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● A READING, BEFORE YOU COMMIT

SO YOU MESSAGED US.

Ekkis din. Char desh: Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia.
Zero flights, twelve cohort-mates, one Subodh out front.
You and eleven other Indians, sleeping on trains, eating
off carts, learning to nod when an aunty in Pakbeng tells
you something important in a language none of you speak.

This brochure is the long answer. The short answer is on
the last page. If anything in here surprises you, that's
the trip working as intended.

● THE SACRED NUMBERS

21

DAYS · CHHOTA TASTER

30

DAYS · POORA SCENE

12

MAX COHORT SIZE

4

COUNTRIES ON THE TRAIL

0

FLIGHTS BETWEEN CITIES

1

SUBODH, END TO END

● THE GOSPEL · VERSE I

**"I'M NOT YOUR TOUR GUIDE.
I'M THE GUY WHO
KNOWS THE GUY."**

— Subodh, on every WhatsApp

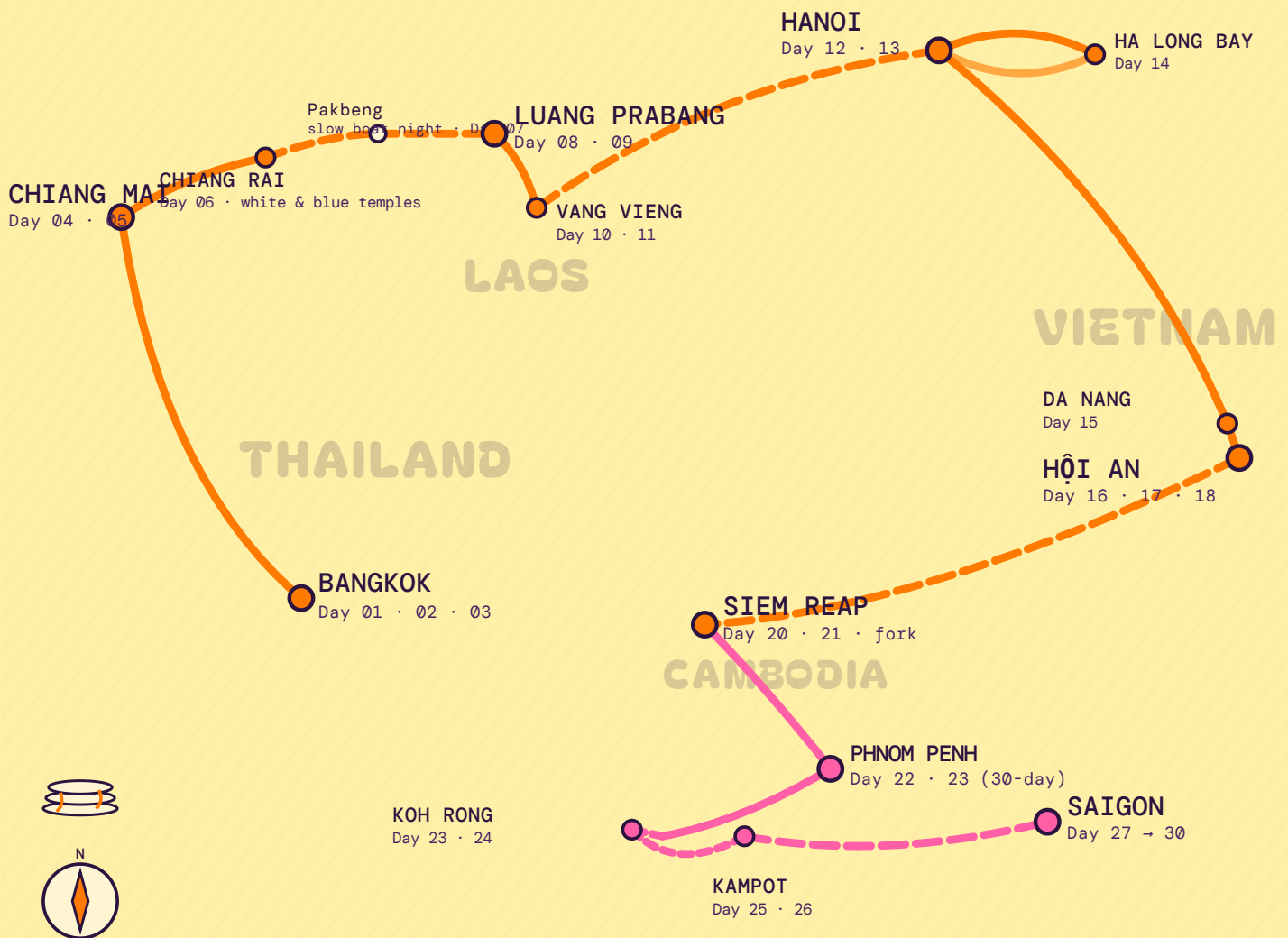
● BANANARCHY
EST. 2019

BOMBAY · BANGKOK

★ SEASON · LATE AUG → FEB

THE TRAIL, DRAWN BY HAND.

- 21-day Chhota Taster (Bangkok → Siem Reap, fly home from SAI)
- 30-day extension only (Siem Reap → Saigon, the long way south)
- Mode varies: train · sleeper bus · slow boat · ferry · scooter



~ not to scale, naturally ~

THE FIRST FIFTEEN.

- ★ **SCOOTER** = RIDING DAY, FLEET + FUEL COVERED
- ★ **MEAL INCL** = ACTIVITY-LINKED MEAL, ON US
- ★ **MOVE** = INTERCITY TRANSIT DAY

DAY 01 TH · BKK THE BANGKOK INCEPTION Check in to a social hostel near Khao San. Evening ice-breaker walk through the neon street-food chaos of Khao San Road. Aunty's already worried.	DAY 02 TH · BKK TEMPLES, RIVER & CHINATOWN Wat Pho, Wat Arun, ferry across to ICONSIAM. Public river ferry into Chinatown for an evening street-food safari. Sukhumvit nightlife after dark.	DAY 03 ★ SLEEPER TRAIN MIDNIGHT EXPRESS NORTH Free Bangkok day — MBK, markets, cafes. Evening van to Krung Thep Aphiwat. Board the #9 Special Express AC sleeper at 18:40. Wake up in Chiang Mai. MOVE · 12.5H
