



Discover Ho Chi Minh City & South Vietnamese cuisine

Explore Hoi An, the 'Jewel of Vietnam' & taste some delicious local foods

Take cooking classes and learn how to cook some famous dishes of each region of Vietnam

Visit the infamous Cu Chi tunnels – a tunnel network originally over 250km in length and three levels deep

Discover the rural areas, learn about farming life, visit wonderful fruit gardens and



contact with local people

Trip Overview

Vietnamese Culinary 12 days is a deep visit around the country in order to taste and discover the delicious meals and dishes that we can savor in every different region. We will arrange cooking lessons in every destinations, so you would know how to cook typical Vietnamese dishes from each region. We also combine gastronomy with some highlights attraction of Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh, Mekong Delta, Hoi An, Hue, Hanoi and Halong Bay). Delight your senses with this delicious trip!



What you'll get



Address: 17 Bui Vien street, Ho Chi Minh City

DURATION

12 days 11 nights

PRICE STARTING FROM

US\$ 1,205

STARTS IN / ENDS IN

Ho Chi Minh City / Hanoi

SUITABLE

Friends, Family, Couples

Transportation

A/C transfer, Airplane

PRODUCT CODE

T88VP08

MEALS

11 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches, 1 Brunch, 1 Dinner

ACCOMMODATION

Cruise Cabin, Hotel

TYPE

Land tour



Price Includes

- All sightseeing tickets
- Meals as stated in the itinerary
- Accommodation with daily breakfast
- All in-tour local English speaking guide
- Halong Bay Cruise program as per tour
- Kayaking in Standard and Superior Class
- Exclusive and personalized single agent/single customer service
- Vietnam visa Approval letter (single entry) - Not applied for some special countries
- AC Land transfer Car/ Minivan included airport pick up & drop off in all destination
- 2 Flights Ho Chi Minh - Da Nang; Hue - Hanoi (Economic Class of Vietnam Airline)

Price Excludes

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

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

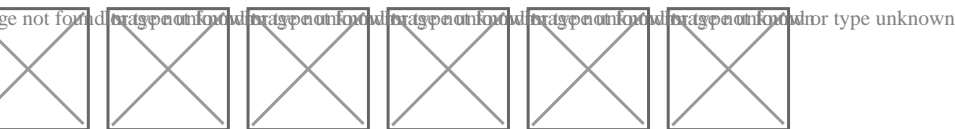
Cancellation by Weather

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

Warmly welcome on arrival Tan Son Nhat Airport by our driver & AC car.
Our driver transfers you to hotel in Ho Chi Minh.



The rest of the day is at your leisure.

Accommodation: Hotel in Saigon

Day 2: Cu Chi Tunnel - Ho Chi Minh

8:00: Welcome tourists at hotel leave for Cu Chi Tunnels - played a vital part in the U.S.-Vietnam War in that they allowed the Viet Cong to control a large rural area only 30 to 40 km from former Saigon. At its height, the tunnel system stretched from Saigon to the Cambodian border. The network, parts of which were several levels deep, included innumerable trap doors, specially constructed living areas, storage facilities, weapons factories, field hospitals, command centers, and kitchens.

Visit and explore Cu Chi Tunnel - become a major tourist attraction giving the visitor a unique experience and feel of what underground life during the war must have been like. The tunnels have been widened for our benefit (otherwise we would not be able to enter them!) For those interested there's even the opportunity to fire off rounds from an AK47 or MK16 at the nearby rifle range.

Drive back the City then have lunch at local restaurant.

In the afternoon, you will have a chance to discover the Ho Chi Minh city tour through the visits of: War Remnants Museum, The Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office.

Don't miss the bustling Ben Thanh Market - a fantastic place for bargains of every kind!

17:00 Ending tour at your hotel.

Meals: B, L

Accommodation: Hotel in Saigon





Day 3: Ho Chi Minh Cooking Class

Have breakfast at your hotel.

