



Vietnam

Far East Photography

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January 22 - February 3, 2026

Itinerary Overview:

January 22: Arrival - Transfer to Hotel
January 23: Cultural Day in Ho Chi Minh
January 24-26: Cat Tien National Park
January 27-29: De Lat
January 30-31: Di Linh
February 1: Final Photography - Transfer to Ho Chi Minh
February 2: Ho Chi Minh - Mekong Tour
February 3: Departure from Ho Chi Minh

Detailed Itinerary:

January 22: Arrival and Transfer to Hotel

Upon arrival in Ho Chi Minh, you can catch the hotel's shuttle to our hotel in the city.
Overnight: Central Palace Hotel or similar

January 23: Cultural Day in Ho Chi Minh

We will begin our first day with a fun and relaxed tour of Ho Chi Minh City. We will also participate in some cultural activities around the city. In the evening, we will enjoy a welcome dinner before we begin our photo tour the next day.

Overnight: Central Palace Hotel or similar



Green Peafowl

January 24-26: Cat Tien National Park

On this morning, we will leave Ho Chi Minh early and head towards the wonderful Cat Tien National Park, with a possible stop at Ma Da Bird Hides. Cat Tien is a pristine national park with incredible birds! Cat Tien is also famous for its mammals, including several primate species such as Long-tailed and Pig-tailed Macaques, Langurs, and Yellow-cheeked Gibbons. We will be spending several days in this park at different hides. Many forest species at the hides are incredibly challenging to see elsewhere. Highlights include Bar-bellied Pitta, Germain's Peacock-Pheasant, Scaly-breasted Partridge, Hainan Blue Flycatcher, Siamese Fireback, Indochinese Blue Flycatcher, Orange-breasted Trogon, Snowy-browed Flycatcher, and multiple broadbill species including Silver-breasted and Banded. We will also take a night safari to look for other mammals in the park, including Pangolin, Indian Muntjac, Sambar, and Civet.

Overnight: Forest Floor Lodge or similar



Bar-bellied Pitta

January 27-29: Da Lat

We will depart after our final morning shoot in Cat Tien and head north to the beautiful mountain region of Da Lat. We will take advantage of this region's incredible restaurants and we will visit a Buddhist Temple. Our group will spend some time in the field and in bird hides to find a whole new set of species, including Indochinese Green-Magpie, Blue Pitta, Collared Laughingthrush, Vietnamese Cutia, Streaked Spiderhunter, Mrs. Gould's and Ruby-chested Sunbirds, Long-tailed Broadbill, White-tailed Robin, Large Niltava, Verditer Flycatcher, Rufous-throated Partridge, White-browed Scimitar-Babbler, and Vietnamese Greenfinch.

Overnight: Dreams 3 Hotel or similar

January 30-31: Di Linh

We will transfer to Di Lihn after our final morning shoot in Da Lat. We will spend some time in the field but primarily focus on the bird hides in this area. There will be more new species for us to photograph like Blue-rumped Pitta, Blue Pitta, White-throated Rock Thrush, Black-crested Bulbul, Orange-headed Thrush, Siberian Thrush, Black-naped Monarch, Streaked Wren-Babbler, Ochraceous Bulbul, White-bellied Erpornis, Black-hooded Laughingthrush, and Black-headed Parrotbill.

Overnight: Da Lat Waterfall Resort or similar



Orange-headed Thrush



Black-naped Monarch

February 1: Final Photography - Transfer to Ho Chi Minh

After our final morning shoot in Di Linh, we will begin our trek back to Ho Chi Minh. We will enjoy a group dinner and a relaxing evening at our hotel in Ho Chi Minh.

Overnight: Park Royal Saigon Hotel or similar

February 2: Ho Chi Minh - Mekong Tour

On our last day, we will depart early for an incredible boat trip on the Mekong Delta. We will have chances to see several wading birds, such as Little Egret, Chinese Pond-Heron, Cinnamon Heron, Pacific Reef-Heron, and several kingfisher species, such as Collared and Common. We will also visit a floating market and take in the sights and sounds of Vietnamese culture. After our boat tour, we will make our way back to Ho Chi Minh for one final group dinner.

