

SPICE ROADS

CYCLING



TRAILS OF DALAT

Tour Code
VNM-VTD

4 DAYS
3 NIGHTS

	Destinations	Vietnam
	Tour Meets Tour Ends	Dalat Dalat
	Fly in to Fly out of	Lien Khuong Airport (DLI) Lien Khuong Airport (DLI)
	Group Size Minimum Age	2-16 riders 18 (on scheduled departures)

ACTIVITY PROFILE



3 Cycling days	82 km Total cycling distance
27 km Avg distance / day	m Avg climbing / day

PRICING



Price	US\$ 690
Bike Hire	Included
Single Supplement	US\$ 170

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ Water bottle
- ✓ Support vehicle
- ✓ Guide(s)
- ✓ Meals (as indicated)
- ✓ Airport pick up
- ✓ Airport drop off
- ✓ Accommodation
- ✓ Bike and helmet
- ✓ Snacks and drinks

WHAT'S EXCLUDED

- ✗ International flights
- ✗ Visa fees
- ✗ Alcohol
- ✗ Tips

DEPARTURES



21 January - 24 January 2019
28 January - 31 January 2019
04 February - 07 February 2019
11 February - 14 February 2019
18 February - 21 February 2019
25 February - 28 February 2019
04 March - 07 March 2019
11 March - 14 March 2019
18 March - 21 March 2019
25 March - 28 March 2019

See website for later departures

TRIP PROFILE

Suitability: This trip is suitable for people who are fit, have off-road experience, and enjoy a mountain bike challenge in a beautiful environment. Of course, water, soft drinks and snacks are all included every day and SpiceRoads supplies a quality bike and helmet. On some sections we will not have vehicle support, so please be sure to bring a backpack to carry water.

Biking Conditions: We ride approximately 82 km, mostly on off-road tracks, that vary from hard packed jeep roads to single-track. This is a moderately challenging mountain bike trip with climbs to stunning views and spectacular descents. Our guides are knowledgeable on the local area and customs, and they explain the history, culture, and local way-of-life each time we stop.

Day 1 Dalat

We'll meet you at Dalat airport and transfer you to your hotel. Once checked in and rested, it's time to start a great day of biking. We start with a 45-minute vehicle transfer from Dalat into the hills to the north-west of the city. This is where we start riding and it offers the best sampling of single track downhill riding in the Dalat area. The total ride distance is about 22 kilometres with outstanding landscape views throughout. Imagine beautiful pine-forested hills, Dankia Lake and picturesque valleys dotted with small farms. Once we hit the trail we descend 325 m over 7 thrilling kilometres. The trail flattens out in a valley at the base of Langbian Mountain which we cross on a short section of sealed road before breaking off onto more single track. This section of trail involves rolling hills and goes through beautiful farmland and ends with a gradual uphill climb. After a short break, there are a couple of steep climbs up to 1,570 m before we take another plunge on single track and dirt roads through pine forest to the lake below. Those still with energy can ride back to Dalat (12 km) or if you have had enough riding for the day, a vehicle awaits to transport us back.



Muong Thanh Resort



Lunch, Dinner



Ride 22km

Day 2 Northern Dalat

We depart the hotel early and head to the north of Dalat to ride along picturesque scenic roads to the forest paths where we start our off-road journey. The first section of trail is near Victory Lake is wide and inviting, but hold onto your helmets because the trail narrows, becomes somewhat technical with roots and other fun obstructions abound. Be ready to ride the roller coaster that is in front of you. Minority farmers usually get a kick out of seeing you trying to navigate through the area. Get ready to wave as they smile and stare at you! After lunch, we continue to ride through forest paths, and you will have nice views of the surrounding mountains along the way, including the highest mountain in the area, Langbian (2169 m). After a long ride, we will have a chance to visit the most romantic site of the city called Valley of Love. We stop to visit a local village where they are known for their embroidery work before we head back to the hotel.



