



# Across Vietnam from Hanoi to Saigon 12 Days 11 Nights

## **DETAILED ITINERARY:**

### **DAY 1: ARRIVAL HANOI**

Pick you up on arrival and transfer to the hotel, check in and free time at leisure on your own of exploration the city. Overnight in Hanoi

### **DAY 2: HANOI CULTURE TOUR**

At 9.00 AM, pick you up the hotel, our city tour including visit Hochiminh President Complex (Hochiminh Mausoleum, the house on stilts, presidential palace, the One Pillar Pagoda). Our next stop is the Temple of literature, which is built in 1070 and it is the first university of Vietnam. Before having lunch, we visit the Museum of National Fine Arts. It has received many high ranking delegations of different countries, the Museum has sent many traveling thematic exhibitions to other nations to introduce to international friends the typical culture, heroic history of Vietnam.

Your lunch will be served at one of the best local restaurants with special of Hanoi cuisine. After lunch, continue our visit to Hoa Lo or Hanoi Hilton prison (home of many US pilots from 1964-1972).

Next, you will enjoy one hour of cycling trip for sightseeing Hanoi old quarters. Taking this mean of transportation is the best way to have a close look at the 36 streets in Hanoi. At late afternoon, we will see the water puppet show for one hour before transfer back the hotel, free time your own exploration the city at night. Overnight Hanoi (B/L)

### **DAY 3: HANOI COOKING CLASS**

Have breakfast at Hotel and at 08.30 AM, we will depart for a special Hanoi cooking class trip, transfer to Anh Tuyet Restaurant in old quarter of Hanoi where to join a special cooking class at the well-known Anh Tuyet restaurant. This restaurant still keeps original characteristics of traditional dishes, including Pho (rice noodle) and Nem (rolls), the morning course starts with a walk, accompanied by the chef Madame Anh Tuyet to the local market where participants get a chance to learn all about Vietnamese ingredients.

A cooking demonstration follows in the kitchen and everyone has the opportunity to play an active part. Apart from introducing Hanoi's dishes, over the past years, Madame Tuyet has taught foreigners how to cook traditional dishes. Profits are not all the things that count to her. What she likes is to help foreigners have comprehensive understanding of a close, noble but luxury Hanoi.

After the class, lunch is served in the restaurant to sample all the different dishes prepared during the demonstration. Next is our walking tour to visit the 36 streets of Hanoi's famous old quarter and temples, pagodas before transfer back the hotel. Overnight Hanoi (B/L)

### **DAY 4: HANOI-HALONG BAY CRUISES/ SEAPLANE**

Pick up at your hotel at 7.00 Am this morning and transfer to Noi Bai airport for flying to Halong bay, the flight with Seaplane takes some 30 minutes and a great opportunity to take best pictures of Red River Delta on way down to Halong Bay, landing to Halong water on arrival, next will transfer to the boat dock for 2days cruise Halong bay. Whilst cruising the exquisite waters sample the regions fresh seafood.

Visit the recently discovered Surprise Grotto with its great views, and on the next island see the yawning mouth of Bo Nau Cave. Alternatively journey to Dau Go Cave and nearby see the famous stalagmites and stalactites of Thien Cung Cave. Enjoy a swim in the emerald waters of Halong Bay at any spot that you wish to visit.

Watch the sunset over the bay whilst enjoying a delicious dinner. Overnight on board junk (B/L/D)

#### **DAY 5: HALONG BAY CRUISES- HANOI BY ROAD- HUE/ FLIGHT**

Wake up to fresh coffee and a wholesome breakfast before cruising back to Halong City. En route, the junk weaves through strange-shaped rock formations that invite comparisons from fighting cocks to dragons and even General de Gaulle's nose!

The Boat cruise back Halong city dock and meet back our driver to transfer back Hanoi by road, some around 3 hours driving and few stops for your taking pictures of local farming life/ activities en route, also resting for coffee.

On arrival Noi Bai airport in Hanoi, you will check in and ready flight for Phu Bai Airport in Hue city, central parts of Vietnam, some 1 and half hours from Hanoi, pick up and transfer to your hotel. Overnight Hue (B)

#### **DAY 6: HUE CITY TOUR 1DAY**

Depart from your hotel in Hue at 8.30 AM and start with our sightseeing tour of Hue ancient, Being the ancient capital, Hue is surrounded with ancient tombs of emperors past, and a visit to the most beautiful tombs will be in the itinerary for today.

Our first stop at the charming Lady Pagoda (Thien Mu Pagoda), enjoy a great view on the Perfume River and surrounding area. Thien Mu Pagoda is considered the symbol of Hue, and of Buddhism in Vietnam.

Next will drive for the City Centre to visit the Citadel and the Forbidden Purple City before going for lunch at finest local restaurant in town, this PM will visit the tombs of Khai Dinh and Minh Mang Kings, return back the town at around 4 p.m. Overnight Hue (B/L)

#### **DAY 7: HUE- HOIAN ANCIENT TOWN WALKING TOURS**

Have breakfast in hotel before checking out and heading for Hoi an ancient town, Hoi an is some 140km away and the town is just 35km from biggest city of central part of Vietnam named Danang. We will pass the fishing village of Lang co, upon arrival in Da Nang visit Cham museum, one of the 5 oldest museums in The ASIA, containing the finest collection of Cham sculptures and visit marble mountains before continuing to hoi an ancient town.

Check in the hotel on arrival for fresh up and next will transfer for lunch at finest local restaurant in town.

