



## **Vietnam**

### **15 Days Northern to Southern**

#### **Tour Fact Sheet, Location & Bird Highlight**

**Cuc Phuong National Park** > Bar-bellied Pitta, Blue-rumped pitta, Ratchet-tailed Treepie, White-winged Magpie, Pied Falconet, Red-Collared Woodpecker, White-tailed Flycatcher, Limestone Wren Babbler, Silver-breasted Broadbill, Red-vented Barbet, Rufous-throated Fulvetta, Fork-tailed Sunbird.

**Van Long Nature Reserved** > Delacour langur or White-shorts langur (depend time), Pheasant-tailed Jacana, White-browed Crake, Asian Openbill, Yellow Bittern, Cinnamon Bittern, White-throated Kingfisher,

**Xuan Thuy National park** > Black-faced Spoonbill, shorebirds, water birds. and some others on migration.

**Tam Dao Mountain** > Blue-naped Pitta, Chestnut Bulbul, Grey Laughingthrush, Streak-breasted Scimitar-babblers, Short-tailed Parrotbills, Purple Cochoa, White-browed Shrike Babbler, Collared Owlet, Sultan Tit, Chestnut-collared Yuhina, Black-chinned Yuhina, Thrushes and Warblers as winter visitors

**Cat Tien** > Germain's Peacock-pheasant, Green Peafowl, Orange-necked Partridge, Blue-rumped Pitta, Barbellied Pitta, Siamese Fireback, Scaly-breasted Partridge, Woolly-necked Stork, Lesser Adjutant; White-bellied, Great Slaty, Pale-headed, Black-and-buff and Heart-spotted Woodpeckers, Great Hornbill, Banded Kingfisher and the Indochinese-endemic Grey-faced Tit-Babbler.

**Di Linh** > Spotted Forktail, Blue Pitta, Rufous-browed Flycatcher, Black-hooded and Orange-breasted Laughingthrush, Black-crowned Parrotbill, Red-billed Scimitar Babbler, Indochinese Cuckooshrike, Annam Barbet.

**Da Lat** > Grey-crowned Crocias, Orange-breasted Laughingthrush, Hume's Treecreeper, Yellow-billed Nuthatch, Grey-crowned Tit, Vietnamese Cutia, Black-crowned Fulvetta, Collared Laughingthrush, indochinese Cuckooshrike, Slender-billed Oriole, Burmese Shrike, Red Crossbill and Vietnamese Greenfinch, Da Lat Shrike Babbler, Annam Barbet, Black-hooded Laughingthrush, White-cheeked Laughingthrush.

**Habitats Covered** : Broadleaved Evergreen forest, Wet Land, Rice Filed, Shoreline, Mountain Forest, Pine Forest, Bamboo Forest, Limestone mountain.

**Tour pace & walking** : Moderate

**Accommodation** : Comfortable hotel

**Photographic Opportunities** : December – June is excellent

**Excellent Month & Climate** : October – April / 10-25 C.

**Fairly Month & Climate** : May - September / 25-32 C.



## **Vietnam Itinerary**

**Duration : 15 Days**  
**Tour Start : Hanoi – north of Vietnam**  
**Tour End : Ho Chinmin city – south of Vietnam**  
**Bird Leader : Tien**  
**Bird Expect : See 250+ specie**

### **Pre Day Tour : Noi Bai Airport > Hotel in Hanoi**

guide pick you up at the Noi Bai airport , then transfer by private mini van to hotel in Hanoi. If we have more time guide bring you to birding in public garden park near by the hotel. Guide will introduce program tour on next day.

**Meals : Non**  
**Overnight : Non**

### **Day 1 : Hanoi > Van Long Nature Reserved > Cuc Phuong**

06:30 am. Guide pick you up at the hotel in Hanoi.....

Guide pick you up at the **Noi Bai Airport** GUIDE WAITING WITH SIGN BOARD AT THE MEETING POINT **Flight detail**.....