DAY 04 TH · CNX DOI SUTHEP & WALKING ST. Morning arrival, red-truck to Old Town hostel. Scoot the mountain road up to Wat Phra That Doi Suthep. Evening Walking Street night market. ★ SCOOTER	DAY 05 TH · CNX ELEPHANT SANCTUARY Full-day ethical sanctuary — feeding, bathing, bamboo rafting downstream, jungle waterfall swim. Northern Thai buffet lunch included. ★ MEAL INCL	DAY 06 TH · CR WHITE & BLUE TEMPLES Shared minivan north to Chiang Rai (~3.5h). The all-white Wat Rong Khun and electric-blue Wat Rong Suea Ten — two surreal temples. Night Bazaar food crawl. MOVE · 3.5H
DAY 07 ★ SLOW BOAT MEKONG · DAY ONE Morning van to Chiang Khong, walk across the Friendship Bridge into Huay Xai. Buy the 2-day downstream slow boat ticket at the pier. Sunset in Pakbeng. MOVE · 8H	DAY 08 ★ SLOW BOAT MEKONG · DAY TWO Day 2 of the slow boat from Pakbeng. Limestone canyons, river villages, into UNESCO Luang Prabang by 16:30. Night market for dinner. MOVE · 8H	DAY 09 LA · LPB ALMS + KUANG SI + PHOUSI 05:00 Tak Bat — silently witness hundreds of monks' alms-giving. Mid-morning scoot to the turquoise tiers of Kuang Si Falls. Mt Phousi for the 360° sunset. ★ SCOOTER
DAY 10 LA · VTV HSR → VANG VIENG Afternoon high-speed rail south through 70+ mountain tunnels at 160 km/h. Under an hour to Vang Vieng; late swim at Blue Lagoon 3. MOVE · 55M	DAY 11 ★ CROSS-BORDER BUS KAYAK + 22H SLEEPER Morning kayak on the Nam Song through karst country. 16:30 board the 20-cabin VIP sleeper bus to Hanoi. Sleep through the mountain crossing. MOVE · 22H	DAY 12 VN · HAN HANOI OLD QUARTER Afternoon arrival. Hoan Kiem Lake, the red Huc Bridge, Ngoc Son Temple. Evening on Train Street — the train passes inches from cafe tables.
DAY 13 VN · HAN FRENCH QTR + PUPPETS Free wandering: French Quarter, Hoa Lo Prison ("Hanoi Hilton"), street-coffee culture. Evening: Thang Long water puppet show with live musicians.	DAY 14 ★ CRUISE + TRAIN HA LONG — SLEEPER SOUTH Pre-dawn limo bus to Ha Long. Full-day Lan Ha Bay cruise: kayak under arches, cave swim, seafood lunch. 20:10 Reunification Express south. ★ MEAL INCL MOVE · 16H	DAY 15 VN · DAD DA NANG + DRAGON BRIDGE Midday at Da Nang station. Hostel near My Khe Beach. Evening: the Dragon Bridge actually breathes fire and water at 9pm — free show.

