



**INCLUDED TODAY:**

+ Overnight train ticket

## DAY 3 | CHIANG MAI

Jump in a trishaw for an included city tour and cruise through the incredible old town in style. The afternoon is all yours. Included activities: - Guided trishaw tour in Chiang Mai



**MEALS:**

+ Breakfast

## DAY 4 | CHIANG MAI

Free day! How about an optional cooking class? For the adrenalin seekers, unleash your inner monkey with an optional Flight of the Gibbon treetop adventure. One, two, three, jump!



**MEALS:**

+ Breakfast



**OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

+ Thai cooking class  
+ Flight of the Gibbon treetop  
adventure

## DAY 5 | CHIANG MAI TO CHIANG RAI

Be inspired by the amazing Wat Rong Khun 'White Temple' en route to Chiang Rai today. Get ready to say wow 100 times over.



**MEALS:**

+ Breakfast  
+ Lunch



**INCLUDED TODAY:**

+ Visit Wat Rong Khun

## DAY 6 | CHIANG RAI TO PAK BENG

Cross the Friendship Bridge then climb on board and get cruise-y along the Mekong River. We'll visit a riverside village along the way to get a feel for local life.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Cruise the Mekong River

## DAY 7 | PAK BENG TO LUANG PRABANG

This morning, continue cruising the Mekong with a visit to the local markets. Later, pop into the whiskey village, because, well, why not? Your final stop will be the Pak Ou Caves before pulling in to Luang Prabang.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit a whiskey village
- + Visit the Pak Ou Caves

## DAY 8 | LUANG PRABANG

Rise and shine! Today, check out the area by bike (optional). You'll also get the chance to see the Kuang Si Falls. This multi-tiered waterfall is pretty beautiful if we do say so ourselves.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Luang Prabang cycling tour
- + See the Kuang Si Falls

## DAY 9 | LUANG PRABANG TO VANG VIENG

Wake up to the sound of the temple gong, take part in the daily almsgiving of the monks, and head south to stunning Vang Vieng.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Join an almsgiving ceremony in Luang Prabang

## DAY 10 | VANG VIENG

Free day! Why not opt in for a kayaking trip on the Nam Song River? If you're here in the wet season: rapids. Rock climbing, cave exploring and swimming are also yours for the taking.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Kayaking on the Nam Song River

## DAY 11 | VANG VIENG TO VIENTIANE

Off to Vientiane where we'll get our bearings on a city tour. Tick off Wat Si Sisaket, Patuxai and Pha That Luang.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast

## DAY 12 | VIENTIANE TO SIEM REAP

We're flying to Siem Reap today. Passports at the ready! Try and nab a window seat.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Internal flight

## DAY 13 | SIEM REAP

Wake up early and shorten your bucket list with a stunning sunrise at Angkor Wat, followed by a guided tour of the Bayon temple and Ta Prohm. Want some entertainment this evening? A visit to the circus or sunset quad bike ride awaits (both optional).



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Visit Angkor Wat at sunrise  
+ Guided tours of the Bayon temple and Ta Prohm



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Ticket to the circus  
+ Sunset quad bike ride

## DAY 14 | SIEM REAP TO PHNOM PENH

We're kicking it to Phnom Penh today. Cue all of the road trip songs!



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast

## DAY 15 | PHNOM PENH

Take an optional visit to the Khmer Rouge Killing Fields to reflect and pay your respects. Tonight, feast on a Khmer BBQ with your travel mates. Cheers!



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast  
+ Dinner



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Visit the Khmer Rouge Killing Fields

## DAY 16 | PHNOM PENH TO HO CHI MINH CITY

Welcome to Ho Chi Minh City! Tonight, get ready for foodie heaven with a street eats tour. We'll take you to where the locals eat, so you know it's the real deal.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast  
+ Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Street eats tour in Ho Chi Minh City

## DAY 17 | HO CHI MINH CITY

Start off the day with a half-day tour of the Cu Chi Tunnels. These interesting tunnels were a strategic operation base during the Vietnam War. Later this afternoon, swing by the Central Post Office and Notre Dame Cathedral on a city tour. You'll also get the chance to see the Saigon Opera House, the Reunification Palace and the War Remnants Museum.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast  
+ Lunch



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Cu Chi Tunnels tour  
+ Guided tour of Ho Chi Minh City

## DAY 18 | HO CHI MINH CITY TO VINH LONG, MEKONG RIVER

Hop on a boat to get amongst Cai Be's floating markets that teem with fruit, vegetables and goodies. We're staying in a guesthouse tonight.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit the Cai Be floating markets

## DAY 19 | VINH LONG, MEKONG RIVER TO NHA TRANG VIA HO CHI MINH CITY

A pit stop at the Vinh Trang pagoda before heading to the train station. Onwards to Nha Trang!



