

7DAYS_ PU LUANG NATURE RESERVE – MAI CHAU – HANOI

VIETNAM (Hanoi – Pu Luang – Mai Chau - Hanoi)

1. OVERVIEW:

The Pu Luong Nature Reserve is an area of outstanding natural beauty, rich cultural interest and high biodiversity value. The region is blessed with primitive forests, limestone peaks, green rice paddies and peaceful hamlets with stilt-house of Thai ethnic people. This trip takes you off the beaten path with deep exploration through hidden trails, get close up with the wildlife and experience local life in local homestay. Get ready for challenging but also alluring, terrific adventures in wait!

2. ITINERARY IN BRIEF

DAY	ITINERARY
1	HANOI – CANH NANG – CAO VILLAGE
2	CAO – SON – MUOI – BA & NUA VILLAGE
3	NUA – CAO HOONG – KIT VILLAGE
4	KIT – THANH CONG – KHO MUONG – DONG DIENG VILLAGE
5	DONG DIENG – PU LUONG PEAK AT 1,700M – OVERNIGHT IN SLEEPING BAGS
6	DONG DIENG VILLAGE – MAI CHAU
7	MAI CHAU – HANOI

3. THE TOUR

DAY 1: HANOI – CANH NANG – CAO VILLAGE

Morning, private guide and car will escort you from your hotel to Pu Luong Nature Reserve on Ho Chi Minh Highway well-known as “Ho Chi Minh Trail” during Vietnam War. You can take a lot of beautiful pictures on this road. On Thursday and Sunday, you will have chances to join Pho Doan hill tribal market where all colors of ethnics gather on a festive day. Transfer by motorcycle from the ranger station to Cao village of Muong hill tribe. Dinner and homestay overnight in Cao village.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Cao village

DAY 2: CAO – SON – MUOI – BA & NUA VILLAGE

Trekking distance/time: 8 hours - Moderate

Trekking attractions: Rice field, pine forest, ethnic stilt-houses and village school

Today you will visit the 3 best beautiful villages of Pu Luong, which make this Nature Reserve as “Da Lat valley of Thanh Hoa province”. You will take a long trek from 600m to 1.180m where the 3 villages are located. Trekking among terraced rice fields, palm and pine trees, mountainous ranges surrounding stilt-houses. Dinner and overnight in Nua village.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Nua village

DAY 3: NUA – CAO HOONG – KIT VILLAGE

Trekking distance/time: 5 hours - Moderate

Trekking attractions: Deep and thick jungle. If possible, you can see the wild lingur in Red Book.

This is a light day for trekkers before the next long day of trekking. You'll hike up to the most remote villages of Cao Hoong and Kit, which are located deep inside the jungle. From Nua village, you will

conquer 7km through the narrow trails in primitive forests. Each village has around a dozen households nestling next to palm trees and surrounded by terraced rice fields. Kit village is not far from a habitat of langurs – take some time to admire wild monkeys jumping among the ancient trees. Dinner and overnight in Kit village

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Kit Village

DAY 4: KIT – THANH CONG – KHO MUONG – DONG DIENG VILLAGE

Trekking distance/time: 8 hours – Moderate

Trekking attractions: Deep and thick jungle, Bat cave, rice fields

Today, you will start trekking early at 6.00 am through primitive forest to Pon village, and tentative lunch time is when you're in Pon village. The trails look like a snake winding around the mountains, hidden behind lush rice fields and swallowed by the palm trees. Enjoy cool atmosphere and sudden rain during the trek. In the afternoon, you continue trekking from Pon to Kho Muong village. Stopover to explore Bat cave then finish the adventure day at Dong Dieng village - located in the bottom of Pu Luong Mountain. Dinner and overnight in Dong Dieng village

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Dong Dieng Village

DAY 5: DONG DIENG – PU LUONG PEAK AT 1,700M – OVERNIGHT IN SLEEPING BAGS

Trekking distance/time: 6 hours - Difficulty

Trekking attractions: Kim Giao forest. Deep and thick jungle, if possible, you can see the wild langur in Red Book.

This is the main day of our journey. Start from Dong Dieng village, you will trek and hike-up in 6 hours to Pu Luong mountain peak at the elevation of 1,700m. You'll enjoy picnic lunch en route and stunning thick forest of Kim Giao—a precious wood used for Vietnam Kings' banquet. You also have chance to come across the wild langurs, an icon of Western Thanh Hoa mountain. You have 2 options for overnight: Overnight on Pu Luong peak or trekking back to Dong Dieng village.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Dong Dieng Village

DAY 6: DONG DIENG VILLAGE – MAI CHAU

Trekking distance/time: 5 hours - Moderate

Trekking attractions: Kim Giao forest. Deep and thick jungle

You will departure early via a shortcut to Dong Dieng village. After lunch, you say goodbye to the hosts and continue on road back to Mai Chau downtown by bus. Check in homestay. Dinner and enjoy traditional music performance by White Thai villagers.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Overnight at homestay in Mai Chau

DAY 7: MAI CHAU – HANOI

Morning transfer back to Hanoi and arrive your hotel in Hanoi in the early afternoon. End of services.

Meals: Breakfast

4. EXTENSION TOURS:

Add-on other destination in Vietnam or tours to neighbor countries

5. PRICE: All rates are per person sharing DBL or TWN/FB Basis, in US dollar, net and non-commissionable.

Date: 01 Oct 2015 – 30 Apr 2016 (HIGH SEASON)

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax
First Class	\$ 786	\$ 665	\$ 553	\$ 520

Date: 01 May 2015 – 30 September 2016 (PROMOTION RATE)

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax
First Class	\$ 778	\$ 657	\$ 545	\$ 512

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Private car/van/minibus from Hanoi to Pu Luong and vice versa
- Motorbike taxi transfer on Day 1 with driver
- 5 night homestay in hill-tribe villages or camping sites. 1 Sleeping bag/ 1 person is provided.
- 1 local English speaking guide with excellent knowledge of hill-tribal culture
- 1 local porter/ 1 traveler who carries all your luggage and also the cook chef
- Meals as indicated: B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D= Dinner
- 2 bottles of water/ 1 person/ 1 day
- All entrance fees and permission to visit Pu Luong Nature Reserve
- First-aid kit
- Insurance

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- Visa, flight tickets
- Trekking gears
- Other personal expenses

Best time to travel:

- September – November to enjoy cool and dry autumn in North Vietnam, and ripe rice on terrace rice fields in Pu Luong

6. HOTEL USED IN THIS TOUR:

Destination	First Class
CAO VILLAGE	Homestay
NUA VILLAGE	Homestay
KIT VILLAGE	Homestay
DONG DIENG VILLAGE	Homestay
DONG DIENG – PU LUONG PEAK AT 1,700M	Tent – sleeping bag
DONG DIENG VILLAGE – MAI CHAU	Stilt house

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- All prices are quoted in USD/ per person, based on Double/Twin occupancy
- Private services & daily departure
- Quotation is quoted based on English speaking guide: Surcharge for other guide
 - Supplement for German Speaking guide: USD 15/day per group
 - Supplement for Spanish Speaking guide: USD 20/day per group
 - Supplement for Italian Speaking guide: USD 35/day per group
- Surcharge for Compulsory dinner for Xmas and New Year Eve
- Surcharge for Peak Season at above mentioned hotels (if have)
- Surcharge for Vietnamese Lunar (TET) New Year from 6 – 14 Feb 2016 - 25% of adult prices

FREE OFFER

- Mineral water is available during transfers
- Vietnam visa approval letter on arrival (this fees isn't refundable even clients don't need)