THE LAST FIFTEEN.

~ GOA WAPAS NAHI JAANA ~

THE 21-DAY TASTER ENDS AT DAY 22 MORNING. EXTENSION PICKS UP SOUTH. BOTH GROUPS TOGETHER THROUGH DAY 21.

DAY 16 VN · HOI HAI VAN PASS RIDE The greatest coastal ride in SE Asia: Lady Buddha, Hai Van's switchbacks, drop into lantern-lit Hoi An by sunset. Backpacks travel by van – ride empty. ★ SCOOTER	DAY 17 VN · HOI BASKET BOATS + COOKING Spinning bamboo basket boats in Cam Thanh's coconut forest. Market sourcing. Hands-on Vietnamese cooking masterclass – cook your own dinner. ★ MEAL INCL	DAY 18 VN · HOI MARBLE MTNS + GOLDEN BRIDGE Caves, pagodas and viewpoints inside Marble Mountains. Cable car up Ba Na Hills to walk the Golden Bridge – held aloft by two giant stone hands. ★ SCOOTER
DAY 19 ★ CROSS-BORDER BUS VIETNAM → CAMBODIA 08:00 board the international VIP sleeper bus west out of Hoi An. ~18h overland push across the border. Arrive Siem Reap ~02:00. MOVE · 18H	DAY 20 KH · REP SIEM REAP RECOVERY Sleep in to recover from the overnight. Old Market wander, hostel pool, town stroll. Pub Street chaos at night – tomorrow you're up at 04:30.	DAY 21 KH · REP ANGKOR WAT SUNRISE 04:30 remork (tuk-tuk) fleet to Angkor for dawn. Bayon, Ta Prohm's strangler figs, outer temples. Hostel breakfast included. Pub Street farewell.
★ FORK POINT · DAY 22 MORNING. 21-DAY TASTER GROUP FLIES HOME FROM SIEM REAP. EXTENSION STAYS ON, SOUTH. ★		
DAY 22 KH · PNH PHNOM PENH + S-21 Say bye to the taster group. Express minivan south (~5.5h), arriving early afternoon. Straight to Tuol Sleng (S-21) and the Choeung Ek Killing Fields with survivor audio guides. MOVE · 5.5H	DAY 23 ★ BUS + FERRY → KOH RONG ISLAND Early shuttle to the port. Express bus to Sihanoukville. Speed-ferry across to Koh Rong's white sand. Hostel on the beach strip, evening BBQ. MOVE · 5.5H	DAY 24 KH · KRG BIOLUMINESCENT PLANKTON Beach volleyball at Long Set, swimming, beach BBQ. After dark, longtail boat into pitch-black water to swim with glowing blue plankton – the magical night.
DAY 25 ★ FERRY + VAN ARCADIA, KAMPOT Ferry back to the mainland, bus east to the lazy river town of Kampot. Check in to Arcadia Backpackers – riverfront waterpark, free for guests. MOVE · 5H	DAY 26 KH · KMT PEPPER FARMS + MANGROVE Scoot through Khmer villages to the organic Kampot pepper plantations – the spice that supplies Michelin kitchens. Afternoon: kayak the Green Cathedral. ★ SCOOTER	DAY 27 ★ CROSS-BORDER BUS → HO CHI MINH CITY 07:15 east via the Prek Chak / Ha Tien crossing directly into HCMC District 1. Check in to the backpacker hostel. Evening street-food crawl on Bui Vien. MOVE · 8.25H
DAY 28 VN · SGN MEKONG DELTA Hand-rowed sampans through narrow jungle streams, fruit orchards, traditional river-market life. Southern delta set lunch included. Final HCMC street-food crawl after dark. ★ MEAL INCL	DAY 29 VN · SGN HCMC FREE DAY Saigon on your own – War Remnants Museum, Reunification Palace, Ben Thanh Market, rooftop bars, the best Vietnamese coffee in the country. Group's last night.	DAY 30 VN · SGN THE FINAL DEPARTURE Last group check-out. Pre-arranged shared van to Tân Sơn Nhất Airport (SGN). Flights home are booked by you – sobbing optional.
★ TRAIL SAMBHAL LEGA Things flex, sometimes. Weather, borders, ferries, festivals – the trail occasionally rewrites itself. When it does, we huddle as a cohort, look at the options together, and pick the new line. No silent reroutes, no "sorry the brochure said." Thinking on your feet is part of the syllabus.		