Get picked up from your hotel in Ho Chi Minh City at 7:30 am.

Visiting HCM Agricultural Villages: Cow areas; Buffalo Areas; Rice Fields; Fish, prawn, chicken, duck areas; Big Herbs, Spices, Vegetables, and Mushrooms areas.

Here you can pick up a lot of Herbs, Spices, Vegetables, and Mushrooms on the garden

Next, you will have challenges cooking Challenges with three dishes and 1 dessert then enjoy what you have done.

It's time to collect the cooking class certificate and drive back to city.

13:30: End tour at your hotel in Ho Chi Minh City.

Meals: B, L

Accommodation: Hotel in Saigon

Day 4: Mekong Delta Discover

08:00am Pick up from your hotel to Saigon to go to Ben Tre.

The boat will cruise along the Ham Luong river (a branch of the Mekong) and stop off at various local workplaces to give you a picture of how the local economy works, including a brickwork, where bricks are still painstakingly made by hand; a salt refinery; a coconut processing workshop, where you can sample fresh coconut and see how every single part of this versatile nut is turned into food and other products; and a mat weaving house, where straw mats are woven using a hand loom – you can even have a go at weaving yourself!

The boat will then stop at a quiet village where you can have a short walk to experience real Delta village life, before boarding your xe loi (a kind of motorized



rickshaw) and travelling into the forest where you can visit fruit orchards before stopping at a riverside restaurant for a delicious and filling lunch, featuring such local specialties as elephant-ear fish and river shrimp, washed down with some cold drinks or beers.

After lunch, it's time to board a sampan for a relaxing trip along narrow canals.

16:00 End tour at your hotel in Ho Chi Minh.

Meals: B, L

Accommodation: Hotel in Saigon

Day 5: Ho Chi Minh - Da Nang - Hoi An Food Tour

Free at leisure until being picked up and transferred to Tan Son Nhat Airport for about 30 minutes by our driver for your flight to Da Nang City. It takes about 1 hour to fly from Ho Chi Minh City to Da Nang.

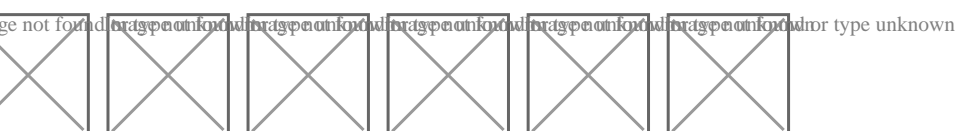
Upon arrival at Da Nang Airport, be welcomed and picked up by our driver to transfer to Hoi An.

Check-in to your hotel and free at leisure.

17:00 Zip off the usual tourist trail, and straight into foodie heaven. A local food-loving guide will uncover hidden treasures and snacks favored by locals, such as white rose, bread, sweet soup.

Next, go to Hoi an local market and wander around the food stalls, where you might find amazing cao lau noodle and much more. Next, we will taste Vietnamese coffee

Then, head to the heart of Hoi An ancient town, sit on authentic boat on Hoai river in the evening and release flower garlands like a local. You also listen to interesting daily stories from boatmen. If you join our tour on Thursday and Saturday, we will



play traditional folk games like Bai Choi (Bingo game), Dap Nieu (blindfolded game).

21:00 After tour, you have the option to return to your hotel, or on Pub Street, where you can experience Hoi An bar life.

Meals: B, D

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoi An

Day 6: Tra Que vegetable village - Walking in Hoi An town

Have breakfast at your hotel.

08:00am In the morning picking up you at hotel lobby.

Ride a bicycle to a local farm in Tra Que village. You will take a trip around the vegetable garden and join the farmers in preparing the land and fertilizing it with seaweed from the local lake. Continue doing some next steps such as: raking the ground, sowing, watering greens, picking greens and many more gardening activities.

Then spend the rest of the morning working the land in the time honored way. Before riding back to Hoi An, on the way back we will stop at Japanese tomb and Chuc Thanh Pagoda

Have lunch at local restaurant.

