



# VIETNAM TOUR SET DEPARTURE

## 14 DAYS 13 NIGHTS

**Routing:** Ha Noi – Ninh Binh – Ha Long – Hue – Hoi An – My Son – Ho Chi Minh City – Cu Chi – My Tho – Mekong Delta

**Tour Style:** Nature, Culture & History Tour

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

**Trip duration:** 14 Days 13 Nights

### Tour Summary

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13	MY THO – MEKONG DELTA (B,L)
14	SAI GON – DEPARTURE (B)

### Trip Details

#### DAY 1: HA NOI ARRIVAL

Arrive at Noi Bai Airport. Meeting with the driver and transferring to the hotel. Overnight in a hotel.

#### DAY 2: HA NOI – HOA LU TEMPLES COMPLEX – CYCLING TO MUA CAVE – OVERNIGHT IN BUNGALOW (B,L,D)

**07.30 – 08.30:** Our guide and bus pick you up from hotel and start driving to Ninh Binh, on the way, you experience the peaceful scenery along the Highway 1A, stop for a short break to stretch your legs

**10.30 – 11.30:** Arrive at Hoa Lu Ancient Citadel, take time to visit King Dinh and King Le's temples.

**12.30:** You arrive in Tam Coc Wharf – the most exciting boating port in the North at Noon and have a buffet lunch with Vietnamese Cuisines in a local restaurant.

**14.00:** Cycling to Mua cave with stunning rice fields with buffalos, goats...along the road till approaching Mua cave. You walk up to the top of the mountain where Mua cave is located, visiting lovely stalactites and stalagmites inside, then take a spectacular view from the top to the valley.

**16.00:** You relaxingly cycle back to Tam Coc through the villages with daily life

**16.30 – 17.00:** Check in Tam Coc Bungalow which is located among the village and facing the river. Then you will have your own time relaxing till a short Cooking lesson of how to make the authentic cakes with simple available ingredients at home took place. You may spend time relaxing, reading books or swimming.

**19:00:** Enjoy dinner and overnight in the bungalow.

### DAY 3: MORNING LOCAL MARKET – BOAT TRIP IN TAM COC LANDSCAPE – AFTERNOON TEA – HA NOI (B,L)

**07.30:** Welcome a new day with Sunrise breakfast then a visit to morning local market to see how local people sell and shop with authentic goods that you never see in the tourist places

**09.00:** Get on a boat at Tam Coc Wharf then enjoy the exciting boat trip on Ngo Dong River with sampan boats through caves and visit stunning rivers surrounded by Limestone Karsts with rich fauna and flora.

**11.30:** You finish the boat trip and savour the authentic lunch made by our chef.

**12.00:** Check – out bungalow then you will have your own time to relax.

**15.00:** Joining with our Afternoon Tea time to highlight a lovely day.

**16.00:** Get on the bus to go back to Hanoi.

We drop you off at your hotel in Hanoi around **18:30 – 19:00**. Trip ends

### DAY 4: HA NOI FULL DAY CITY TOUR (B,L)

**8.00- 8.30:** Get picked up by our friendly guide and start to explore Hanoi City

**08.45:** Arrive at Tran Quoc Pagoda located on Golden Fish Island in West Lake  
It is the oldest pagoda in HaNoi built in the 6 th century.

**09.30:** Visit Ho Chi Minh complex, you have a chance to see the embalmed body of Ho Chi Minh then walked around the garden to see 2 houses where he lived & worked from 1954 to 1969.  
Then visit One Pillar Pagoda where worships the Goddess of Mercy – It is the most unique pagoda in the world

- Should dress modestly by covering from shoulders to knees when visiting Ho Chi Minh mausoleum, temples, pagodas...
- Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum is closed on Mondays and Fridays.
- Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum is closed at least 2 months (15 th June -15 th August) for the annual maintaining but still can take picture Mausoleum and visit around that area

**11.15:** Visit Vietnam Ethnology Museum to learn about the culture of 54 ethnic groups living in the whole country of Vietnam

*Special Note : we will visit Women Museum instead of Ethnology Museum closed on Mondays*

**12.45:** Have lunch at our restaurant. You have an opportunity to enjoy Vietnamese cuisine with 8 delicious dishes.

**14.00-14.15:** Continue to visit Temple of Literature – the first university of Vietnam, established in the 11 century

**15.15:** Leave for Hoa Lo Prison Museum which originally used by the French colonists in Indochina for political prisoners, and later by North Vietnam for U.S. prisoners of war during the Vietnam War. During this later period, it was known to American POWs as the " Hanoi Hilton

**16.15 -16.30:** Tour finishes. Back to the hotel. Night in Hanoi

### DAY 5: HA NOI – HA LONG – OVERNIGHT ON JUNK (B,L,D) ON SYRENA CRUISE/DELUXE CABIN

**08.00 – 08.30 | Pick-up**

Our bus will collect guests from hotels around Hanoi Old Quarter.

