



What Does Trường Sơn Mean?



Our Liên Đoàn's name is TRƯỜNG SƠN, but how deep we know about this name?

Trường Sơn means “long mountains” in Vietnamese, so it is a range of mountains and, of course, very long. This is what I got from the Internet:

The **Annamite Range** or the **Annamese Mountains** is a mountain range of eastern Indochina, which extends approximately 1,100 km (680 mi) through Laos, Vietnam, and a small area in northeast Cambodia. It is known in Vietnamese as ***Dãy Trường Sơn***, in Lao as *Xai Phou Luang* (ໄຊ ຟູ ລູງ) and in French as the *Chaîne Annamitique*.

The highest points of the range are 2,819 m (9249 ft.) high Phou Bia, 2,720 m (8924 ft.) high Phu Xai Lai Leng which are in Laos. And the third highest point of the range is Ngoc Linh (Ngoc Pan), 2,598 m (8,524 ft) and is the highest point in Vietnam.

The Annamite Range runs parallel to the Vietnam coast, and Vietnam mostly lies on the east side of the range, although Vietnam's Tây Nguyên (Central Highlands) region lies west of the divide, in the Mekong basin. The eastern slope of the range rises steeply from the plain, drained by numerous short rivers. The western slope is gentler, forming significant plateaus before descending to the banks of the Mekong.

Is there something new about this name?

In this range, there is the biggest known cave in the world, as of 2009. It is **Sơn Đoòng Cave** (*Hang Sơn Động*, means Mountain River cave in Vietnamese). Inside is a large, fast-flowing underground river. It is about 9,000m / 30,000ft long.

Sơn Đoòng Cave was found by a local man named Hồ-Khanh in 1991. The whistling sound of wind and roar of fiery stream in the cave heard through the entrance as well as the steep descent prevented the local people to enter the cave. Only in 2009 did the cave become internationally known after a group of scientists from the British Cave Research Association, led by Howard and Deb Limbert, conducted a survey in Phong Nha-Kẻ Bàng from 10 to 14 April, 2009 According to the Limberts, the cave is five times larger than Phong Nha Cave, a nearby cave previously considered the biggest cave in Vietnam. The biggest chamber of Sơn Đoòng is more than five kilometres (16,404 ft.) long, 200 metres (656 ft.) high and 150 metres (492 ft.) wide. With these dimensions, Sơn Đoòng overtakes Deer

Cave in Malaysia to take the title of the world's largest cave.

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