



Is it just us or how is April already?! (Or in corporate lingo, how are we already in Q2?!) While this month is the height of spring in many Western countries in the Northern Hemisphere, it already feels like summer for us in Vietnam. Increased gas and oil prices, influenced by the recent situation in the Middle East, have certainly impacted the travel industry. While Vietnam is no exception, you can rest assured that the country remains a safe and accessible destination for inbound travelers. Follow along in this issue for updates on New Years in Laos and Cambodia, Vietnam aviation, and more.

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Vietnamese Airline Companies Adjusting Operations amid Surged Fuel Prices



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Vietnam Airlines has suspended seven domestic routes starting this month. Fortunately, these suspensions won't severely affect the inbound market. Major domestic routes connecting Hanoi, Da Nang, and Ho Chi Minh City remain in normal operation for the time being. Key international routes from Paris, Frankfurt, London, and Amsterdam also remain unaffected.

If the fuel situation doesn't improve, there is potential for a further 10–20% reduction in overall capacity in the coming months. Bamboo Airways is reducing its daily flights to 17, down from 36. Low-cost giant VietJet Air also plans to reduce 18% of its total capacity. 'Younger' operator Sun Phu Quoc Airways is the only carrier that has yet to adjust its operations.

Despite the challenging situation, Vietnam remains safe and accessible to international travelers. Our team at ITS is monitoring the situation closely to give you the most up-to-date and accurate information. When in doubt, [contact us!](#)

Tee Time Meets Sea Time



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We received lots of interest in our 'Golf & Wellness' itinerary after [its mention](#) in our March newsletter. Many of you asked what we'd recommend for those who are not looking for a wellness experience or don't have the luxury to spend more nights near Ha Long Bay. Worry not! You can still plan a golf and cruise segment for your clients featuring Silk Path Dong Trieu Golf & Country Club and Cycad Grand Cruise. Playing a round at the Nick Faldo-designed course and then staying on Bai Tu Long Bay's first six-star cruise sounds like a dreamy combination, doesn't it? Get in touch with us at sm@itsvietnam.com to build this premium segment into your product offering!

Da Nang - Vietnam's Emerging International Hub



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Da Nang has grown significantly in popularity among local and inbound travelers over the last decade, and it is well on its way to becoming Vietnam's third major international gateway. In March 2026, AirAsia launched two new direct routes connecting Manila and Bali to Da Nang International Airport (DAD). Both routes operate four flights per week. DAD is now the hub for over 30 international flight routes, bridging the gap between central Vietnam and 15 countries.

Other direct flights to DAD originate from popular Asian destinations, including: Japan, Korea, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, India, and Kazakhstan. Ready to enhance your long-haul products? Let's get started! Contact us at sm@itsvietnam.com.

Lao and Cambodian New Years



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April marks the beginning of the low season for inbound travel to Laos and Cambodia. However, for locals in these two countries, this month is a busy one with their traditional new years. Did you know that this most important holiday takes place at the same time as the infamous Songkran festival in Thailand?

Known as “Boun Pi Mai” in Laos and “Choul Chnam Thmey” or Khmer New Year in Cambodia, the new years play a significant role in both countries’ traditional, familial, and spiritual beliefs. This is the perfect opportunity for curious travelers looking to fully immerse themselves into local cultures. Visit [our blog](#) to learn more about how the Laotians and Cambodians celebrate this holiday and what you need to know planning a trip during this period.

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