This Pm, we will continue our walking tour to sightseeing the Hoi an ancient town, From the 16th to 18th centuries, Hoi An was a thriving international commercial port for Chinese, Dutch, French, Japanese, Portuguese and Arab traders.

These people came primarily to trade in the high grade silk, which is still produced in the area, as well as ceramics.

Today, Hoi An is a quaint riverside town, popular with tourists for its eclectic architecture, tailors shops, and numerous cafes. Some of the buildings in the narrow streets have remained unchanged for more than a century. Some places that not to be missed in town are the former merchants' homes, the 400 year-old Japanese Covered Bridge and the colorful market.

Tour ends, transfer back your hotel and Overnight Hoian an (B/L)

#### **DAY 8: HOIAN BEACH SWIMMING- FREE DAY**

Have breakfast at hotel and next will be free your own relaxing on beach or shopping at Hoian Ancient Town. Overnight Hoian (B)

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#### **DAY 10: HOIAN- DANANG- SAIGON/ FLIGHT**

Have breakfast at hotel and next will transfer back Danang airport for flying to Hochiminh city (former name: Saigon), pick up at Tan Son Nhat airport on arrival and transfer to your hotel.

This Pm will start the sightseeing the city, included of Reunification Palace, the former palace of President Thieu and his

predecessors. Today this building is a museum and venue for official receptions. This guided tour to present you the history of entire the building from the living quarter of the president's family, the "War Room" from where the South Vietnamese forces were controlled, under-ground head quarter. Our next stop will be the Post Office and the Saigon Notre Dame Cathedral, built between 1877 and 1883 and one of the city's major landmarks. Neo-Romanesque in form, Notre Dame is the major seat of the Catholic religion in modern Vietnam, Next, will visit the biggest local market of Ben Thanh, a great place for shopping before transfer back hotel. Overnight Saigon (B)

#### DAY 11: MEKONG DELTA 1DAY

Pick up at your hotel/ home in Saigon at 8.00 am and heading out of the town, we travel by roads to the Mekong Delta, Vietnam's largest rice bowl.

On arrival in My Tho we embark on a boat navigating around the intricate small canals in the delta region, which is a great way to observe the local lifestyle close-up. The most interesting excursion will pass the lush green vegetation before arriving at the most beautiful Unicorn Island. Here we have opportunities to visit some fascinating local industries, stroll around an orchard and taste many seasonal fruits.

Continue our trip to see fascinating local industries in Ben Tre Province.

Lunch will be served at local restaurant before return trip back Saigon. Overnight Saigon (B/L)

#### DAY 12: SAIGON DEPARTURE

Have breakfast at hotel and next will be free at leisure until our car and driver will come to transfer back Tan Son Nhat airport for flight onwards, tour ends at airport and Chao Tam Biet (B)

#### Hotels of Similar Standard:

Hotel	Level	Locations	Link
PALM GARDEN BEACH Resort	5	HOIAN	<a href="http://www.palmgardenresort.com.vn">http://www.palmgardenresort.com.vn</a>
SAIGON MORIN Hotel	4	HUE	<a href="http://www.morinhotel.com.vn">www.morinhotel.com.vn</a>
INTERCONTINENTAL	5	HANOI	<a href="http://www.intercontinental.com">www.intercontinental.com</a>
Ana Mandara Beach Resort and Spa Hue	5	HUE	<a href="http://www.anamandarahue-resort.com">www.anamandarahue-resort.com</a>
Hoi An Beach Resort	4	HOIAN	<a href="http://www.hoianbeachresort.com.vn">www.hoianbeachresort.com.vn</a>
REX SAIGON 5 STAR HOTEL	5	SAI GON	<a href="http://www.rexhotelvietnam.com/en/Default.aspx">http://www.rexhotelvietnam.com/en/Default.aspx</a>
Grand Silverland Hotel	4	SAI GON	<a href="http://www.tanhailonghotel.com.vn">http://www.tanhailonghotel.com.vn</a>
BOSS Legend Hotel	4	HANOI	<a href="http://www.bosslegendhotel.com">http://www.bosslegendhotel.com</a>

#### INCLUSION:

All Private transportation and transfers (AC, New)

Private Deluxe Cabin Halong Bay ( with 2 seafood lunches, 1 dinner and breakfast)- Luxury Bhaya Boat (www.bhayacruises.com)

Private boat in Mekong delta

English speaking guide (Halong bay cruises, guide on boat only)

**Seaplane tickets: Hanoi-Halong-Hanoi/ 1way (Ticket = 400\$/ 1way/per pax)**

Meals as indicated in tour itinerary (B=breakfast, L= Lunch, D= Dinner)

Cooking class in Hanoi

Relevant permits and fees

All accommodation based on twin share basis with daily breakfast

## EXCLUSION:

Domestic flights and Airfare:

+ **Hanoi- Hue= 120 USD/ One way ticket (Eco Class)**

+**DNN – Saigon = 120 USD/ One way ticket (Eco Class)**

Vietnam visa approval letter = 25 USD/ per person (Just send us copy of your passport, we obtain in 4 days)

Drinks on boat or in restaurants

Early check in and late checkout

Travel insurance

Personal expenses

Tips and gratuities for local guides and drivers

## Note

+ Check in time at 02.00 pm and check out at 12.00 am

## Destinations

Vietnam pictures



Hoian ancient town



[Hanoi old Quarter](#)



Hanoi outskirts



Halong bay views from the Seaplane



Halong bay



Cabin on the Seaplane to Halong bay (Water landing)



Luxury Boat Cruises Halong Bay





Deluxe Cabin on boat in Halong bay