

**VIET NAM**





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## MARVELOUS VIETNAM 12 DAYS



**DESTINATION:** Hanoi, Sapa, Halong Bay, Hue, Ho Chi Minh

**DURATION:** 12 Days

*Let's take a hale and hearty adventure to eccentric destinations in Vietnam. Upon your arrival to an astonishing Hanoi, relax before the journey to the striking beauty of Sapa by a private comfortable car. Walk through the rice terraces, visit ethnic villages, and hike in remote areas out of crowds. Stunning landscape, ideal weather, clouds, mountains, rice field terrace - all this will harmonize and freshen up your soul. Enjoy the relaxing cruise in Ha Long Bay to recover after a few days of trekking and admire the most beautiful sceneries you have ever seen.*

*Then fly to a mild Hue. An adventure lover never grabs an ordinary tour, but cycles in an ancient village, Thuy Bieu, gracefully surrounded by many great views and sightseeings. Enjoy cooking local food, see traditional houses, and visit local workshops. Lastly, Ho Chi Minh will be uncovered in a unique way - by the Jeep tour. Independence Palace, Museum of American War Crimes, Notre Dame Cathedral, and the Old Post Office are the highlights that no one can miss out on. After 12-day of discovery, do not hesitate to tell the world that you have tasted one of the truly adventurous tours ever.*

### **DAY 1: WELCOME TO VIETNAM - HANOI ARRIVAL**

Your Vietnam adventure begins with your arrival in Hanoi. Your private driver will meet you at the airport, holding a signboard with your name. He will escort you to your accommodation right in the heart of the city, with the fascinating Old Quarter at your fingertips. You can easily explore the city at your own pace or relax at the hotel after the flight.

*Overnight in Hanoi*

### **DAY 2: HANOI – TRANSFER TO SAPA BY LIMOUSINE BUS – VISITING TA PHIN VILLAGE**

Have breakfast at the hotel and get ready for your Sapa exploration. You will be transferred to Sapa by limousine bus. Upon arrival in Sapa have lunch and check-in at the hotel. Later you will visit Ta Phin village. Located in a large valley, surrounded by high mountains, covered by pine trees and forest, Ta Phin commune is home to the Red Dzao and Black Hmong ethnicities. Despite living close to each other for decades, these two ethnic people are very different. The Hmongs are cheerful and open-minded, while the Red Dzaos are economical and reserved.

Take a short drive to the center of the valley, where you will enjoy an easy walk following the village path around the valley, paying a visit to Hmong hamlets scattering from the bottom of the valley to higher mountain slopes. From high elevation you will enjoy the great view of the valley stretching under your feet. Continue your walk to the Red Dzao village, where you will meet a group of women making handicrafts, including embroidered clothes and handbags. Later you will be transferred back to Sapa.

*Approx: 1.5 hours walking.*

*Overnight in Sapa*

### **DAY 3: TREKKING THROUGH THE RICE TERRACES – LAO CHAI – TA VAN –GIANG TA CHAI**

The day is devoted to a beautiful hike through the breathtaking scenery of Sa Pa valley. Start the walk with a picturesque road where you can admire the rice terraces hidden behind the mist of the morning, a truly awe-inspiring sight.

Follow a small track crossing the Muong Hoa River and pass well-tended rice terraces on your way to the Black Hmong village of Lao Chai. Continue walking through the colorful rice terraces, and you will reach the village of Ta Van Giay. As you continue your trek along the Muong Hoa River, you will cross a small suspension bridge, roughly 2km from the settlement. Here you can discover a fascinating collection of rock carvings. These engravings depict some beautiful images of man, stilt houses, and some beautiful decorative patterns.

Have lunch in a local house. After lunch, continue your walk through the bamboo forest to Giang Ta Chai, a Red Dao ethnic minority village. After taking a rest nearby a waterfall to refresh, you start climbing uphill to a road where the car is ready for your journey back to Sapa.

*Approx: 1-hour driving and 4 hours walking*

*Overnight in Sapa*

### **DAY 4: TREKKING OUT OF THE CROWD - BAN KHOANG - TA GIANG PHINH (B/L)**

Today you will leave the busy life behind to enjoy a nice walk in a quiet non-touristic area. Have breakfast at the hotel and meet your guide and driver. Head northwards of Sapa with several stops for viewing the magnificent landscapes of Fansipan, Sin Chai valley, and flower and vegetable farms. Then follow a narrow road for half an hour drive getting through the wild region with thick rain forest covering walled-up mountains. On the way, you will pass several waterfalls before

arriving at Ban Khoang, a village of the Red Zao ethnic peoples who live their unique way of life and well maintain their traditional values. The village looks prosperous thanks to the combination of wet rice cultivation on the terraced fields with cardamom farming under the shade of trees in a thick forest. Spend over an hour walking to explore this remote village for a better understanding of local life. Leaving Ban Khoang and process along the road for about 10km to Ta Giang Phinh valley the home for the Black Hmongs who live in small villages scattering along a peaceful stream.

Enjoy a picnic lunch on the bank of a stream before walking along the village path, which connects the villages to each other to witness the daily activities of locals such as plowing and harrowing the fields, growing, harvesting rice and vegetables, or doing some house work. In leisure months men often gather to build new houses or repair parts of old ones while women stay home making their traditional costumes. The walk ends in mid-afternoon when you will head back to Sapa by car.

*Approx: 2 hours driving and 4 hours walking*

*Overnight in Sapa*

#### **DAY 5: SAPA – TRANSFER TO HANOI (B)**

Have breakfast at the hotel and have some leisure time, until you will be transferred tback to Hanoi by limousine bus. Rest of the day is at your leisure.

*Overnight in Hanoi*

#### **DAY 6: HANOI - HALONG BAY - OVERNIGHT ON CRUISE (B/L/D)**

In the morning, check out of the hotel, and get picked up by the Cruise team. Take the most scenic route to reach Halong Bay, taking you across the Red River Delta with emerald green rice paddies stretching for as far as the eyes can see.

On arrival at Halong, you will board the cruise and enjoy the fantastic views of limestone rocks and the karst grottoes. Have an utterly delicious seafood lunch and enjoy the time at the sundeck exploring the Bay.

The cruise will stop in a secret place where you will spend time kayaking or swimming, so you can explore the karst grottoes closer. Towards the evening, you will return to the boat for an early dinner, followed by some time at leisure. You can optionally attend the activities taking part on the boat or just relax.

*Overnight on cruise*

#### **DAY 7: HALONG BAY - HANOI (B/L)**

Rise early today to view the dawn at the Wonder of the Nature World with breakfast served in the dining room. A Tai Chi class on the sun deck will awake your mind and muscles.

Then head off to visit the limestone cave full of stalagmites and stalactites. Then return to the boat to check out and enjoy the brunch while the cruise is sailing back to the harbor. Later you will be transferred to your accommodation in Hanoi.

*Overnight in Hanoi*

#### **DAY 8: TRAVEL FROM HANOI TO HUE CITY - FLIGHT INCLUDED (B)**

Relish the remaining moment in Hanoi before your private driver escorts you to the airport to take the flight to Hue. When you arrive at Hue airport, your driver will pick you up and transfer you to your accommodation. The rest of the time is free at leisure.

*Overnight in Hue*

#### **DAY 9: HUE COUNTRYSIDE TOUR TO THUY BIEU VILLAGE (B/L)**

Start your day by exploring the idyllic destinations in Thien Mu pagoda – a historic temple, the symbol of Vietnam in the Nguyen Dynasty before arriving in Thuy Bieu Village. Upon arrival in the village, enjoy a welcome drink at the local house. Then take a cycling trip around the village to see the daily life of the local people. Stop to visit an incense-making, joss-paper making, and paper-painting family workshops to see countryside paintings of young local artists.

After biking around the village, you will be back to the local house to have a foot massage before cooking your lunch under the instruction of our chef. The chef will teach you to cook some famous local foods such as fig salad mixed with shrimp and pork, Banh Ram It (a patty of super-crunchy deep-fried stick rice topped with stir-fried shrimp and pork), and Banh Khoái (a pan-fried crepe that is typically stuffed with shrimp and pork). Enjoy the meals you cooked for lunch and take some rest before driving back to your hotel.

*Overnight in Hue*

#### **DAY 10: TRAVEL FROM HUE TO HO CHI MINH - FLIGHT INCLUDED (B)**

Relish the remaining moment in Hue before your private driver escorts you to the airport to take the flight to Ho Chi Minh. When you arrive at Tan Son Nhat International Airport, your driver will pick you up and transfer you to your accommodation. The rest of the time is free at leisure.

*Overnight in Ho Chi Minh*

#### **DAY 11: EXPLORE THE VIBRANT CITY BY JEEP CAR (B)**

Today you will explore the most remarkable places of Ho Chi Minh city in military-style by Jeep.

Have breakfast at your hotel before your guide and driver pick you up to begin your Jeep adventure. Drive through Saigon streets towards the Independence Palace/ the Reunification Palace. The palace is a symbolic destination of the end of the Vietnam War during the Fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975, when the North Vietnamese Army tank number 843 crashed through the gates of what was the residence of the President of the Republic of Vietnam.

Next, you will admire the Museum of American War Crimes/ the War Remnants Museum is the most popular museum in Ho Chi Minh City. It gathers a collection of the machinery, weapons, photos, and documentation of Vietnam's wars.

After the Museum, you will see Notre Dame Cathedral and the Old Post Office, which are the best highlights of old Saigon architecture and are located next to each other right in the heart of Ho Chi Minh City.

And then, Jeep will take you for a drive along famous roads in Saigon as Dong Khoi street, and Nguyen Hue street, and head to Ben Thanh Market, a lively market in District 1, where your guide can help you barter for goods. And then, Jeep goes to Bui Vien street and back to your hotel.

*Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City*

## **DAY 12: TIME TO SAY GOODBYE – HO CHI MINH DEPARTURE (B)**

Relish a healthy breakfast on the final day of your trip to Vietnam. Complete the hotel check-out formalities, after which you can visit the local markets to buy souvenirs for your loved ones. Later your private driver will transfer you to the airport to take your flight back home.

Trip Ends.

### **INCLUSIVE**

- \* Door-to-door pick-up & drop-off services
- \* All transportation mentioned above
- \* Domestic flight from Hanoi to Hue, and from Hue to Ho Chi Minh, with 20 kg luggage allowance
- \* Accommodation shared in Double/ Twin/ Triple room with daily breakfast (including 5% service fee and 10% VAT tax)
- \* Check-in room at 14:00 // Check-out room at 12:00 noon (Except Early check-in or Late check-out mentioned in the program)
- \* Experienced English speaking guide
- \* Meals as stated in the itinerary (B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner)
- \* All tours and sightseeing tickets according itinerary
- \* Vietnam visa approval letter
- \* Tissues and water on coach
- \* Service charges and government tax
- \* Exclusive and personalized single agent/single customer service
- \* 24/7 hotline support guaranteed

\* No extra charge after services confirmation

### **EXCLUSIVE**

- \* International flights and departure taxes
- \* Beverage, personal expenses, tips and gratuities
- \* Travel insurance
- \* Public holiday surcharge (if any)
- \* Compulsory Gala Dinner on 24 Dec and 31 Dec
- \* Early check-in and late check-out (If not mentioned)
- \* Visa stamping fee on arrival at the airport in Vietnam: \$25/ person
- \* Surcharge for airport cabs from 12:00am – 05:00am
- \* Other services not mentioned above

### **HOTEL LIST**

#### **3 STARS**

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Website</b>
Hanoi	Mina Hotel and Spa or similar	<a href="https://minahanoihotel.com/">https://minahanoihotel.com/</a>
Sapa	The View Sapa Hotel or similar	<a href="http://theviewsapahotel.com/en">http://theviewsapahotel.com/en</a>
Halong Bay	Le Journey Cruise or similar	<a href="https://lejourneycruise.com/">https://lejourneycruise.com/</a>
Hue	Cherish Hue or similar	<a href="http://cherishhotel.com/">http://cherishhotel.com/</a>
Ho Chi Minh	Prague Hotel or similar	<a href="https://web.facebook.com/praguehotelvn/">https://web.facebook.com/praguehotelvn/</a>

#### **4 STARS**

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Website</b>
Hanoi	Tirant Hotel or similar	<a href="http://www.tiranthotel.com/">http://www.tiranthotel.com/</a>
Sapa	Amazing Hotel Sapa or similar	<a href="https://amazinghotel.com.vn/">https://amazinghotel.com.vn/</a>
Halong Bay	Halong Sky Cruise or similar	<a href="https://halongskycruise.com/">https://halongskycruise.com/</a>
Hue	Eldora Hue or similar	<a href="http://www.eldorahotel.com/">http://www.eldorahotel.com/</a>
Ho Chi Minh	Liberty Central Saigon Centre hotel or similar	<a href="https://www.libertycentralsaigoncentre.com/en/">https://www.libertycentralsaigoncentre.com/en/</a>



## 5 STARS

Destination	Hotel	Website
Hanoi	The Oriental Jade Hotel or similar	<a href="http://theorientaljadehotel.com/">http://theorientaljadehotel.com/</a>
Sapa	Silk Path Grand Hotel Sapa or similar	<a href="https://silkpathhotel.com/en/Sapa/">https://silkpathhotel.com/en/Sapa/</a>
Halong Bay	Era Cruise or similar	<a href="https://www.eracruises.com/en/">https://www.eracruises.com/en/</a>
Hue	Silk Path Grand Hotel Hue or similar	<a href="https://silkpathhotel.com/en/Hue/">https://silkpathhotel.com/en/Hue/</a>
Ho Chi Minh	The Myst Dong Khoi or similar	<a href="https://www.themystdongkhoihotel.com/">https://www.themystdongkhoihotel.com/</a>

## PRICE:

### NET RATES

Group size	Price per person in USD in party of						
	1p	2p	3-4p	5-6p	7-9p	10-14p	Sgl Sup
3 stars	1,531	1,056	1,018	988	975	948	374
4 stars	2,043	1,331	1,291	1,260	1,247	1,218	606
5 stars	3,049	1,847	1,732	1,625	1,610	1,529	891

## BOOKING PROCESS

**Step 1:** Contact us at [sales@realisticasia.com](mailto:sales@realisticasia.com) to confirm the date and number of travelers and any special requirements.

**Step 2:** Send us scan copies of travellers' passports

**Step 3:** Make the deposit as follow the invoice sent by us

## CANCELLATION

Realistic Asia must be informed in writing. Cancellation charges would be effective from the date we receive advice in writing and cancellation charges would apply as follows:

+ 60 days prior to arrival date: No cancellation charge. We Guarantee 100% Money Back. + Airfare cancellation fees (according to the airline's cancellation policy) if any

- + 59 - 30 days prior to arrival date: 5% cancellation charge. + Airfare cancellation fees (according to the airline's cancellation policy) if any
- + 29 - 15 days prior to arrival date: 10% + Airfare cancellation fees (according to the airline's cancellation policy) if any
- + 14 - 8 days prior to arrival date: 40% + Airfare cancellation fees (according to the airline's cancellation policy) if any
- + 7 days prior to arrival date: 100 %
- + No show: 100%

### **CONDITION OF INSURANCE**

Realistic Asia demands that all clients going on our trips hold proper personal medical insurance. If clients do not hold insurance and refuse to sign on before the departure date, Realistic Asia reserves the right not to carry out the trip.

Kindly acknowledge your acceptance of the above terms and conditions by signing and returning to Realistic Asia a copy of the present

## **PERFECT VIETNAM IN 12 DAYS**



**DESTINATION:** Hanoi, Ning Binh, Halong Bay, Hue, Hoi An, Ho Chi Minh, Mekong Delta

**DURATION:** 12 Days

*Travel to Vietnam and discover the rich history of its ancient empires. Get a taste of the country's diverse landscapes, intriguing history, and rich culture. From the natural beauty of Halong Bay to the buzzing streets of Ho Chi Minh City, enjoy this immersive tour that truly connects you with the remarkable wonders of Vietnam.*

**Highlights:**

- **Explore awe-inspiring landscapes.**  
*Venture through the UNESCO-honoured Halong Bay and other pristine natural landscape*
- **Be charmed by central Vietnam**  
*See the historic, wander sites of Hoi An's charming old town and drive along the spectacular coastline*
- **Get an exclusive look at local culture**  
*Explore heritage buildings, see incredible traditional performances, and experience life in the rural villages*

**DAY 1: WELCOME TO VIETNAM – HANOI ARRIVAL**

Welcome to Vietnam! Your new adventure begins with your arrival in Hanoi. Your private driver will meet you at the airport, holding a signboard with your name. He will escort you to your accommodation right in the heart of the city, with the fascinating Old Quarter at your fingertips. You can easily explore the city at your own pace or relax at the hotel after the flight.

*Overnight in Hanoi*

**Day 2: HANOI CITY TOUR (B/L)**

Explore the charming city of Hanoi, often referred to as the "Paris of the East", with its yellow colonial buildings, tree-lined boulevards, and scenic lakes. Start your exploration by visiting the historic Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, an imposing monument made of marble and granite where the preserved body of beloved revolutionary leader Ho Chi Minh is resting. Next to the mausoleum, you will see One Pillar Pagoda, Hanoi's iconic Buddhist temple built in 1049 in the shape of a lotus blossom.

Continue your tour to the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first national university, built in the late 11th century and dedicated to Confucius studies. This picturesque temple is an example of well-preserved traditional Vietnamese architecture. Enjoy the tranquil atmosphere and get a touch of Vietnamese history and culture.

In the afternoon, you will learn about the traditions of Vietnam and its ethnic diversity with a visit to the Museum of Ethnology (closed on Mondays), which houses an extensive collection of traditional costumes and artifacts from Vietnam's 54 ethnic minority groups.

Drive back to central Hanoi for a walking tour through the maze of narrow streets of the fascinating Old Quarter. Its "36 streets of 36 wares" are named after the original 36 artisan guilds, which were located here in the 13th century.

Wrap up your day with the entertaining water puppet performance. It is a uniquely Northern Vietnamese form of art, that originated in the flooded rice fields of the Red River Delta, where



villagers entertained themselves by manipulating puppets over the water. Enjoy watching the colorful wooden puppets showing the episodes of local legends and history.

*Suggested departure time: 08:00*

*Overnight in Hanoi*

### **DAY 3: EXPLORE THE NATURE BEAUTY OF NINH BINH (B/L)**

Meet your guide at the hotel and depart Hanoi for a 2hr drive to the Trang An Landscape Complex in Ninh Binh Province. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is famed for its spectacular landscape of limestone karst peaks that rise abruptly 200m (656ft) above the surrounding land and water. You will enjoy the views of the cliffs covered by dense rainforests blending with rice paddy fields and rivers.

Start your Ning Binh exploration with a visit to Vietnam's ancient capital of Hoa Lu, the country's first centralized feudal state from the end of the 10th century. Explore the remaining temples of the Dinh and Le dynasties surrounded by rice paddies.

Then continue to Tam Coc, known as "Halong Bay on Land", where you will take a 2-hours journey by rowboat through the winding river and canals. Enjoy the views of the beautiful karst formations as you enter three of the many natural caves formed under the hills. Visit the Thai Vi temple on the way back to Tam Coc for lunch. Return to Hanoi late afternoon.

*Overnight in Hanoi*

*Suggested departure time: at 7:30 am*

### **DAY 4: HANOI – HALONG BAY (B/L/D)**

In the morning, check out of the hotel, and get picked up by the Cruise team. Take the most scenic route to reach Halong Bay, taking you across the Red River Delta with emerald green rice paddies stretching for as far as the eyes can see.

On arrival at the pier, you will board the cruise and enjoy the fantastic views of limestone rocks and the karst grottoes. Have an utterly delicious seafood lunch and enjoy the time at the sundeck exploring the Bay.

The cruise will stop in a secret place where you will spend time kayaking or swimming, so you can explore the karst grottoes closer. Towards the evening, you will return to the boat for an early dinner, followed by some time at leisure. You can optionally attend the activities taking part on the boat or just relax.

*Overnight on cruise*

**Note:** *In case of bad weather (the boat is not allowed to push off or not allowed to overnight in the sea), the Ha Long bay tour could be cancelled without notice. We will consider other replacement tours or a refund based on the specific circumstances.*

## **DAY 5: HA LONG BAY – FLIGHT TO HUE (B)**

Rise early today to view the sunrise at the wonder of nature with breakfast served in the dining room. A Tai Chi class on the sun deck will awake your mind and muscles.

