

Vietnam's Endangered Primates (11 Days)

Ho Chi Minh City ♦ Cat Tien National Park ♦ Son Tra Nature Reserve
Bach Ma National Park Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park
Van Long Nature Reserve ♦ Hanoi



Red-shanked Douc Langur

Day 1: Arrive Ho Chi Minh City. Ho Chi Minh City to Cat Tien National Park

Arrive at Ho Chi Minh City's Tan Son Nhat International Airport and transfer by road to Cat Tien National Park, 150 km to the north. Cat Tien National Park contains the largest remaining area of lowland tropical forest in southern Vietnam and an incredible diversity of mammals and birds. Cat Tien is home to three of Vietnam's endangered primates, Black-shanked Douc Langur, Silvered Langur and Buff-cheeked Gibbon. Overnight at Cat Tien National Park.

Days 2, 3 & 4: Cat Tien National Park

Three days at Cat Tien National Park to track down the park's rare primates. Other mammals that are possible here include Leopard Cat, Yellow-throated Marten, Crab-eating Mongoose, Lesser Mousedeer, Sambar, Gaur and the very secretive and nocturnal Pygmy Loris. Overnight at Cat Tien National Park.

Day 5: Cat Tien National Park to Danang via Ho Chi Minh City

A final morning at Cat Tien National Park before heading back to Ho Chi Minh City to take the late afternoon flight to Danang. Transfer to hotel on arrival in Danang. Overnight at Danang.

Day 6: Son Tra Nature Reserve to Bach Ma National Park

A morning at Son Tra Nature Reserve to search for one of Asia's most beautiful primates, the Redshanked Douc Langur before heading north to Bach Ma National Park. The remainder of the day is spent exploring Bach Ma National Park. Red-shanked Douc Langur is also found at Bach Ma as well as the rare White-cheeked Gibbon. Overnight at Bach Ma National Park.

Day 7: Bach Ma National Park

A full day to explore Bach Ma National Park where other possible mammals include Serow and the recently discovered and very shy Annamite Muntjac. Overnight at Bach Ma National Park.

Day 8: Bach Ma National Park to Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park

After a final morning at Bach Ma National Park it is time to head up Highway One again to Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park, five hours' drive to the north. Arrive in the late afternoon and transfer to hotel. Overnight at Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park.

Day 9: Phong Nha-Ke Bank National Park

A full day to enjoy the wonderful limestone karst landscape of Phong Nha where the main target species is the range-restricted Ha Tinh Langur. Red-shanked Douc Langur and Pygmy Loris are also found at here. Overnight at Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park.

Day 10: Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park to Van Long Nature Reserve

An early start for the long drive north to Van Long Nature Reserve. Arrive at Van Long mid-afternoon in time to take a sampan through flooded rice fields to the dramatic limestone cliffs that are home to the largest population of the critically endangered Delacour's Langur. Overnight at Van Long.

Day 11: Van Long Nature Reserve to Hanoi

A full morning at Van Long Nature Reserve to enjoy the beautiful scenery and marvel at the Delacour's Langurs clambering over the steep cliffs. Leave Van Long in the afternoon for Hanoi's Noi Bai Airport and departure flight.