



1000 Years Thang Long – Hanoi 2010

Ha Noi – Bac Ninh – Hoa Lu – Saigon – My Tho – Ben Tre –
Can Tho – Long Xuyen – Tri Ton – Chau Doc

Tour Date: From 07 Oct 2010 to 16 Oct 2010

** Tour costs change based on available flight prices. To learn about the latest tour costs, please contact AV Travel. Note: Book early to get the lowest possible quotes.*

In 1010, Ly Thai To, the first ruler of the Lý Dynasty, moved the capital of the Great Viet (nowadays Vietnam) to the site of the Đại La Citadel. Claiming to have seen a dragon ascending the Red River, he renamed it Thang Long. It remained the capital of Vietnam until 1397, when the capital was moved to Thanh Hóa, also known as Tây Đô (Western Capital). Thang Long then became Đông Đô (Eastern Capital). In 1408, Chinese Ming Dynasty soldiers attacked and occupied Vietnam and renamed Đông Đô as Đông Quan (Eastern Gateway). In 1428, the Vietnamese overthrew the Chinese under the leadership of Lê Lợi who later founded the latter Lê Dynasty and renamed Đông Quan as Dong Kinh (Eastern Capital). In 1831, the Nguyen emperor Minh Mang renamed it Ha Noi (can be translated as Between Rivers or River Interior).



Schedule

- 07 Oct:** Arrive Hanoi.
- 08 Oct:** **Bac Ninh** was the native place of the Ly dynasty (1010-1225), which developed the Dai Viet civilization. Visit Den Do (Do Temple) located in the northern province of Bac Ninh and built under the Ly Dynasty in 1030, southeast of Co Phap Village, or Dinh Bang Village today, in Tu Son District. This was Ly Cong Uan birthplace. Visit the Dinh Bang Community House built in the 17th century.
- 09 Oct:** **Hoa Lu** is the ruins of the ancient capital Hoa Lu – what remains are the temples dedicated to King Dinh and King Le, the two heroes who lived in 10th century and chose Hoa Lu to build the citadel of the capital city. Continue to visit **Tam Coc Bich Dong**, also known as the Inland Halong, boat ride in a hand woven bamboo rowboat down the Tam Coc streams enjoying spectacular scenery surrounded by rice paddies and towering limestone mountain peaks.
- 10 Oct:** Spend your free day to enjoy the **1000 YEAR THANG LONG – HANOI** festival. Our hotel is at the center of 36 Old streets, an easy walk to the festival grounds. Lunch and dinner are not included on this day.
- 11 Oct:** Fly Hanoi to **Saigon**. Enjoy a free afternoon. Visit Independent House. Our hotel is at the Ben Thanh market where you can do some shopping. Prices there are fixed so no need to bargain.
- 12 Oct:** Drive from Saigon to **My Tho**. Stop along the way to see farmers working on paddy fields. Take a short boat ride to cross the upper Mekong to **Ben Tre**, then transfer to small sampans to get through green, lush and picturesque creeks. Drop on some local businesses to watch how they produce their hand-made coconut candy. Enjoy tropical fruits and traditional music (Vong Co) then take a rowing boat to discover the local activities and life along the tiny creek. Continue the journey to **Can Tho**.
- 13 Oct:** Early boat trip to visit **Cai Rang** floating market, enjoy coffee at the market and watch the world go by from our boat. Continue to Soc Trang to visit the Precious Mountain Temple (Chua Dat Set), which was founded over 200 years ago. Unassuming from the outside, this pagoda is



highly unusual in that nearly everything inside is made entirely of clay. The Bat Pagoda (Chua Doi) is a large monastery compound. Upon entering through an archway, you'll immediately hear the screeching noise of the thousands of resident fruit bats hanging from the fruit trees. Back to Can Tho, enjoy dinner on the river cruise.

14 Oct: Head to **Long Xuyen** and **Tri Ton** to visit the **Tra Su Conservation**. A quick break to tour the most beautiful Theravada Khmer Buddhist Temple of Xvayton followed by a late lunch with specialties served at the Conservation. Board rowing boats to catch sight of the visiting storks and birds coners. Continue to **Chau Doc**.

15 Oct: Visit the local market, Lady Lord Pagoda, and Thoai Ngoc Hau Mausoleum. Back to Saigon

16 Oct: Check out the hotel before 12:00 pm.

Tour includes:

- Hotel 4 stars, double occupancy rooms. For single room, add an extra charge of \$375.00
- Vietnam visa.
- Deluxe coaches between cities.
- Most meals daily.
- Daily sightseeing tours with professional English and Vietnamese speaking local guides.
- International travel insurance.

Optional:

You can take the following tours before joining the 100 Years Thang Long Hanoi tour:

- Tour Sapa: 5 days/4nights
 - from \$419/person for standard package
 - from \$470/person for luxury package
- Tour Halong: 3 days/2nights
 - from \$274/person for standard package
 - from \$304/person for luxury package
- After the tour, you can take the Vin Pearl special package 3days/2nights: from \$134/person