Then head off to visit the limestone cave full of stalagmites and stalactites. After your exploration return to the boat to check out and enjoy the brunch while the cruise is sailing back to the harbor. Later you will be transferred to the Noi Bai International Airport for your flight to Hue. Upon arrival in Hue, you will be transferred to the hotel.

*Overnight in Hue*

## **DAY 6: HUE ANCIENT CITY EXPLORATION (B/L)**

Today you will explore the once-imperial capital of the Nguyen Dynasty, its rich cultural heritage, and royal charm.

Start your morning with a short cyclo ride from your hotel to the Imperial Citadel, the UNESCO World Heritage site. Enter through the towering main gate and appreciate the magnificent architecture and gardens while your guide explains the events and the intrigue surrounding the former royal court. Despite being heavily bombed during the Vietnam War, there are some incredibly well-preserved sections and some others which were carefully restored. Then drive to the Thien Mu Pagoda, Hue's best-preserved religious monument, which was built in 1601. This tower pagoda, with seven levels, is located on the top of the hill overlooking the Perfume River and is one of Vietnam's most recognizable icons.

In the afternoon, we will head out of town to explore the elegant Khai Dinh Royal Tomb. Its architecture combines Eastern and Western design traditions and is considered the most beautiful royal tomb in the country. Then we will see the splendid Tu Duc Royal Tomb. This impressive tomb is the resting place of Emperor Tu Duc, but no one knows the exact place, where he is buried, as all the servants, who were involved in the funeral, were beheaded to keep the emperor's last place in secret.

*Overnight in Hue*

*Suggested departure time: 9:00 am*

## **DAY 7: HUE – HOI AN ANCIENT CITY (B)**

Have breakfast at the hotel and get ready for the transfer from Hue to Hoi An by private car. You will drive through one of the most beautiful roads in the world - Hai Van Pass. You will be blown away by the stunning views of the mountains and the sea. Upon arrival in Hue check in the hotel and have free time to explore the surrounding area.

*Overnight in Hoi An*

*Suggested departure time: 09:00*

*Transfer duration: 03 hours*

### **DAY 8: CYCLING CAM THANH & THANH DONG ORGANIC FARM (B/L)**

Enjoy the delicious breakfast at the hotel and get ready for the countryside exploration. In the morning, you will drive to Vong Nhi village. Upon arrival, hop on the bikes and cycle through the village (around 6 km). Enjoy the stunning landscapes and peaceful countryside views, such as green coconut forest, and prawn and red snapper farms or immerse in the rustic beauty of rice fields.

Then arrive at Thanh Dong organic farm. This 10,000 sqm garden with fresh organic goods supports 10 local families for a living. Take a stroll around the vegetable garden and listen to the life-changing story of the farmers about how they have been approaching the organic method of cultivating herbs. Afterward, you will join the farmers in their gardening activities, like preparing and applying organic manure to the land, raking the ground, sowing herb seeds, and watering or picking vegetables.

Say goodbye to the farmers and take a ride in the unique Vietnamese basket boat along the Do River to The Field Restaurant. On the way, admire the beautiful scenery and local countryside life. Take part in a short cooking class to make Vietnamese family-style lunch. Enjoy the meals you cooked and get back to your hotel.

*Overnight in Hoi An*

*Suggested departure time: 08:00*

*Tour duration: 03 hours*

### **DAY 9: HOI AN FLIGHT TO HO CHI MINH (B)**

Have a relaxing morning, and get ready for your flight to Ho Chi Minh. Your private driver will meet you at the hotel lobby and transfer you to Da Nang Airport, where you will board the plane. Upon arrival in Ho Chi Minh, you will be welcomed and transferred to the hotel for check-in and to have some rest after the flight.

*Overnight in Ho Chi Minh*

### **DAY 10: EXPLORE THE LUSH BEAUTY OF MEKONG DELTA (B/L)**

Enjoy the delicious breakfast at the hotel and meet your guide at the hotel lobby. Today you will explore the maze of waterways and the lush green gardens of the Mekong Delta. Take a 1.5 hours drive to Ben Tre, situated in the Mekong River Delta. At the pier, embark on a fascinating motorboat that will take you to Cai Be floating market. See how locals sell their fruits and vegetables right from the boats. Then, take the rowing boat to go deeper into the countryside through small canals to enjoy a peaceful atmosphere.



Get back on a motor boat and cruise along one of the longest Mekong rivers observing the daily activities of the local farmers and fishermen.

Arrive at An Binh Island, where you will enjoy Vietnamese lunch at the local homestay.

In the afternoon, we will take you for a walk around the orchards to enjoy a cup of tea while listening life performance of the traditional Vietnamese music in the ancient house.

Now it's time to take a walk around the village and visit the local workshops to see how to make rice paper, coconut candies, and pop-rice. If you would like, you also can join the cycling trip through the village roads to see the local daily life at the orchard, school, church, pagoda, and traditional houses.

Then visit the brick kilns where you can see how the local people create beautiful clay pottery. Your cruise will end at Vinh Long city, from where you will head back to Saigon by private car.

*Suggested departure time: 08:00 am*

*Tour duration: 8.5 hours*

*Overnight in Ho Chi Minh*

### **DAY 11: HO CHI MINH HALF DAY CITY TOUR (B/L)**

With over eight million inhabitants and four million motorbikes, Saigon is truly a city that never sleeps. Despite its modernity, Saigon maintains strong links to the past, what you will see and feel today.

Start your tour with Saigon's most historic landmark - Notre Dame Cathedral, a red brick edifice with twin spires constructed from materials imported from France (the entrance is permitted only when no services are being performed). Then head across the square to the Central Post Office, constructed in 1891. A short drive away is the former Presidential Palace, the headquarters of the Saigon Government during the American War. Continue to the War Remnants Museum for a vivid perspective of the American War through the eyes of the Vietnamese. (Please note that some of the displays are very graphic.) Experience Saigon's famed street coffee culture while your guide provides a brief language lesson as well as insights into the daily life of a Saigonese before returning to your hotel.

*Overnight in HCMC*

*Suggested departure time: 08:30 am*

### **DAY 12: TIME TO SAY GOODBYE – HO CHI MINH DEPARTURE**

Relish a healthy breakfast on the final day of your trip to Vietnam. Complete the hotel check-out formalities, after which you can visit the local markets to buy souvenirs for your loved ones. Later your private driver will transfer you to the airport to take your flight back home.

Trip Ends.

### **INCLUDED**

- √ Door-to-door pick-up & drop-off services
- √ All transportation mentioned in the itinerary
- √ Accommodation based on double share with breakfast (including 5% service fee and 10% VAT tax).
- √ Experienced English-speaking guides
- √ Meals as stated in the itinerary (B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner)
- √ All sightseeing tickets according to the itinerary
- √ Tissues and water on coach
- √ Service charges and government tax
- √ Exclusive and personalized single agent/single customer service
- √ 24/7 hotline support guaranteed
- √ No extra charge after services confirmation
- √ In-tour flights as per itinerary

### **EXCLUDED**

- X International flights and the departure taxes
- X Beverage, Personal expenses, tips, and gratuities
- X Travel insurance
- X Public holiday surcharge (if any)
- X Compulsory Gala Dinner on 24 Dec and 31 Dec, 21 Jan (Tet)
- X Public holiday surcharge (Christmas and New Year, Tet holiday) if applicable
- X Early check-in and late check-out at the hotel (If not mentioned)
- X Visa to Vietnam (travellers could apply for evisa online)
- X Surcharge for airport cabs from 12:00 am – 05:00 am
- X Other services not mentioned above

## **HOTEL LIST**

### **3 STARS**

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Website</b>
Hanoi	Mina Hotel and Spa or similar	<a href="https://minahanoihotel.com/">https://minahanoihotel.com/</a>
Halong Bay	Le Journey Cruise or similar	<a href="https://lejourneycruise.com/">https://lejourneycruise.com/</a>
Hue	EMM Hue Hotel or similar	<a href="https://emmhotels.com/en/emmhotels/emm-hotel-hue">https://emmhotels.com/en/emmhotels/emm-hotel-hue</a>
Hoi An	Thanh Binh Riverside Hotel or similar	<a href="http://thanhbinhriverside.com/">http://thanhbinhriverside.com/</a>
Ho Chi Minh	EMM Saigon Hotel or similar	<a href="https://emmhotels.com/en/emmhotels/emm-hotel-saigon">https://emmhotels.com/en/emmhotels/emm-hotel-saigon</a>

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Halong Bay	Amanda Cruises or similar	<a href="https://www.amandacruises.com/contact">https://www.amandacruises.com/contact</a>
Hue	Eldora Hue Hotel or similar	<a href="http://www.eldorahotel.com/">http://www.eldorahotel.com/</a>
Hoi An	Silkotel Hoi An Hotel or similar	<a href="https://hoian.silkotel.com/">https://hoian.silkotel.com/</a>
Ho Chi Minh	Silverland Jolie Hotel And Spa or similar	<a href="https://www.silverlandhotels.com/la-jolie-hotel-spa.html">https://www.silverlandhotels.com/la-jolie-hotel-spa.html</a>

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Halong Bay	Scarlet Pearl Cruises or similar	<a href="https://www.scarletpearlcruises.com/#home">https://www.scarletpearlcruises.com/#home</a>
Hue	Silk Path Grand Hue Resort or similar	<a href="http://silkpathhotel.com/vi/Hue/">http://silkpathhotel.com/vi/Hue/</a>
Hoi An	Palm Garden Resort Hoi An or similar	<a href="http://palmgardenresort.vn/">http://palmgardenresort.vn/</a>
Ho Chi Minh	Caravelle Saigon Hotel or similar	<a href="https://www.caravellehotel.com/">https://www.caravellehotel.com/</a>



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### **PRICE:**

### **NET RATES**

Group size	Price per person in USD in party of						Sgl Sup
	1p	2p	3-4p	5-6p	7-9p	10-14p	
<b>3 stars</b>	2,212	1,431	1,278	1,128	1,129	1,035	365
<b>4 stars</b>	2,452	1,540	1,395	1,251	1,252	1,161	437
<b>5 stars</b>	4,309	2,553	2,380	2,210	2,212	2,105	1,127

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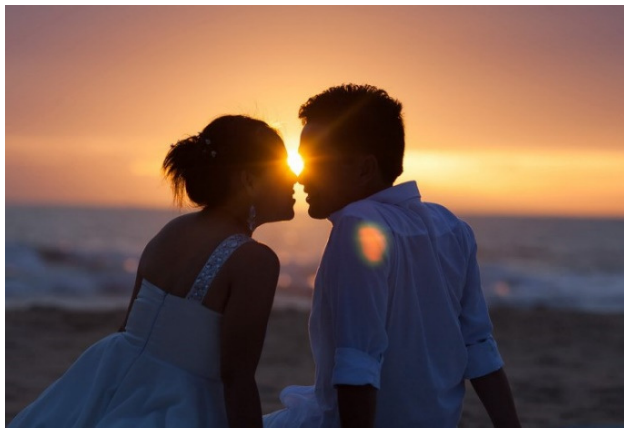
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## **ROMANCE OF VIETNAM IN 12 DAYS**



**DESTINATION:** Ho Chi Minh, Mekong Delta, Hoi An, Hanoi, Halong Bay

**DURATION:** 12 Days

*Deeply immerse yourself in the Romance of Vietnam In 12 Days. This tour will take you through the untouched beauty of nature, ancient towns, and renowned patrimonies. All combine to create the unique beauty of Vietnam in a romantic journey. Our tailor-made activities and destinations will create memorable moments to celebrate your love.*

### **DAY 1: WELCOME TO VIETNAM - HO CHI MINH ARRIVAL**

Welcome to Vietnam, upon arrival at Tan Son Nhat International Airport, you will be welcome by your guide holding a sign with your name and our company logo on it. You will be privately transferred to your luxury accommodation. Stay right in the heart of the city. You can easily explore the city at your own pace or relax at the hotel after the flight.

*Overnight in Ho Chi Minh.*

### **DAY 2: EXPLORE SAIGON'S HISTORICAL SITES AND ENJOY THE SUNSET DINNER ON CRUISE (B/L/D)**

Have a hearty breakfast at your hotel and begin your trip to explore Ho Chi Minh City. Formerly known as Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City is a vibrant and dynamic city and a rapidly developing metropolis. Despite its bustling atmosphere, Ho Chi Minh City still retains specific iconic historical sites such as the Opera House and Notre Dame Cathedral, which have been constructed during French colonial times.

Cross the river on one of Saigon's last remaining ferries to visit China Town (Cholon), Vietnam's largest Chinese community, sprawled across an entire district and stamped with a unique Chinese ambiance. Walk through the traditional medicine street, and visit Thien Hau Pagoda, which was built in the 18th century. It is one of Chinatown's most important and exquisitely decorated pagodas.

In the afternoon, you will board a romantic cruise that features 1920s-era Indochinese riverboats. While relishing a wine glass, gliding past the buildings that show the contrast of modern and historic design, you can enjoy the shimmering gloaming. The cruise slithers the Pont des Messageries Maritimes, designed by Gustave Eiffel, to the iconic Bitexco Tower - the tallest building of the city, at 262.5m (861ft).

*Overnight in Ho Chi Minh*

### **DAY 3: EXCURSION TRIP TO MEKONG DELTA (B/L)**

The Mekong Delta spreads and is embraced by the mightiest and most untamed river in the world, the Mekong River. It is known for its amazing lush rice paddies, graceful coconut palms, and fruit orchards. As scheduled, we will stop at a small workshop to see how people make sticky rice wrapped in coconut leaves in their traditional way. Then you will get on a motorboat that goes across the stilt-house communities and ride a bike to the local fruit orchard to enjoy the freshly-picked fruits. You can immerse yourself in wide nature whether by horse cart or tri-motorcycle and sampan boat along the mellow canals. After the long journey, you will end up at a farmer's house to sample impressive local specialties and take a rest before getting back to Ho Chi Minh.

*Overnight in Ho Chi Minh*

### **DAY 4: TRAVEL FROM HO CHI MINH CITY TO HOI AN TOWN AND ENJOY THE ROMANTIC DINNER (B/D)**

Have breakfast at the hotel and get ready for your flight to central Vietnam. Upon arrival at Da Nang airport, our driver will meet you and transfer to your hotel in Hoi An.

Spend your free time exploring at your own pace the considerably well-preserved trading port of South East Asia dated back to the 15th to 19th centuries. It is considered the oldest town which is titled a World Heritage Site. The tranquil ancient town along the riverside will leave you with long-lasting memories with iconic buildings, historical sites, tailor shops, and a surprisingly antiquated ambiance.



In the afternoon, we will visit Cam Thanh Village (also known as Cam Thanh Coconut Village)/. You will be overwhelmed with the green verdant water coco palm forest. Take a cruise in the unique Vietnamese basket boat and then get transferred to a floating bamboo raft where you will be served a mouth-watering BBQ dinner in the twilight as well as under twinkling starry nights.

*Overnight in Hoi An*

#### **DAY 5: CYCLING FARMING AND COOKING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE (B/L)**

Enjoy the delicious breakfast at the hotel and get ready for the countryside exploration. In the morning, you will drive to Vong Nhi village. Upon arrival, hop on the bikes and cycle through the village (around 6 km). Enjoy the stunning landscapes and peaceful countryside views, such as green coconut forests, and prawn and red snapper farms or immerse in the rustic beauty of rice fields.

Then arrive at Thanh Dong organic farm. This 10,000 sqm garden with fresh organic goods supports 10 local families for a living. Take a stroll around the vegetable garden and listen to the life-changing story of the farmers about how they have been approaching the organic method of cultivating herbs. Afterward, you will join the farmers in their gardening activities, like preparing and applying organic manure to the land, raking the ground, sowing herb seeds, and watering or picking vegetables.

Say goodbye to the farmers and take a ride in the unique Vietnamese basket boat along the Do River to The Field Restaurant. On the way, admire the beautiful scenery and local countryside life. Take part in a short cooking class to make Vietnamese family-style lunch. Enjoy the meals you cooked and get back to your hotel.

*Overnight in Hoi An*

#### **DAY 6: EXPLORE THE CHAM ISLANDS (B/L)**

After breakfast at the hotel, head to Cham Islands, which are located off Hoi An's coastline, and include eight small islands. While the speedboat glides across the beautiful islands, you can enjoy mesmerizing views of turquoise waters, pristine beaches, and diverse marine life.

On this journey, you will go to the fishing village and Ong Ngu Temple, the cultural remark, where you can see whales and whale sharks. Along the way, you will snorkel off mesmerizing Xep Beach which is home to 135 species of soft and hard corals and teeming colorful fish. Take a rest on the white sand beach under the palm trees and enjoy the delicious seafood lunch before getting back to your hotel.

*Overnight in Hoi An*

#### **DAY 7: TRAVEL FROM HOI AN TO HANOI AND STREET FOOD TOURS (B/L)**

*Relish the remaining moment in Hoi An before your private driver escorts you to the airport to take the flight to Hanoi. When you arrive at Noi Bai International Airport, your driver will pick you up and transfer you to your accommodation in the city center to have some rest.*

Hanoi embraces charming and gracious beauty, which is a mix of modern and traditional styles. Once you step into this historical landscape, you should try some local foods. In the afternoon, you will walk around the most iconic and authentic eateries. You will be guided by a famous food blogger to wander along the Old Quarter, and sample Hanoi delicacies and specialties to experience an unforgettable culinary tour.

*Overnight in Hanoi*

#### **DAY 8: GET INSIGHT THE TRANQUIL HANOI CAPITAL (B/L)**

Today you will explore Hanoi's hidden side and have a chance to experience life like a local. Among that, cafe culture is a fundamental part of the local lifestyle. You will visit the streetside and take a dip in robust coffee and enjoy the sightseeing. You will visit St. Joseph's Cathedral featuring Gothic architecture and one of the most ancient buildings. Then, head down to Nha Chung alley, where you will have an intimate meeting with a Hanoian in his French-styled home and he will illustrate Hanoi life from the past to the present.

*Overnight in Hanoi*

#### **DAY 9: WALK AROUND THE DUONG LAM ANCIENT VILLAGE (B/L)**

The prestigious Duong Lam ancient village is home to two Vietnamese Kings Phung Hung (761-802) and Ngo Quyen (896-944). It is recognized as Cultural Heritage Conservation by UNESCO. Today you will trace back to historical origin and well-preserved vestiges such as Mong Phu Communal House, the impactful entrance gate, and Mia Pagoda dedicated to 287 ancient statues. Lastly, you will gather at an ancient house and have a friendly meeting with the local family here.

*Overnight in Hanoi*

#### **DAY 10: CRUISE ACROSS THE WORLD'S WONDER (B/L/D) OVERNIGHT ON CRUISE**

In the morning, check out from the hotel and get picked up by the Cruise. Take the most scenic route to reach Halong Bay, taking you across the Red River Delta with emerald green rice paddies stretching for as far as the eyes can see. On arrival at Halong, you get to enjoy a cruise on the Bay to explore the limestone rocks and the karst grottoes.

After you are done with your exploration of the bay, it is time to enjoy an utterly delicious seafood lunch, after which there will be a trip to the famous Limestone cave in Ha Long Bay, you'll get to spend some time here, kayaking or swimming so that you can get closer to the floating villages and shops. Towards the evening, you will return to the boat for an early dinner, followed by some time at leisure. You can optionally attend the activities taking part on the boat or relax for the day.

*Overnight on cruise.*

### **DAY 11: BACK TO GLIMPSE CAPITAL (B/L)**

Rise early for a Tai Chi lesson or just to enjoy a hearty breakfast. The boat will make its way back to the port stopping at the Limestone Cave, full of stalagmites and stalactites. From here, it will sail back to the main harbor, from where you will be transferred back to Hanoi.

*Overnight in Hanoi.*

### **DAY 12: TIME TO SAY GOODBYE - HA NOI DEPARTURE (B)**

Relish a healthy breakfast on the final day of your trip. Complete the hotel check-out formalities after which you can visit the local markets and buy souvenirs for your loved ones. Later, proceed for departure and board your flight back home.

Trip Ends.

