

VIETNAM DISCOVERY NORTH TO SOUTH 9 DAYS 8 NIGHTS

Routing: Ha Noi - Ha Long - Hue - Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh

Tour Style: Nature, Culture & History Tour

Tour Start: in Ha Noi / **Tour End:** in Ho Chi Minh

Trip duration: 9 Days 8 Nights

Overview

This 9-day Vietnam journey showcases the country's most iconic destinations, from the cultural charm of Hanoi to the breathtaking landscapes of Ha Long Bay, the imperial heritage of Hue, the ancient beauty of Hoi An, and the vibrant energy of Ho Chi Minh City. Along the way, enjoy a mix of cultural exploration, scenic cruises, historical landmarks, and authentic local experiences, including a visit to the lush Mekong Delta. This itinerary offers a perfect balance of history, nature, and everyday life in Vietnam.

Highlights

- Discover Hanoi's cultural landmarks including the Ho Chi Minh Complex, Temple of Literature, and Old Quarter
- Cruise through the stunning limestone karsts of Ha Long Bay with overnight onboard experience
- Experience sunrise Tai Chi and explore caves and hidden corners of the bay
- Explore Hue's Imperial Citadel, royal tombs, and cruise along the Perfume River
- Travel عبر the scenic coastal route from Hue to Hoi An via Lang Co and Marble Mountains
- Walk through the charming streets of Hoi An Ancient Town and enjoy a river cruise
- Discover the dynamic city of Ho Chi Minh with its colonial landmarks and local markets
- Experience authentic rural life in the Mekong Delta with boat trips, local workshops, and village visits

Tour Summary

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4	HALONG - HUE BY FLIGHT[B/Br]
5	HUE CITY TOUR[B/L]
6	HUE - HOIAN[B/L]
7	HOI AN – DANANG – HO CHI MINH BY FLIGHT[B/L]
8	HO CHI MINH – MEKONG DELTA – HO CHI MINH CITY[B/L]
9	HO CHI MINH CITY DEPARTURE[B]

Trip Details

DAY 1: HANOI ARRIVAL

Upon arrival, the local guide and the driver will pick you up at Airport and transfer to hotel.
Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 2 : HANOI CITY TOUR[B/L]

This morning we started our itinerary with a morning city tour of Hanoi, taking in the Ho Chi Minh Complex which includes the Mausoleum, the One Pillar Pagoda, the Presidential Palace, Fine Arts Museum as well as Ho Chi Minh's former stilt house

residence. Then, visit the Temple of Literature, Ngoc Son Temple. After lunch, visit Bat Trang pottery, HoanKiem Lake and the vibrant old quarter .Overnight at the hotel.

Notes:

- *Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum closed on Monday and Friday morning.*
- The itinerary can be changed due to weather, tide levels and operating conditions.
- Bat Trang pottery village will be visited on Mon, Wed & Fri (without Ethnology Museum). The Ethnology Museum will be visited on Sun, Tue, Thu & Sat (without Bat Trang pottery village).

DAY 3: HANOI - HALONG[B/L/D]

Depart for the world famous Ha Long Bay, Ha Long Bay is a stunning limestone archipelago stretching over some 1500 square kilometers and comprising nearly 3000 islets. Warm welcome aboard with refreshing drinks and a brief introduction to the cruise itinerary. Enjoy a scenic voyage through majestic limestone formations, shaped by nature over millions of years. Visit remarkable natural sites, with options for kayaking, swimming, or exploring hidden caves. Savor a gourmet lunch and dinner featuring fresh local seafood and authentic Vietnamese cuisine. In the late afternoon, join exciting onboard activities: Sunset party on the sundeck with drinks & breathtaking views. Traditional Vietnamese cooking class – learn how to make signature dishes. Squid fishing at night for a fun hands-on experience. Spend the night in a deluxe cabin with ocean views, falling asleep to the gentle waves.
Overnight on cruise.

DAY 4 : HALONG - HUE BY FLIGHT[B/Br]

Start your morning with Tai Chi on the sundeck, embracing the fresh sea breeze and golden sunrise. Enjoy a light breakfast, followed by a visit to another scenic highlight of the bay. Immerse yourself in nature's tranquility or take part in more activities like a bamboo boat ride. Return to the cruise for a hearty brunch while sailing back towards the harbor. Disembark with unforgettable memories of this magical journey. Transfer to Noi Bai airport for your flight to Hue. On arrival in Hue, transfer to your hotel and check in. Breakfast, lunch and accommodation included.. Overnight in Hue

DAY 5: HUE CITY TOUR[B/L]

After breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of the Citadel containing the Imperial city and the Forbidden Purple city. Afternoon, we'll have a boat trip on the romantically named Perfume River and visit Hue's best- known religious site, Thien Mu Pagoda .You'll also visit the mausoleum of Emperor Minh Mang, set in a tranquil garden surrounded by many lakes. This impressive landmark reflects the beautiful architecture of Hue with its intricate decor and mysterious statues. Visit the Dong Ba market.
Overnight in Hue.