- 12.30:** Receptionists welcome guests at the International Tuan Chau harbor.
- 12.45:** Captain welcomes guests to Syrena cruises by tender. Check in cruise, whilst enjoying a welcome drink, safety briefing and check in cabin.
- 13.00:** Leaving International Tuan Chau harbor, discover the Halong Bay - natural wonders of the world. Have lunch with special foods while cruising through famous sights Ba Hang fishing village, Dinh Huong island, Cho Đa islet, Ga Choi islet...
- 14.30:** Cruises stops at Bo Nau cave, the core area of the world natural heritage. Transfer by tender to Surprise cave - one of the most beautiful caves in Halong Bay.
- 15.45:** Leaving Surprise cave, transfer by tender to the Titov island was named by Uncle Ho, after Gherman Stepanovich Titov - the Soviet astronaut who visited in 1962 Enjoy swimming, relaxing on the beach or climb the steps of the Rock to the top of the island. On the top of the mountain, you can see a corner of magical Halong Bay ...
- 16.45:** Back to the cruise. Relax and enjoy the sunset on the sun deck. Go to the overnight place.
- 18.00 – 19:00** HAPPY HOUR - Buy 1 drink get 1 free (wine excluded).
- 18.30:** Enjoy Vietnamese cooking demonstration.
- 19.00:** Acquaint yourself with the set menu dinner.
- 20.30:** Evening activities include: film entertainment (in the dining room); squid fishing; massage (contact with cruise manager for service price)...

#### DAY 6: HA LONG – HA NOI – HUE (B,BRUNCH) BY FLIGHT

- 06.00:** Morning call (if you request).
- 06.30:** Enjoy Tai Chi instructions on the sundeck in 30 minutes whilst cruising to Luồn cave.
- 07.00:** Enjoy light breakfast in the restaurant (coffee, tea, fresh milk, water, pastries, bread, egg, fresh fruit, cereals will be served in the dining room).
- 08.00:** After breakfast, take a guided tour to visit Luồn cave - .one of the cave open to the form beautiful about endemic the vegetation of the Halong Bay. Visit Luồn cave by a traditionally woven (bamboo) boat rowed by a local boatman.
- 08.30:** Then come back to Syrena cruise, relax and check out of cabin. Please put your luggage outside the door. Our porters will collect and get them ready on the Pier for you.Finally, the cruise disembarks in International Tuan Chau harbor.
- 09.15:** Enjoy brunch buffet menu served in the dining room. Settle bills in the dining room after brunch (if you have).
- 10.45:** Transfer by tender back to Tuan Chau harbor and disembarkation. Farewell to guests.
- Pick up at your hotel and transfer to Hanoi airport for flight departure. Pick up at Hue airport and transfer to hotel (without guide) . Night in Hue**

#### DAY 7: HUE CITY TOUR (B,L)

Pick up at hotel (center) **8:00 – 8:30 AM**

Drop off at hotel: **16:00-16:30 PM**

##### Morning:

- Dragon boat trip to Thien Mu pagoda - The oldest pagoda in Hue city.
- Imperial Citadel – The home of Vietnam's last royal dynasty - the Nguyen Dynasty.
- Hue Royal Antiquities Museum - A collection of ornaments from the Nguyen dynasty.
- Dong Ba Market to see the daily life of local people.

##### Afternoon:

- Lunch at a local restaurant.
- Khai Dinh King's Tomb - a blend of Western and Eastern architecture.
- Minh Mang King's Tomb, one is impressed by the majesty and symmetry of the architectural constructions.
- Conical hat village, incense stick making village
- **4:00 – 4:30 pm:** Back to your hotel. Night in Hue

#### DAY 8: HUE – HOI AN (B) BY A PRIVATE CAR

After breakfast, Free until transfer to Hoi An by a private car. Taking photographs from Hai Van Pass (The pass of Sea and Cloud). Night in Hoi An

#### DAY 9: HOI AN – MY SON – HOI AN (B,L)

**7.45 – 8.15:** Our guide pick you up at your hotel and depart to My Son Sanctuary - The World Cultural Heritage.

**9.30:** Arrive at My Son and we'll have 2 hours to discover the site by walking throughout the landscape, learning histories with our local English speaking guide, and enjoying the Champ traditional performances.

**11.45:** Get back to the minivan and move to a local house to learn how to make rice paper, you will enjoy your own hand-making product later on!

**12.30:** Back to the van and have lunch at another local house. relax with cold herbal tea, nice foods and fresh air.

**13.30:** take a boat trip to Hoi An with nice and cool breeze on boarding, beautiful river scenery on the biggest river in the Central of vietnam named as Thu Bon River.

