

VIETNAM HIGHLIGHTS (9 DAYS 8 NIGHTS)

Routing: Hanoi – Halong - Hue - Danang – Hoi An – Ho Chi Minh - Vinh Long

Tour Style: Nature, Culture & History Tour

Tour Start: in Ha Noi / **Tour End:** in Saigon

Trip duration: 9 days 8 nights

Description Detail:

Let's spend time experiencing the best that this wonderful Southeast Asian country offers on this great itinerary that takes in all the highlights. You will be amazed by the dreamy beauty of Hanoi or breathtaking views of Halong Bay- an amazing Heaven Landscape Cave to beautiful historic buildings of Hoi An and Hue or the hospitality of local people at the Mekong Delta.

Highlights:

- A visit around vibrant Hanoi
- Visit Sung Sot Cave, or "Surprise Grotto," on Bo Hon Island and Ti Top Island in Halong Bay
- The Citadel containing the Imperial city and the Forbidden Purple city in Hue
- Visit Marble Mountain
- The Japanese Covered Bridge, Tan Ky Old House, Chinese Assembly Hall, Phuc Kien Pagoda, Hoian Museum and Market in Hoi An
- Cross the 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. Visitor-chards, bee - keeping farm, taste natural honey & honey wine, enjoy tropical fruit, traditional music, see round a distillery.

Tour Summary:

Day	Trip Summary
1	HANOI (D)
2	HANOI CITY TOUR (B, L)
3	HANOI – HA LONG (B, L,)
4	HA LONG – HUE (B, L) BY FLIGHT
5	HUE CITY TOUR (B, L)
6	HUE – HOI AN (B, L)
7	HOI AN – DA NANG – HO CHI MINH CITY (B, L) (FLIGHT)
8	HO CHI MINH – MEKONG DELTA – HO CHI MINH (B, L)
9	HO CHI MINH CITY DEPARTURE (B)

Trip Details

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, Hoan Kiem 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 – HA LONG (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: HA LONG – 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 – HOI AN (B, L)

After breakfast, drive to Hoi An, a historic old Quarter. On the way to Hoi An stop in Lang Co, 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, Tan Ky Old House, Chinese Assembly Hall, Phuc Kien Pagoda, Hoi An 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 – DA NANG – HO CHI MINH CITY (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, China Town and Thien Hau Pagoda, Binh Tay market as well as the village where they make lacquer. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 8: HO CHI MINH – MEKONG DELTA – HO CHI MINH (B, L)

Pick up at the hotel and drive to My Tho by private car. Cross the 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. Visitor-chards, 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 Ho Chi Minh 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.

Accommodation offering in this trip Or Similar ones.

City	Hotel		
	3 Stars	4 Stars	5 Stars
HA NOI	MAYDE VILLE CLASSIC HOTEL	THE Q HOTEL	PERIDOT GRAND HOTEL
HA LONG	D'LECIA HOTEL	HA LONG PLAZA HOTEL	WYNDHAM LEGEND HALONG
HOI AN	HOI AN CENTRAL HOTEL	ROYAL RIVERSIDE	BLISS HOI AN BEACH RESORT & WELLNESS
HUE	ROSALEEN HOTEL	ELDORA HOTEL	SENNA HUE HOTEL
SAI GON	BLUE DIAMOND HOTEL	LOTUS SAI GON HOTEL	MAJESTIC HOTEL SAI GON

INCLUSIVE

- Full transportation by private car as the tour program indicated.
- Meals half board as indicated in the itinerary. Lunch at a local restaurant - Vietnamese food.
- 2 Domestic flights: Hanoi- Hue & Ho Chi Minh - Danang bay Vietnam airline – Eco class
- English - speaking guide
- Entrance fees.
- Boat trip at sights mentioned
- Twin-share accommodation with daily breakfast; (AC room)

EXCLUSIVE

- 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