Overnight: Park Royal Saigon Hotel or similar

February 3: Departure from Ho Chi Minh

Target Species

Rufous-throated Partridge	Dalat Shrike-Babbler	Short-tailed Scimitar-Babbler
Green Peafowl	White-bellied Erpornis	Black-browed Fulvetta
Scaly-breasted Partridge	Great Iora	Gray-crowned Crocias
Germain's Peacock-Pheasant	Black Drongo	Collared Laughingthrush
Siamese Fireback	Ashy Drongo	White-crested Laughingthrush
Red Junglefowl	Bronzed Drongo	White-cheeked Laughingthrush
Asian Emerald Dove	Greater Racket-tailed Drongo	Orange-breasted Laughingthrush
Green-billed Malkoha	Black-naped Monarch	Black-hooded Laughingthrush
Little Egret	Indochinese Green-Magpie	Black-headed Parrotbill
Chinese Pond-Heron	Gray-headed Canary-Flycatcher	Golden-crested Myna
Asian Barred Owllet	Green-backed Tit	Dark-sided Thrush
Collared Owllet	Common Tailorbird	Siberian Thrush
Orange-breasted Trogon	Dark-necked Tailorbird	Orange-headed Thrush
Red-headed Trogon	Ochraceous Bulbul	Oriental Magpie-Robin
Eurasian Hoopoe	Puff-throated Bulbul	White-rumped Shama
Oriental Pied-Hornbill	Gray-eyed Bulbul	Vietnamese Cutia
Banded Kingfisher	Ashy Bulbul	Large Niltava
White-throated Kingfisher	Black Bulbul	Verditer Flycatcher
Blue-bearded Bee-eater	Black-headed Bulbul	Hainan Blue Flycatcher
Coppersmith Barbet	Black-crested Bulbul	Indochinese Blue Flycatcher
Blue-eared Barbet	Streak-eared Bulbul	Lesser Shortwing
Green-eared Barbet	Stripe-throated Bulbul	Siberian Blue Robin
Lineated Barbet	Flavescent Bulbul	White-tailed Robin
Indochinese Barbet	Gray-bellied Tesia	Mugimaki Flycatcher
Greater Flameback	Black-throated Tit	Snowy-browed Flycatcher
Common Flameback	Chestnut-capped Babbler	Little Pied Flycatcher
Vernal Hanging-Parrot	Gray-faced Tit-Babbler	White-throated Rock-Thrush
Long-tailed Broadbill	Pin-striped Tit-Babbler	Fire-breasted Flowerpecker
Banded Broadbill	White-browed Scimitar-Babbler	Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker
Dusky Broadbill	Gray-throated Babbler	Ruby-cheeked Sunbird
Black-and-red Broadbill	Black-crowned Fulvetta	Black-throated Sunbird
Silver-breasted Broadbill	Puff-throated Babbler	Mrs. Gould's Sunbird
Blue-rumped Pitta	Spot-throated Babbler	Little Spiderhunter
Blue Pitta	Buff-breasted Babbler	Streaked Spiderhunter
Bar-bellied Pitta	Abbott's Babbler	Vietnamese Greenfinch
White-browed Shrike-Babbler	Streaked Wren-Babbler	Red Crossbill

Trip Details:

Cost:

Price per person (double occupancy), from Ho Chi Minh: \$7,999

Single Supplement: \$900

Minimum Participants: 4

Maximum Participants: 6

Price Includes:

Expert Guides

Ground Transportation in Vietnam

All Lodging

All Meals

Park Entrance Fees

Price Does Not Include:

Airfare to and from Vietnam

Airport Taxes

Passport and Visa Fees

Alcoholic Beverages

Personal Items

Travel Insurance

Tips

Deposit:

A deposit of \$500 per person is required to hold your spot on this tour. The remaining balance is due no later than 3 months prior to the scheduled start date of the tour (October 24, 2026).

If you have any questions about this tour or would like to sign up for it, please contact us at info@sabrewingnaturetours.com, by phone at 317-324-8505, or register through our website at sabrewingnaturetours.com.

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