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Overnight train ticket

## DAY 20 | NHA TRANG

Rest up at the beach or get involved in an optional activity: why not try out a full day boat trip or head to the Thap Ba Hot Spring Bathing and Mud Spa?



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Full-day boat trip
- + Visit the Thap Ba Hot Spring Bathing and Mud Spa

## DAY 21 | NHA TRANG

Spend your free day lazing in Nha Trang, a windsurfing and scuba diving mecca. Woo!



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast

## DAY 22 | NHA TRANG TO HOI AN

You're flying to Hoi An today. Look out for French colonial buildings and the Japanese Covered Bridge.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Internal flight

## DAY 23 | HOI AN

Free day! Hop on a tour to a vegetable village just outside of Hoi An or enrol in a cooking class conducted by a local chef (both optional).



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Vegetable village tour
- + Cooking class

## DAY 24 | HOI AN TO HUE

We'll drive you along the Hai Van Pass, one of Vietnam's most beautiful mountain passes, towards Hue. Once there, set off on a guided tour of the Citadel and the Tu Duc Royal Tomb. What an introduction!



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Drive along the Hai Van Pass
- + Guided tour of the Citadel and the Tu Duc Royal Tomb

## DAY 25 | HUE TO HANOI

Fly up the coast and get ready to take on the big capital city of Hanoi. Ask your Trip Leader for hot tips of where to visit.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Internal flight

## DAY 26 | HANOI TO HALONG BAY

Cruise time! A day of paddling, swimming, partying and lazing on the sundeck? Yes please. Tonight, enjoy the sunset from the boat and tuck in to a fresh dinner. Please note: If you have selected twin share accommodation, you may be accommodated in a triple share room for the duration of the Halong Bay cruise. This means you will be sharing with two other passengers. If you have any questions about your trip please contact our Customer Service team.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Party cruise in Halong Bay

## DAY 27 | HALONG BAY TO HANOI

How's your head this morning? Shake it off with one last dip in the turquoise water before heading back to Hanoi – but not before an optional scenic flight over Halong Bay.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Scenic flight over Halong Bay

## DAY 28 | HANOI

Today, we're outta here after brekkie. Okay, maybe one last bowl of pho first. Meals -Breakfast

## Meals

We aim to make sure that breakfasts are included every morning in the accommodation (except on the first morning). They are usually 'continental breakfasts', which are typical in most countries. A typical breakfast may consist of cereals with milk or yoghurt, bread, croissants, cold meats, cheese and a range of spreads, with fruit juice, tea or coffee to drink. It is rare to get a hot breakfast in Asia. Though, on some occasions, there may be some hot food available as well. Please bear in mind that food varies across each country we visit in Asia.

Included evening meals are in local restaurants or in the included accommodation. In most cases, table water is provided with the meals and if you wish to purchase additional drinks you can do so at your own expense.

If you have any dietary requirements, we will make every effort to cater to your specific needs as long as you advise your travel agent or Topdeck Customer Service Consultant when you book. You can also make note of your requirements in the Topdeck app when you check in (refer below). Please be aware that although we will do everything in our power, we cannot guarantee that every restaurant we eat in will be able to cater to all of your dietary needs, particularly in Asia. Also, we cannot cater for tastes or dislikes, as most of our included evening meals feature a set menu.

## *Topdeck Travel App*

Our travel app is **AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD BEFORE YOU TRAVEL**. With a range of cool features including a Currency Converter, Budget Planner, Check-In tool and Social Timeline (so your next #TravelEnvy post is never too far away) you can plan your trip like a pro.

Think of it like your very own Topdeck Trip Leader, always on call with the latest info, weather, maps and city guides to give you the trip of a lifetime, all in the palm of your hand.

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## *Passenger safety*

One of the best parts of travelling is experiencing the nightlife and entertainment each city has to offer. However, amidst the fun and excitement, it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety as well. Before you hit the road with us, be sure to familiarise yourself with the following safety information.

When you're on a night out, remember to avoid walking alone, particularly through deserted areas like beaches and back streets. Always stick together, take a registered taxi where possible, and keep a note of your accommodation details so you can find your way back to your fellow Topdeckers if you become separated. It's also a good idea to get your Topdeck trip mates' mobile numbers in case you need to get hold of them while out and about.

In some countries, alcoholic measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to. Try to keep track of what you're drinking, and if you see one of your trip mates looking a little worse for wear, take them back to your accommodation. Never leave your drink unattended.

It's also important to be aware that what you might consider harmless flirting may be interpreted differently in some countries. Be yourself and have fun, but stay savvy – you don't want to find yourself in an uncomfortable situation.

## OTHER INFORMATION



**THAT'S IT!**