● PAISA DO, BUS LO

WHAT IT COSTS. WHAT IT INCLUDES.

● TIER 01

THE CHHOTA TASTER

₹1,50,000 per person

21 DAYS · 4 COUNTRIES · 17 HOSTEL NIGHTS · 4
SLEEPER NIGHTS · 4 SCOOTER DAYS · 3 INCLUDED
MEALS

GROUP: 12 MAX + SUBODH · SEASON: LATE AUG → FEB
ONLY

★ POPULAR

● TIER 02

THE POORA SCENE

₹2,00,000 per person

30 DAYS · 4 COUNTRIES · 25 HOSTEL NIGHTS · 4
SLEEPER NIGHTS · 5 SCOOTER DAYS · 4 INCLUDED
MEALS

GROUP: 12 MAX + SUBODH · ADDS: PHNOM PENH, KOH
RONG, KAMPOT, SAIGON, MEKONG DELTA

✦ WHAT'S COVERED

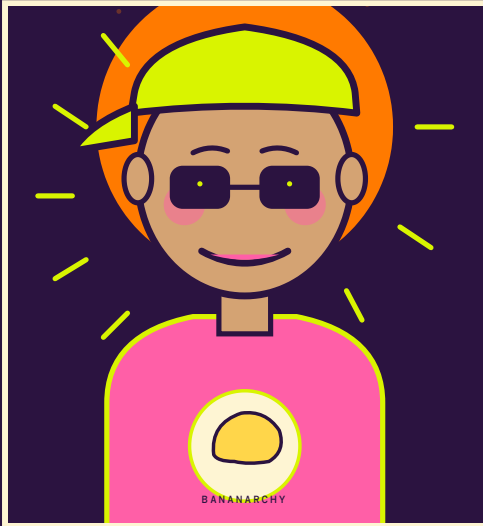
- + Every hostel bed on the route, in pre-vetted design-friendly hostels
- + Every intercity sleeper train, sleeper bus, slow boat, ferry and high-speed rail ticket on the itinerary
- + Every station shuttle, tuk-tuk transfer, and ferry-pier pickup (no last-mile guessing)
- + Scooter rentals + fuel pool on the four (taster) or five (full) designated riding days
- + Every entry ticket named in the day-by-day – Doi Suthep, Kuang Si, Ngoc Son, water puppets, Ha Long cruise, Marble Mtns, Ba Na Hills, Angkor Wat, S-21, plankton trip, Mekong Delta tour
- + Three (taster) or four (full) activity-linked meals – elephant sanctuary lunch (Day 5), Ha Long Bay cruise lunch (Day 14), Hoi An cooking-class dinner (Day 17), Mekong Delta lunch (Day 28, full only)
- + Visa logistics – paperwork help, queue-walkthroughs, fee pool for TH + LA + KH + VN e-visas
- + Subodh, every single day, from arrival in BKK to your departure