Check out after breakfast, transfer 5 hr. to Cuc Phuong. lunch on the way. Take a stopping off on the way for Van Long wetland protected area, guide will bring you birding around the lake and take a boat to birding in side lake, bird : Lesser Whistling Duck, Pheasant-tailed Jacana, White-throated Kingfisher, Pied Starling, White-browed Crake, White-vented Myna, Black-collared Starling, White-shoulder Starling, and more. Deep inside lake the boat bring you to watching rare monkey live on the limestone cliff Delacour's Langur, the last largest surviving group in the world on here. Then continue to Cuc Phuong National Park. Arrive there in the afternoon and then birding around in the late afternoon.

**Meals : D**  
**Overnight : Hotel National Park (air-con., private hot shower & toilet, free WiFi)**

### **Day 2, 3 : Cuc Phuong np.**



Two full days to do different trails inside the park for target birds, After breakfast we start to birding around restaurant around here also possible to see Fork-tailed Sunbird, Blue-rumped Pitta, White-winged Magpie, Red-headed Trogon, Ratchet-tailed Treepie, Asian Emerald Dove, Great Coucal, Oriental Pied Hornbill, Pied Falconet and more. On the trail 1.70 km. round secondary forest you can see Limestone Wren Babbler, Brown Shrike, Greater Racket-tailed Drongo, Mountain Hawk Eagle, Rufous-fronted Babbler and more. Then guide bring you to deep in side park by car to key spot to see Scaly Thrust, Bar-bellied Pitta, White-tailed Robin, White-rumped Shama, Blue-bearded Bee-eater, Dollarbird, Red-collared Woodpecker, Brown Hornbill, Imperial Eagle, Red-breasted Parakeet, Short-tailed Scimitar-Babbler, Morrison's Fulvetta and more.

**Meals : B / D**

**Overnight : Hotel National Park**

**Day 4 : Cuc Phuong > Xuan Thuy np.**

An early morning birding before breakfast then check out, leaving for Xuan Thuy (2.5 hours). Check in and have lunch. Xuan Thuy national park is located in Nam Dinh province, about 165km from Hanoi to the south-east. Xuan Thuy is the first Ramsar Site in Vietnam, covering an area of 7,100 ha. The major habitats are estuaries, mangroves, mudflats, sandy flats and shrimp ponds. To date, more than 200 bird species have been recorded at Xuan Thuy. The site is the most important staging and wintering area for migratory waterbirds in the coastal zone of the Red River Delta. It regularly supports large numbers of the more common migratory waterbird species, including Black-tailed Godwit, Spotted Redshank, Eurasian Curlew, Greater Sand Plover, Lesser Sand Plover, Little Stint. Many rare species can also be found at Xuan Thuy, including the largest wintering population of Black-faced Spoonbill in Vietnam, with around 60 birds each winter in recent years. Other rare species that regularly occur at the site include Saunders' Gull, Spotted Greenshank, Spoon-billed Sandpiper (hard to see, Thailand more easy to see on Oct.-Mar.) and Asian Dowitcher, Painted Stork and another bird Slaty-breasted Rail, White-throated Swampphen, Pink-necked Pigeon, Green-billed Malkoha, Streak-breasted Woodpecker. Late evening transfer 45 min. to the hotel.

**Meals : B / D**

**Overnight : [Minh Hai Hotel](#) [Click!](#)**

**Day 5 : Xuan Thuy > Tam Dao**

Birding till lunch time for shorebirds and some others. Check out then leave for Tam Dao (4.5 hours). Some birding on the way. Tam Dao is a hill resort sitting atop a mountain ridge that rises from the flat lowlands of the Red River Delta 80 km from Hanoi. There are several peaks over 1,300 m. rising from the ridge and the forest cover is lower montane evergreen forest with lowland evergreen at altitudes between 700 to 800 m. Tam Dao



town is located within the boundaries of Tam Dao National Park which has some of the highest levels of insect, reptile and amphibian diversity in the region as well as several restricted range bird species. The endemic Vietnamese Salamander has so far only be found at Tam Dao National Park

