

Lose yourself in Hoi An and in lush green fields in small villages

Experience a romantic time on your beautiful wooden boat in Halong Bay

Enjoy southern Vietnamese cuisine & have exploration of Cu Chi Tunnel

Take part in exciting activities such as biking, riding cyclo or electric car, swimming, planting, fishing, boating

Take a chance to discover the rural areas, learn about farming life, visit wonderful

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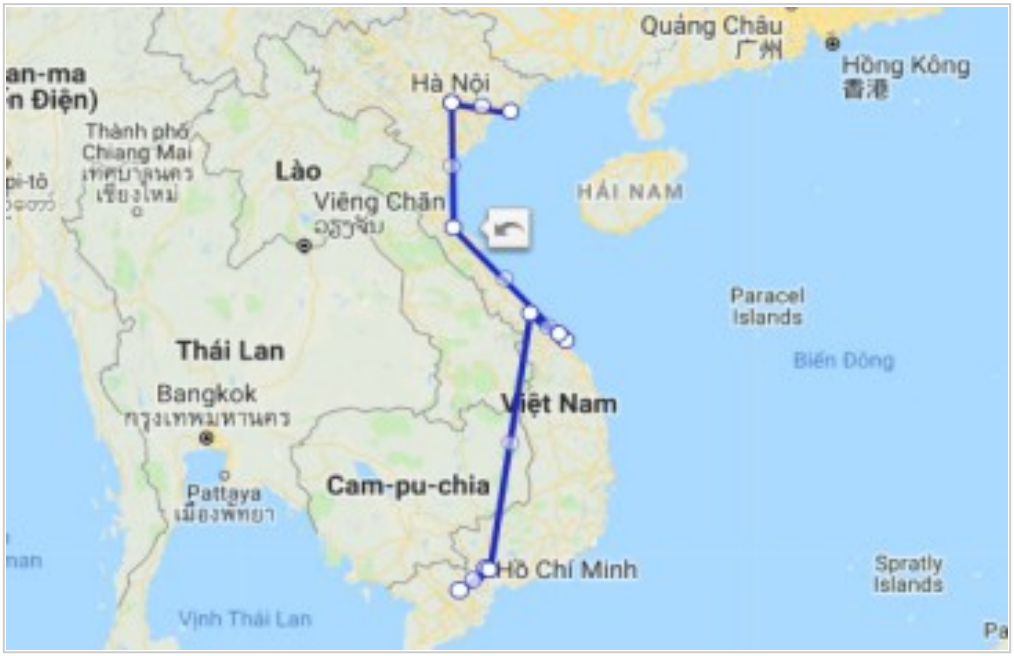
fruit gardens and contact directly with local people

Visit the ancient capital of Vietnam with many highlighted sites such as the Imperial Citadel, Tu Duc/ Minh Mang tomb and Thien Mu pagoda

Explore the the most remarkable highlights of Hanoi such as Ho Chi Minh Complex, One Pillar Pagoda, temple of Literature or Museum of Ethnology

Trip Overview

Would you like to discover Vietnam from another point of view? Would you like to feel the real essence of Vietnam? The best way to know one country is by meeting local people and living among them. We have designed this tour in order to explore the culture at each destination, join many interesting activities, taste many local foods and learn about the local people’s lifestyle.



What you'll get

DURATION
12 days 11 nights

PRICE STARTING FROM
US$ 1,389

STARTS IN / ENDS IN
Ho Chi Minh City / Hanoi

SUITABLE
Friends, Family, All of people

Transportation
Car, Shuttle bus, Airplane

PRODUCT CODE
T88VP02

MEALS
11 Breakfasts, 10 Lunches, 3 Dinners, 1 Brunch

ACCOMMODATION
Cruise Cabin, Homestay, Hotel

TYPE
Land tour

Price Includes

- All sightseeing tickets
- Experienced English speaking guide
- Services charges and government tax
- Vietnam visa Approval letter (single entry)
- Halong bay Kayaking in Standard & Superior Class
- Accommodation shared in Twin/Double room with daily breakfast
- Meals as stated in the itinerary (B: Breakfast ; L: Lunch ; D: Dinner)
- Halong Bay Cruise program shared in Twin/Double cabin as per tour
- AC land transfer in Car/ Minivan included airport transfer in all destination