✦ WHAT'S ON YOU

- ✗ Your flights to Bangkok at the start, and home from Siem Reap (21-day) or Ho Chi Minh City (30-day) at the end
- ✗ Daily food and drinks outside the included meals – budget ₹400-800/day, comfortably
- ✗ Personal nightlife transit (the Grab home from the bar at 2am is on you)
- ✗ Shopping, market hauls, tailored shirts in Hoi An, that scarf in Luang Prabang you'll absolutely buy
- ✗ Travel insurance (mandatory – bring proof at the start)
- ✗ Any side-quests outside the itinerary (a tattoo in Bangkok, a Pai detour, a second helping of khao soi)
- ✗ Tips for guides, drivers and cooks, where genuinely deserved
- ✗ That long phone call home when you decide to extend by a week

● MEET THE GUIDE. MEET THE QUESTIONS.

WHO RUNS THIS, AND WHY YOU CAN TRUST IT.



SUBODH.

FOUNDER • LEAD GUIDE • THE GUY

Backpacker on the road since 2019. 50+ countries, 6 continents. Founded Bananarchy to run the trips he wished he'd had at 24: overland, no flights, small group, real backpacking.

Has wrestled penguins in Antarctica, survived Rio Carnival, driven a campervan from Portugal to Norway, ticked off the Wonders of the World, and somehow eaten vegetarian in Mongolia. Speaks Hinglish, English, Thai street-bargain, and Lao tuk-tuk.

"I'm not your tour guide. I'm the guy who knows the guy."

SAFE HAI?

Safer than driving on the Outer Ring Road during rush hour. We move in a group, on well-trodden routes, with someone who has done all of this many times over. Your aunty is mistaken about the world.

PEHLI BAAR ABROAD JA RAHA HOON. WILL I COPE?

That is literally the point. By day five you are bargaining tuk-tuks in three languages and explaining INR exchange rates to a confused Lao uncle.

LOG KYA KAHENGE?

They will say: "Beta, ek mahina chutti?" Then they will see your photos and want to come. Send them this brochure. We handle the rest.

VEG HOON, WILL I STARVE?

No. Pad thai swaps tofu, Lao buffets are 80% greens, Hoi An is full of veg-friendly cafes. Subodh keeps a working list of veg, jain and halal-friendly spots. Bring an open mind, not 6kg of Maggi.

WHY NO FLIGHTS?

Because the whole point is the trail. Flights skip everything. Sleeper buses are where the friendships form, slow boats are where the photos are taken, and trains are where you sleep next to a Vietnamese family who teach you a card game with no rules.

MONSOON MEIN CHALEGA?

No. Bananarchy only runs late August through February. The weather is the reason the trail exists. We don't run in monsoon. Don't ask.

ITINERARY SET IN STONE HAI?

Set in stone, nahi. Set in spirit, yes. Weather, border moods, a ferry that didn't sail, a road closed for a buffalo procession – the trail occasionally rewrites itself. When that happens, we huddle as a group, look at the options together, and decide the new line. It's how you learn to travel, not just to be moved around.

● VISA CHEAT-SHEET • INDIAN PASSPORT

VISA SCENE, DEMYSTIFIED.

