

**ST-OP 15 : Vietnam Highlights (9 days /8 nights) Depart at Hanoi
HANOI - HALONG - HUE - DANANG - HOIAN - HOCHIMINH – MEKONG DELTA**

Highlights:

Discover the landscapes of Vietnam with this tour. Start with a visit around vibrant Hanoi, then Ninh Binh with Halong bay on land.

A short flight brings you to Hue. Transfer to Hoi An ancient town – an ideal place for visiting and shopping. You will continue to visit Imperial City of Hue and some royal tombs here.

Take the boat trip to the Mekong delta and finish your trip in Saigon.

Day 1- Hanoi (D)

Meet at the airport in the morning. Transfer and check in the hotel.

Afternoon, strolling in the colonial quarter. Welcome dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight at the hotel.

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)

After breakfast, drive to Halong. On the way, stop to visit the handicraft villages surrounding Hanoi: Bat Trang, Dong Ho, and Dong Ky as well as But Thap pagoda.

Arrive in Halong and check in the hotel.

Overnight in a hotel in Halong city.

Day 4- Halong – Hue (B,L) by flight

Breakfast at the hotel then you'll board a traditional Vietnamese "junk" boat for a 6-hour cruise around the bay. You'll have a chance to enjoy the breathtaking beauty of this world wonder. The ghostly islands rising from the water are mainly made from limestone and are the result of the water level rising and lowering over the centuries, forming a karst. The process of erosion and weathering formed the karsts of Halong Bay into the unique shapes you see today. You will visit Sung Sot Cave, or "Surprise Grotto," on Bo Hon Island and Ti Top Island. A seafood lunch will be served on the boat, and in the afternoon you'll head back to Hanoi airport for the flight to Hue.

Overnight at a hotel 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 (B,L) (flight)

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)

Pick up at the hotel and drive to My Tho by private car. Cross Mekong river by motorized boat. Row- boat ride along small creeks to Mekong River estuary. Motorized boat cruise along natural creeks and quiet village in Ben Tre province. Visit orchards, bee - keeping farm, taste natural honey & honey wine, enjoy tropical fruit, traditional music , see round a distillery. See Coconut candy production process, taste candy & Coconut pulp. Then back to Hochiminh in the late afternoon.
 Overnight at the hotel.

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 !

All prices quoted in USD per person is valid to 30 Dec 2023 (Except Christmas 24 Dec 2023)

Package Class	Price per person in half-twin by private car/coach with guide in the party of						Single Supplement
	2	3	4	5-7	8-11	12-15	
Superior – 3 stars	1292	1134	1025	959	907	877	210
First Class - 4 stars	1389	1231	1122	1057	999	974	294
Deluxe - 5 stars	1621	1462	1353	1288	1234	1199	510

Accommodation offering in this trip (click to see) :

Cities	3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
Hanoi	May De Ville Classic	The Q hotel	Peridot Grand hotel

Halong bay	D' Lecia hotel	Halong Plaza	Wyndham Legend Halong Hotel
Hue	<u>Rosaleen</u>	Eldora	<u>Senna Hue</u>
Hoian	Golden Holiday	Silko hotel	Bliss Hoi An resort
Saigon	Blue Diamond hotel	Eden SaiGon	Majestic SaiGon

Tour Cost includes:

- Full transportation by private car as the tour program indicated.
- Meals half board as indicated in the itinerary. (B= Breakfast, L= Lunch, D= Dinner)
- 2 Domestic flights :Hanoi- Hue & Ho Chi Minh - Danang bay Vietnamairline – Eco class
- English or French - speaking guide
- Entrance fees.
- Boat trip at sights mentioned
- Double/ Twin-share accommodation with daily breakfast; (AC room)

Tour Cost excludes:

- Travel insurance
- Other meals, Drinks
- Personal expenses, emergency transfers
- Meal are not mentioned in program
- Tips and gratitude for guide and drivers
- Visa to Vietnam