**Meals : B / D**

**Overnight : Hotel at Tam Dao Mt.**

**Day 6 : Tam Dao**

All day bird watching inside the park. In the morning guide bring you to birding in nature trail , Tam Dao's specialities include Blue-naped Pitta, Purple, Green Cochoas, Chestnut Bulbul, Grey Laughingthrush, Short-tailed and Greater Rufous-headed Parrotbills, Rufous-browed Flycatcher, and several species of over-wintering thrushes, Ratchet-tailed Treepie, Black-breasted Thrush, Japanese Thrush, Purple Cochoa, Green Cochoa, Fujian Niltava, Red-flanked Bluetail, Chestnut Bulbul, Grey Laughingthrush, Black-throated Laughingthrush, Streak-breasted Scimitar-babbler, Coral-billed Scimitar-babbler, Collared Babbler, Short-tailed Parrotbill, Greater Rufous-headed Parrotbill, Fork-tailed Sunbird, Tristram's Bunting. And then birding in concrete trail to TV station, key bird for here is Spotted Forktail, Stripe-throated Yuhina.

**Meals : B / D**

**Overnight : Hotel at Tam Dao Mt. Or similar**

**Day 7 : Tam Dao > Hanoi's Noi Bai Airport > Da Lat**

Birding till lunch time before go to Noi Bai airport for domestic flight to Da Lat City.

**Meals : B / D**

**Overnight : Dream II hotel at Da Lat City**

**Day 8, 9, 10 : Da Lat**

Da Lat the capital of Lam Dong Province in southern Vietnam's Central Highlands, is centered around a lake and golf course, and surrounded by hills, pine forests, lakes and waterfalls. Known as the "City of Eternal Spring" for its distinctive temperate climate, Da Lat t was developed as a resort by the French in the early 1900s, and many reminders of its colonial heritage remain.

The Dalat Plateau is one of the five endemic bird areas (EBAs) in Vietnam identified by BirdLife International. The vegetation is a mixture of coniferous, montane evergreen and secondary forest. Three bird



species, Collared Laughingthrush, Grey-crowned Crocias. Orange-breasted Laughingthrush, Hume's Treecreeper, Yellow-billed Nuthatch, Black-crowned Fulvetta, Indochinese Cuckooshrike, Slender-billed Oriole, Burmese Shrike, Da Lat Shrike Babbler, Annam Barbet, Black-hooded Laughingthrush, White-cheeked Laughingthrush and Vietnamese Greenfinch, are only to be found within this EBA. The Dalat Plateau also has distinct subspecies of Spot-breasted Laughingthrush, Vietnamese Cutia, Rufous-backed and Black-headed Sibia, Blue-winged Minla, Grey-headed Parrotbill and Black-throated Sunbird. In the Dalat town you can see Red Crossbill on the tree,

Three full days at Da Lat plateau, searching high light bird by local truck.

**Meals : B / D**

**Overnight : Dream II hotel or similar**

**Day 11 : Da Lat > Di Linh**

Leave Da Lat after breakfast for Di Linh town, 20 km driving from Di Linh to Suoi Lanh pass is a excellence place for Spotted Forktail, Blue Pitta, Black-hooded and Orange-breasted Laughingthrush, Black-crowned Parrotbill, Red-billed Scimitar Babbler, Indochinese Cuckooshrike, Annam Barbet.

**Meals : B / D**

**Overnight : Bao Phu Hotel**

**Day 12 : Di Linh > Cat Tien**

An haft day more for Suoi Lanh town of Di Linh pass then leave for Cat Tien National Park. Cat Tien National Park contains the largest remaining area of lowland tropical forest in southern Vietnam and an incredible diversity of birds and mammals. Endangered birds found at Cat Tien include Germain's Peacock-pheasant, Green Peafowl and the very elusive Orange-necked Partridge while the mammal list includes Leopard Cat, Lesser Mousedeer, Sambar, Gaur and two endangered primates, Black-shanked Douc Langur and Buff-cheeked Gibbon.