COUNTRY	WHAT YOU NEED	HOW TO GET IT	WE HANDLE?
THAILAND	E-Visa now required for Indian passport holders – visa-free policy ended in 2026. Apply online before you fly.	We send the link, the photo specs, and the application script. Approves in 7-14 working days.	PREP TOGETHER
LAOS	Visa-on-arrival at the Huay Xai land border	USD 30-40 cash + 2 passport photos. Walk-through with Subodh at the bridge.	YES • FEE COVERED
VIETNAM	E-Visa, applied online before you arrive • single-entry for 21-day, multi-entry for 30-day (re-enters Vietnam on Day 27)	We send the link, the photo specs, and the application script. Approves in 3-5 working days.	PREP TOGETHER
CAMBODIA	E-Visa or Visa-on-Arrival, USD 30	We pre-fill the e-visa together two weeks before departure to skip border queues.	YES • FEE COVERED

★ HUM SAB DEKH LENGE.

Bananarchy bundles the TH + LA + KH + VN fees into your trip price and walks you through every form. The new Thailand e-visa charge is the only reason the 2026/27 price has moved up – we are passing it through, not marking it up. Your job: a valid Indian passport with 6 months' validity beyond your return date and at least 6 blank pages. Rules shift – we'll send the live checklist once you book.

● PACKING LIST • 21 + 9 DAYS, ONE 40-60L BACKPACK

✦ WEAR + CARRY

- ☐ 40-60L backpack (front-loader if possible)
- ☐ Daypack, 15-20L, for hike + market days
- ☐ Sturdy walking shoes • sandals • flip-flops
- ☐ Quick-dry shirts × 5, shorts × 3, trousers × 2
- ☐ 1 modest set for temples (covered shoulders + knees)
- ☐ Swimwear, rain shell, light fleece for sleeper buses
- ☐ Sunglasses, brimmed hat, scarf/buff

✦ THE BACKPACKER KIT

- ☐ Microfibre towel
- ☐ Padlock × 2 (hostel lockers)
- ☐ Universal adapter, 20000mAh power bank
- ☐ Earplugs + sleep mask (non-negotiable on sleeper buses)
- ☐ Reusable water bottle with built-in filter
- ☐ Dry bag, 10L, for slow-boat and ferry days
- ☐ Headtorch – Angkor sunrise needs it

✦ HEALTH + PAPERS

- ☐ Travel insurance proof (mandatory)
- ☐ Passport + 6 photocopies + 6 passport photos
- ☐ Personal first-aid: ORS, Imodium, paracetamol, antihistamine
- ☐ DEET 30%+ mosquito repellent
- ☐ Sunscreen SPF 50+ (cheap in BKK, bring some)
- ☐ Any prescription meds in original packaging
- ☐ 2 spare ATM cards on different banks

✦ DESI-SPECIFIC

- ☐ One small jar aachaar / podi for the homesick night
- ☐ Indian SIM with international roaming for Day 1 only
- ☐ Sketchbook or journal – you'll regret not having one
- ☐ Cash: USD 200 (small notes), some INR for arrival/departure
- ☐ Photocopies of insurance + emergency contacts in your bag
- ☐ One nice shirt – for the Saturday Walking Street + farewell dinner

● THE SHORT ANSWER

FOUR STEPS. NO FORMS.

01.

★ WHATSAPP SUBODH

Tap the number on the right. Tell him which trip, when, and one true thing about yourself. No formal application.

02.

★ THE 15-MIN CHAT

Voice or video, whatever's easier. He answers questions, you answer his. Either side can say no, no offence taken.

03.

★ HOLD YOUR SEAT

₹25,000 refundable deposit confirms your slot in a cohort. Remaining balance 30 days before departure.

04.

★ FLIGHTS + PAPERWORK

We send the cohort group, the visa checklist, the BKK landing window, and the WhatsApp number you'll be on for 30 days.

~ when you're ready ~

JUST SEND A MESSAGE.

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● BEFORE YOU MESSAGE

- ★ You've read the day-by-day and the route makes sense
- ★ Your passport is valid 6+ months past your return date
- ★ You can take 21 (or 30) consecutive days off
- ★ You are okay with: shared dorms, sleeper buses, "no plan" days, no flights, no resort towels
- ★ You are between 18 and "still up for hostel bunks"

~ trail sambhal lega ~