#### **INCLUDED**

- ✓ Door-to-door pick-up & drop-off services
- ✓ All transportation mentioned in the itinerary
- ✓ Accommodation based on double share with breakfast (including 5% service fee and 10% VAT tax).
- ✓ Experienced English-speaking guides
- ✓ Meals as stated in the itinerary (B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner)
- ✓ All sightseeing tickets according to the itinerary
- ✓ Tissues and water on coach
- ✓ Service charges and government tax
- ✓ Exclusive and personalized single agent/single customer service
- ✓ 24/7 hotline support guaranteed
- ✓ No extra charge after services confirmation
- ✓ Domestic flights in Vietnam as per itinerary

#### **EXCLUDED**

- X International flights and the departure taxes
- X Beverage, Personal expenses, tips, and gratuities

X Travel insurance

X Public holiday surcharge (if any)

X Compulsory Gala Dinner on 24 Dec and 31 Dec, 21 Jan (Tet)

X Public holiday surcharge (Christmas and New Year, Tet holiday) if applicable

X Early check-in and late check-out at the hotel (If not mentioned)

X Visa to Vietnam (travellers could apply for evisa online)

X Surcharge for airport cabs from 12:00 am – 05:00 am

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Ho Chi Minh	The Myst Dong Khoi or similar	<a href="https://www.themystdongkhoihotel.com/">https://www.themystdongkhoihotel.com/</a>
Hoi An	Bel Marina Resort and Spa or similar	<a href="https://belmarinahoian.com/">https://belmarinahoian.com/</a>
Hanoi	Hanoi De L'Opera Mgallery or similar	<a href="https://hoteldelopera.com/">https://hoteldelopera.com/</a>
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<b>4 stars</b>	2,197	1,473	1,388	1,285	1,241	1,223	430
<b>5 stars</b>	3,750	2,246	2,159	2,053	2,008	1,990	1,203

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## VIETNAM CULTURE & CUISINE IN 12 DAYS



**DESTINATION:** Hanoi, Halong Bay, Hue, Hoi An, Ho Chi Minh

**DURATION:** 12 Days

### DESCRIPTION

Take a gastronomic adventure through Vietnam. Spend twelve days immersed in the country's culinary scene, sampling everything from tasty street food to gourmet fusion dishes. Learn the secrets behind these mouth-watering morsels with visits to fresh markets and hands-on cooking classes.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- \* Savor the Hanoi street food guided by a food blogger
- \* Take an overnight cruise in Halong Bay
- \* Enjoy the home-made meals with the TV-featured chef
- \* Learn how to cook Vietnamese dishes
- \* Explore the maze of waterways of the Mekong Delta

### DAY 1: WELCOME TO VIETNAM – HANOI ARRIVAL – DINNER AT LY CLUB RESTAURANT (D)

Welcome to Vietnam! Your new adventure begins with your arrival in Hanoi. Your private driver will meet you at the airport, holding a signboard with your name. He will escort you to your accommodation right in the heart of the city, with the fascinating Old Quarter at your fingertips. You can easily explore the city at your own pace or relax at the hotel after the flight.

In the evening, enjoy the fine dining experience at Ly Club Restaurant. Located on Le Phung Hieu Street - the heart of Hanoi, Ly Club is an outstanding restaurant occupying the 19th-century French villa with interior design inspired by antiques and ornaments of the Ly dynasty. Enjoy the incredible dishes of modern Vietnamese cuisine with live music performances. After dinner, you will be transferred back to your hotel.

### *Overnight in Hanoi*

## **DAY 2: HANOI HALF DAY CITY TOUR AND TASTE THE HANOI STREET FOOD WITH FOOD BLOGGER (B/L)**

Today you will explore Hanoi, with its ochre-colored colonial buildings, tree-lined boulevards, and scenic lakes. Start your tour by having coffee with your guide in the Old Quarter and chatting about the daily life of Hanoians. Then visit the historic Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum. It is an imposing monument made of marble and granite, inside of which the preserved body of beloved revolutionary leader Ho Chi Minh is resting. Visit Ho Chi Minh's House nearby, a simple wooden house where Ho Chi Minh lived and worked. Inside you will see some of his belongings and walk up the steps to see his bedroom. In the Ho Chi Minh complex, you also will see One Pillar Pagoda, Hanoi's iconic Buddhist temple built in 1049 in the shape of a lotus blossom.

Continue your tour to the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first national university, built in the late 11th century and dedicated to Confucius studies. This picturesque temple is an example of well-preserved traditional Vietnamese architecture. Enjoy the tranquil atmosphere and get a touch of Vietnamese history and culture. Then head back to your hotel for some relaxing time.

**Notes:** *Suggested departure time: 08:30*

*Tour duration: 3.5 hours*

*The Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum is closed every Monday & Friday, all morning 15 June to 15 August ).*

Take a street food tour to explore the best culinary spots of the city with a food blogger – Mr. Van Cong Tu. He started his blog in 2005 and keeps sharing his enormous passion for food and culture for all these years.

He will meet you at your hotel lobby and you will have a walk through the Old Quarter past the old east gate to Thanh Ha market. This busy, eclectic market is alive with the sights and sounds of Hanoi and is the essence of Vietnamese culture. Along the way, you will try the local delicacies and listen to the explanation of Vietnamese food culture.

Continue your walk through the streets of the Old Quarter to Dong Xuan market to sample some local treats such as pho tui (rice noodles with scrummy slices of roasted pork, blanched bean shoots, scissored herbs, crushed nuts, and dried shallots placed on the top) and bun dau (a rustic dish of Northern Vietnam with rice vermicelli, tofu and shrimp paste). See dried goods and aromatics, the essentials of Vietnamese cuisine. Stroll up a "food alley" to see other interesting

dishes. Then walk down to Hang Than Street to view ceremonial cake stalls and taste a special French-influenced dessert. At the same time, learn about traditions and food gifts for celebrations.

Continue back into the Old Quarter via Hang Cot Street – check specially treated fruit which is dependable on the seasons and a common snack in Vietnam. Walk along Phung Hung Street through temporary market stalls where you can see the changing market scene in Hanoi and how modernization is shaping tradition. At the end of the tour, stop at one of the Old Quarter's busiest (yet smallest) coffee shops for a well-earned sit-down and coffee before transferring back to your hotel.

**Notes:** *Suggested time: 16:00 - 19:00*

*Duration: 3 hours.*

*The tour will be mostly conducted on foot so be sure that you are wearing comfortable walking shoes. Keep your wallet in a front pocket or, preferably, in one that buttons shut or carry your purse with the strap around your neck and the clasp against your body.*

*Overnight in Hanoi*

### **DAY 3: BA VI ECO TOUR - FARMING EXPERIENCE WITH LOCAL FAMILY (B/L)**

This one-of-a-kind activity allows you to escape the noises and crowds of Hanoi and discover the lives of the region's inhabitants with a visit to the beautiful Muong Ethnic village in Ba Vi. Hydrate with a welcome drink in Moc Village before departing on a cycling journey through nearby rice fields and quaint villages, making stops along the way at the neighborhood market. You will have a chance to interact and see how the locals sell their own products for a living. After that, we gather at the home of Mrs. Chin to join in a cooking class that will teach you how to make special bun cha and spring rolls, Hanoi style. With a full belly, say goodbye to the host family as we make our way to a 30-year-old tea plantation in Ri Village. A peaceful place to enjoy the greenery, this plantation plays an important role in providing tea products for the whole north of Vietnam. You will have a chance to help the owners harvest the tea leaves and pick the best part of the tree to make the highest quality beverage. Spend time at Mr. Duoc's house, the owner of the large tea farm, before departing for a scenic trip back to Hanoi city center.

**Notes:** *Departure: 08:00 a.m.*

*Duration: 08 hours*

*Overnight in Hanoi*

### **DAY 4: CRUISING AT THE MAGNIFICENT HALONG BAY (B/L/D)**

In the morning, check out of the hotel, and get picked up by the Cruise team. Take the most scenic route to reach Halong Bay, taking you across the Red River Delta with emerald green rice paddies stretching for as far as the eyes can see.

On arrival at the pier, you will board the cruise and enjoy the fantastic views of limestone rocks and the karst grottoes. Have an utterly delicious seafood lunch and enjoy the time at the sundeck exploring the Bay.

The cruise will stop in a secret place where you will spend time kayaking or swimming, so you can explore the karst grottoes closer. Towards the evening, you will return to the boat for an early dinner, followed by some time at leisure. You can optionally attend the activities taking part on the boat or just relax.

#### *Overnight on cruise*

**Notes:** *In case of bad weather (the boat is not allowed to push off or not allowed to overnight in the sea), the Ha Long bay tour could be cancelled without notice. We will consider other replacement tours or a refund based on the specific circumstances.*

### **DAY 5: HA LONG BAY – BACK TO HANOI – FLIGHT TO HUE (B/L)**

Rise early today to view the sunrise at the wonder of nature with breakfast served in the dining room. A Tai Chi class on the sun deck will awake your mind and muscles.

Then head off to visit the limestone cave full of stalagmites and stalactites. After your exploration return to the boat to check out and enjoy the brunch while the cruise is sailing back to the harbor. Later you will be transferred to the airport to board your flight to Hue. Upon arrival in Hue you will be transferred to your hotel.

#### *Overnight in Hue*

### **DAY 6: HUE CITY TOUR & HOME - HOSTED MEAL WITH THE GASTRONOMY ARTISAN (B/D)**

Once the imperial capital of the Nguyen Dynasty between the 17th and 19th centuries, Hue keeps an undeniable royal charm with its splendid emperors' tombs, ancient pagodas, and the remains of the Citadel.

Start your exploration with the Imperial Citadel at the center of the Complex of Hue Monuments, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Enter through the towering main gate and appreciate the magnificent architecture and gardens while your guide tells you about the events and the intrigue surrounding the former royal court. Despite being heavily bombed during the Vietnam War, some sections are incredibly well-preserved, and others have been carefully restored.

Then drive to the Thien Mu Pagoda, Hue's best-preserved religious monument. Built in 1601 the seven-storied tower pagoda, perched on top of the hill overlooking the Perfume River, is one of Vietnam's most recognizable icons.

In the afternoon, visit Khai Dinh Royal Tomb, whose architecture combines the elements of Eastern art and Western design. Notice the tomb's blackened concrete exterior and colorful mosaic interior. Continue to the Tu Duc Royal Tomb, the most impressive of all the royal mausoleums, built



by Emperor Tu Duc between 1864 and 1867. Then head back to your hotel to have some rest before dinner. On the way, you can have an optional stop at the incense stick-making house.

**Notes:** Suggested departure time: 09:00

Tour duration: 08 hours

In the evening, step out and explore the delicious world of Hue food with the celebrated gastronomy artisan, Ms. Nhu Huy. She is a professor, author of cookbooks, a participant in various TV cooking shows in Vietnam and Europe, and the recipient of several prestigious Talent awards in Vietnam. Who could know more about Vietnamese cuisine than her? Today you have an opportunity to enjoy delicious lunch prepared by Ms. Nhu Huy at her private home. Try her mouth-watering masterpieces and listen to interesting stories about her passion for culinary art life and career.

**Notes:** Suggested time: 19:00

Duration: 2 hours

*Overnight in Hue*

## **DAY 7: HUE – TRAVEL TO HOI AN THROUGH THE SCENIC ROUTE AND EXPLORE THE ANCIENT TOWN (B)**

Have breakfast at the hotel and get ready to transfer from Hue to Hoi An by private car. You will drive through one of the most beautiful roads in the world - Hai Van Pass. You will be blown away by the stunning views of the mountains and the sea.

Upon arrival in Hoi An, you will enjoy the walking tour through the spectacular old town area. Between the 15th and 19th centuries, Hoi An was known as Faifo - a prosperous trading port, attracting Chinese, Japanese, Dutch, Portuguese, and Spanish merchants. This charming town still keeps its special atmosphere with a mixture of cultures from all around the world. Today, Hoi An is recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage sight with its well-preserved architecture, pedestrian-only streets, and distinctive local cuisine, allowing visitors a glimpse of its illustrious past.

The perfect way to explore Hoi An is to walk through its narrow lanes and cozy streets. This morning you will explore the old merchant houses that combine the elements of Chinese, Japanese and Vietnamese architecture. Then admire the elegant beauty of the 400-year-old Japanese Covered Bridge, built in the 1590s by the Japanese community to link them with the Chinese quarters across the stream. Visit the Assembly Hall of the Chaozhou Chinese Congregation with its intricate woodcarvings. And finish your walk with a visit to the colorful market with stalls full of local specialties and products.

*Overnight in Hoi An*

**Notes:** Tour duration: 03 hours

## **DAY 8: RED BRIDGE COOKING SCHOOL EXPERIENCE (B/L) – JOIN GROUP TOUR**

Meet your guide at the hotel around 8:00 am and start this beautiful day with a welcome drink at Hai Cafe. Then visit Hoi An's colorful market to experience its amazing sights, sounds, and aromas. Interact with the local sellers and learn about all the ingredients to be used in the cooking lesson later. Next, you'll board a boat for a leisurely cruise along the Hoi An River to the Red Bridge Cooking School. On the way, get a close-up view of local river life and keep your camera ready for the many scenic photos. Visit the school's herb garden, then learn about some of Hoi An and Vietnam's most well-known dishes. The two-hour cooking class starts with Red Bridge chefs demonstrating each dish before you prepare the same dish by yourself. After a brief introduction to Vietnamese food carving (plate decoration), you'll sit down for a delicious lunch. Later we will transfer you back to your hotel.

*Overnight in Hoi An.*

**Notes:** Suggested departure time: 08:00

Tour duration: 04 hours

## **DAY 9: TRAVEL FROM HOI AN TO HO CHI MINH AND EXPLORE SAIGON'S HISTORICAL SIGHTS (B)**

Relish the remaining moment in **Hoi An** before your private driver escorts you to the airport to take the flight to Ho Chi Minh. Upon arrival, you will be welcomed and transferred to the hotel for check-in and quick refreshment.

In the afternoon, join the Ho Chi Minh City tour. With over eight million people and four million motorbikes, Saigon is truly a city that never sleeps. Despite its modernity, Ho Chi Minh maintains a strong link to the past, which you will explore today by visiting Saigon's most historic landmarks.

Start your tour with a visit to the Notre Dame Cathedral, a red brick edifice with twin spires constructed from materials imported from France (entrance is only permitted when no services are being performed). Then head across the square to the Central Post Office, built in 1891. It is one of the oldest buildings in the city, constructed in the colonial style, this post office had an important role in connecting Vietnam with other Indochina countries during French colonialism. Then take a short drive to the former Presidential Palace, the headquarters of the Saigon Government during the American War. Continue to the War Remnants Museum for a vivid perspective of the American War through the eyes of the Vietnamese. (Please note that some of the displays are very graphic.) End up your tour at a typical Saigon street coffee place chatting with the guide about the daily life of Saigonese and learning some phrases in Vietnamese. Then head back to your hotel.

*Overnight in Saigon*

## **DAY 10: CU CHI TUNNEL & EVENING FOODIE TOUR ON VINTAGE VESPA (B/D)**

Have breakfast at the hotel and depart for Cu Chi tunnels. The trip will take approximately one and a half hours drive. Upon arrival, you will have a short introduction followed by an introductory video about how the tunnels were constructed, and how the people survived in the harsh conditions of wartime.

Then, spend your time exploring the remaining area and tunnel systems, which included the living areas, kitchens, and bedrooms side by side with other martial facilities like storage, weapons factories, field hospitals, and command centers. All this was to help people living inside the tunnels meet their basic needs. Besides, there are many hidden trap doors and dangerous traps within the maze-like tunnels for security purposes during the war. Afterward, special tea and cassava (guerilla food during the war) will be served.

Then you will return to your hotel in Ho Chi Minh.

**Notes:** Suggested departure time: 08:30

Tour duration: 05 hours

#### EVENING FOODIE TOUR ON VINTAGE VESPA

The darker the night gets, the more vivid Saigon becomes! Get ready for a fascinating ride by vintage Vespa bike to discover busy Saigon after dark, together with delightful local food tasting in the most authentic local restaurants. It's such a great chance for you to experience the Southern Vietnam specialties. Then continue to zig-zag through the hustle and bustle of the streets. End up your night at a cozy speakeasy bar to taste some signature cocktails (or mocktails for your children) and have a chat with people here. Get back to your hotel and call it a night.

**Notes:** Suggested departure time: 18:00.

Tour duration: 4.5 hours.

*Overnight in Ho Chi Minh*

#### DAY 11: EXPLORE THE LUSH BEAUTY OF MEKONG DELTA (B/L)

Enjoy the delicious breakfast at the hotel and meet your guide at the hotel lobby. Today you will explore the maze of waterways and the lush green gardens of the Mekong Delta. Take a 1.5 hours drive to Ben Tre, situated in the Mekong River Delta. At the pier, embark on a fascinating motorboat that will take you to Cai Be floating market. See how locals sell their fruits and vegetables right from the boats. Then, take the rowing boat to go deeper into the countryside through small canals to enjoy a peaceful atmosphere.

Get back on a motor boat and cruise along one of the longest Mekong rivers observing the daily activities of the local farmers and fishermen.

Arrive at An Binh Island, where you will enjoy Vietnamese lunch at the local homestay.

In the afternoon, we will take you for a walk around the orchards to enjoy a cup of tea while listening life performance of the traditional Vietnamese music in the ancient house.

Now it's time to take a walk around the village and visit the local workshops to see how to make rice paper, coconut candies, and pop-rice. If you would like, you also can join the cycling trip through the village roads to see the local daily life at the orchard, school, church, pagoda, and traditional houses.

Then visit the brick kilns where you can see how the local people create beautiful clay pottery. Your cruise will end at Vinh Long city, from where you will head back to Saigon by private car.

**Notes:** Suggested departure time: 08:00

Tour duration: 8.5 hours

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh

## **DAY 12: TIME TO SAY GOOD BYE – HO CHI MINH DEAPRTURE (B)**

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Trip Ends.

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- √ All sightseeing tickets according to the itinerary
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- √ Service charges and government tax
- √ Exclusive and personalized single agent/single customer service
- √ 24/7 hotline support guaranteed
- √ No extra charge after services confirmation
- √ Domestic flights in Vietnam as per itinerary

## **EXCLUDED**

- X International flights and the departure taxes
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- X Travel insurance
- X Public holiday surcharge (if any)
- X Compulsory Gala Dinner on 24 Dec and 31 Dec, 21 Jan (Tet)
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- X Other services not mentioned above

## **HOTEL LIST**

### **4 STARS**

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Hanoi	Tirant Hotel or similar	<a href="https://www.tiranthotel.com/">https://www.tiranthotel.com/</a>
Halong Bay	Le Journey Luxury Cruise or similar	<a href="https://lejourneyhalongcruise.com/en/le-journey-luxury-cruise/">https://lejourneyhalongcruise.com/en/le-journey-luxury-cruise/</a>
Hoi An	La Siesta Boutique Hoi An Hotel or similar	<a href="https://lasiestaresorts.com/">https://lasiestaresorts.com/</a>
Hue	Eldora Hue Hotel or similar	<a href="http://www.eldorahotel.com/index.php">http://www.eldorahotel.com/index.php</a>
Ho Chi Minh	Liberty Central Saigon Hotel	<a href="https://www.libertycentralsaigoncentre.com/en/">https://www.libertycentralsaigoncentre.com/en/</a>

## **NET RATES**

<b>Group size</b>	<b>Price per person in USD in party of</b>						
	<b>1p</b>	<b>2p</b>	<b>3-4p</b>	<b>5-6p</b>	<b>7-9p</b>	<b>10-14p</b>	<b>Sgl Sup</b>



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## EXTRAORDINARY VIETNAM ADVENTURE 13 DAYS



**DESTINATION:** Hanoi, Mai Chau, Sapa, Quang Binh, Tu Lan cave, Ho Chi Minh

**DURATION:** 13 Days

*Adventure is about experiences, so let's go off the beaten path on Vietnam exploration. Start your trip by discovering charming Hanoi on the back of the vintage Vespa bike. Travel out of Hanoi to a rustic, rural region that feels a world away from modern life. Mai Chau is an inspiring combination of stunning scenery and fascinating local culture. Next, visit the spectacular terraced mountainside of Sapa and Northern Vietnam. Bring your hiking boots and head out into the hills, stopping at minority villages to witness the traditional local life.*

*Then deep in the misty, vine-clad mountains along Vietnam's border with Laos at Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park, one of the country's most beautiful and unspoiled regions. Trek through the jungles and discover breathtaking Tu Lan cave, as a part of the Son Doong Cave system, reputedly the largest cave in the world. Leaving Quang Binh behind, you'll fly to Ho Chi Minh, another spot of urban exploration. A restored Army Jeep will take you around the bustling streets and the city's historic landmarks, from the Opera House to the Notre Dame Cathedral. Also for a full picture of Vietnam's past, you'll stop by the War Remnants Museum which offers powerful insight into the Vietnamese War years.*

### DAY 1: WELCOME TO VIETNAM - HANOI ARRIVAL

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*Overnight in Hanoi*

### DAY 2: HANOI VESPA TOUR (B/L)

Today you will explore Hanoi sitting at the back of the vintage Vespa bike. Your guide will meet you at your hotel and take you for a ride through the narrow streets of the Old Quarter, admiring its famous landmarks such as the Opera House and the train street.