- 2 Domestic Flights Ho Chi Minh - Hue; Da Nang - Hanoi (Economic class of Vietnam Airline)

Price Excludes

- Beverage
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses, tips and gratuities
- International flights & departures taxes
- EARLY Check in & LATE Check out at hotel
- Halong bay Kayaking in Deluxe & Luxury Class
- Peak season surcharge & compulsory dinner in the accommodation
- Other services are not mentioned above

Cancellation by Customer

For almost of our tours, once tour is confirmed and fully paid but for one reason they cancel the tour, the following charges will apply in the event of cancellation prior to tour commencement:

- More than 45 days prior to trip departure: No charge (Full refund will be made but transaction fee will be paid by you).
- 30-45 days before arrival: 10% of total tour price.
- 15-29 days before arrival: 50% of total tour price.
- 7-14 days before arrival: 75% of total tour price.
- Within 7 days before arrival: 100% tour price.

Note:

- The above fees are subject to an added bank transaction fee.
- There will be no refund given for any unused or missed ground arrangements, sightseeing, meals or hotel accommodations.
- For no show cases, there will be no refund.
- All cancellations must be in person or in writing and received by us

Cancellation by Weather

In case of an unexpected situation/ bad weather causes an effect on your trip after commencement, we serve the right to change the itinerary of your booked tour for the safety of all clients in the group. If there are more than one solution, we will ask for your permission and agreement to do the next step. In such kind of cancellation, the refund of any payment on the un-used portion of transportation service, hotel service, car rental or tours will be given.

Itineraries

Day 1: Ho Chi Minh arrival

Upon arrival, you will be warmly welcomed by your local guide and transferred to the city and to your hotel. The room is at disposal at 2.00pm.
The balance of day is free at your leisure.
Meals on your own. Overnight at the hotel.

Meals: N/A

Accommodation: Hotel

Day 2: Ho Chi Minh - Mekong Delta - Cai Lay

Have breakfast at your hotel.
08:00am Head for the southwest of Saigon for two hours, and along the way notice lush rice paddies and fruit farms emerging alongside the highway. Upon arrival in Cai Lay, board a charming wooden boat to enjoy the countryside scenery and river life. Stretch your legs a bit and hop on a local bicycle for a lovely ride of about 7km (over easy terrain) along narrow, shade covered village lanes, fruit orchards and local cottage industries. Locals will often greet you with a hello or “xin chao” as you pedal by.
Arrive at home of a tropical fruit farmer and have a walk with him around his orchard. Enjoy the opportunity for tasting fresh fruits picked right from the trees. Then relax and enjoy the view from a small sampan boat as you are paddled slowly along idyllic canals. Disembark and continue your ride to a local home for a home-hosted lunch of Mekong Delta specialties. After lunch, keep riding to a garden house where you will spend the night with a friendly family. Opt to wander to the surrounding areas or have a little chat with the hosts for a better understanding of agriculture river life.
This evening, help the family to prepare traditional dessert dishes before savoring an authentic home-style dinner

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: homestay

Day 3: Cai Be - Ho Chi Minh

Your new exciting day starts with a typical breakfast prepared by our hosts. Then pedal back to a tea house to embark your boat for one hour boat ride to Cai Be. Relax while enjoying the countryside scenery and river life!
Arrive Cai Be, visit the colorful floating market, stocked with many boats bursting with fruits, vegetables, and other products for sale. Traders have lived on the river in their boats for generations and have become incredibly inventive to sustain life on the river. If you are an adventurous traveler, try some local fresh fruits purchased

directly in this unique market. Disembark and visit some further local industry cottages before proceeding to an ancient house for your lunch.
Afterwards, return to Saigon by your private car.
15:00 End tour at your hotel in Ho Chi Minh.

