

ESSENTIAL HIGHLIGHTS 10 DAYS 9 NIGHTS

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

Tour Style: Nature, Culture & History Tour

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

Trip duration:: 10 Days 9 Nights

Overview

Embark on a 10-day journey through Vietnam from north to south, discovering the country's rich history, vibrant culture, and diverse landscapes. From the charm of Hanoi and the natural wonder of Halong Bay to the imperial heritage of Hue, the lantern-lit streets of Hoi An, the coastal beauty of Nha Trang, and the dynamic life of Ho Chi Minh City and the Mekong Delta—this itinerary offers a complete Vietnam experience.

Highlights

- Discover Hanoi's cultural landmarks, including Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Temple of Literature, and the Old Quarter
- Cruise through the spectacular Halong Bay with overnight stay, kayaking, and cave exploration
- Explore the imperial heritage of Hue, including the Citadel, royal tombs, and Perfume River
- Travel عبر the scenic Hai Van Pass and relax at Lang Co Beach en route to Hoi An
- Experience Hoi An's ancient charm and create your own traditional lantern
- Enjoy a scenic train journey along Vietnam's coastline to Nha Trang
- Relax on island-hopping tours in Nha Trang with snorkeling and beach activities
- Discover the vibrant energy of Ho Chi Minh City and optional cultural shows
- Explore the Mekong Delta with boat trips, local workshops, and authentic rural life

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Trip Details

DAY 1: HA NOI CAPITAL

Arrive in HaNoi. Pick up and transfer to the hotel.
Night in HaNoi.

DAY 2: HANOI CITY TOUR[B/L]

AM: Pick up at your hotel . Then visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum to explore the architectural and historical aspects of Uncle Ho's final resting-place. Just next door is Ho Chi Minh's house on stilts and lying to one side of the Mausoleum is the One Pillar Pagoda which was founded by King Ly Thai To in 1049 - the structure has become an important symbol for the people of Hanoi. We then continue on to the Quan Thanh Temple (Taoist - dating from the Ly Dynasty) and the Buddhist Tran Quoc Pagoda on the West lake (One of the oldest pagoda in Vietnam). Lunch at a local restaurant.

PM: After lunch we'll proceed to visit the Literature Temple and Quoc Tu Giam - Vietnam's first university, constructed in 1070 - it's gardens and well-preserved architecture will offer a relaxing glimpse into Vietnam's past. We will take you past Hoan Kiem Lake to see the peaceful waters, and the beauty of Ngoc Son temple. For the last part of the tour we'll journey through Hanoi's Old Quarter, where you'll then have a chance for some shopping and exploration.

Night in HaNoi.

Notes: *Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum & Museum close on Monday and Friday morning.*

DAY 3: HA NOI - HA LONG BAY[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 BAY - HA NOI - HUE CITY[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 - LANG CO BEACH - HAI VAN PASS - HOI AN ANCIENT TOWN[B/L]

08.00: Pick you up from the hotel in Hue, then transfer to the pier for a motor dragon boat ride along Perfume river. The first impression is that it is green and peaceful on both sides of the river. First stop at Thien Mu pagoda, the magnificent architecture was found in the 17th century. Transfer back to Hue city to visit the Imperial Citadel, Flag Tower, Noon Gate, Nine Dynasty Urns, Nine Holy Cannons, Thai Hoa Palace. Enjoy lunch at a restaurant for special dishes in Hue.

This afternoon you will continue to visit the mausoleums of Nguyen's Kings like Tu Duc tomb. Then leave for Hoi An, Spend time in LangCo beach enroute, taking photographs from HaiVan Pass (The pass of Sea and Cloud).

Night in HoiAn.

DAY 6: HOI AN CITY[B/L]

In the morning, We will arrange a boat trip on the Thu Bon River to visit handicraft villages (Thanh Ha pottery village, Kim Bong carpentry village). Continue to visit Lantern village . Here you will have a brief introduction into the history, shape, and color of the lanterns, as well as the many stages of making them. You can make your own lantern and keep it as a souvenir.

Lunch. Continue half day to explore Hoi An town: the Japanese Covered Bridge-the symbol of Hoian. Step back in time to discover the Chinese street with stunning Phuc Kien Hall and Phung Hung old house typical of Hoi An original architecture. We then visit Hoi An vibrant market and ancient port to explore the rhythm of local daily life and savor the true color, flavor and taste of the oriental. Finally, we visited Phuc Thanh Pagoda – the oldest pagoda in Hoi An built in 1454 with Chinese bronze.

Night in HoiAn.

DAY 7: HOI AN - NHA TRANG BY TRAIN[B/L]

Transfer from HoiAn to DaNang station for train to NhaTrang. At the appointed time, your guide and driver will pick you up from the hotel and transfer you to the train station for your journey to Nha Trang. You'll travel aboard a comfortable soft sleeper train in a shared 4-berth cabin. The ride, lasting approximately 9 hours, offers a unique opportunity to witness the diverse Vietnamese landscape—from emerald rice paddies and sleepy villages to rolling hills and glimpses of the coastline. Upon arrival at Nha Trang railway station, your local guide and driver will meet you at the platform and transfer you to your hotel in the city. Overnight in Nha Trang.

DAY 8: NHA TRANG - HO CHI MINH CITY[B/L]

Start from your hotel to Cau Da port. Full day boat trip to visit Mun Island, Mot island, fishing village. Lunch on a boat. Sea-bathing on the blue water beach. You can also enjoy diving or snorkeling at the islands (on your account). Then transfer back to the port where your car is waiting to take you to NhaTrang airport for flight to HoChiMinh city. Pick up at TanSonNhat airport then transfer to your hotel.
Night in HoChiMinh city.

Optional: We introduce one-of-a-kind traditional performances which are found nowhere else than in HoChiMinh city. *À Ố Show*, phonetically understood as the *Ahhh! Ohhh!* Show has its meaning derived from the words 'village' and 'city' in Vietnamese. The show is a mix of bamboo cirque, acrobatic acts, contemporary dance and theatrical visual art. Mesmerizing live music, which echoes Southern work songs, scenic lighting design, and unique bamboo creatures make this performance a must-see during anyone's visit to HoChiMinh City.
If you're interested in the show, please contact our travel consultants to book.

DAY 9: HO CHI MINH - MEKONG DELTA[B/L]

After breakfast at hotel, transfer to Ben Tre. 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. Back to hotel.

Overnight in Saigon.

DAY 10: HO CHI MINH DEPARTURE[B]

Free time until transfer from the hotel to the airport for your flight out of Vietnam.

INCLUSIVE

- 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
- Meals (B/L/D) (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner) as indicated in the program
- Boat trip in Nha Trang, Mekong.
- 03 domestic flight - as per program . Vietnam Airlines, economic Class: Hanoi - Hue, Nha Trang - Ho Chi Minh
- Train from Da Nang to Nha Trang
- 01 bottles of mineral water per person per day on days of sightseeing .

EXCLUSIVE

- Early check-in or late check-out
- International flight tickets
- Travel insurance (we highly recommend that you purchase adequate insurance)
- Optional excursions and activities
- 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

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 Superior 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 Balcony Suite http://www.alisapremiercruises.com
HUE	ROSALEEN BOUTIQUE HOTEL Superior 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 Double/Twin 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
NHA TRANG	IMPERIAL NHA TRANG HOTEL SUPERIOR imperialnhatranghotel.com	LIBERTY CENTRAL NHA TRANG Deluxe http://www.odysseahotels.com	THE ANAM CAM RANH Deluxe Room www.theanam.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