Head toward Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, where you will overview the President's Place, Parliament House, and other government offices, while your guide tells you the history of Hanoi.

Our next stop will be at Huu Hiep Lake to see the B52 Crash site. This US bomber was shot down during the 1972 bombing raids of Hanoi, a poignant reminder of recent history. Then ride along calm and beautiful West Lake to see the Monument of John MC Cain and the place where he got shot down.

Later visit a hidden village, located on the island of the Red River. See how locals are farming and living on this island. Your guide will take you to visit a local family so that you can understand better the life of locals here. Then ride through the banana farm enjoying the spectacular view, and visit Kumquat farm. These little trees are a traditional gift for the New Year, symbolizing luck, health, wealth, fertility, and peace.

Have a stop at the local coffee shop where you could try famous egg coffee. Then head back to Old Quarter passing by the Long Bien Bridge. It is a magnificent structure built over a hundred years ago which spans the red river and connects the Hoan Kiem and Long Bien districts.

Have lunch at a local restaurant and get back to your hotel.

*Overnight in Hanoi*

### **DAY 3: HANOI - TRANSFER TO MAI CHAU (B)**

Have breakfast at the hotel and get ready for your trip to Mai Chau. Your private driver will meet you at the hotel and take you on 4 hours trip to Mai Chau. Upon arrival at Mai Chau check-in the hotel. The rest of the day is free to explore the valley at your own pace. Have a walk around the village and admire the beauty of this place and see the unique culture of the local minorities. Or you could relax in the infinity swimming pool and other resort facilities.

*Overnight in Mai Chau*

### **DAY 4: MAI CHAU – KAYAKING TRIP (B/L)**

Today you will have a great opportunity to discover Da River ( Black River) and enjoy the scenic landscapes with limestone islets sprinkled all around. Jump on a kayak and explore the true beauty of nature in Northern Vietnam. Visit the fishing village, where you will meet and talk to the local fishermen to know more about their lifestyle. Paddle through islets and explore the fairy pond.

Have lunch with local meals and spend more time kayaking. Later you will be back at your hotel.

*Overnight in Mai Chau*

### **DAY 5: MAI CHAU - TRANSFER TO HANOI (B)**

Have breakfast at your resort and have some leisure time. Your private driver will meet you at the lobby, and you will be transferred to your accommodation in Hanoi.

*Overnight in Hanoi*

#### **DAY 6: HANOI – TRANSFER TO SAPA BY LIMOUSINE BUS – VISITING TA PHIN VILLAGE (B/L)**

Have breakfast at the hotel and get ready for your Sapa exploration. You WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO Sapa by limousine bus. Upon arrival in Sapa have lunch and check-in at the hotel. Later you will visit Ta Phin village. Located in a large valley, surrounded by high mountains, covered by pine trees and forest, Ta Phin commune is home to the Red Dzao and Black Hmong ethnicities. Despite living close to each other for decades, these two ethnic people are very different. The Hmongs are cheerful and open-minded, while the Red Dzaos are economical and reserved.

Take a short drive to the center of the valley, where you will enjoy an easy walk following the village path around the valley, paying a visit to Hmong hamlets scattering from the bottom of the valley to higher mountain slopes. From high elevation you will enjoy the great view of the valley stretching under your feet. Continue your walk to the Red Dzao village, where you will meet a group of women making handicrafts, including embroidered clothes and handbags. Later you will be transferred back to Sapa.

*Overnight in Sapa*

#### **DAY 7: TREKKING THROUGH THE RICE TERRACES – LAO CHAI – TA VAN – GIANG TA CHAI – BACK TO HANOI (B/L)**

The day is devoted to a beautiful hike through the breathtaking scenery of Sa Pa valley. Have breakfast and check out the hotel. Start the walk with a picturesque road where you can admire the rice terraces hidden behind the mist of the morning, a truly awe-inspiring sight.

Follow a small track crossing the Muong Hoa River and pass well-tended rice terraces on your way to the Black Hmong village of Lao Chai. Continue walking through the colorful rice terraces, and you will reach the village of Ta Van Giay. As you continue your trek along the Muong Hoa River, you will cross a small suspension bridge, roughly 2km from the settlement. Here you can discover a fascinating collection of rock carvings. These engravings depict some beautiful images of man, stilt houses, and some beautiful decorative patterns.

Have lunch in a local house. After lunch, continue your walk through the bamboo forest to Giang Ta Chai, a Red Dao ethnic minority village. After taking a rest nearby a waterfall to refresh, you start climbing uphill to a road where the car is ready for your trip back to Sapa. In the afternoon you will be transferred back to Hanoi.

*Overnight in Hanoi.*

#### **DAY 8: HANOI - FLIGHT TO DONG HOI (B)**

Relish the remaining moment in Hanoi before your private driver escorts you to the airport to take the flight to Dong Hoi. When you arrive at Dong Hoi airport, your driver will pick you up and transfer you to your accommodation. The rest of the time is free at leisure.

#### *Overnight in Dong Hoi*

### **DAY 9: PHONG NHA – TAN HOA – KEN CAVE – TU LAN CAMPSITE (B/L/D)**

Get up early and have breakfast at the hotel. You will be picked up around 7:30-8:00 am and transferred to the meeting point. Here you will have a tour safety briefing, sign the release form, and receive the required equipment for the tour. And you are ready for your next adventure!

The trek starts with a flat path past peanut fields and grazing buffalo and cows. The adventure accelerates with a 30 m climb up a rocky hill to a small jungle opening where you can catch your breath before a 100 m descent down to Hung Ton Valley. Cross the valley on a flat path to enjoy a picnic lunch at the entrance of Hung Ton Cave.

Challenge yourself with more hills and jungle trekking before we walk down to Tu Lan Valley and your camp for the night.

Finish off the day with a swim into Ken Cave. A delicious BBQ dinner will be prepared and served by the porter team. After dinner, you can enjoy the evening games before sleeping in your comfortable tent. Composting toilets are provided at camp.

#### *Overnight in Tu Lan*

*Please note: Due to the weather conditions the itinerary may need to be changed at short notice. The paths can be muddy and slippery after rain. Lifejackets must be worn when swimming in the caves.*

### **DAY 10: TU LAN CAVE - KIM CAVE - HUNG TON- TAN HOA (B/L)**

The second day starts with a hearty breakfast and more cave exploration. Trek and swim through Tu Lan Cave and Kim Cave to arrive at the magnificent To Mo Valley.

Enjoy some snacks at the valley, then continue the journey by another swim through Hung Ton Cave. In Hung Ton Cave you will climb a 10-meter metal ladder with the extra protection of a safety line. Enjoy the beautiful views from the entrances into the jungle. A refreshing swim, dry passages, and amazing formations here will give you many opportunities for photos. After the third cave, we will head back to the starting point. Enjoy some snacks at To Mo Valley, and have lunch in the village when you arrive at Tan Hoa. Showers are available for those who would like to clean up and change and then depart back to Phong Nha.

#### *Overnight in Dong Hoi*

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### **DAY 11: DONG HOI- FLIGHT TO HO CHI MINH (B)**



Relish the remaining moment in Dong Hoi before your private driver escorts you to the airport to take the flight to Ho Chi Minh. When you arrive at Tan Son Nhat International Airport, your driver will pick you up and transfer you to your accommodation. The rest of the time is free at leisure.

*Overnight in Ho Chi Minh*

## **DAY 12: EXPLORE THE VIBRANT CITY BY JEEP CAR (B)**

Today you will explore the most remarkable places of Ho Chi Minh city in military-style by Jeep.

Have breakfast at your hotel before your guide and driver pick you up to begin your Jeep adventure. Drive through Saigon streets towards the Independence Palace/ the Reunification Palace. The palace is a symbolic destination of the end of the Vietnam War during the Fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975, when the North Vietnamese Army tank number 843 crashed through the gates of what was the residence of the President of the Republic of Vietnam.

Next, you will admire the Museum of American War Crimes/ the War Remnants Museum is the most popular museum in Ho Chi Minh City. It gathers a collection of the machinery, weapons, photos, and documentation of Vietnam's wars.

After the Museum, you will see Notre Dame Cathedral and the Old Post Office, which are the best highlights of old Saigon architecture and are located next to each other right in the heart of Ho Chi Minh City.

And then, Jeep will take you for a drive along famous roads in Saigon as Dong Khoi street, and Nguyen Hue street, and head to Ben Thanh Market, a lively market in District 1, where your guide can help you barter for goods. And then, Jeep goes to Bui Vien street and back to your hotel.

*Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City*

## **DAY 13: TIME TO SAY GOODBYE – HO CHI MINH DEPARTURE (B)**

Relish a healthy breakfast on the final day of your trip to Vietnam. Complete the hotel check-out formalities, after which you can visit the local markets to buy souvenirs for your loved ones. Later your private driver will transfer you to the airport to take your flight back home.

Trip Ends.

### **INCLUSIVE**

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### **HOTEL LIST**

#### **3 STARS**

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Website</b>
Hanoi	Mina Hotel and Spa or similar	<a href="https://minahanoihotel.com/">https://minahanoihotel.com/</a>
Mai Chau	Homestay	
Sapa	The View Sapa Hotel or similar	<a href="http://theviewsapahotel.com/en">http://theviewsapahotel.com/en</a>
Dong Hoi	Phong Nha Lake House Resort or similar	<a href="https://phongnhalakehouse.com/">https://phongnhalakehouse.com/</a>

Tu Lan	Camping	
Ho Chi Minh	Prague Hotel or similar	<a href="https://web.facebook.com/praguehotelvn/">https://web.facebook.com/praguehotelvn/</a>

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Mai Chau	Mai Chau Hideaway or similar	<a href="https://maichauhideaway.com/en/Default.aspx">https://maichauhideaway.com/en/Default.aspx</a>
Sapa	Amazing Hotel Sapa or similar	<a href="https://amazinghotel.com.vn/">https://amazinghotel.com.vn/</a>
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Tu Lan	Camping	
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#### 5 STARS

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Hanoi	The Oriental Jade Hotel or similar	<a href="http://theorientaljadehotel.com/">http://theorientaljadehotel.com/</a>
Mai Chau	Mai Chau Hideaway or similar	<a href="https://maichauhideaway.com/en/Default.aspx">https://maichauhideaway.com/en/Default.aspx</a>
Sapa	Silk Path Grand Hotel sapa or similar	<a href="https://silkpathhotel.com/en/Sapa/">https://silkpathhotel.com/en/Sapa/</a>
Dong Hoi	Sun Spa Resort or similar	<a href="https://sunsparesortvietnam.com/">https://sunsparesortvietnam.com/</a>
Tu Lan	Camping	
Ho Chi Minh	The Myst Dong Khoi or similar	<a href="https://www.themystdongkhoihotel.com/">https://www.themystdongkhoihotel.com/</a>

#### PRICE:

#### NET RATES

Group size	Price per person in USD in party of						
	1p	2p	3-4p	5-6p	7-9p	10-14p	Sgl Sup
3 stars	2,108	1,522	1,413	1,309	1,298	1,227	316

<b>4 stars</b>	2,824	1,897	1,784	1,675	1,663	1,589	644
<b>5 stars</b>	3,867	2,419	2,250	2,086	2,073	1,960	1,015

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## AUTHENTIC VIETNAM FAMILY HOLIDAY IN 13 DAYS



**DESTINATION:** Hanoi, Ba Vi, Halong Bay, Hue, Ho Chi Minh, Hue

**DURATION:** 13 Days

*Authentic Vietnam Family Holiday In 13 Days is the best tour for a family outing. Take a Ba Vi Eco-tour for a better understanding of Vietnam's countryside life. You can have a relaxing time cruising in Halong Bay and exploring the surrounding islands. Later, move to an elegant ancient citadel – Hue to experience more activities. Kids might be keen on learning how to make kites and explore the town riding a cyclo. Besides that, treat yourself with a relaxing time at the beautiful Mui Ne beaches. These treasures of Vietnam are a perfect getaway for people who want to explore Vietnam in a family-friendly way.*

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*Overnight in Hanoi.*

### DAY 2: GET AWAY THE BIG CITY WITH BA VI ECO TOUR (B/L)

Enjoy a hearty breakfast at the hotel then our experienced English-speaking guide escorts you on the trip to Ba Vi, a countryside located on the outskirts of Hanoi.

Arrive at Ri village, enjoy the welcome drink and snacks and meet your first host - Mr. Duoc, who is a Vietnam War veteran and tea-farm owner. Listen to the stories of Mr. Duoc's life during the war while enjoying the drink and then visit his tea plantation. You will learn how to pick the best tea leaves to make the most wonderful beverage in Vietnam. Carry on with the tea production at his small workshop, where most of the work is manual.



Then have a short drive to Moc village, where you will meet your next host Mrs. Chin, who will teach you how to cook local Vietnamese dishes. Later have the meals you made for lunch in a beautiful tropical garden.

Have a short break after lunch, and join Mrs. Chin for a walk around the village. You will visit some local families to understand the rural lifestyle and learn how tofu, conical hats, and other local products are made. Then have a cycling trip through beautiful paddy fields.

Wrap up your countryside tour with traditional feet soak in warm water with herbs, following the traditional recipes of the Muong ethnic minority. It will relax you (and your feet) after cycling around the village. Later, enjoy a transfer from Ba Vi back to your accommodation.

*Overnight in Hanoi.*

### **DAY 3: EXPLORE THE MAGNIFICENT HALONG BAY (B/L/D) – shared cruise**

Check out of the hotel in the morning, and get picked up by the Cruise team. Take the most scenic route to reach Halong Bay, taking you across the Red River Delta with emerald green rice paddies stretching for as far as the eyes can see.

On arrival at the pier, you will board the cruise and enjoy the fantastic views of limestone rocks and the karst grottoes. Have an utterly delicious seafood lunch and enjoy the time at the sundeck exploring the Bay.

The cruise will stop in a secret place where you will spend time kayaking or swimming, so you can explore the karst grottoes closer. Towards the evening, you will return to the boat for an early dinner, followed by some time at leisure. You can optionally attend the activities taking part on the boat or just relax.

*Overnight on cruise.*

### **DAY 4: HALONG BAY – BACK TO HANOI (B/L)**

Rise early today to view the sunrise at the wonder of nature with breakfast served in the dining room. A Tai Chi class on the sun deck will awake your mind and muscles.

Then head off to visit the limestone cave full of stalagmites and stalactites. After your exploration return to the boat to check out and enjoy the brunch while the cruise is sailing back to the harbor. Later you will be transferred to your accommodation in Hanoi.

*Overnight in Hanoi.*

### **DAY 5: HANOI – FLIGHT TO HUE (B) – flight included**

Relish the remaining moment in Hanoi before your private driver escorts you to the airport to take the flight to Hue. When you arrive at the airport, your driver will pick you up and transfer you to your accommodation. The rest of the time is free at leisure.

*Overnight in Hue.*

### **DAY 6: LEARN HOW TO MAKE A KITE (B)**

The imperial city of Hue is known for its beautiful kites, so why not spend your morning learning more about this traditional craft? Today your guide will meet you at 08:30, and you will learn about Hue's rich culture and heritage from a local artisan.

Start the tour by cycling 3 miles to meet your instructor, a local kite lover who is also a third-generation kite maker in Hue. To begin the day, take a tour of his house and hear about the history of kite flying in Vietnam. It used to be an entertainment favored by the aristocracy and mandarins of the Nguyen Dynasty. Then step into the workshop where your host uses the traditional methods to make his kind kites. Then you will get a chance to try painting your own kite. Kite painting requires a delicate hand, but with your instructor to guide you, you will produce a masterpiece for sure.

Wrap up this kite-making Hue experience with a truly unique handmade souvenir - a reminder of Hue's rich artistic heritage. Once you finish learning about the local arts, stop for a short break at a local cafe for a cup of delicious Vietnamese coffee before returning to your hotel by bicycle.

*Overnight in Hue.*

### **DAY 7: EXPLORE THE IMPERIAL CITADEL BY CYCLO (B)**

Cyclo is one of the most typical vehicles that tourists often see when they travel to Vietnam. Today you will get a new and interesting experience when sitting on this authentic vehicle and going through the city streets.

Meet your guide at the hotel lobby at 08:00 am. Climb on a cyclo for a ride through the "Old City". You will pass through the south of Huong River by Truong Tien bridge. Next, you'll visit the Imperial Citadel, where the former kings of Vietnam's last feudal dynasty ruled from 1802 to 1945. From here, visit the Royal Antiquities Museum, a gallery of antiques displaying a collection of bronze pottery, Chinaware, Phap Lam enamel, court robes, headgear, and personal belongings of former Vietnam Emperors. Admire the collection of ornaments from dynastic times and learn more about Vietnamese history. Then hop back in the cyclo for a short ride to Dong Ba Market. Step inside and mingle with the locals while browsing the colorful stalls.

After this, today's tour ends back at your hotel.

*Overnight in Hue.*

### **DAY 8: HUE – FLIGHT TO HO CHI MINH (B) – flight included**

Relish the remaining moment in Hue, before your private driver escorts you to the airport to take the flight to Ho Chi Minh. When you arrive at the airport, your driver will pick you up and transfer you to your accommodation in the city center. The rest of the time is free at leisure.

*Overnight in Ho Chi Minh.*

#### **DAY 9: HO CHI MINH – TRANSFER TO MUI NE BY PRIVATE CAR (B) – no guide**

Have a healthy breakfast at the hotel. Then your driver will meet you at the hotel and transfer you to the resort to Mui Ne in a private vehicle. It's approximately 5 hours drive, and there will be a convenient stop on the way.

*Overnight in Mui Ne.*

#### **DAY 10: CHERISH YOUR TIME ON MUI NE BEACH (B)**

Immerse yourself in the fresh crystal-clear water of Mui Ne. This sun-kissed town is perfect for Vietnam family holidays with various choices of water activities, child-friendly hotels and restaurants, and over 300 days of sunshine per year. Enjoy a leisure day at the bleached sandy beach and clear emerald water or explore at your own pace. Seeing what interests you.

*Overnight in Mui Ne.*

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*Overnight in Mui Ne.*

#### **DAY 12: MUI NE – TRAVEL TO HO CHI MINH BY PRIVATE CAR (B) – no guide**

Enjoy a healthy breakfast at the resort. After check-out, your driver will come to pick you up and transfer you back to Ho Chi Minh city.

*Overnight in Ho Chi Minh.*

#### **DAY 13: TIME TO SAY GOODBYE – HO CHI MINH DEPARTURE (B)**

Relish a healthy breakfast on the final day of your trip to Vietnam. Complete the hotel check-out formalities, after which you can visit the local markets to buy souvenirs for your loved ones. Later your private driver will transfer you to the airport to take your flight back home.

Trip Ends.

#### **INCLUDED**

√ Door-to-door pick-up & drop-off services

√ All transportation mentioned in the itinerary

√ Accommodation based on double share with breakfast (including 5% service fee and 10% VAT tax).