Meals: B, L

Accommodation: hotel

Day 4: Cooking class - Ho Chi Minh - Hue

Leave Ho Chi Minh City at around **7.30am**.
Visit agricultural villages with cow and buffalo areas, lush rice fields and vegetable areas. It is a chance to become a real Vietnamese Farmer wearing a Vietnamese traditional hat and picking up a lot of herbs, spices, vegetables and mushrooms on the garden.
At around 10.am, start with cooking Challenges. Hands-on cooking class with three dishes and 1 dessert and enjoy what you have done. Enjoy Great Healthy Cooking Tips and congratulation with nice certificate, recipes, and souvenirs.
In the afternoon, you will have chances to visit rice paper village to learn how to make and practice rice paper, visit Rubber tree forest to explore what benefits rubber tree bring for people.
After that, start an interesting trip with Cu Chi Tunnels. This incredible system, covering almost 250km in length was shelter to over 16,000 Vietcong guerrillas during the wars. Initially started in 1948 to provide shelter against the French air and ground sweeps, the network went on to serve as communication routes, storage facilities, hospitals and living quarters for Vietnamese fighters throughout the American war. If you are interested (and game) you can even descend into the tunnels to learn more about the harsh conditions faced by Vietcong guerrillas who lived there.
At the end of the trip, tasting boiled tapioca, drinking hot tea before drive you to Ho Chi Minh Airport for your evening flight to Hue.
On arrival Hue airport, meet your local guide and be transferred to your hotel for

check in.
Dinner on your own. Overnight at Hue hotel.

Meals: B, L

Accommodation: Hotel

Day 5: Hue city tour

Have breakfast at your hotel and start today tour **at 08:00am**.
In the morning, visit to the majestic Imperial Citadel of Hue, located along Perfume River. After that, visit a beautiful garden house where a charming Vietnamese couple will welcome you. The landlord will give you a guided tour of the various centenarian buildings, which make up the house and then he will invite you a cup of tea with traditional cakes.
In the afternoon, continue your journey to discover Minh Mang tomb - one of the most beautiful tombs in Hue. Finish your day with a walk around Dong Ba market.
16:30: End of the tour at your hotel.
Dinner on your own. Overnight at the hotel.

Meals: B, L

Accommodation: hotel

Day 6: Hue sightseeing

08:00am Leave your hotel by private vehicle to Thanh Tien Village. You might wish to stop en route to capture typical moments of local life and beautiful landscapes (French cows, churches…). This is an opportunity to discover the charms of the Hue

countryside, its ancient villages, its pagodas and churches as well as its rivers covered with lotus flowers (subject to weather conditions). Thanh Tien village is located along the Perfume River famous for its traditional handcraft production of paper flowers and it has been dated back around four hundred years. You can observe the works and participate in the creation of flowers under the guidance of a craftsman.
Back to your hotel around noon and free at your leisure.
At about 15:00, begin your interesting biking tour (about 12 kilometers) along the poetic Nhu Y River, from Vinh Ve village to Chuon Lagoon – a part of famous Tam Giang Lagoon (around 1.5 hour biking). The scenery of the ancient village will captivate the visitors for the traditional architectural beauty of old pavilions, the sophisticated pattern of family temples with charming dragon carvings, the rustic winding paths and the meandering streams of the river leading visitors through the golden paddy fields stretching as far as Chuon Lagoon is. Here, you will embark on a boat to start your amazing lagoon excursion. You will not only enjoy the beautiful scenery but also learn about the daily floating life of local people on the lagoon: very interesting and also very poignant. Then, visit 1 or 2 local stilt houses on the lagoon, enjoy some delicious dishes of grilled seafood and local beer. Finish of the tour, our car will take you back to your hotel at about 17:30.
Meals on your own. Overnight at the hotel