In the afternoon, walk to the old town, buy entrance tickets and begin the tour.

Follow the narrow lanes lined with centuries-old houses influenced by Chinese, Japanese, French and European architectures and visit its numerous places of interest: the ... 400-year old Japanese Covered Bridge, the Phuc Kien Assembly Halls, the local fish market

After your walking tour, if you have free time, you can do shopping at the old town.



Guide will take you back to the hotel.

16:00 Drop off at the hotel.

Meals: B, L

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoi An

Day 7: Hoi An - Da Nang - Hue

Have breakfast then check out of your hotel.

Take a car ride from Hoi An to Hue (3 hours). Pass by Danang, visit the Cham Museum. En route visit Marble Mountain, and see Lang Co Beach, Hai Van Pass and My Khe Beach.

Arrive in Hue. Have lunch at local restaurant then Check in to your hotel in Hue.

Meals: B, L

Accommodation: Hotel in Hue

Day 8: Hue City - flight to Hanoi

In the morning, **8:00** start your trip, board a boat for a trip on the Perfume River to visit the towering Thien Mu Pagoda, one of the most famous Vietnamese landmarks. Differing legends explain how the pagoda came to be - one tells of an old woman who instructed Lord Hoang Nguyen in 1601 to walk contemplatively along the river with a lit incense stick and to build a city at the spot where the incense stopped





burning.

We then take a short drive into a lush valley of the river where seven tombs were built for seven Nguyen emperors. Each is an expression of the unique personality of the man whose remains it holds and each is comprised of three elements: a temple dedicated to the worship of the deceased emperor and his queen, a stone stele that records the biographical and historical high points of his life, and the royal tomb itself. We will visit two of the tombs of emperors Minh Mang and Khai Dinh before driving outside of town for a lunch of classic Hue cuisine at a restaurant in a beautiful garden setting.

In the afternoon, we return to the center of Hué city. The massive Kinh Thanh Citadel is the most well known and iconic site in Hué. Begun in 1805 by Emperor Gia Long, it is actually a sprawling complex comprised of the Imperial City, several museums, lakes, and lovely gardens, all laid out in a series of concentric circles. We also visit the Forbidden Purple City, originally built in the early 1800s for the personal use of the emperor and staffed by eunuchs who posed no threat to the royal concubines. Nearly destroyed in the Tet Offensive, the ruins today house the Royal Library and the grounds flourish with mimosa plants and vegetable gardens.

17:00 End tour at Hue Airport. Take flight Hue – Hanoi.

Arrive in Noi Bai Airport, get picked and transferred to your hotel in Hanoi.

Meals: B, L

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 9: Hanoi Cooking Class & City Tour

Have breakfast at your hotel. Start an exciting day with awesome cooking class.



08:30am Driver pick you up from your hotel and transfer to cooking class then we will meet at cooking class. Enjoy a special Vietnamese welcome tea

Next, a short brief introduction to Vietnamese cuisine highlighting the contents of tradition meal.

After that, you will take a short walk to the Chau Long Market - Enjoy a tour of the market highlighting the 'wet' / unusual fruits / livestock / silk worms, with Tracey Lister and/or cooking center chefs. A lot of opportunities for you to take photos

After the market tour, back to cooking center and commence cooking class with Tracey Lister and /or cooking center chefs. Take home printed recipes as well as samples of some local fruit, green bean cake, quail eggs, etc.

On completion of the cooking class, enjoy the meal and a chance to chat with Tracey Lister and Dinh Phung Linh. Relax in the comfort of the cooking center dining area and enjoy free flow local beer or wine or lemon juice

12.30pm Finish cooking class. Receive going home gift and visit the cooking center shop with Vietnamese Culinary tools, books, spices etc available for purchase

12:30 Our drive and tour guide pick you up at your hotel then transfer to Temple of Literature - the first university in Vietnam, the site of Vietnam's oldest university and dedicated to one of the world's most famous scholars, Confucius.

