A REAL PRIVATE FAMILY JOURNEY

28 Days from Vietnam to Bali

Karl, Sylvia and Otto Anders | 27 January - 23 February 2026

Vietnam - Cambodia - Laos - Thailand - Indonesia

Hanoi - Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Siem Reap - Luang Prabang - Chiang Mai - Chiang Rai - Golden Triangle - Bangkok - Bali

Karl planned this journey with his wife, Sylvia, and his brother, Otto. Working with Elena, they arranged a route across five countries, with two rooms, comfortable hotels and time to recover after the international flight. Kea coordinated reservations and changes during travel.

Trip at a Glance

28 days | 5 countries | 3 adults | 4- and 5-star hotels

Core touring was private, with shared activities including Living Land Farm, the elephant excursion and the Saigon River dinner cruise. Seven regional flights connect the main stages. Free days in Hanoi and Hoi An sit between guided sightseeing and travel days.

A change during the journey: the planned Halong Bay cruise was cancelled and replaced by an additional night in Hanoi. The day-by-day outline reflects that change.

How we support a route like this: individual planning, room arrangements, local guides, flight and transfer coordination, activity bookings and help when plans need to change.

The Route in Stages

Days 1-5 | Hanoi and onward travel

A recovery day, city sightseeing and the revised stay before flying to central Vietnam.

Days 6-10 | Hoi An and Southern Vietnam

Village and old-town visits, free time, Ho Chi Minh City and the Mekong Delta.

Days 11-14 | Cambodia

Angkor temples, Tonle Sap and craft visits before the flight to Laos.

Days 15-17 | Laos

Rice farming, Kuang Si, Luang Prabang temples and a Mekong boat trip.

Days 18-23 | Thailand

Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai, the Golden Triangle region and Bangkok.

Days 24-28 | Bali

A hotel stay with excursions to temples, rice terraces and Nusa Penida.

Detailed Day-by-Day Journey

Use this route as a starting point for your own journey. The route includes the revised Hanoi stay in place of the original cruise. Hotels, flights and activities are checked again for new travel dates.

There are free days, but also stairs, uneven surfaces, boat crossings and long excursions. The Bali section has three busy touring days. For a gentler pace, reduce the stops or add rest days.

Days 1-6

DAY 1 | Hanoi Arrival

Arrive in Hanoi and transfer to the hotel. Leave the rest of the day free to settle in after the international journey.

Indochina Tour support: Airport welcome and hotel transfer.

DAY 2 | A Free Day in Hanoi

Keep the first full day open for rest, nearby walks or time at the hotel. Karl requested this day to recover from the long flight before sightseeing began.

Indochina Tour support: A recovery day preserved in the itinerary.

DAY 3 | Hanoi History and the Old Quarter

Visit Tran Quoc Pagoda, the Ho Chi Minh complex, One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature. Continue to a city museum, Hoan Kiem Lake and Ngoc Son Temple, then take a cyclo ride through the Old Quarter. End with a water puppet show.

Indochina Tour support: Private city guiding, transport and performance arrangements.

DAY 4 | An Additional Night in Hanoi

The original plan included an overnight Halong Bay cruise. During the journey, the family cancelled the cruise and requested another night in Hanoi instead. This reference follows that change.

Indochina Tour support: The operations team contacted the cruise and hotel to coordinate the revised arrangements.

DAY 5 | Hanoi - Da Nang - Hoi An

Transfer from the Hanoi hotel to the airport for the flight to Da Nang, then continue by road to Hoi An. The revised transfer replaced the original connection from the cruise port.

Indochina Tour support: Revised airport-transfer coordination and arrival transfer to Hoi An.

DAY 6 | Cam Thanh and Hoi An

Visit Cam Thanh for a basket boat ride and an introduction to local fishing techniques. Explore Hoi An Ancient Town, including Tan Ky House, the Museum of Trade Ceramics, Chua Ong and the market.

Indochina Tour support: Local guide and transport linking the village and old-town visits.

Days 7-12

DAY 7 | Hoi An at Your Own Pace

Leave the day free to enjoy the hotel, spend time by the beach or return to town independently.

Indochina Tour support: A full day without scheduled touring.

DAY 8 | Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City

Fly from Da Nang to Ho Chi Minh City and settle into the hotel. In the evening, take a cyclo ride before boarding a Saigon River dinner cruise.

Indochina Tour support: Airport transfers, flight coordination and a shared dinner-cruise reservation.

DAY 9 | Mekong Delta by Sampan

Travel to Cai Be and board the Cai Be Princess sampan. Explore the waterways, visit an old house and see workshops making coconut candy and puffed rice. Return to Ho Chi Minh City after the excursion.

Indochina Tour support: Road transfers and the planned boat excursion.

DAY 10 | Cu Chi and Ho Chi Minh City

Visit Cu Chi Tunnels, with participation adjusted to comfort, then return for city sightseeing. The route includes Notre Dame Cathedral from outside, the Central Post Office, Reunification Palace, Binh Tay Market and Jade Emperor Pagoda.

Indochina Tour support: Private guide and vehicle, with flexibility over demanding parts of the visit.

DAY 11 | Fly to Siem Reap

Take the midday flight to Siem Reap and transfer to the hotel. Attend an Apsara dinner show in the evening.

Indochina Tour support: Regional flight coordination, airport welcome and evening arrangements.

DAY 12 | Angkor Thom, Ta Prohm and Banteay Srei

Explore Ta Prohm, Banteay Kdei and Angkor Thom, including Bayon and the royal terraces. Continue to Banteay Srei before returning for a one-hour spa treatment.