- √ Experienced English-speaking guides
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Mui Ne	Little Paris Resort And Spa or similar	<a href="http://littleparisresort.com.vn/index.php/en/">http://littleparisresort.com.vn/index.php/en/</a>
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Hue	Eldora Hotel or similar	<a href="http://www.eldorahotel.com/">http://www.eldorahotel.com/</a>
Mui Ne	Allezboo Resort or similar	<a href="https://allezboo.com/">https://allezboo.com/</a>
Ho Chi Minh	Cochin Zen Hotel or similar	<a href="https://cochinsaigonhotels.com/">https://cochinsaigonhotels.com/</a>

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Hue	Silk Path Grand Hue Hotel and Spa or similar	<a href="https://silkpathhotel.com/">https://silkpathhotel.com/</a>
Mui Ne	Sailing Club Mui Ne or similar	<a href="https://www.sailingclubmuine.com/">https://www.sailingclubmuine.com/</a>
Ho Chi Minh	The Myst Dong Khoi or similar	<a href="https://www.themystdongkhoihotel.com/">https://www.themystdongkhoihotel.com/</a>

**NOTE:** Check-in room at 14:00 // Check-out room at 12:00 noon (Except Early check-in or Late check-out mentioned in the program)

#### PRICE:

#### NET RATES

Group size	Price per person in USD in party of						Sgl Sup
	1p	2p	3-4p	5-6p	7-9p	10-14p	
3 stars	2,017	1,288	1,172	1,049	1,064	977	416



<b>4 stars</b>	2,293	1,477	1,357	1,230	1,245	1,155	491
<b>5 stars</b>	3,743	2,182	2,062	1,936	1,951	1,862	1,238

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+ 7 days prior to arrival date: 100 %

+ No show: 100%

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## SCENIC VIETNAM IN 15 DAYS



**DESTINATION:** Hanoi, Ba Vi, Mai Chau, Halong Bay, Hue, Ho Chi Minh, Cai Be

**DURATION:** 15 Days

*Our Vietnam Eco Tour will take you into local life against contrasting backdrops of rolling countryside and cityscapes. Discover the peaceful face of Hanoi and interact with warm-smile locals in Ba Vi. Drive a couple of hours to the beautiful Mai Chau valley. Work your legs with a cycle through the rolling hills with waves of vivid green rice paddies, and learn more about the region's enduring traditions.*

*Then set sail in Halong Bay to explore magnificent caves and beaches, where 3,000 limestone karsts jut forth from emerald waters. Travel to the central of Vietnam and discover the ancient citadel of Hue on very special transportation back in the day – a cyclo. Then hop embark on a basket boat and learn how local people do fishing using their own techniques. Down to the Southern part of Vietnam, where the heat is going strong, head away from the bright city lights to the green Mekong Delta, where you'll visit an authentic floating market, enjoy freshly picked fruits, and learn more about the local life.*

### **DAY 1: WELCOME TO VIETNAM - HANOI ARRIVAL**

Your Vietnam adventure begins with your arrival in Hanoi. Your private driver will meet you at the airport, holding a signboard with your name. He will escort you to your accommodation right in the heart of the city, with the fascinating Old Quarter at your fingertips. You can easily explore the city at your own pace or relax at the hotel after the flight.

*Overnight in Hanoi*

### **DAY 2: HANOI – BA VI ECO TOUR – MAI CHAU – IMMERSE INTO VIETNAMESE COUNTRYSIDE (B/L)**

Enjoy a hearty breakfast at the hotel then our experienced English-speaking guide escorts you on the trip to Ba Vi, a countryside located on the outskirts of Hanoi.

Arrive at Ri village, enjoy the welcome drink and snacks and meet your first host - Mr. Duoc, who is a Vietnam War veteran and tea-farm owner. Listen to the stories of Mr. Duoc's life during the war while enjoying the drink and then visit his tea plantation. You will learn how to pick the best tea leaves to make the most wonderful beverage in Vietnam. Carry on with the tea production at his small workshop, where most of the work is manual.

Then have a short drive to Moc village, where you will meet your next host Mrs. Chin, who will teach you how to cook local Vietnamese dishes. Later have the meals you made for lunch in a beautiful tropical garden.

Have a short break after lunch, and join Mrs. Chin for a walk around the village. You will visit some local families to understand the rural lifestyle and learn how tofu, conical hats, and other local products are made. Then have a cycling trip through beautiful paddy fields to meet your last host Mr. Chinh, who will meet you with fresh mint lemon juice. All ingredients are freshly picked from his own garden.

Wrap up your countryside tour with traditional feet soak in warm water with herbs, following the traditional recipes of the Muong ethnic minority. It will relax you (and your feet) after cycling around the village.

Then your driver will transfer you to Mai Chau.

*Overnight in Mai Chau.*

### **DAY 3: MAI CHAU - CYCLING AT LUSH GREEN MOUNTAIN SIDE (B/L)**

Today we will take you on a cycling trip (about 15 km) around the local villages, where you will learn a lot about the unique Thai culture.

Soak up the tranquil daily life by seeing the farmers working on their lush green paddy fields: growing rice, vegetable, and grazing livestock depending on the seasons. The spectacular landscapes with soaring mountains, green paddy fields, and nice traditional houses on stilts, all together with the unique cultural features of Thai ethnic people, which are less affected by modern life, will bring you unforgettable memories.

*Overnight in Mai Chau*

### **DAY 4: MAI CHAU – KAYAKING TRIP (B/L)**

Today you will have a great opportunity to discover Da River ( Black River) and enjoy the scenic landscapes with limestone islets sprinkled all around. Jump on a kayak and explore the true beauty of nature in Northern Vietnam. Visit the fishing village, where you will meet and talk to the local fishermen to know more about their lifestyle. Paddle through islets and explore the fairy pond.

Have lunch with local meals and spend more time kayaking. Later you will be back at your hotel.

*Overnight in Mai Chau*

#### **DAY 5: MAI CHAU - TRANSFER TO HANOI (B)**

Have breakfast at your resort and have some leisure time. Your private driver will meet you at the lobby, and you will be transferred to your accommodation in Hanoi.

*Overnight in Hanoi*

#### **DAY 6: HANOI - HALONG BAY - OVERNIGHT ON CRUISE (B/L/D)**

In the morning, check out of the hotel, and get picked up by the Cruise team. Take the most scenic route to reach Halong Bay, taking you across the Red River Delta with emerald green rice paddies stretching for as far as the eyes can see.

On arrival at Halong, you will board the cruise and enjoy the fantastic views of limestone rocks and the karst grottoes. Have an utterly delicious seafood lunch and enjoy the time at the sundeck exploring the Bay.

The cruise will stop in a secret place where you will spend time kayaking or swimming, so you can explore the karst grottoes closer. Towards the evening, you will return to the boat for an early dinner, followed by some time at leisure. You can optionally attend the activities taking part on the boat or just relax.

*Overnight on cruise*

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Then head off to visit the limestone cave full of stalagmites and stalactites. After your exploration return to the boat to check out and enjoy the brunch while the cruise is sailing back to the harbor. Later you will be transferred to your accommodation in Hanoi.

*Overnight in Hanoi*

#### **DAY 8: TRAVEL FROM HANOI TO HUE CITY - FLIGHT INCLUDED (B)**

Relish the remaining moment in Hanoi before your private driver escorts you to the airport to take the flight to Hue. When you arrive at Hue airport, your driver will pick you up and transfer you to your accommodation. The rest of the time is free at leisure.

*Overnight in Hue*

#### **DAY 9: EXPLORE THE IMPERIAL CITADEL BY CYCLO (B/L)**

Today you will explore Hue city in old-style - by cyclo, which will bring you a new experience and make you feel the charming atmosphere of this old town. Meet your guide at 08:00 am and head to the Imperial Citadel, where the Nguyen Dynasty ruled between 1802 and 1945. After exploring the ruins of this beautiful monument, take a cyclo ride through the 'Old City' to Tinh Tam Lake, where the Emperors used to come to relax. In summer, this lake is full of lotus flowers, it also has many local style coffee shops around, where university students often come to study. Drive onto Thien Mu Pagoda, constructed in 1601. It is one of the most remarkable pagodas in Vietnam and a symbol of Hue.

Enjoy local food for lunch. In the afternoon, take a car drive to the Mausoleum of Tu Duc, built decades before its occupant's death. This tomb had been used as a palace retreat before becoming the Emperors' resting place. Continue to Khai Dinh's Tomb, which combines traditional Vietnamese style with a European touch, making it unique from the other tombs in Hue. If you wish, before visiting the tombs, we can have a stop at the vibrant Dong Ba Market, where you could explore its colorful stalls and do some shopping. Then head back to your hotel.

*Overnight in Hue.*

#### **DAY 10: VISIT VIETNAM MOST PICTURESQUE OLD TOWN - HOI AN (B)**

Have breakfast at the hotel and get ready for the 3 hours trip from Hue to Hoi An by private vehicle via one of the most scenic routes in the world - Hai Van Pass.

Upon arrival in Hoi An, you will have free time. You could rent a bike at the hotel and explore this charming town at your own pace, or cycle to the beach. We recommend you to have a walk around the Hoi An in the evening when the Old Town in Hoi An transforms into a mystical row of lights and lanterns.

*Overnight in Hoi An*

#### **DAY 11: BASKET BOAT RIDE AND FISHING IN HOI AN (B/L)**

Today your English-speaking guide will meet you at the hotel around 8:00 am and take you for a cycle trip to the countryside and rivers around Hoi An. As you meander through the countryside, you will experience the friendliness of the local people greeting you along the way and enjoy the beautiful views of the neighborhood. After that, you will board a boat for a river cruise to meet and engage with local fishermen. Enjoy a hands-on experience of traditional net fishing. Later, you will take a paddle boat trip in a unique Vietnamese bamboo basket boat down the waterways of a coconut palm paradise. After the boat trip, have delicious lunch and cycle back to your hotel.

*Overnight in Hoi An*

#### **DAY 12: TRAVEL FROM HOI AN TO HO CHI MINH CITY - FLIGHT INCLUDED (B)**



Relish the remaining moment in Hoi An before your private driver escorts you to the airport to take the flight to Ho Chi Minh. When you arrive at Ho Chi Minh airport, your driver will pick you up and transfer you to your accommodation. The rest of the time is free at leisure.

*Overnight in Ho Chi Minh*

### **DAY 13: EXCURSION ON MIGHTY MEKONG DELTA (B/L/D)**

Depart from Ho Chi Minh City around 8 am, and head to Mekong Delta, the land of nine dragons. Upon arrival at Cai Be, you will board the boat, which will take you through Mekong's fertile alluvial water, which shapes the richness of the land, to Mekong Lodge.

Upon arrival at the resort, check-in your private bungalow and enjoy a delicious lunch by the riverside.

Have some rest, and get ready for a cycling trip to Tan Phong Island. Here you will visit some local handicraft workshops and see how locals make banana leaves hammocks, water coconut leaves thatch, or home decor products made of water hyacinth. Visit fruit gardens where you can enjoy freshly picked fruits and Vietnamese folk music. Then take a small rowing boat trip through the canal.

Have dinner at the restaurant and have a relaxing evening at the resort.

*Overnight in Cai Be*

### **DAY 14: CAI BE CYCLING - BACK TO HO CHI MINH (B)**

Begin our second day at Mekong Delta with a buffet breakfast. Then take a boat trip to Cai Be floating market, a cultural feature of the Mekong Delta. You will see the most vibrant scene on the Tien River with hundred of boats gathering for the fresh produce trade. Then spend some more time on the island visiting more handicraft villages. Then check out of the hotel and drive back to Ho Chi Minh.

*Overnight in Ho Chi Minh*

*Overnight in Ho Chi Minh*

### **DAY 15: TIME TO SAY GOODBYE – HO CHI MINH DEPARTURE (B)**

Relish a healthy breakfast on the final day of your trip to Vietnam. Complete the hotel check-out formalities, after which you can visit the local markets to buy souvenirs for your loved ones. Later your private driver will transfer you to the airport to take your flight back home.

Trip Ends.

### **INCLUSIVE**

\* Door-to-door pick-up & drop-off services

- \* All transportation mentioned above
- \* Domestic flights from Hanoi to Hue and from Da Nang to Ho Chi Minh, with 20 kg luggage allowance per person
- \* Accommodation shared in Double/ Twin/ Triple room with daily breakfast (including 5% service fee and 10% VAT tax)
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Hoi An	Le Pavillon Hoi an Luxury Resort and Spa or similar	<a href="https://lepavillonhoiangroup.com/luxury-resort-spa/">https://lepavillonhoiangroup.com/luxury-resort-spa/</a>
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Hoi An	Palm Garden Resort or similar	<a href="http://palmgardenresort.vn/">http://palmgardenresort.vn/</a>
Ho Chi Minh	The Myst Dong Khoi or similar	<a href="https://www.themystdongkhoihotel.com/">https://www.themystdongkhoihotel.com/</a>
Cai Be	Azerai Can Tho or similar	<a href="https://azerai.com/resorts/azerai-can-tho/">https://azerai.com/resorts/azerai-can-tho/</a>

**PRICE:****NET RATES:**

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	1p	2p	3-4p	5-6p	7-9p	10-14p	Sgl Sup
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4 stars	3,210	1,945	1,757	1,581	1,556	1,437	729
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## HIGHLIGHTS OF VIETNAM IN 15 DAYS



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**DURATION:** 15 Days

*Explore Vietnam from north to south, getting a taste of the country's diverse landscapes, intriguing history, and rich culture. From the natural beauty of Halong Bay and Sapa to the buzzing streets of Ho Chi Minh City, enjoy immersive tours to truly connect with the remarkable wonders of Vietnam.*

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- \* *Take a boat trip to the cave*
- \* *Cycle in the countryside*
- \* *Venture through the UNESCO-honoured Halong Bay*
- \* *See the historic, wander sites of Hoi An's charming old town and drive along the spectacular coastline*
- \* *Visit the most colorful market in Northern Vietnam*
- \* *Enjoy the sunset at the stunning Tam Giang Lagoon*

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*Overnight in Hanoi*



## DAY 2: EXPLORE HANOI LIKE LOCALS (B/L)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and meet your guide, who will show you the real Hanoi life and take you through the locals' most favorite places.

Take a short drive to the historical Ba Dinh Square, where president Ho Chi Minh proclaimed the independence of Vietnam in 1945. Admire the outstanding architecture and charming atmosphere around this square. Then head to Lenin Garden, a communal place for locals. This garden also offers a perfect opportunity for watching the bustling daily life of Hanoians. Then it's time to explore some hidden parts of the city and drive through the small alleys with sewing shops owned by the same families for generations and see the old way of living there. Do not forget to bring your camera to capture this lovely area.

Have a walk to the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first national university, built in the late 11th century. Enjoy the tranquil atmosphere of this quiet place and discover its role in the country's past.

Then visit the Ethnology Museum (closed Mondays), one of the best places to learn about Vietnam's cultural diversity. This museum has a big collection of cultural artifacts of each ethnic group in Vietnam. It is also an important research center.

After the museum visit, enjoy traditional Vietnamese lunch at the local restaurant.

In the afternoon, stroll around the charming Hanoi old quarter to explore the fascinating maze of back streets. Then have a walk along the bustling Nha Chung Street, full of vendors selling food, vegetable, and other products. Stop at the old French house where you will be invited for a cup of tea and an interesting talk about the history and life of Hanoi with the local family. Then say goodbye to your hosts and drive back to your hotel.

*Overnight in Hanoi*

**Notes:** *Suggested time: 08:00*

*Duration: 7 hour*

## DAY 3: HANOI – THO HA VILLAGE AND GALAXY GROTTO (B/L)

Depart Hanoi for a 2-hour drive to the Tho Ha Village in Nho Quan.

Upon arrival, take a leisure biking trip from 5 to 15 km (depending on your wish), passing by sleepy villages and picturesque countryside sceneries. Then head to Dong Tam hamlet, where you will learn about the life of local farmers and take part in their daily activities such as catching crab, fishing, planting and watering plants, and more. After the busy time farming, return to the hamlet to join a cooking lesson with a local family. Learn how to cook the local specialties like sweet potato cake and toasted fish. Enjoy the meals you cooked for lunch, and then head to Nha Le Pier, where

you will board a hand-rowing boat and take a cruise down the Galaxy Grotto. The cave appears with a curling line under thousands of sparkling stalactites of various shapes. After the boat ride, you will be transferred back to Hanoi.

*Overnight in Hanoi*

**Notes:** Suggested departure time: 08:00

Tour duration: 09 hours

Estimated arrival time at Hanoi: 17:30

#### **DAY 4: HANOI – SAPA – CAT CAT – Y LINH HO VILLAGE (B/L)**

After breakfast at the hotel, depart to Sapa. A frontier town 350km (217mi) northwest of Hanoi and close to the border with China, Sapa's terraced rice fields are some of the world's most beautiful. Upon arrival in Sapa, enjoy lunch at the local restaurant.

In the afternoon, Choose to walk from your hotel or be shuttled by a support minivan 2km (1mi) along hilly roads past terraced paddy fields to Cat Cat Village. Begin a leisurely 3km (2mi) walk through the village for an overview of the traditional customs and way of living of the ethnic Black Hmong minority. Explore a beautiful waterfall and the nearby remains of a hydroelectric power station constructed by the French during the colonial era.

Follow a dirt trail that winds through the mountains along a narrow river and enjoy the spectacular scenery of terraced fields, vegetable patches, and verdant hills as you arrive at the Y Linh Ho Village, also home to the Black Hmongs. Notice their traditional clothing made from hemp cloth dyed a deep indigo blue and decorated with batik flowers. Enjoy a rest stop by the river before trekking back to the road from where you will be transferred to your hotel.

*Overnight in Sapa*

**Notes:** Tour duration: 04 hours

Total trekking distance: 4km (2mi)

#### **DAY 5: SAPA – LECH DZAO & THANH KIM VILLAGE (B/L)**

Situated about 20km southwest of Sapa, Thành Kim valley is home to the Red Zao and Hmong people, who have been maintaining their strong and unique traditional customs for hundreds of years despite the influence of outside modern life. Follow the trekking path for an hour to reach Thanh Kim valley, then start descending towards a river, enjoying the cool fresh air and admiring the stunning views along the way. Cross the river on an old stone bridge and keep walking on the paved road to get to Lech Dzao village. Spend time stretching your legs in the village and talking to the villagers for a vivid view of their daily agricultural life. Learn about the embroidery techniques from the Red Zao women who usually sit in doorways working with their traditional textile

machine. On the way back to your hotel, trek through some terraced rice fields, which turn from green to yellow from May to early October. End your trip here.

*Overnight in Sapa*

**Notes:** Suggested times: 08:30

Duration: approximately 3.5 hours

Total walking distance: 3 km

Level of walking: easy

**DAY 6: SAPA – HILL TRIBE MARKET BAC HA MARKET – HANOI (Sunday) (B/L)**

Depart Sapa on a 3-hour drive along reasonably good roads to the Bac Ha Market, the largest and most colorful market in the area. Every Sunday morning, many different ethnic groups like the Flower Hmong, Phu La, Black Dzao, Tay, and Nung minorities gather to buy and sell local products including homemade wares ranging from embroidery, tobacco, and rice wine to farmyard animals such as chickens, pigs, horses, and buffaloes. This is also a place for the locals to catch up and meet friends over rice wine at the end of the week.

Then visit the Tay ethnic village of Trung Do, where you can meet and interact with the local people over a packed lunch. Continue on a local boat ride along the Chay River as it snakes between forested mountains. Transfer back to Hanoi in the late afternoon.

*Overnight in Hanoi*

**Notes:** Suggested departure time: 07:30

*Tour is only available on Sundays*

**DAY 7: CRUISING AT THE MAGNIFICENT HALONG BAY (B/L/D)**

In the morning, check out of the hotel, and get picked up by the Cruise team. Take the most scenic route to reach Halong Bay, taking you across the Red River Delta with emerald green rice paddies stretching for as far as the eyes can see.

On arrival at the pier, you will board the cruise and enjoy the fantastic views of limestone rocks and the karst grottoes. Have an utterly delicious seafood lunch and enjoy the time at the sundeck exploring the Bay.

The cruise will stop in a secret place where you will spend time kayaking or swimming, so you can explore the karst grottoes closer. Towards the evening, you will return to the boat for an early dinner, followed by some time at leisure. You can optionally attend the activities taking part on the boat or just relax.