From here, we continue the walking tour of Hanoi 's vibrant Old Quarter and Hoan Kiem Lake , the focal point of the city. This is not only a beautiful spot but also is the historical site of the legend of Le King and golden turtle in the lake. Our guide will tell you about the legend of the lake and how it become one of the Must-See places in Hanoi Old Quarter for both domestic and international tourists.

16:30: Come back to your Hotel, finish the tour.

Meals: B, L

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi



Day 10: Hanoi - Halong Bay - Halong Bay Cruise

This morning leave Hanoi for Halong Bay – World Natural Heritage site – via the Red River Delta with 3.5 hours drive. Upon arrival to Halong Bay, you will be welcomed on board for a junk cruise and set sail in the bay while lunch is served. Cruising further in the the magical bay, you can see thousands of sculpted limestone islands rising from the waves like dragons' teeth on the turquoise waters.

After lunch, take a short trek to a nearby summit for a panoramic view of the bay, swimming on a quiet beach or sunbathing on the sundeck. Late afternoon, visit an interesting fishing village with an opportunity to interact with fishermen who have been living in the bay for almost three generations.

At sunset, kayak or simply take a bamboo rowboat to discover a water tunnel with many coral reefs in a scenic lagoon. Back on board your junk, enjoy watching the peaceful sunset and later unwind at a restaurant with dinner served. Overnight on board.

Meals: B, L

Accommodation: Cruise

Day 11: Halong Bay - Hanoi

Wake up on the bay to the sounds of waves and bird welcoming the new day. You will have an opportunity to view the sunrise over the bay.

After breakfast, visit a beautiful limestone grotto then walk back to the boat for a final glimpse of the majestic Halong Bay while cruising back to the dock.



Get picked up and transferred by the shuttle bus to Hanoi. Free at leisure the rest of the day and overnight at Hanoi Hotel.

Meals: B, Br

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 12: Hanoi Depart

You have the morning free to relax before your return flight home. Finish unforgettable Vietnam trip.

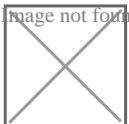
Then you will be transferred to Airport for your flight back home.

Good bye & see you in the next time!

Meals: B

Accommodation: N/A

7 Reviews



We love this tour. Overall was perfect as I expected

05 Mar 2019

We had a great time to explore Vietnam. I was so impressed with our guide and he has planned great work and coordinated all accommodation, transportation and activities during our stay. The hotels were excellent, and the drivers were very friendly. He was also



very flexible when we wanted to have free time in the journey!



Worth trying

19 Feb 2019

We were a small group of 6 people. Our tour was from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City for 12 days, visiting Hailong Bay, Hue and Hoi An on the way. It was well organized and very interesting. The most highlight was the overnight cruise in Halong Bay with my wife and the night market in Hoi An. Food tours in Hanoi were also good.



Very enjoyable trip to Vietnam

14 Feb 2019

The staff responded quickly and the tour was good arrangement. Our guide reflexed and handled situations very quickly. The driver picked up and took us back to the hotel on time. Delicious food on the train, food was ok as the package mentioned.



1st Awesome Vietnam Trip

29 Jan 2019

We had an amazing trip! Expected to be in a ten person group! However it was just myself and husband that worked just as well for us!! Great tours! Absolutely no hidden extras! Lovely tour guides! Very informative and fun! All accommodations were lovely! Advice watch what the natives do crossing the road in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City and you will live to tell the tale!!! Would highly recommend this trip for fun and value



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Highly recommend this tour. It's value for money!

17 Jan 2019

We had a great time in Vietnam. All of our tour guides are very knowledgeable and friendly. Our operator was extremely helpful, I and my friend didn't have to worry about anything - that's exactly what you want for a vacation like this. Although it was only 12 days, we saw a lot about Vietnam when the day tour covered a lot! Highly recommend for all!!!

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