Meals: B, L

Accommodation: Hotel

Day 7: Hue - Da Nang - Hoi An

08:00am Depart by car to Da Nang (105km – 2 – 2.5 hours driving) via the scenic Hai Van Pass, where we will enjoy the spectacular panorama of the central coastline from the summit. Stop at Lang Co to stretch your legs on the white sands of this peaceful beach. Upon arrival in Hoi An, check in to your resort. After a short rest, take a stroll to visit Hoi An town, recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage site because of its unusually well-preserved ancient streets and homes. Set out to

explore the quaint cobblestone streets of the town with the more than two-century-old Chinese houses. Sites including the Japanese Bridge, the Chinese Temple, and Phung Hung Chinese-trading house. Stop at the local market to see the daily activities of Hoi An people. Our guide will invite you to taste some local foods.
At the end of the day, you will have a memorable time for enjoying a cup of tea or coffee at "Reaching Out Tea House" - a very special and unique ancient house where offer you not only a fabulous drinks and snack but also the soul values.
17:00 End tour at your hotel.
Dinner on your own and overnight at the hotel.

Meals: B, L

Accommodation: Hotel

Day 8: Hoi An Eco-tour - Biking in rural areas

08:00am We depart the hotel for a discovery around Hoi An.
Embark on a boat for ride to the mouth of Thu Bon river to enjoy the daily activities of fishermen, such as throwing a fishing net and trading their products. Your boat then, will continue cruising for about half an hour to a fishing village. We will move to a smaller bamboo boat (a coracle) to discover a distinctive mangrove forest. Under the blurry sunlight inside the forest, you might feel a mysterious atmosphere covering this whole area. This excursion also gives you a chance to admire skillful fishermen, who are working in the forest. Back to the tourist boat and anchor in the middle of the river to prepare food. Enjoy meal with some local food of Hoi An.
In the afternoon, you will depart from the pier located in the old city of Hoi An on a local boat, the only mean of transport to sail to the island of Cam Kim. After a crossing of a few minutes, you will reach the village of Kim Bong, and then visit M.Huynh Suong's workshop, a famous sculpting artist who will teach you about his art. Then, you will ride your bikes towards the mat weaving village of Duy Vinh. Over the 13-km route, you will enjoy the landscapes of rice fields, bamboo fields and shaded paths. Once in the village, you will discover its traditions and special know-hows, which have been passed on from generation to generation. Visit a local house

and enjoy a cup of tea and seasonal fruits, you will have a chance to see people weaving mat step by step.
17:00 Back to your hotel in the late afternoon and free at your leisure.
Meals on your own. Overnight at the hotel.

Meals: B, L

Accommodation: Hotel

Day 9: Hoi An - Da Nang - Hanoi street food tour

At good time, leave your hotel to Da Nang Airport for a short flight to Hanoi. On arrival, meet your local guide and be transferred to your hotel for check-in. Lunch on your own.
In the mid afternoon, start the street food tour. Our guide will take you to see some of the markets and establishments that are frequented by the Vietnamese locals. Most of the tour will be outside of the touristic areas that are listed in the guidebooks. Drive to a nearby local market to learn about and taste some of the ingredients used in the local cuisine and to watch the buying and selling rituals in a Vietnamese market. Our guide will introduce you to some of the vendors, explain about the ingredients for sale and assist you with purchasing items to take home. Many photo opportunities will be available in this bustling, vibrant and colorful scene.
Enjoy a Vietnamese Cà Phê (coffee) or Trà (tea), for example Café Gi?ng, one of the many sidewalk cafes in the historic French Quarter. Here the guide will give an overview of the Vietnamese food scene, particularly in Hanoi, and discuss the daily life and culture of Vietnam.
After, drive (or walk) to Truc Bach lake for a snack of " Ph? Cu?n", a grilled beef and rice noodle roll with fresh herbs, served with several other favorite local snacks.
Dinner at one of Hanoi's bún ch? establishments, to enjoy traditional grilled pork and rice vermicelli noodles with fresh herbs, greens and crispy spring rolls (nem rán) like true Hanoians.
Back to your hotel at the end of the tour. Overnight at the hotel.