### *Overnight on cruise*

**Notes:** *In case of bad weather (the boat is not allowed to push off or not allowed to overnight in the sea), the Ha Long bay tour could be cancelled without notice. We will consider other replacement tours or a refund based on the specific circumstances.*

### **DAY 8: HA LONG BAY – BACK TO HANOI – FLIGHT TO HUE (B/L)**

Rise early today to view the sunrise at the wonder of nature with breakfast served in the dining room. A Tai Chi class on the sun deck will awake your mind and muscles.

Then head off to visit the limestone cave full of stalagmites and stalactites. After your exploration return to the boat to check out and enjoy the brunch while the cruise is sailing back to the harbor. Later you will be transferred to the airport to board your flight to Hue. Upon arrival in Hue you will be transferred to your hotel.

### *Overnight in Hue*

### **DAY 9: HUE HALF DAY ANCIENT CITY & TAM GIANG LAGOON (B/L)**

Once the imperial capital of the Nguyen Dynasty between the 17th and 19th centuries, Hue keeps an undeniable royal charm with its splendid emperors' tombs, ancient pagodas, and the remains of the Citadel.

Start your exploration with the Imperial Citadel at the center of the Complex of Hue Monuments, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Enter through the towering main gate and appreciate the magnificent architecture and gardens while your guide tells you about the events and the intrigue surrounding the former royal court. Despite being heavily bombed during the Vietnam War, some sections are incredibly well-preserved, and others have been carefully restored.

After visiting the Imperial Citadel, you can choose between two royal tombs to visit:

(1) The Tu Duc Royal Tomb, the most impressive of all the royal mausoleums built by Emperor Tu Duc between 1864 and 1867. While the complex does include a tomb, together with pavilions and temples, no one knows exactly where Tu Duc was buried. All 200 servants who buried the king were beheaded to keep his final resting place a secret from grave robbers.

(2) The Khai Dinh Royal Tomb, whose architecture showcases elements of Eastern art and Western design, is considered the most elegant tomb. It is smaller compared to many other tombs, however, it is more flamboyant, with the largest dragons in the country forming the side walls leading up to the tomb. Notice the tomb's blackened concrete exterior and colorful mosaic interior in the spacious main building decorated with murals of the Four Seasons, Eight Precious Objects, and

Eight Fairies. After exploring the tombs, you will be transferred back to your hotel to have some rest.

**Notes:** Suggested departure time: 09:00

*Tour duration: 3.5 hours*

### **WELCOME SUNSET AT TAM GIANG LAGOON**

Have some rest at your hotel and get ready to continue exploring Hue. Your driver will pick you up from the hotel and transfer **you to An Dinh Palace**. Possessing fancy European architecture, An Dinh Hue Palace has been recognized by UNESCO as a world cultural heritage. Then visit **Ru Cha mangrove forest**, named after the kind of mangrove tree densely grown in the area. Ru Cha is considered to be a natural shield against Thuan An sea (Thua Thien Hue province)

Then arrive at **Chuan Lagoon (Tam Giang Lagoon)** to take the boat and listen to the introduction of the Tam Giang lagoon system. Pass the floating houses to take stunning sunset photos on the lagoon. Each moment on the lagoon is the most memorable moment. Take part in the fishermen's daily activities like beating the water, pulling the fishing nets, and catching fish. Then feel free to jump straight into the crystal blue water for a swim. Finally, visit the house or restaurant of the local family to enjoy the local specialty dishes or seafood and chat together. Then drive back to your hotel in Hue.

*Overnight in Hue*

**Notes:** Suggested departure time: 14:00

*Tour duration: 5 hours*

### **DAY 10: HUE – TRAVEL TO HOI AN THROUGH THE SCENIC ROUTE AND EXPLORE THE ANCIENT TOWN (B)**

Have breakfast at the hotel and get ready to transfer from Hue to Hoi An by private car. You will drive through one of the most beautiful roads in the world - Hai Van Pass. You will be blown away by the stunning views of the mountains and the sea.

Upon arrival in Hoi An, you will enjoy the walking tour through the spectacular old town area. Between the 15th and 19th centuries, Hoi An was known as Faifo - a prosperous trading port, attracting Chinese, Japanese, Dutch, Portuguese, and Spanish merchants. This charming town still keeps its special atmosphere with a mixture of cultures from all around the world. Today, Hoi An is recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage sight with its well-preserved architecture, pedestrian-only streets, and distinctive local cuisine, allowing visitors a glimpse of its illustrious past.

The perfect way to explore Hoi An is to walk through its narrow lanes and cozy streets. This morning you will explore the old merchant houses that combine the elements of Chinese, Japanese



and Vietnamese architecture. Then admire the elegant beauty of the 400-year-old Japanese Covered Bridge, built in the 1590s by the Japanese community to link them with the Chinese quarters across the stream. Visit the Assembly Hall of the Chaozhou Chinese Congregation with its intricate woodcarvings. And finish your walk with a visit to the colorful market with stalls full of local specialties and products.

*Overnight in Hoi An*

**Notes:** Tour duration: 03 hours

### **DAY 11: CYCLING IN CAM THANH VILLAGE & THANH DONG ORGANIC FARM (B/L)**

Enjoy the delicious breakfast at the hotel and get ready for the countryside exploration. In the morning, you will drive to Vong Nhi village. Upon arrival, hop on the bikes and cycle through the village (around 6 km). Enjoy the stunning landscapes and peaceful countryside views, such as green coconut forest, and prawn and red snapper farms or immerse in the rustic beauty of rice fields.

Then arrive at Thanh Dong organic farm. This 10,000 sqm garden with fresh organic goods supports 10 local families for a living. Take a stroll around the vegetable garden and listen to the life-changing story of the farmers about how they have been approaching the organic method of cultivating herbs. Afterward, you will join the farmers in their gardening activities, like preparing and applying organic manure to the land, raking the ground, sowing herb seeds, and watering or picking vegetables.

Say goodbye to the farmers and take a ride in the unique Vietnamese basket boat along the Do River to The Field Restaurant. On the way, admire the beautiful scenery and local countryside life. Take part in a short cooking class to make Vietnamese family-style lunch. Enjoy the meals you cooked and get back to your hotel.

*Overnight in Hoi An*

**Notes:** Suggested departure time: 08:00

*Tour duration: 03 hours*

### **DAY 12: HOI AN – TRAVEL TO HO CHI MINH – A O SHOW AND DINNER AT DINNING ROOM (B/D)**

You will be picked up at your hotel lobby and transferred to Danang airport for your flight to Saigon. Upon arrival, you will be welcomed and transferred to hotel for check in and free at leisure.

#### **A O SHOW & DINNER AT DINING ROOM**

In the late afternoon, your driver will take you to Saigon Opera House to see “A O Show”. This show is a combination of performing arts highlighting the traditional life and poetic scenery of Vietnam.

The show contains episodes of Vietnamese traditional folk games, dances, and circus acts with traditional and modern music in the background and using bamboo pipes and baskets by acrobats. This spectacular show is a great way to learn about the traditional cultural life of Vietnam.

After the show, enjoy beautifully decorated and presented dishes of innovative Vietnamese cuisine at the Dining Room restaurant. Then drive back to your hotel.

*Overnight in Ho Chi Minh*

**Notes:** *Suggested time: Public show: 18:00*

*Duration: 3 hours*

*Venue: Saigon Opera House*

### **DAY 13: CU CHI TUNNEL & SAIGON HALF DAY CITY (B/L)**

Have breakfast at the hotel and depart for Cu Chi tunnels. The trip will take approximately one and a half hours drive. Upon arrival, you will have a short introduction followed by an introductory video about how the tunnels were constructed, and how the people survived in the harsh conditions of wartime.

Then, spend your time exploring the remaining area and tunnel systems, which included the living areas, kitchens, and bedrooms side by side with other martial facilities like storage, weapons factories, field hospitals, and command centers. All this was to help people living inside the tunnels meet their basic needs. Besides, there are many hidden trap doors and dangerous traps within the maze-like tunnels for security purposes during the war. Afterward, special tea and cassava (guerilla food during the war) will be served.

Then you will drive back to Ho Chi Minh.

In the afternoon, join the Ho Chi Minh City tour. With over eight million people and four million motorbikes, Saigon is truly a city that never sleeps. Despite its modernity, Ho Chi Minh maintains a strong link to the past, which you will explore today by visiting Saigon's most historic landmarks.

Start your tour with a visit to the Notre Dame Cathedral, a red brick edifice with twin spires constructed from materials imported from France (entrance is only permitted when no services are being performed). Then head across the square to the Central Post Office, built in 1891. It is one of the oldest buildings in the city, constructed in the colonial style, this post office had an important role in connecting Vietnam with other Indochina countries during French colonialism. Then take a short drive to the former Presidential Palace, the headquarters of the Saigon Government during the American War. Continue to the War Remnants Museum for a vivid perspective of the American War through the eyes of the Vietnamese. (Please note that some of the displays are very graphic.) End up your tour at a typical Saigon street coffee place chatting with the guide about the daily life of Saigonese and learning some phrases in Vietnamese. Then head back to your hotel.

### *Overnight in Ho Chi Minh*

**Notes:** Suggested departure time: 08:30

*Tour duration: 08 hours*

#### **DAY 14: EXPLORE THE LUSH BEAUTY OF MEKONG DELTA (B/L)**

Enjoy the delicious breakfast at the hotel and meet your guide at the hotel lobby. Today you will explore the maze of waterways and the lush green gardens of the Mekong Delta. Take a 1.5 hours drive to Ben Tre, situated in the Mekong River Delta. At the pier, embark on a fascinating motorboat that will take you to Cai Be floating market. See how locals sell their fruits and vegetables right from the boats. Then, take the rowing boat to go deeper into the countryside through small canals to enjoy a peaceful atmosphere.

Get back on a motor boat and cruise along one of the longest Mekong rivers observing the daily activities of the local farmers and fishermen.

Arrive at An Binh Island, where you will enjoy Vietnamese lunch at the local homestay.

In the afternoon, we will take you for a walk around the orchards to enjoy a cup of tea while listening life performance of the traditional Vietnamese music in the ancient house.

Now it's time to take a walk around the village and visit the local workshops to see how to make rice paper, coconut candies, and pop-rice. If you would like, you also can join the cycling trip through the village roads to see the local daily life at the orchard, school, church, pagoda, and traditional houses.

Then visit the brick kilns where you can see how the local people create beautiful clay pottery. Your cruise will end at Vinh Long city, from where you will head back to Saigon by private car.

### *Overnight in Ho Chi Minh*

**Notes:** Suggested departure time: 08:00

*Tour duration: 8.5 hours*

#### **DAY 15: TIME TO SAY GOOD BYE – HO CHI MINH DEAPRTURE (B)**

Relish a healthy breakfast on the final day of your trip to Vietnam. Complete the hotel check-out formalities, after which you can visit the local markets to buy souvenirs for your loved ones. Later your private driver will transfer you to the airport to take your flight back home.

Trip Ends.

#### **INCLUDED**

√ Door-to-door pick-up & drop-off services

- √ All transportation mentioned in the itinerary
- √ Accommodation based on double share with breakfast (including 5% service fee and 10% VAT tax). Check-in room at 14:00 // Check-out room at 12:00 noon (Except Early check-in or Late check-out mentioned in the program)
- √ Experienced English-speaking guides
- √ Meals as stated in the itinerary (B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner)
- √ All sightseeing tickets according to the itinerary
- √ Tissues and water on coach
- √ Service charges and government tax
- √ Exclusive and personalized single agent/single customer service
- √ 24/7 hotline support guaranteed
- √ No extra charge after services confirmation
- √ Domestic flights in Vietnam as per itinerary

### **EXCLUDED**

- X International flights and the departure taxes
- X Beverage, Personal expenses, tips, and gratuities
- X Travel insurance
- X Public holiday surcharge (if any)
- X Compulsory Gala Dinner on 24 Dec and 31 Dec, 21 Jan (Tet)
- X Public holiday surcharge (Christmas and New Year, Tet holiday) if applicable
- X Early check-in and Late check-out (If not mentioned)
- X Visa to Vietnam (travellers could apply for evisa online)
- X Surcharge for airport cabs from 12:00 am – 05:00 am
- X Other services not mentioned above

### **HOTEL LIST**

#### **4 STARS**

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Website</b>
Hanoi	Tirant Hotel or similar	<a href="https://www.tiranthotel.com/">https://www.tiranthotel.com/</a>

Sapa	Amazing Sapa Hotel or similar	<a href="https://amazinghotel.com.vn/en/">https://amazinghotel.com.vn/en/</a>
Halong Bay	Le Journey Luxury Cruise or similar	<a href="https://lejourneyhalongcruise.com/en/le-journey-luxury-cruise/">https://lejourneyhalongcruise.com/en/le-journey-luxury-cruise/</a>
Hue	Eldora Hue Hotel or similar	<a href="http://www.eldorahotel.com/">http://www.eldorahotel.com/</a>
Hoi An	La Siesta Hoi An Resort and Spa	<a href="https://lasiestaresorts.com/">https://lasiestaresorts.com/</a>
Ho Chi Minh	Liberty Central Saigon hotel or similar	<a href="https://www.libertycentralsaigoncentre.com/en/">https://www.libertycentralsaigoncentre.com/en/</a>

### **NET RATES:**

Group size	Price per person in USD in party of						Sgl Sup
	1p	2p	3-4p	5-6p	7-9p	10-14p	
4 stars	3756	2316	2028	1740	16746	1563	878

### **BOOKING PROCESS**

**Step 1:** Contact us at [sales@realisticasia.com](mailto:sales@realisticasia.com) to confirm the date and number of travelers and any special requirements.

**Step 2:** Send us scan copies of travellers' passports

**Step 3:** Make the deposit as follow the invoice sent by us

### **CANCELLATION**

Realistic Asia must be informed in writing. Cancellation charges would be effective from the date we receive advice in writing and cancellation charges would apply as follows:

+ 60 days prior to arrival date: No cancellation charge. We Guarantee 100% Money Back. + Airfare cancellation fees (according to the airline's cancellation policy) if any

+ 59 - 30 days prior to arrival date: 5% cancellation charge. + Airfare cancellation fees (according to the airline's cancellation policy) if any

+ 29 - 15 days prior to arrival date: 10% + Airfare cancellation fees (according to the airline's cancellation policy) if any

+ 14 – 8 days prior to arrival date: 40% + Airfare cancellation fees (according to the airline's cancellation policy) if any

+ 7 days prior to arrival date: 100 %

+ No show: 100%

### **CONDITION OF INSURANCE**

Realistic Asia demands that all clients going on our trips hold proper personal medical insurance. If clients do not hold insurance and refuse to sign on before the departure date, Realistic Asia reserves the right not to carry out the trip.

## **PEDAL TO THE ANCIENT TEMPLES OF CMBODIA 10 DAYS**



**DESTINATION:** Siem Reap, Battambang, Phnom Penh

**DURATION:** 10 Days

*Cambodia will show you incredible beauty, fantastic food, and unique culture. More importantly, it is better when combined with some outdoor adventure. During the trip, you will discover the ancient temple ruins of the incredible Angkor complex by foot and mountain bike.*

*Take a boat trip to see the fascinating floating village in Tonle Sap Lake, which is the largest lake in South-East Asia that provides fish and irrigation for half the country's population. Then travel to the west of the great Tonle Sap Lake, and you will find the charming town of Battambang. Although it is less visited than Siem Reap and Phnom Penh, the town is home to some of the best-preserved French-colonial buildings in the country. Next, drive to Phnom Penh – once known as “the Pearl of the Orient”. It is a lively and engaging city, which is in the process of growing confidence and vitality despite its recent turbulent history.*

### **DAY 1: WELCOME TO CAMBODIA – SIEM REAP ARRIVAL**

Your Vietnam adventure begins with your arrival in Siem Reap. Your private driver will meet you at the airport, holding a signboard with your name. He will escort you to your accommodation,



where you could have a rest after the flight or head to the Pub Street to explore the city at your own pace and have a delicious meal.

*Overnight in Siem Reap*

## **DAY 2: SIEM REAP TOUR BIKING (B)**

After breakfast, we cycle to the main temple attraction for an extensive exploration of the magnificent 12th-century Angkor Wat. You will realize why this great temple is simply unsurpassed by any other monument. Continue spinning through a little unnoticed village to visit Ta Prohm, see how the jungles are covering the temple, and admire the power of nature. Upon entering via the North Gate, we proceed further to a little sandstone temple in the jungle called: Ta Nei, which is called a smaller version of Ta prohm. Other sights en route are - Victory Gate and Ghost Gate before we return to Siem Reap.

*Overnight in Siem Reap*

## **DAY 3: SIEM REAP TOUR (B)**

Have breakfast at the hotel. Today we continue to explore the jungle-covered temples by visiting the Roluos Group. The monuments of Roluos, which served as the capital of Indravarman I (reigned 877-89). See Preah Ko temple, which was built in the late 9th century and dedicated by the King to his ancestors in 880. Continue exploring the sandstone temple Bakong, the largest and the most interesting temple of the Roluos group. It has an active Buddhist monastery just north of the east entrance. Then visit Lolei, which is built on an islet in the center of a large reservoir (now rice fields) by Yasovarman I, the founder of the first city at Angkor. Then stop to visit the well-preserved temple of Banteay Srei with beautiful carvings. Along the way, we make a stopover at the Preah Dark village to visit the Banteay Samre Temple adorned with impressive reliefs depicting scenes of Vishnu as well as Krishna legends.

*Overnight in Siem Reap*

## **DAY 4: TONLE SAP TOUR (B)**

Have breakfast at the hotel. Today you will visit the floating village of Chong Khneas, located 10 kilometers south of Siem Reap. Take a trip in a traditional wooden boat on the Tonle Sap Lake, the "Great Lake" of Cambodia, and see how people live right above the water.

Spend the afternoon by visiting the "Chantiers Ecoles - Les Artisans d'Angkor", which provides training to young Cambodians to revive the ancient Khmer traditions of stone carving and wood sculpting. Then take a drive to the Pouk district about 15 Km from town, to visit the silk farm, a fascinating farm/workshop where you can see the entire silk creation process, including growing the food for the silk worms, breeding the worms, silk extraction, and refinement, traditional dyeing, pattern creation and looming. Retail silk in a souvenir shop. On the way back, visit the Western

Baray (Baray Occidental) measuring 8 km by 2.3 km which provided water for the intensive cultivation of lands around Angkor.

*Overnight in Siem Reap.*

### **DAY 5: SIEM REAP - TRAVEL TO BATTAMBANG (B)**

Have breakfast at the hotel and get ready for your trip to Battambang. Upon arrival in Battambang town and check-in at your hotel, we will drive along the picturesque Sangker River to Wat Slaket Pagoda, the former residence of the provincial Buddhist patriarch.

Continue your exploration by visiting Ek Phnom Temple, which is an 11th-century Angkorian-era ruin built as a Hindu temple under Suryavarman I. The temple consists of prasats on a platform with carvings in pretty good condition and a modern pagoda that sits next to the ruin. The river road you take to drive to Ek Phnom from Battambang passes through small villages and rice paddies.

After temple exploration, you will visit a market where Prahoc, the Cambodian fish paste is made, and steam-sticky rice is cooked in bamboo. Return to town for a short walk to the local market.

*Overnight at the hotel in Battambang.*

### **DAY 6: BATTAMBANG EXPLORATION (B)**

Have breakfast at the hotel. Today we will drive to the village of Ksach Puoy on the banks of the Sangker River. It is home to many well-preserved traditional Khmer wooden stilted homes. This area also grows a variety of tropical fruits and, after the rainy season, farmers plant all kinds of vegetables along the fertile river banks. Here you will learn about traditional agriculture and taste juicy oranges, sweet pineapples, and many other fruits.

Not far from Ksach Puoy is Cambodia's first vineyard – Prasat Phnom Banan Vineyard – you can pop in if you like, learn about producing wine in the tropics, and enjoy a spot of wine tasting! After a few kilometers further, you will arrive at the well-preserved 11th-century mountaintop Angkorian temple of Phnom Banan. After climbing the 350+ steps, you will be treated to a wonderfully peaceful setting with superb views across the surrounding countryside. Observe the small villages dotting the endless rice paddies and sugar palm trees.

In the afternoon, visit the Muslim village and learn about their vocations, traditions, and everyday life. Have a talk with a Buddhist monk and learn about Buddhism and monastic life as well. Wrap your day with a scenic Bamboo train ride experience in the countryside of Oudombong village with the local people.