Muong Thanh Resort



Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Ride 22km

Day 3 East Dalat

Another Dalat classic. The ride starts out easy enough but finishes with some daunting hills. Save some energy for the end on this one. Fantastic views throughout the ride and a

great sampling of the terrain with lakes, pine forest, small country farms and a remote Chil minority village (Sieng). From Dalat, we head out to the east past Xuan Huong Lake and up through an area of flower farms. The road turns to dirt after 6 km and into a great, flat singletrack section around Victory Lake. After this single track section, we connect into a pine forested valley area where the hills start to rise up. The trail varies between a wider dirt trail and technical single track. This section of the ride has great rolling sections, some very tough hills, and steep descents. After the 20 km mark, we arrive at Sieng Village, which is fairly remote and beautifully situated on a ridgeline. Near this village, we stop for lunch. Dalat is known as the vegetable garden of Vietnam and lunch offers you a chance to try some of the local tasty produce. Sated from lunch we head out of the forest and back into a beautiful farmland area. On the way back, we stop for a visit at the Dalat Railway Station with an exhibit on steam locomotives. We then drop by at local attraction, Crazy House, where art, architecture, imagination, and feelings are combined. Our last visit of the day is Bao Daoi Summer Palace which was used as a retreat by the family of the last king of Vietnam.



Muong Thanh Resort



Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Ride 38km

Day 4 Dalat

We will transfer you to Dalat airport for your onwards journey.



Breakfast

NUTS & BOLTS

Bikes

The bikes you will be riding are well-known makes of mountain bikes with lightweight alloy frames, 24- to 27-speed gearing, v-brakes and Shimano components and front suspension.

Bike Repairs

Basic spares and tools are carried by the guide and on the support vehicle, though we cannot guarantee having spares for every conceivable problem. Carrying a basic tool kit, a spare tube and a pump while riding is recommended.

Safety

Wearing a helmet is required on all our biking adventures and is non negotiable. If you do not wear a helmet you will not be allowed to cycle. Your tour leader is trained in first aid and emergency rescue, but to a large degree you must be responsible for your own safety while riding. It is therefore compulsory that you take out travel insurance that will cover you for a mountain biking tour.

Guides

You will be led by a local English-speaking guide and if the group is 9 people or more we will add another guide to the tour. All our guides are well informed in the history, culture and religions of the area where you are biking and are skilled at passing that knowledge on to you. Your guide is also medically trained and an experienced cyclist, able to handle most minor repairs en route.

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Passports and Visas

Please make sure your passport is valid for a minimum of 6 months beyond the duration of stay in Vietnam. Most nationalities require a visa for Vietnam, however 22 nationalities including citizens of UK, France, Germany, Spain and Italy are exempted from visa when entering Vietnam not exceed 15 days, regardless of type of passport and immigration purpose. However they must acquire a tourist visa if staying longer. For a list of countries exempt go to this [page](#).

For [46 nationalities](#) – including Australians, Canadians and Americans – an [e-visa](#) can be obtained. This must be applied for and received before departure to Vietnam. To check for the E-visa and tourist fee for single entry and multiple entries please check the [Visa fee](#). You must scan a copy of your photo and passport when applying and get your approval letter of your visa on arrival at international airport of Vietnam. To learn more click [Visa process](#). The processing time is 1-3 working days (not include Saturday, Sunday and Vietnamese holiday).

Alternatively you can obtain a visa to Vietnam from the embassy worldwide. Here is the list of [locations](#). You must specify your arrival date when applying for a visa and it is from this date that the 30 days will be calculated. When picking up your visa check to be sure the dates match your travel plans and that it is stamped directly into your passport as it will not be accepted if it is stapled in.

Health

Recommended vaccinations are typhoid, polio, tetanus and hepatitis A. A certificate for Yellow Fever is required when arriving from an infected area within six days. Vietnam is a malarial area and you will need to take anti-malarial tablets. Please speak to your doctor for the most up to date information.

Weather

Weather in Vietnam is divided into 4 main regions - the far north, north, central and south.

The far north can get very cold in December and January while the dry season runs from October to late March and the wet season between April to September.

In Hanoi & the north, it is hot, wet and humid from May to October while November to April is cooler and dry.

Central Vietnam experiences hot, dry weather between January & August with temperatures ranging in the mid 30°C. High levels of rainfall are during September - November.

Southern Vietnam is dry and hot from November to April, and warm and wet between May & October, with the highest rainfall in June, July & August.

Food

Meals are included as per the itinerary where B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner. Most meals are Vietnamese food and features noodles, rice curries and soups. Vietnamese cuisine is world famous and we make sure you sample as much variety as possible. Any special dietary requirements can also be catered for as well. Please let us know at the time of booking.