**14.00:** arrive in Hoi An, we will drop you off at your hotel.

Free and night in Hoi An

#### DAY 10: HOI AN FREE DAY (B)

Full day free to explore Hoi An by yourself. Night in Hoi An

#### DAY 11: HOI AN – DA NANG – SAI GON (B) BY FLIGHT

Free until transfer to Da Nang airport for flight to Sai Gon. Pick up at SaiGon airport and transfer to the hotel. Night in Sai Gon

#### DAY 12: SAI GON CITY – CU CHI TUNNELS (B,L) (START 8.00 – RETURN 18.30)

**PICK UP: 07:30 – 08:00** (*the time of pick up depends on the customer's hotel/ accommodation's exact position*).

**RETURN: 19:00**

**ROUTE: HCM City – Cu Chi tunnels – HCMC**

##### **Itinerary:**

Take the morning trip to visit **Independence Palace**, also known as the Reunification Palace, which was built on the site of the former Norodom palace. The Independence palace is a widely known landmark of Ho Chi Minh City and was designed by the architect Ngo Viet Thu. Continue seeing the beautiful structures from the French Colonial times such as the **Notre Dame Cathedral**, the historic **Central Post Office**. Followed by the remarkable site of the **War Remnants Museum** the museum has a vast display of both the Indochina wars.

Have lunch at a local restaurant.

Departing for Cu Chi tunnel, the trip will take **approximately one and a half hours bus driving**. Upon arrival, before exploring the tunnels, you will have some short introduction followed by an introductory video about how the tunnels were constructed and how the people survived in the harsh conditions of the war time. Then, spend your time exploring the remaining area and tunnel systems which include the specially constructed living areas with kitchens, bedrooms side by side with other martial facilities like storage, weapons factories, field hospitals, and command centers helping whoever lives inside the tunnels meet their basic needs. Besides, there are also many hidden trap doors and dangerous traps within the maze-like tunnels for security purposes during the war. Afterward, special tea and cassava (guerilla's food during the war) will be served.

Break time for relaxing or time for those who want to try the real shooting gun.

Return to Saigon. End trip.

**Please take notes:**

**\*\*The Notre Dame Cathedral has been restored, so the guests just visit outside.**

**\*\*\*Drop off time is subject to traffic, weather...so the finished time could be later than expected.**

**DAY 13: MY THO – MEKONG DELTA (B,L)**

**PICK UP: 07:30 – 08:00**(the time of pick up depends on the customer's hotel/ accommodation's exact position).

**RETURN: 17:30**

**ROUTE: HCMC – My Tho - Ben Tre – HCMC**

**Itinerary:**

Leaving the hustle and bustle of Ho Chi Minh City and starting your trip to depart for My Tho, the town lies on the left side of the Mekong River. Upon arrival, visit Vinh Trang pagoda which dates back to the late 19th century. Then boarding the sampan and cruising down the river around the four beautiful islands known as **Dragon, Unicorn, Phoenix and Tortoise islands.**

Stop over at **Unicorn Island**, go walking around the country lane and see orchards, enjoy tropical fruits, folk song music which is performed by the local people. Visit the fruit plantation.

Ride a hand-rowed sampan through Thoi Son canal and treat yourself in the beauty of the countryside, visit the family business, visit honey-bee farm, enjoy honey tea and coconut candy workshop.

Have lunch at a local restaurant. Break time.

In the afternoon, time for cycling around the Tan Thach village, meet the local villagers to experience the local daily life in the Mekong delta. Hammocks are relaxing and enjoy a cool breeze for those who can't join the cycling trip. Return to Ho Chi Minh City. End trip.

**\*\*\*Please note: Drop off time is subject to traffic, weather...so the finished time could be later than expecting**

**DAY 14: SAI GON – DEPARTURE (B)**

Breakfast at a hotel. Free until transfer to the airport for departure.

**LIST OF HOTELS USE**

City	Hotel / Train / Boat
	3 STARS
HA NOI	ALLURE HOTEL
NINH BINH	BUNGALOW
HA LONG	SYRENA CRUISE
HUE	ROSALEEN BOUTIQUE HOTEL
HOI AN	ROSE GARDEN HOTEL
SAI GON	BLUE DIAMOND HOTEL



**INCLUSIVE**

- Full transportation by car or shuttle bus as tour program indicated.
- Meals as itinerary indicated (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D= Dinner)
- 2 domestic flights: Hanoi-Hue, Danang- Saigon
- Private English speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Boat trip at sights mentioned
- Double/ Twin-share accommodation (AC room)

**EXCLUSIVE**

- International airfare to/from Vietnam
- Personal insurance
- Expenditure of a personal nature, tips, such as drinks, souvenirs, laundry, emergency transfers & etc.
- Visa to Vietnam