*Overnight at the hotel in Battambang.*

### **DAY 7: BATTAMBANG - DRIVE TO PHNOM PENH (B)**

Have breakfast at the hotel and start your day by visiting Phnom Sampov, which is the national resort. On the top of Phnom Sampov mountain, there are temples and three natural wells, named Pkar Slar, Lo Khoun, and Ak So Pheak. Have a leisure time at the resort, then return to the town. If time permits, we also will explore the French colonial town, where you could see many French architectures. Then your private guide and driver will take you to Phnom Penh.

*Overnight in Phnom Penh*

#### **DAY 8: PHNOM PENH EXPLORATION (B)**

Today you will visit Royal Palace, a royal residence now where His Majesty, the King of Cambodia, and the royal families live. It is like a small town of royal dynasties. Then explore an incredible solid silver-floored Silver Pagoda. It has 5000 silver tiles on the floor and exposes the biggest golden Buddha statue in Cambodia. Then continue to Raung Damrei Museum and National Museum, with over 5000 objects on display including Angkorian era statues, lingas, and other artifacts.

Spend the rest of the time at the Russian Market, a great place to hunt for souvenirs, curios, and silks. Finally, visit Wat Phnom Temple, one of the most important pagodas in Phnom Penh. It was built in 1373 on an artificial hill by the wealthy widow Daun Chi Penh.

*Overnight in Phnom Penh*

#### **DAY 9: PHNOM PENH - COOKING CLASS (B/D)**

Have free time in the morning to relax or explore the city at your own pace. In the afternoon, you will learn more about Cambodian gastronomy, which is rich and varied, with tastes and flavors from the neighboring countries. Have hands-on experience in cooking the local dishes with the help of the chef. Later enjoy the meals you cooked for an early dinner.

*Overnight in Phnom Penh*

#### **DAY 10: TIME TO SAY GOODBYE – PHNOM PENH DEPARTURE (B)**

Relish a healthy breakfast on the final day of your trip to Vietnam. Complete the hotel check-out formalities, after which you can visit the local markets to buy souvenirs for your loved ones. Later your private driver will transfer you to the airport to take your flight back home.

Trip Ends.

#### **INCLUSIVE**

- \* Door-to-door pick-up & drop-off services
- \* All transportation mentioned above

- \* Accommodation shared in Double/ Twin/ Triple room with daily breakfast (including 5% service fee and 10% VAT tax)
- \* Check-in room at 14:00 // Check-out room at 12:00 noon (Except Early check-in or Late check-out mentioned in the program)
- \* Experienced English speaking guide
- \* Meals as stated in the itinerary (B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner)
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- \* Travel insurance
- \* Public holiday surcharge (if any)
- \* Compulsory Gala Dinner on 24 Dec and 31 Dec
- \* Early check-in and late check-out (If not mentioned)
- \* Visa stamping fee on arrival at the airport in Cambodia: \$30/ person
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### **HOTEL LIST**

#### **3 STARS**

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Siem Reap	Royal Empire Hotel or similar	<a href="https://www.royalempirehotel.com/">https://www.royalempirehotel.com/</a>
Battambang	Classy Hotel and Spa or similar	<a href="https://classyhotelspa.com/">https://classyhotelspa.com/</a>
Phnom Penh	LCS Hotels and Apartments or similar	<a href="https://www.lcshotel.com/">https://www.lcshotel.com/</a>

#### **4 STARS**

Destination	Hotel	Website
Siem Reap	Metta Residence or similar	<a href="https://mettaresidence.com/">https://mettaresidence.com/</a>
Battambang	Battambang Resort or similar	<a href="https://battambangresort.com/">https://battambangresort.com/</a>
Phnom Penh	Anik Palace Hote or similar	<a href="https://www.anikhotelgroup.com/ani&lt;br/&gt;kpalace/">https://www.anikhotelgroup.com/ani kpalace/</a>

### 5 STARS

Destination	Hotel	Website
Siem Reap	Jaya House River Park or similar	<a href="https://www.jayahouseriverparksiem&lt;br/&gt;reap.com/">https://www.jayahouseriverparksiem reap.com/</a>
Battambang	Battambang Resort or similar	<a href="https://battambangresort.com/">https://battambangresort.com/</a>
Phnom Penh	La Rose Suites or similar	<a href="http://larosesuites.com/hotel.php">http://larosesuites.com/hotel.php</a>

### PRICE:

### NET RATES

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4 stars	2,190	1,231	1,027	1,027	822	822	360
5 stars	3,961	2,122	1,909	1,909	1,697	1,697	1,214

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## **AMAZING THAILAND IN 9 DAYS**



**DESTINATION:** Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Phuket

**DURATION:** 9 Days



*Discover and travel the magic of South East Asia with the mythical landscapes and the friendliest folks you will meet during the Amazing Thailand In 9 Days tour. Start your Thailand vacation in Bangkok, and sail to the Damnoen Floating market to see a lively market with vendors selling local products, food, and tropical fruits right from the boat. Then soaks up to Chiang Mai, enjoy the fresh atmosphere of the highlands, and interacts with elephants in an elephant sanctuary in a natural environment to learn about their behavior and history. Afterward, spend your wonderful time in Phuket – the beach paradise of Southeast Asia.*

### **DAY 1: WELCOME TO BANGKOK**

Your Vietnam adventure begins with your arrival in Bangkok. Your private driver will meet you at the airport, holding a signboard with your name. He will escort you to your accommodation right in the heart of the city. You can easily explore the city at your own pace or relax at the hotel after the flight.

*Overnight in Bangkok.*

### **DAY 2: VISIT THE DAMNERN SADUAK FLOATING MARKET (B)**

Have breakfast at the hotel and head to Ratchaburi province for Damnoen Saduak Floating Market.

Upon arrival at a jetty pier, board a long-tailed boat ride for about 30 minutes, passing through remote plantations and Thai villages along the river and winding canal. At the floating market of Damnoen Saduak, it is amazing to see a lively market scene of local vendors selling local foods, tropical fruits, and numerous handicraft products on their boats. You can experience yourself in one of these paddling boats and touch the real atmosphere in the realm of this legendary market.

*Overnight in Bangkok.*

### **DAY 3: BANGKOK TEMPLE TOUR – FLIGHT TO CHIANG MAI (B)**

Today you will ride through the interesting parts of Bangkok with stops to see the Golden Buddha, Reclining Buddha, and Marble Temple. This tour takes you through the hustle and bustle of Bangkok to visit two of the capital's most significant and visually stunning temples. Wat Traimit, which houses the world's largest solid gold Buddha (5.5 tons of precious metal) and Wat Pho, which is the oldest temple in Bangkok and houses the Reclining Buddha, a 45-meter-long statue that depicts Buddha entering Nirvana. Wat Pho is also Thailand's first university and houses a wealth of art. It is still an important center for traditional medicine and massage. Continue to Wat Benjamabophit, also known as the marble temple featuring a fusing of Thai and European styles and an ubosot covered by Italian marble.

In the afternoon you will take a flight to Chiang Mai.

*Overnight in Chiang Mai.*

### **DAY 4: LEARN HOW TO TAKE CARE OF THE ELEPHANTS (B/L)**

Get up early in the morning and leave the hotel around 6:30-7:00 am. Take a drive approximately 1.5 hours South of Chiang Mai through rolling hills, forest, and local farming areas. Upon arrival at the Elephant Jungle Sanctuary, you will change into Karen traditional clothing and learn about the elephants and how to make medicine for them. Then you will meet the elephants and have the opportunity to feed them and interact with them. Don't forget to take amazing pictures! You will also learn about elephants' behaviour and history. Later change into your swimming clothes and walk down to the river to join the mud spa with elephants. Wrap up your day with a traditional Thai lunch before saying goodbye to elephants and heading back to your hotel.

*Overnight in Chiang Mai.*

#### **DAY 5: CHIANG MAI LEISURE DAY (B)**

Have a free day to explore Chiang Mai at your own pace. You will be amazed by the natural beauty of this lovely city! You can visit the colourful temples, located in scenic areas. Take the monk path through the jungles and hills to visit the hidden temples. Spend a relaxing day swimming in the waterfalls or climb up the "sticky waterfalls", the limestone texture will allow you easily walk up and down the waterfall without slipping. In the evening visit the colourful markets for shopping local crafts or eating the delicious street food.

*Overnight in Chiang Mai.*

#### **DAY 6: CHIANG MAI - FLIGHT TO PHUKET (B)**

Relish the remaining moment in Chiang Mai before your private driver escorts you to the airport to take the flight to Phuket. When you arrive in Phuket, your driver will pick you up and transfer you to your accommodation nearby the beautiful beach. The rest of the time is free at leisure.

*Overnight in Phuket.*

#### **DAY 7: CHERISH YOUR TIME ON PHUKET BEACH (B)**

Phuket is known for its outstanding beaches with a wide variety of scenery, atmospheres, facilities, and even textures of sand. Spend your day relaxing at one of the island's beaches. Here are some recommendations:

Kata Beach is always a reliable option with soft white sand, shady palm trees, water sports, and a laid-back atmosphere. You can easily spend the entire day here with a handful of food and drink vendors.

Another idea is Nai Harn Beach, which has grown in popularity over the years. However, thanks to the relatively small size of the bay and its large lake on the other side, the beach hasn't been developed like others nearby. You can enjoy a more peaceful atmosphere here.

If you are seeking a more isolated place, head to Freedom Beach with possibly the best white sand in Phuket. Though it's more challenging to get to (you can either hike a steep path or take a longtail

boat to arrive), you'll escape the motorized water sports and beach vendors for truly peaceful environs.

*Overnight in Phuket.*

#### **DAY 8: CHERISH YOUR TIME ON PHUKET BEACH (B)**

Enjoy one more day relaxing and swimming at Phuket beaches.

*Overnight in Phuket.*

#### **DAY 9: TIME TO SAY GOODBYE - PHUKET DEPARTURE (B)**

Relish a healthy breakfast on the final day of your trip. Complete the hotel check-out formalities after which you can visit the local markets and buy souvenirs for your loved ones. Later, proceed for departure and board your flight back home.

Trip Ends.

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- √ Service charges and government tax
- √ Exclusive and personalized single agent/single customer service
- √ 24/7 hotline support guaranteed
- √ No extra charge after services confirmation
- √ Domestic flights in Thailand as per itinerary

#### **EXCLUDED**

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- X Beverage, Personal expenses, tips, and gratuities

X Travel insurance

X Public holiday surcharge (if any)

X Compulsory Gala Dinner on 24 Dec and 31 Dec, 13 Apr (Songkran)

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Chiang Mai	De Charme Chiang Mai or similar	<a href="https://decharmehotel.com-chiangmai.com/en/">https://decharmehotel.com-chiangmai.com/en/</a>
Phuket	Kata Poolside Resort or similar	<a href="https://www.katapoolside.com/">https://www.katapoolside.com/</a>

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Chiang Mai	Novotel Chiang Mai Nimman Journey Hub	<a href="https://all.accor.com/hotel/B4F8/index.en.shtml">https://all.accor.com/hotel/B4F8/index.en.shtml</a>
Phuket	Novotel Phuket Avista Kata or similar	<a href="https://www.novotelphuketresortkata.com/">https://www.novotelphuketresortkata.com/</a>

### **5 STARS**

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Bangkok	Sukosol Hotel Bangkok or similar	<a href="https://www.thesukosol.com/">https://www.thesukosol.com/</a>
Chiang Mai	Na Nirand or similar	<a href="https://www.nanirand.com/">https://www.nanirand.com/</a>

Phuket	Avista Grand Karon or similar	<a href="https://all.accor.com/hotel/A224/index.en.shtml">https://all.accor.com/hotel/A224/index.en.shtml</a>
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## **IMAGES OF LAOS IN 10 DAYS**



**DESTINATION:** Luang Prabang, Xieng Khuang, Vientiane, Khong Island, Pakse

**DURATION:** 10 Days

*This incredible Laos trip is a great opportunity to escape from the busy lifestyle of the developed world. Find your inner peace and joy as you explore the serene and picturesque landscapes of Laos. Luang Prabang is a must-visit place. It is a Unesco World Heritage Site and Laos' ancient capital. Explore its old-world charm and Buddhist temples.*

*Hike to the magnificent Kuang Si Falls, the largest waterfall in Luang Prabang. En route to Xiengkhouang, enjoy some of the most impressive scenery in Southeast Asia. This tour will also take you to the three sites of the strange giant stone jars (Plain of Jars) whose use and significance are a mystery to this day. Travel to the sleepy capital Vientiane and spend time wandering past French colonial mansions and watch a fiery sunset over the Mekong.*

*This Laos tour also takes you to the off-beat destination of Laos. In Southern Laos, you will see the fertile Bolaven Plateau, known for its cool mountain climate, numerous dramatic waterfalls and plantations that produce some of the world's finest coffee. You will also be exploring the incredible*



*Vat Phou temple complex, which pre-dates Cambodia's Angkor Wat, in Champasak province. And at Si Phan Don (Four Thousand Islands), enjoy a boat tour around the islands in the Lower Mekong River.*

### **DAY 1: WELCOME TO LAOS – LUANG PRABANG ARRIVAL (B)**

Upon arrival at the airport, our driver will meet you and transfer you to the hotel. Luang Prabang is perhaps the best-preserved traditional city in Southeast Asia. Its tranquility and charm with its splendid natural scenery and cultural sights make it one of the most delightful places to visit in Laos.

After a short rest, we will visit the impressive stupa of Wat Visoun and the shrines of Wat Aham and Wat Mai. We then climb up to the top of Mount Phousi for an enjoyable exploration of the sacred, gilded stupa, and watch a beautiful sunset above the city and the Mekong River. From there, we go to explore the night market, where you can find a lovely selection of handmade textiles made by the local hill-tribe people surrounding Luang Prabang.

*Overnight in Luang Prabang*

### **DAY 2: LUANG PRABANG — PAK OU CAVES (B)**

After breakfast, enjoy a short tour to the city's oldest temple Wat Sene and the magnificent Wat Xiengthong. We then board a cruise upstream on the Mekong River. Enjoy a panoramic view of the tranquil countryside along the way to the mysterious Pak Ou Caves. These two caves are linked and crammed with thousands of gold lacquered Buddha statues of various shapes and sizes left by pilgrims.

En route, we stop at the village of Ban Xanghai, where the local specialty — rice wine — is produced. Once back to Luang Prabang, we take a short drive to Ban Phanom, a village well known for its traditional hand weaving.

*Overnight in Luang Prabang*

### **DAY 3: LUANG PRABANG — KHOUANGSI WATERFALL (B)**

Get up early to get the opportunity to participate in the daily morning rituals of saffron-clad monks collecting alms (ubiquitous sticky rice) from the faithful residents. This tradition is very unique in Laos, being the only Buddhist nation still preserving the tradition. From there, we will visit the morning Phosi Market where you can see a big diversity of local products, such as dried buffalo skin, local tea, vegetables, and woven products made by hill-tribe people.

Laos is also known for its traditional handicrafts, and today you will travel and visit local villages of Laos ethnic minority groups at Ban Ouay and Ban Thapene. Then we will drive to the beautiful Khouangsi Waterfall, where you can swim in the turquoise pools or walk along the forest paths.

*Overnight in Luang Prabang*

#### **DAY 4: LUANG PRABANG — XIENGKHOUANG (B)**

After breakfast, we check out from the hotel and start our trip to Xiengkhouang. On the way, we will visit the National Museum (closed on Tuesdays) at the former Royal Palace, which displays a lovely collection of artifacts reflecting the richness of Laos culture dating from the days of the early kings right through the last sovereign. You will also visit the Central Market.

Then we will drive 306km uphill the mountain surrounded by wonderful natural sceneries to Xiengkhouang, which was devastated by the American bombing between 1964 and 1973. Upon arrival, we will visit the Plain of Jars, an impressive archaeological site where hundreds of large stone jars are scattered all over the plateau. If time permits, we see the old capital of Muang Khoun and the nearby villages, home to the Hmong hill tribe people.

*Overnight in Xiengkhouang*

#### **DAY 5: XIENGKHOUANG – VIENTIANE (B)**

Relish the remaining moment in Xiengkhouang before your private driver escorts you to the airport from where you will be flying to Vientiane. At Vientiane airport, your driver will pick you up and transfer you to your respective accommodation. You will have the rest of the day to yourself.

#### **DAY 6: VIENTIANE CITY TOUR (B)**

Today you will see the major sights of the capital, including the oldest Wat Sisaket, the temple with thousands of miniature Buddha statues, and the former royal temple of Wat Prakeo. Then continue to Laos' national precious heritage, the famous and sacred structure of That Luang Stupa. On the way, have a stop to take some pictures of the imposing Patuxai war monument, which is well-known as Vientiane's own Arc de Triumph.

In the afternoon, continue the sightseeing tour to Buddha Park, where you will see a scattered enchanting collection of Buddhist and Hindu sculptures on the Mekong riverside meadow, close to the Friendship Bridge. It has approximately 200 religious images dating back over 500 years. Finish your day with a spectacular view over the Mekong River.

*Overnight in Vientiane*

#### **DAY 7: FLIGHT FROM VIENTIANE TO PAKSE – DON KHON ISLAND (B)**

After breakfast, we catch an early flight to Pakse. On arrival, our driver and guide will meet you and take you for a drive on the National Road No 13th south to Champassak to visit the fascinating pre-Angkorian ruins of Vat Phou.

Take your time to explore these intriguing Khmer ruins. This wonderful archeological site of Khmer civilization dates back to the 10th century, predating the famous Angkor Wat in Cambodia. We then continue our journey by long tail boat to Don Khon, the largest island in the South Mekong River region, also known as the Four Thousand Islands. It is one of the most scenic areas in Laos.

### *Overnight on Don Khon Island*

#### **DAY 8: DON KHON ISLAND – FOUR THOUSAND ISLANDS (B)**

After an early breakfast, we explore the local villages of Ban Khone, where you will see an array of relics from the French colonial era and retrace the old colonial past, including old French colonial buildings and the remnants of the first Lao railway with its locomotive. We then continue exploring the Four Thousand Islands by boat. Visit the Liphith Waterfall, one of the most beautiful waterfalls that marks the border between Laos and Cambodia. If we are lucky, we may even see the rare freshwater dolphins at Ban Hang Khone. After, return to Ban Nakasang and drive to the famous Khone Phapheng Falls, the largest waterfall in South East Asia.

### *Overnight on Don Khon Island*

#### **DAY 9: DON KHON ISLAND — TADLO — PAKSE (B)**

Today, we leave Don Khon Island and continue our journey towards Tad Lo, through the Bolaven Plateau. The Bolaven Plateau is known for its cooler temperature and being high above the Mekong Valley. Rivers run off this high plateau in all directions before plunging into lush forests along and series of spectacular surging waterfalls.

A trip to the plateau provides a refreshing break from the heat and allows you to observe the cultivation of rich coffee, tea, cardamom, bananas, and other agricultural products. During this trip, you will have a chance to venture off the beaten track and discover some of the lesser-known areas of Laos, and explore the wild beauty of this southern region. We also visit Tad Lo waterfalls and the surrounding villages of Alak, Nge, and Katu. We return to Pakse by late evening.

### *Overnight in Pakse*

#### **DAY 10: PAKSE DEPARTURE (B)**

Relish a healthy breakfast on the final day of your trip to Laos. After completing the hotel check-out formalities, you can visit the local markets to buy souvenirs for your loved ones. Later your private driver will transfer you to the airport to catch your flight back home.