**Meals : B / D**

**Overnight : Guest House national park (air-con., hot shower)**

**Day 13, 14 : Cat Tien**

Two days birding at Cat Tien National Park. There are excellent trails starting right at the park headquarters and for areas further field such as Crocodile Lake by jeeps. The 5 km walk through semi-evergreen forest to Crocodile Lake is a great place to look for the near-endemic Germain's Peacock-pheasant, Blue-rumped and Bar-bellied Pittas while Siamese Fireback can often be seen on an early morning drive through the park. Among the many



other avian treats to be found at Cat Tien are Scaly-breasted Partridge, Woolly-necked Stork, Lesser Adjutant, White-bellied, Great Slaty, Pale-headed, Black-and-buff and Heart-spotted Woodpeckers, three species of broadbill and the Indochinese-endemic Grey-faced Tit-Babbler.

**Meals : B / D**

**Overnight : Guest House national park**

**Day 15 : Cat Tien > Ho Chi Minh City**

There is time for some final birding at Cat Tien National Park before driving to Tan Son Nhat airport (4 hour) for domestic flight.

**Meals : B / L**

Meals: B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

**Included :**

- Bird leader speak english with Telescope
- Vehicle with fuel, Local Truck
- Boat trip at Xuan Thuy
- Domestic Flight economy seat flexible from Ha Noi to Da Lat ( 20 kg. luggage, 7 kg. carry)
- Meals and refreshment as indicated
- Field equipment birder : Leech sock / Bird photography : Hide, Mew worm, Leech sock
- Park entrance fees, with Ferry fees at Cat Tien np.
- Travel insurance
- Accommodations base share twin bed room

**Excluded :** Single Supplements = 520 USD., sightseeing temple, museum, souvenirs, massage, any kind alcoholic beverages, telephone calls, laundry, extra bed in room, extra night and personal tip.

**Payments and Cancellation Policy**

**1. Payments Policy**

Please note that payments can be made via bank transfer or PayPal.

In order to secure your booking we need 40% deposit. At once your payment is initiated then your booking will be saved, fixed and confirmed. First-Come, First-Served. OR you can pay in full amount (100%) just once if you are ready. Request of payment via PayPal charge 4.5%. Money transfer through bank accounts, bank transfer fees are the expenses of the sender.



### **Remaining cost (60%) is to be paid**

- Payment required 30 days prior to scheduled arrival via PayPal or bank transfer OR
- Payment also can be done on the first day of the tour, pay in cash directly to our birding guide with your country currency or in US Dollar.

If you prefer pay by the two latter methods, please let us know as soon as possible not later than 30 days before the tour starts. If the service is already carried half-way through of the itinerary, but you still do not pay the remaining cost. We will drop the service immediately until you pay the outstanding amount.

### **2. Cancellation Policy**

- In case of a cancellation occurring 60-31 days before the tour starts, a cancellation fee is the 50% of the deposit or full transferred money.
- A cancellation made within 30 days before the tour starts is subject to no refund.

Please note, in case of no show or cancellation made by any case during the tour is carrying out, the total price of the tour is subject to no refund.

#### **Krung Thai Bank Public Company Limited**

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**Branch :** Soi Chok Chai 47

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#### **Things to bring:**

- ✦ Bird guide hand book of South-east Asia
- ✦ Light walking boots or sports shoes
- ✦ Long or short trousers and long-sleeved shirt
- ✦ Mosquito repellent, hat, lotion sunblock
- ✦ Warm Cloth for north (Dec. - Feb.)
- ✦ Rain Cloth f (Dec. - Jan.)

#### **Send your informations to us**

- ✦ Passport photo copy

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- ⚡ Your main activity is Bird Watching or Bird Photography
- ⚡ What kind of food can eat & no eat (vegetarian, food allergy, etc.)

**Note \* Dear value clients, please read below for before booking our service :**

\* This is original itinerary and the routes and timing may change according to local conditions, habitat burn from local people, earth warming, heavy raining, general tourist in weekend and nature way.

\* Every birds name on the itinerary, We don't guarantee 100% to see or you can get photo but our guide will be working hard for you.

\*\* Working Time for guide & driver, They'r working in standard time 06:00-20:00 (included Dinner & Checklist) may they do not seriously if you want to be a little start early and back little late, If you want to make extra time, please talk and pay extra for over time to him, normal rate is 1,000 THB./hour.