Drink

Keeping you completely hydrated is a job we take very seriously. Cold water, some energy-restoring local fruit, and soft drinks are included in the tour price while riding. Soft drinks and other beverages during meals are not included. Beer is freely available everywhere in Vietnam but is NOT included in the price.

Solo Travelers

SpiceRoads does not require you to pay a surcharge for traveling alone. We will arrange for you to share accommodation with another traveler of the same gender and if we can not match you up we will provide a single room at no extra charge. If you

prefer not to share a single supplement is payable to guarantee your own room. The cost of the single supplement is listed above.

Extra Expenses

We recommend that you tuck away a few extra dollars, perhaps US\$10, for incidentals. It is customary to tip local tour guides and drivers, however, the amount you give should be dependent on the level of service you receive. As a general guide, we suggest US\$ 3-4 per person per day is appropriate.

Money

The official national currency is the Vietnam dong (d), but the US dollar is widely accepted in tourist centers. However, in smaller towns and villages the dong is preferred. ATMs are available in all major tourist destinations and big cities. Vietcombank has the best network with a single withdrawal limit of 2,000,000d (about US\$125). Most major currencies can be exchanged at leading banks in Vietnam, but the US dollar is preferred away from the tourist centers. Changing US\$100 will make you an instant millionaire! You cannot legally take the dong out of Vietnam but you can reconvert reasonable amounts of it into US dollars on departure.

GENERAL BOOKING INFO

Booking

If this is the tour for you here's what you need to do to confirm your place: Read our [Booking Conditions](#)

From the tour page click the 'Book Now' link. All departures for this tour will appear, just select the date you'd like to travel. There is a minimum number of participants (usually 2) required to enable the trip to go ahead. Once the minimum number is reached, the trip status will change from 'Available' to 'Guaranteed to Depart'. Once a trip is guaranteed to depart you are free to book your flights and make other travel arrangements. If you are unsure about the trip status, please [email us](#) or call our office. For the next steps you'll need to know the names of the people traveling and have either a Visa or a MasterCard. If you wish you can also provide extra details such as passport numbers, height, or you can add that later by logging into [Manage My Trip](#) (we'll set up an account for you automatically if you don't already have one). However, if you wish to get a children's discount, please do fill out the date of birth of the riders. If you are having any problems, [please send us an email](#), or give us a call (+66 2 381 7490) and one of our travel specialists will assist you with your booking.

Deposit

For Long Tours (7 days or more) to guarantee your place we require a 30% or 500 USD deposit, whichever is the greater. For Short Tours (6 days or less) we require full payment to guarantee your place. We also require that you take out [travel insurance](#) when you book your holiday. Besides covering you during your holiday it will also enable you to claim for any money that you have paid to us, including your deposit, should you have to cancel your trip.

Balance

Full payment must be paid 45 days before the departure date with fees for any bicycle rental(s), single supplement(s) and extra hotel nights. Our confirmation will include personal details you provided us (including your flight information), visa application advice, a packing suggestion list and a detailed tour itinerary. It will also include a checklist to ensure you get everything ready for your holiday.

Cancellation Policy

On the rare occasions when we, SpiceRoads, must cancel a trip, all payments received to date will be 100% refunded, which constitutes full settlement. There will be absolutely no deductions. If you, the client, must cancel your reservation, your cancellation fee will be determined according to when you cancel. For full details, please read our [cancellation policy](#).

Loyalty Riders Club

For those who have been on several long tours with us we reward customer loyalty by offering repeat customers a special discount off the tour price (excludes single supplement and bike rental). If this is your fourth scheduled tour or more you will receive a 5% discount. If this is your eighth scheduled tour or more we will extend a 10% discount. The discount will be reflected in your online booking, but please contact us if any questions. Loyalty discounts can not be used in conjunction with any other offer. Note: Only tours of 7 days or more will be applicable for loyalty discount.

International Flights

International flights, to and from the start and finish points are not included in the tour price. Once your tour is Guaranteed to Depart you can book your flight. Please contact us for advice before arranging flights for the best arrival and departure times. We would only cancel a trip for an extreme circumstance, but in that case, where we cancel your trip, we cannot be liable for losses incurred relating to any flight booking you have made. Please claim any losses from your [travel insurance](#) that you acquired when you booked your holiday.

Newsletter

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 SpiceRoads, be sure to subscribe.

The information in this document is given in good faith, and covers the average range of conditions likely to be found on this trip. Please note that the itinerary is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, however, we will always do our best to adhere to this original itinerary

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