

VIETNAM HIGHLIGHTS (9 DAYS/8 NIGHTS)

Routing: Hanoi - Halong - Hue - Danang - 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

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 Halong Bay/Lan Ha 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 ARRIVAL
2	HANOI CITY TOUR FULL DAY [B/L]
3	HANOI - HALONG OVERNIGHT ON CRUISE [B/L/D]
4	HALONG - HANOI AIRPORT - FLIGHT TO HUE [B/Br]
5	HUE CITY TOUR [B/L]
6	HUE - HOI AN [B/L]
7	HOI AN – DA NANG – HO CHI MINH CITY [B/L]
8	HO CHI MINH – MEKONG DELTA – HO CHI MINH [B/L]
9	HO CHI MINH CITY DEPARTURE [B]

Trip Details

DAY 1: HANOI ARRIVAL

Upon arrival, the tour guide and the driver will pick you up at Noi Bai International Airport and transfer to hotel.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 2: HANOI CITY TOUR FULL DAY [B/L]

8:00 AM: Departure. Visit Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and Museum. Enjoy the architectural and historical aspects of Uncle Ho's final resting place. Admire Ho Chi Minh's house on stilts. Lying to one side of the Mausoleum is the One Pillar Pagoda, founded by King Ly Thai To in 1049. The structure of this pagoda has become an important symbol for the people of Hanoi. Continue to visit the Quan Thanh Temple (Taoist, dating from the Ly Dynasty) and Buddhist Tran Quoc Pagoda on West Lake (One of the oldest in Vietnam). Have lunch and get some rest at noon.

PM: After lunch, proceed to visit the Ethnology Museum; continue to visit the Literature Temple which is considered as Vietnam's first university constructed in 1070, its gardens and well-preserved architecture offer a relaxing glimpse into Vietnam's past. We will take you past Hoan Kiem Lake, see the peaceful waters, and visit Ngoc Son temple. For the end of the tour journey, we take one more visit by coach trip along the Hanoi Old Quarter. Free for shopping.

Overnight in Hanoi.

Note: On Monday and Friday mornings, Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and Ethnic museums are closed - Bat Trang pottery village will be arranged as a substitution.

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

8:30: The tour guide and the driver will pick you up at hotel and transfer to Halong Bay by private car.

12:30 Receptionists welcome guests at the Tuan Chau International Harbour.

12:45 Captain welcomes guests to Syrena cruises by tender. Check in whilst enjoying a welcome drink, safety briefing and check in the cabin.

13:00 Leave Tuan Chau International Harbour, discover the Halong Bay - natural wonders of the world. Have lunch while cruising through famous sights including **Ba Hang fishing village, Dinh Huong island, Cho Da islet, Ga Choi islet...**

14:30 Cruise stops at **Bo Nau Cave**, the core area of the world natural heritage. Transfer by tender to the Surprise Cave – one of the most beautiful cave in Halong Bay.

15:45 Leaving Surprise cave, transfer by tender to the **Titov island**. Enjoy swimming, relaxing on the beach or climb the steps of the rock to the top of the island for photo taking. On the top of the mountain, you can see a corner of magical Halong Bay.

16:45 Back to the cruise. Relax and enjoy sunset on the sun deck. Cruising to the overnight anchorage.

18:00 - 19:00 Enjoy HAPPY HOUR from 18:00 – 19:00 - Buy one drink get one free (wine excluded).

18:30 Join the cooking class and learn how to cook Vietnamese traditional dishes.

19:00 Dinner is served with a variety of Vietnamese fusion cuisine.

20:30 Evening activities include: - Film entertainment in the dining room. - Squid fishing with our crew

Overnight on cruise.

DAY 4: HALONG - HANOI AIRPORT - FLIGHT TO HUE [B/BR]

06:00 Morning wake up call upon request.

06:30 Enjoy **Tai Chi instructions** on the sundeck in 30 minutes whilst cruising to Luon Cave.

07:00 Enjoy light breakfast in the restaurant. Coffee, tea, freshmilk, water, pastries, fresh fruit, cereals will be served in the dining room.

08:00 Transfer to **Luon Cave** by tender. Visit Luon cave by a traditionally woven bamboo boat rowed by a local boatman.

08:30 Return to the cruise, take time to freshen up and check out of the cabins. Please leave your luggage outside your cabins (staff will then transfer to the pier upon arrival for you). Depart for Tuan Chau International Harbour.

09:15 Enjoy brunch served in the dining room. Settle bills in the dining room after brunch (if any).

10:45 Transfer by tender back to **Tuan Chau Harbour** and disembarkation. Meet the tour guide and driver then transfer back to Hanoi. Transfer to the airport for flight to Hue.

Upon Hue arrival, the tour guide and the driver will pick you up at airport and transfer to hotel.

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 - HOI AN [B/L]

After breakfast, drive to Hoi An, a historic old Quarter. On the way to Hoian **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, 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.

Overnight in Hoi An.

DAY 7: HOI AN – DA NANG – HO CHI MINH CITY [B/L]

Morning at leisure, then drive to Da Nang and fly to Saigon. Transfer to the hotel.

City tour of Saigon visiting **Reunification Hall, Notre Dame Cathedral, Opera House, Central Post Office (an architectural masterpiece), and Ben Thanh Market**.

Overnight in Saigon.

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

Breakfast at hotel.

8:00 AM our guide and driver pick you up at hotel and depart to Ben Tre province.

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 Chet Say pier. Back to Saigon.

Overnight in Sai Gon.

DAY 9: HO CHI MINH CITY DEPARTURE [B]

Breakfast at hotel, free at leisure until transfer to the airport for the departure flight.

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 Ben Tre, Hue
- 2 Domestic flights: Hanoi - Hue & Da Nang - Ho Chi Minh by Vietnam Airline - Eco class
- 01 bottles of mineral water per person per day on days of sightseeing.

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 Superior www.thanglongoperahotel.com	PERIDOT GALLERY CLASSIC HOTEL Grand Deluxe with Balcony https://peridotgalleryhotel.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 Old Town View	WYNDHAM GARDEN HOI AN DELUXE QUEEN GARDEN-CITY VIEW	BLISS HOI AN BEACH RESORT & WELLNESS Deluxe



	https://lacharmhoianhotel.com/	https://www.wyndhamgardenhoian.com/	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 SAI GON Deluxe Room - East Wing https://www.rexhotelsaigon.com/