Indochina Tour support: Private temple guiding and transport, plus the spa reservation.

Days 13-18

DAY 13 | Angkor Wat and Tonle Sap

Spend time exploring Angkor Wat, then visit Kampong Phluk on Tonle Sap Lake. Take a boat trip to see the waterside setting, with sunset included when conditions allow.

Indochina Tour support: Private guiding and coordination of the temple and lake excursion.

DAY 14 | Cambodian Crafts - Luang Prabang

Visit Artisans Angkor and Angkor Silk Farm to see carving, lacquer work and silk production. Continue to the airport for the flight to Luang Prabang.

Indochina Tour support: Craft visits, airport transfer and arrival arrangements in Laos.

DAY 15 | Living Land Farm and Kuang Si

Join a shared rice-farming experience at Living Land Farm. Continue to the bear rescue sanctuary and Kuang Si Waterfall, then enjoy the planned Lao-style spa appointment.

Indochina Tour support: Shared farm reservation, excursion transport and spa coordination.

DAY 16 | Luang Prabang and the Mekong

Begin with the early alms ritual, then explore the Royal Palace Museum and temples including Wat Sene, Wat Xieng Thong, Wat Visoun and Wat Aham. Travel by boat to Ban Xanghai and Pak Ou Caves.

Indochina Tour support: Local guiding and boat arrangements for a full cultural day.

DAY 17 | Luang Prabang - Chiang Mai

Enjoy free time before the airport transfer. Fly to Chiang Mai, check in and leave the remaining time open.

Indochina Tour support: Regional flight coordination and airport transfers.

DAY 18 | Chiang Mai Markets and Temples

Visit Kad Ton Payom Market, then explore Wat Umong and Wat Suan Dok. The program includes an opportunity to discuss Buddhism and temple life with a monk.

Indochina Tour support: Local guide and vehicle for the city visits.

Days 19-24

DAY 19 | Shared Elephant Sanctuary Excursion

Join the scheduled group program at Elephant Jungle Sanctuary outside Chiang Mai. The itinerary includes an introduction to the elephants and activities led by the operator.

Indochina Tour support: Third-party group booking with the operator's guide and transfers.

DAY 20 | Chiang Mai - Chiang Rai

Travel by road to Chiang Rai. The planned sightseeing includes hot springs, a village visit, the White Temple, Blue Temple and Baan Dam art museum. Stay overnight in Chiang Rai.

Indochina Tour support: Private transport and guiding, with the order of stops managed locally.

DAY 21 | Golden Triangle Region - Bangkok

Explore the northern border region, with village stops, Doi Mae Salong, Doi Tung and the Opium Museum in the plan. Continue directly to Chiang Rai airport for the evening flight to Bangkok.

Indochina Tour support: Touring and airport timing coordinated without returning to Chiang Mai.

DAY 22 | Bangkok Royal Temples

Explore Wat Traimit, Wat Arun and Wat Pho. Visit the Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaew, followed by the Royal Barge Museum.

Indochina Tour support: Private city guiding and vehicle arrangements.

DAY 23 | Floating Market and Kanchanaburi

Visit Damnoen Saduak Floating Market before continuing to Kanchanaburi. Explore the River Kwai railway history and visit the Thailand-Burma Railway Centre before returning to Bangkok.

Indochina Tour support: Private guide and vehicle for a long day outside the city.

DAY 24 | Bangkok - Bali

Fly to Bali and transfer to the hotel. Keep the remaining time free to settle in.

Indochina Tour support: Flight coordination, airport welcome and hotel transfer.

Days 25-28

DAY 25 | Dance, Crafts and the Ubud Area

Watch a Barong dance performance and visit Celuk's gold and silver workshops. Continue to Tirta Empul, Kintamani, Tegalalang Rice Terrace and Ubud Monkey Forest. This is a full day with several road transfers.

Indochina Tour support: Guide and transport linking the cultural and countryside stops.

DAY 26 | East Bali Temples and Water Palaces

Start early for Lempuyang Temple, then visit Tirta Gangga and Taman Ujung water palaces. Continue to Virgin Beach before the return drive to the hotel.

Indochina Tour support: A guided road excursion with a long touring day planned.

DAY 27 | Nusa Penida Island Excursion

Transfer to Sanur for the speedboat to Nusa Penida. The planned stops include Angel's Billabong, Broken Beach, Kelingking Beach and Crystal Bay before the return crossing. Sea conditions and access may affect the day.

Indochina Tour support: Boat tickets, island-excursion arrangements and hotel transfers.

DAY 28 | Bali Departure

Enjoy free time until the transfer to Bali airport for the international flight home.

Indochina Tour support: Departure transfer timed to the confirmed flight.

Could This Route Work for You?

This route suits adult families who have about four weeks and want to explore several countries with local guides and coordinated transport. It includes major cultural sights, village and river visits, and a final stay in Bali.

You will need to be comfortable with seven regional flights, frequent hotel changes and some long days. Boat boarding, temple stairs and uneven paths should be considered when deciding which activities to keep.

What Would We Tailor for Your Trip?

We can reduce the number of countries, allow more time at Angkor, add rest days or leave Bali mostly free for the hotel and beach. Tell us about room preferences and walking comfort so the plan works for everyone traveling together.

A Planning Reference

This itinerary is based on a family journey arranged by Indochina Tour. It is a reference for a new conversation, with services and availability reviewed for your dates. It does not include a current price or booking terms.

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