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Hotel

Day 10: Hanoi city - Bat Trang village

08:00am Start half day tour of Vietnam's capital city, including Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, his traditional stilt house and the revered One-Pillar Pagoda. After that, visit Vietnam's first university ,and the thousand-year-old Temple of Literature. Around noon, we will invite you to a local house for lunch to get a feeling of daily life of a Hanoian family.
Have lunch at a local restaurant.
After lunch time, our guide will invite you for a walking tour around Bat Trang ceramic village. You will have a chance to observe the art of making ceramics by hand and visit family factories all over the village. We will stop at the Dinh Bang communal house. Traditionally, all villages in Vietnam had a community house in the center of the village, which was the site where all decisions regarding village matters were made. The house connected everyone to the village and was the core of Vietnamese culture.
16:30 Back to your hotel at the end of the trip and free at your leisure.
Dinner on your own, Overnight at the hotel.

Meals: B, L

Accommodation: Hotel

Day 11: Hanoi - Halong Bay

Leave Hanoi this morning and head straight to Halong bay a stunning UNESCO World Heritage site with its 3,000 islands of towering limestone dotting the bay and Gulf of Tonkin (180km – 3.5 - 4 hour driving). After arriving at noon, you will board a beautiful boat for an overnight cruise on Halong Bay with an excellent menu of fresh seafood. Lunch and dinner are served on boat. Overnight on board.

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Cruise

Day 12: Halong bay - Hanoi

Wake up early in the morning to enjoy aquamarine water of the bay at its best. After tea break, the boat continue cruising quietly through spectacular limestone formations of Halong Bay. Enjoy the most isolated bay's spectacular and unique islands.
Return to Halong harbour after a brunch for transfer directly to Hanoi Airport for your departure flight. Meals on your own.
End of services.

Meals: B, L, Br

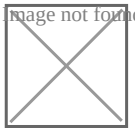
Accommodation: N/A

30 Reviews

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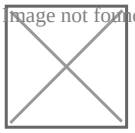
This was a nice experience. A word to the wise take full advantage of the tuk tuk drivers. They can get you around much quicker and safer in the sun and it just makes the whole experience much better. The little museum with emperor clothes was an added Cooling off bonus.



Vietnam?s architecture

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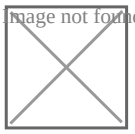
A must visit when travelling to Hue. Makes you think how beautiful was this city before the war. These lovely vestiges of Vietnam?s architecture are well preserved bearing in mind what happened there. There is also an electric car service which will drop you in the relevant places of the citadel. Worth visiting it.



Amazing history

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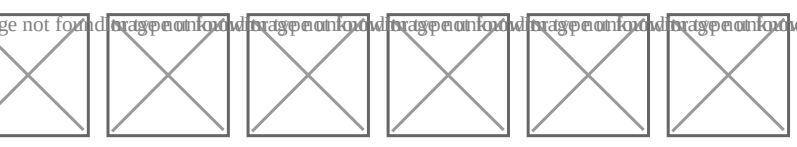
Hue citadel, We enjoyed exploring this amazing site, and learning the history. It is being renovated in many areas but the repairs they have done so far are very good, keeping it original. We enjoyed sitting in front of a fan to watch the information to cool down too! Remember to take your time to enjoy.



Big stars for service!!!

24 Mar 2019

Too beautiful, over our expectations!! Although the weather did not support us very much, we encountered heavy rain in Danang and hot weather in Hanoi, but everything was great. We have discovered a lot of things in this trip, very respectful of the enthusiasm of the tour guide, he's very kind, and cared about us. The accommodation was also very



good, beautiful and cozy.

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Interesting despite the destruction

19 Mar 2019

Very good place to discover part of Vietnam history, even if a fair amount has been destroyed or is being rebuilt / restored. I'd really suggest to go with a guide, otherwise you'd probably have difficulties to understand what was happening there.