DAY 6: HUE - HOIAN[B/L]

After breakfast, drive to Hoi An, a historic old Quarter. On the way to Hoian stop in LangCo, the village of the fishermen.Visit Marble Mountain. Check into the hotel in Hoi An. Afternoon, Visit Hoi An - an old trading town. Explore the town and nearby Cua Dai beach. A walking tour is highly recommended as it is the best way to see the wooden-fronted houses that once belonged to the town's prosperous merchants. There's also the Japanese Covered Bridge, TanKy Old House, Chinese Assembly Hall, PhucKien Pagoda, Hoian Museum and Market. Hoi An is one of the best places in Vietnam to shop for souvenirs at bargain prices including silk, handicrafts, antiques and paintings.
Cruise 1 hour on Thu Bon River.
Overnight in Hoi An.

DAY 7: HOI AN – DANANG – HO CHI MINH BY FLIGHT[B/L]

AM: Drive to Da Nang for the morning flight to Ho Chi Minh –city. Transfer to the hotel for checking in. Strolling in the colonial city (the post, the Cathedral).
PM: Visit the city: the Reunification Hall, ChinaTown and ThienHau Pagoda, BinhTay market as well as the village where they make lacquer. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 8: HO CHI MINH – MEKONG DELTA – HO CHI MINH CITY[B/L]

After breakfast, transfer to Ben Tren. Pickup and drop off at Ben Tre Pier in town or Buffalo Pier (5 km from center). Boating on Ben Tre river – one of tributaries of Mekong river- go along mangrove trees growing up ashore of waterway. Witness lively

activities of town market on land and transferring on waterway as fishing boats, coconut cargo boats. Discover handmade local workshops and country in Nhon Thanh village.

Stop at traditional brickwork to see how to make bricks by hand. Turn on Cai Son canal winding through coconut jungle, visit coconut workshop, have a look stages of coconut processing from husk off, prize out to peel out by hand. Go on small waterway and stop at coconut candy workshop, have a look them making candy by hand, try some sweet, enjoy some fruits and listen to local music as well. Go on by boat and step ashore and take a shortwalk to farmer house who making sleepmats.

Hop on tuktuk through coconut grove, deeping on coconut jungle in country. Stop for lunch at local restaurant. Relax and keep going by rowing boat on shady palm tree canal.

Go back by boat and drop tour off at Buffalo pier. Tour end.

Overnight in Saigon.

DAY 9 : HO CHI MINH CITY DEPARTURE[B]

Breakfast at hotel, free at leisure until transfer to the airport for the departure flight. Have a good flight and see you again !

INCLUSIVE

- 02 domestic flight - as per program . Vietnam Airlines, economic Class: Hanoi - Hue & Da Nang - Ho Chi Minh.
- 01 bottles of mineral water per person per day on days of sightseeing .
- Accommodation in twin/double room with daily breakfast at the below indicated room types (see hotel category list below) (check-in and check-out around noontime)
- 2Days/1Night cruise on board a cruise in Ha Long Bay (double/twin cabin on shared boat).
- Services of a driver and private air-conditioned vehicle during all tours and transfers
- Experienced English-speaking guide during day tour.
- Entrance fees for all visits as mentioned in the itinerary
- Boat trip in Mekong
- Meals (B/L/D) (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner) as indicated in the program

EXCLUSIVE

- Early check-in or late check-out
- International flight tickets
- Meals (other than mentioned in the program)
- Additional transfer required due to any emergency situation
- Visa - as per country requirements
- Offering tips and expressing gratitude for guides and drivers is recommended at a rate of 5 USD /client /day for guides and 2 USD per client /day for drivers. Feel free to adjust the amount based on your satisfaction with their services.
- Travel insurance (we highly recommend that you purchase adequate insurance)
- Optional excursions and activities

LIST OF HOTELS USE

City	3 * HOTEL CLASS	4 * HOTEL CLASS	5 * HOTEL CLASS
HA NOI	LA DOLCE VITA HOTEL SUPERIOR www.ladolcevita-hotel.com	THANG LONG OPERA Deluxe www.thanglongoperahotel.com	APRICOT HANOI HOTEL CANVAS http://www.apricothotels.com
HA LONG	SYRENA CRUISE Deluxe www.syrenacruises.com	V'SPIRIT CRUISE Junior Suite http://www.vspiritcruises.com/	ALISA PREMIER CRUISE Junior Suite http://www.alisapremiercruises.com
HUE	ROSALEEN BOUTIQUE HOTEL Deluxe http://www.rosaleenhotel.com/	ELDORA HUE HOTEL Deluxe City View www.eldorahotel.com	SILK PATH GRAND HUE HOTEL CLASSIC http://www.silkpathhotel.com
HOI AN	LA CHARM HOI AN HOTEL & SPA Deluxe Old Town View https://lacharmhoianhotel.com/	WYNDHAM GARDEN HOI AN DELUXE QUEEN GARDEN-CITY VIEW www.wyndhamgardenhoian.com	BLISS HOI AN BEACH RESORT & WELLNESS Deluxe www.Blisshoian.com



HO CHI MINH	ACNOS GRAND HOTEL Grand Deluxe http://acnoshotel.com/	HAPPY LIFE GRAND HOTEL & SKY BAR Lessini Premier (with window) www.happylifeenterprise.com	REX HOTEL Deluxe Room - East Wing www.rexhotelvietnam.com
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