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Xieng Khuang	Anoulack Khen Lao Hotel or similar	<a href="http://www.anoulackkhenlao.com/">http://www.anoulackkhenlao.com/</a>
Vientiane	Vientiane Plaza Hotel or similar	<a href="https://www.vientianeplazahotel.com/">https://www.vientianeplazahotel.com/</a>

Khong Island	Senesothxeune Hotel or similar	<a href="https://www.ssx-hotel.com/">https://www.ssx-hotel.com/</a>
Pakse	Pakse Hotel or similar	<a href="http://www.hotelpakse.com/">http://www.hotelpakse.com/</a>

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Luang Prabang	Santi Resort & Spa or similar	<a href="http://villasantihotel.com/santi-resort-spa/">http://villasantihotel.com/santi-resort-spa/</a>
Xieng Khuang	Anoulack Khen Lao Hotel or similar	<a href="http://www.anoulackkhenlao.com/">http://www.anoulackkhenlao.com/</a>
Vientiane	Donchan Palace Hotel or similar	<a href="https://www.donchanpalacelaopdr.com/">https://www.donchanpalacelaopdr.com/</a>
Khong Island	Senesothxeune Hotel or similar	<a href="https://www.ssx-hotel.com/">https://www.ssx-hotel.com/</a>
Pakse	Champasack Grand or similar	<a href="https://www.champasakgrand.com/">https://www.champasakgrand.com/</a>

#### 5 STARS

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Luang Prabang	Luang Prabang View or similar	<a href="http://www.luangprabangview.com/">http://www.luangprabangview.com/</a>
Xieng Khuang	Anoulack Khen Lao Hotel or similar	<a href="http://www.anoulackkhenlao.com/">http://www.anoulackkhenlao.com/</a>
Vientiane	Lao Plaza Hotel or similar	<a href="http://www.laoplazahotel.com/">http://www.laoplazahotel.com/</a>
Khong Island	Senesothxeune Hotel or similar	<a href="https://www.ssx-hotel.com/">https://www.ssx-hotel.com/</a>
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<b>4 stars</b>	3,038	1,674	1,376	1,197	1,092	1,023	452
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## LUXURY VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA TOUR 14 DAYS



**DESTINATION:** Hanoi, Ba Vi, Mai Chau, Ninh Binh, Halong Bay, Ho Chi Minh, Siem Reap, Battambang, Phnom Penh

**DURATION:** 14 Days

*Let's exert your sweat during a 14-day trip in both rising stars in Southeast Asia – Vietnam and Cambodia. As the kick-off for a chain of discovery activities, Bavi Eco Tour will bring you plenty of sweet and “sweat” memories. Joining cycling, tea-leave harvesting, and cooking activities sounds hectic but surprisingly comfortable. Then, Mai Chau awaits the pioneers-to-be and arranged a table of its dishes such as kayaking and cycling. Then, a tailor-made route will be ready for your next destination, Ninh Binh. Cycle along with the rice fields and rivers Tam Coc – Binh Dong, visit Hoa Lu Ancient Capital with some vestige of Vietnamese feudal dynasties. A must-have item on the bucket list of any travelers to Vietnam must be awarded to Halong Bay. You will be amazed by its beauty and attractiveness. Finish your journey in Vietnam in vibrant Ho Chi Minh, which you will explore by jeep. Take a flight to the country of temples, Cambodia, you will see the symbol of Siem Reap, Angkor Wat complex with famous series of colossal human faces carved in stone. Continue this flow of stunning architectural masterpieces, discovering the mysterious appeal of this area with a Banteay Srei and the delicate beauty of the carvings of this temple. Head to Battambang town with French Colonial architecture and other modern temples. Taste the special steam-sticky rice cooked in bamboo there and walk in a small local market. The trip will end with a pagoda built up with 5000 silver tiles, Royal Palace, and Wat Phnom Temple in Phnom Penh.*

### DAY 1: HANOI ARRIVAL

Your Vietnam adventure begins with your arrival in Hanoi. Your guide and private driver will meet you at the airport, holding a signboard with your name. They will escort you to your accommodation right in the heart of the city, with the fascinating Old Quarter at your fingertips. You can easily explore the city at your own pace or relax at the hotel after the flight.

*Overnight in Hanoi*

## **DAY 2: HANOI – BA VI ECO TOUR – MAI CHAU – IMMERSE INTO VIETNAMESE COUNTRYSIDE (B/L)**

Enjoy a hearty breakfast at the hotel then our experienced English-speaking guide escorts you on the trip to Ba Vi, a countryside located on the outskirts of Hanoi.

Arrive at Ri village, enjoy the welcome drink and snacks and meet your first host - Mr. Duoc, who is a Vietnam War veteran and tea-farm owner. Listen to the stories of Mr. Duoc's life during the war while enjoying the drink and then visit his tea plantation. You will learn how to pick the best tea leaves to make the most wonderful beverage in Vietnam. Carry on with the tea production at his small workshop, where most of the work is manual.

Then have a short drive to Moc village, where you will meet your next host Mrs. Chin, who will teach you how to cook local Vietnamese dishes. Later have the meals you made for lunch in a beautiful tropical garden.

Have a short break after lunch, and join Mrs. Chin for a walk around the village. You will visit some local families to understand the rural lifestyle and learn how tofu, conical hats, and other local products are made. Then have a cycling trip through beautiful paddy fields to meet your last host Mr. Chinh, who will meet you with fresh mint lemon juice. All ingredients are freshly picked from his own garden.

Wrap up your countryside tour with traditional feet soak in warm water with herbs, following the traditional recipes of the Muong ethnic minority. It will relax you (and your feet) after cycling around the village.

Then your driver will transfer you to Mai Chau.

*Overnight in Mai Chau.*

## **DAY 3: MAI CHAU – KAYAKING TRIP (B/L)**

Today you will have a great opportunity to discover Da River (Black River) and enjoy the scenic landscapes with limestone islets sprinkled all around. Jump on a kayak and explore the true beauty of nature in Northern Vietnam. Visit the fishing village, where you will meet and talk to the local fishermen to know more about their lifestyle. Paddle through islets and explore the fairy pond.

Have lunch with local meals and spend more time kayaking. Later you will be back at your hotel.

## **DAY 4: MAI CHAU - CYCLING AT LUSH GREEN MOUNTAIN SIDE (B/L)**

Today we will take you on a cycling trip (about 15 km) around the local villages, where you will learn a lot about the unique Thai culture.

Soak up the tranquil daily life by seeing the farmers working on their lush green paddy fields: growing rice, vegetable, and grazing livestock depending on the seasons. The spectacular

landscapes with soaring mountains, green paddy fields, and nice traditional houses on stilts, all together with the unique cultural features of Thai ethnic people, which are less affected by modern life, will bring you unforgettable memories.

Have lunch and get ready for your transfer to another area of Mai Chau.

*Overnight in Mai Chau*

#### **DAY 5: MAI CHAU - NINH BINH (B)**

Have breakfast at your hotel and get ready to depart to Ninh Binh, known as Halong Bay on Land. Upon arrival, you will visit Hoa Lu Ancient Capital to learn more about the time of feudal dynasties in Vietnamese history.

Take a rest for lunch, after which you will depart to the dock for a boat ride in Tam Coc. Admire the beauty of the karst formations on both sides of the river while the boat takes its way along the river.

Then have a cycling trip (around 5 km) through the quiet roads passing by the rice fields and rivers. After the cycling trip, you will be transferred to your hotel to have a rest after a busy day.

*Overnight in Tam Coc*

#### **DAY 6: NINH BINH - CRUISE IN THE NATURAL WONDER OF THE WORLD (B/L/D)**

Have a hearty breakfast at the hotel. Today you will make your trip to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Vietnam. We leave the greeny rice fields of Ninh Binh behind, bound for the serenity of Lan Ha Bay, the less touristy area of Tonkin Gulf on the South of Halong Bay.

Upon arrival at Tuan Chau International Marina, you will board the cruise.

Get acquainted with the facilities on board as the boat starts sailing into the bay. Savor your first hours of cruising on the sun deck and let your eyes wander over the breathtaking scenery of Lan Ha Bay - Cat Ba Archipelago. Have lunch on board.

Later the cruise vessel approaches a secret hideaway place with beaches, caves, and coves, where you can see the spectacular natural beauty of about 400 islands. Have a stop here for kayaking and swimming in the clear water of the bay.

Then return to the boat and enjoy the afternoon tea while watching the sunset from the sun deck. Later join the Vietnamese cooking class led by the cruise chef, followed by a delicious dinner.

In the evening, have a relaxing time on the boat or try your luck with squid fishing.

*Overnight on cruise*

#### **DAY 7: HALONG BAY – HANOI – FLIGHT TO HO CHI MINH (B/L)**

Rise early today to view the dawn at the Wonder of the Nature World with breakfast served in the dining room. A Tai Chi class on the sun deck will awake your mind and muscles.

Then head off in a bamboo boat to explore Dark and Bright Cave, a stunning limestone structure of two caves, which you can access only by boat.

Then return to the boat to check out and enjoy the brunch while the cruise is sailing back to the harbor. Later you will be transferred to Hanoi airport for your flight to Ho Chi Minh. Upon arrival at Ho Chi Minh airport you will be escorted to your hotel.

*Overnight in Ho Chi Minh*

### **DAY 8: EXPLORE THE VIBRANT CITY BY JEEP CAR (B)**

Today you will explore the most remarkable places of Ho Chi Minh city in military-style by Jeep.

Have breakfast at your hotel before your guide and driver pick you up to begin your Jeep adventure. Drive through Saigon streets towards the Independence Palace/ the Reunification Palace. The palace is a symbolic destination of the end of the Vietnam War during the Fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975, when the North Vietnamese Army tank number 843 crashed through the gates of what was the residence of the President of the Republic of Vietnam.

Next, you will admire the Museum of American War Crimes/ the War Remnants Museum is the most popular museum in Ho Chi Minh City. It gathers a collection of the machinery, weapons, photos, and documentation of Vietnam's wars.

After the Museum, you will see Notre Dame Cathedral and the Old Post Office, which are the best highlights of old Saigon architecture and are located next to each other right in the heart of Ho Chi Minh City.

And then, Jeep will take you for a drive along famous roads in Saigon as Dong Khoi street, and Nguyen Hue street, and head to Ben Thanh Market, a lively market in District 1, where your guide can help you barter for goods. And then, Jeep goes to Bui Vien street and back to your hotel.

*Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City*

### **DAY 9: TRAVEL FROM HO CHI MINH TO SIEM REAP (B)**

Relish the remaining moment in Ho Chi Minh before your private driver escorts you to the airport to take the international flight to Siem Reap. When you arrive at Siem Reap airport, your driver will pick you up and transfer you to your accommodation. The rest of the time is free at leisure.

*Overnight in Siem Reap*

### **DAY 10: SIEM REAP - ANGKOR WAT (B)**

Have breakfast at the hotel and start your sightseeing tour of the Angkor area. Start your exploration with the wondrous ancient ruins with the South Gate of Angkor Thom, which is famous for its series of colossal human faces carved in stone. Continue your sightseeing to the impressive Bayon Temple, the Royal Enclosure, Phimeanakas, the Elephant Terrace, the Terrace of the Leper King, and the largest as well as the most complete temple of Angkor Wat. This architectural

masterpiece was constructed in the 12th century and covers an area of about 210 hectares. We will stroll around this massive edifice, seeing the many galleries with columns, libraries, pavilions, courtyards, and ponds full of water reflecting the towering temple. Then visit the famous jungle-covered temple of Ta Prohm. Here the enormous fig trees and gigantic creepers embrace themselves in the stone foundations of the structure giving the impression of man's creation being reclaimed by the powerful forces of nature.

*Overnight in Siem Reap.*

### **DAY 11: SIEM REAP - BANTEAY SREI (B)**

Have breakfast at the hotel and get ready for your next adventure. Today you will visit Banteay Srei. This complex of temples was constructed in the late 10th century by a Brahmin counselor under the powerful king Rajendarvarman. This temple is wrongly known as the citadel of the woman, however, the modern appellation refers to the dedicated beauty of the carvings. En route, we will stop at Pre Rub (turn the body) temple, constructed in the late 10th century and dedicated to Hindu gods. It reflects the common belief among Cambodians and is used to conduct funerals.

Then visit Preah Khan temple, built by King Jayavarman VII and dedicated to his father. It is a huge and highly exportable monastic complex, which is served as a Buddhist monastery and school, engaging over 1000 monks. Continue to Neak Pean, a small island temple located in the middle of the last Baray, constructed by a Khmer king in the Angkor area.

In the evening we will take a Tuk Tuk, a small open-sided taxi, to cruise around the suburb of Siem Reap town for a blessing ceremony by Buddhist monks for happiness, prosperity, and safety for your journey.

*Overnight in Siem Reap*

### **DAY 12: SIEM REAP - TRAVEL TO BATTAMBANG (B)**

Have breakfast at the hotel and get ready for your trip to Battambang. Upon arrival in Battambang town and check-in at your hotel, we will drive along the picturesque Sangker River to Wat Slaket Pagoda, the former residence of the provincial Buddhist patriarch.

Continue your exploration by visiting Ek Phnom Temple, which is an 11th-century Angkorian-era ruin built as a Hindu temple under Suryavarman I. The temple consists of prasats on a platform with carvings in pretty good condition and a modern pagoda that sits next to the ruin. The river road you take to drive to Ek Phnom from Battambang passes through small villages and rice paddies.

After temple exploration, you will visit a market where Prahoc, the Cambodian fish paste is made, and steam-sticky rice is cooked in bamboo. Return to town for a short walk to the local market.



*Overnight at the hotel in Battambang.*

### **DAY 13: BATTAMBANG SIGHTSEEING - TRAVEL TO PHNOM PENH (B)**

Have breakfast at the hotel and take some rest until our guide and driver will take you to more sightseeing and drive you to Phnom Penh. Visit Ksach Puoy village, located on the banks of the Sangker River. It is home to many well-preserved traditional Khmer wooden stilted homes. This area also grows a variety of tropical fruits and, after the rainy season, farmers plant all kinds of vegetables along the fertile river banks. Here you will learn about traditional agriculture and taste juicy oranges, sweet pineapples, and many other fruits.

Not far from Ksach Puoy is Cambodia's first vineyard – Prasat Phnom Banan Vineyard – you can pop in if you like, learn about producing wine in the tropics, and enjoy a spot of wine tasting! After a few kilometers further, you will arrive at the well-preserved 11th-century mountaintop Angkorian temple of Phnom Banan. After climbing the 350+ steps, you will be treated to a wonderfully peaceful setting with superb views across the surrounding countryside. Observe the small villages dotting the endless rice paddies and sugar palm trees. Then continue the trip to Phnom Penh.

*Overnight in Phnom Penh.*

### **DAY 14: TIME TO SAY GOODBYE - PHNOM PENH DEPARTURE (B)**

Have breakfast at the hotel, and we will visit the Royal Palace and the Silver Pagoda, which is named because of its floor made up of 5000 silver tiles. The treasures found inside include a solid gold Buddha encrusted and weighing 90 kg. and a small 17th-century emerald and baccarat crystal Buddha. Later, visit Wat Phnom Temple, a famous landmark of Phnom Penh. Then our driver will take you to the Phnom Penh International Airport for your flight back home.

### **INCLUSIVE**

- \* Door-to-door pick-up & drop-off services
- \* All transportation mentioned above
- \* In tour flights from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh, and from Ho Chi Minh to Siem Reap, with 20 kg luggage allowance per person.
- \* Accommodation shared in Double/ Twin/ Triple room with daily breakfast (including 5% service fee and 10% VAT tax)
- \* Check-in room at 14:00 // Check-out room at 12:00 noon (Except Early check-in or Late check-out mentioned in the program)
- \* Experienced English speaking guide
- \* Meals as stated in the itinerary (B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner)



- \* All tours and sightseeing tickets according itinerary
- \* Vietnam visa approval letter
- \* Tissues and water on coach
- \* Service charges and government tax
- \* Exclusive and personalized single agent/single customer service
- \* 24/7 hotline support guaranteed
- \* No extra charge after services confirmation

### **EXCLUSIVE**

- \* International flights and departure taxes
- \* Beverage, personal expenses, tips and gratuities
- \* Travel insurance
- \* Public holiday surcharge (if any)
- \* Compulsory Gala Dinner on 24 Dec and 31 Dec
- \* Early check-in and late check-out (If not mentioned)
- \* Visa stamping fee on arrival at the airport in Vietnam: \$25/ person, Cambodia: \$30 / person
- \* Surcharge for airport cabs from 12:00am – 05:00am
- \* Other services not mentioned above

### **HOTEL LIST**

#### **4 STARS**

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Website</b>
Hanoi	La Siesta Premium Hang Be or similar	<a href="https://lasiestahotels.vn/hangbe/">https://lasiestahotels.vn/hangbe/</a>
Mai Chau	Mai Chau Hideaway or similar	<a href="https://maichauhideaway.com/en/Default.aspx">https://maichauhideaway.com/en/Default.aspx</a>
Ninh Binh	Emeralda Resort Ninh Binh or similar	<a href="http://www.emeraldaresort.com/">http://www.emeraldaresort.com/</a>
Halong Bay	Cozy Boutique Cruise or similar	<a href="http://cozyboutiquecruise.com/">http://cozyboutiquecruise.com/</a>
Ho Chi Minh	Liberty Central Saigon CityPoint or similar	<a href="https://www.libertycentralsaigoncitypoint.com/en/">https://www.libertycentralsaigoncitypoint.com/en/</a>
Siem Reap	Metta Residence or similar	<a href="https://mettaresidence.com/">https://mettaresidence.com/</a>
Battambang	Battambang Resort or similar	<a href="https://battambangresort.com/">https://battambangresort.com/</a>

Phnom Penh	Anik Palace Hote or similar	<a href="https://www.anikhotelgroup.com/anikpalace/">https://www.anikhotelgroup.com/anikpalace/</a>
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### **5 STARS**

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Website</b>
Hanoi	Hanoi De l'Opera M Gallery	<a href="http://hoteldelopera.com/">http://hoteldelopera.com/</a>
Mai Chau	Mai Chau Hideaway or similar	<a href="https://maichauhideaway.com/en/Default.aspx">https://maichauhideaway.com/en/Default.aspx</a>
Ninh Binh	Tam Coc Garden Resort or similar	<a href="https://www.tamcocgarden.com/">https://www.tamcocgarden.com/</a>
Halong Bay	Era Cruise or similar	<a href="https://eracruises.com/en/">https://eracruises.com/en/</a>
Ho Chi Minh	The Myst Dong Hoi	<a href="https://www.themystdongkhoihotel.com/">https://www.themystdongkhoihotel.com/</a>
Siem Reap	Sofitel Angkor Phokheetra	<a href="https://www.sofitel-angkor-phokeethra.com/">https://www.sofitel-angkor-phokeethra.com/</a>
Battambang	Maison Wat Kor	<a href="https://www.maisonswatkor.com/">https://www.maisonswatkor.com/</a>
Phnom Penh	Sofitel Phnom Penh	<a href="https://www.sofitel-phnompenh-phokeethra.com/">https://www.sofitel-phnompenh-phokeethra.com/</a>

### **PRICE:**

### **NET RATES:**

<b>Group size</b>	<b>Price per person in USD in party of</b>						
	<b>1p</b>	<b>2p</b>	<b>3-4p</b>	<b>5-6p</b>	<b>7-9p</b>	<b>10-14p</b>	<b>Sgl Sup</b>
<b>4 stars</b>	4,051	2,425	2,160	2,096	1,893	1,815	785
<b>5 stars</b>	5,520	3,152	2,888	2,773	2,621	2,543	1,501

### **BOOKING PROCESS**

**Step 1:** Contact us at [sales@realisticasia.com](mailto:sales@realisticasia.com) to confirm the date and number of travelers and any special requirements.

**Step 2:** Send us scan copies of travellers' passports

**Step 3:** Make the deposit as follow the invoice sent by us

### **CANCELLATION**

Realistic Asia must be informed in writing. Cancellation charges would be effective from the date we receive advice in writing and cancellation charges would apply as follows:

+ 60 days prior to arrival date: No cancellation charge. We Guarantee 100% Money Back. + Airfare cancellation fees (according to the airline's cancellation policy) if any

+ 59 - 30 days prior to arrival date: 5% cancellation charge. + Airfare cancellation fees (according to the airline's cancellation policy) if any

+ 29 - 15 days prior to arrival date: 10% + Airfare cancellation fees (according to the airline's cancellation policy) if any

+ 14 - 8 days prior to arrival date: 40% + Airfare cancellation fees (according to the airline's cancellation policy) if any

+ 7 days prior to arrival date: 100 %

+ No show: 100%

### **CONDITION OF INSURANCE**

Realistic Asia demands that all clients going on our trips hold proper personal medical insurance. If clients do not hold insurance and refuse to sign on before the departure date, Realistic Asia reserves the right not to carry out the trip.