

Amazing Vietnam

10 days - 9 nights

Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Hoi An - Hue - Hanoi - Ha Long Bay

Day 1: Ho Chi Minh City Arrival (D)

Arrive at the Tan Son Nhat airport, you'll be greeted by your guide and driven to the city centre for hotel check-in. You'll have time to relax after your journey before a **welcome dinner** at a Vietnamese traditional restaurant. Your overnight will be in Ho Chi Minh city.

Day 2: Ho Chi Minh City Orientation (B/L)

After breakfast, your guide will arrive to show you around Ho Chi Minh City. You'll visit the **Reunification Hall** and the **Museum of War Remnants** provides a very partial, but riveting, perspective of the 'American War': not for the squeamish! After lunch, you will proceed to China town with the visits to **Binh Tay Market** and **Thien Hau pagoda** before returning to the city centre to visit the **Notre Dame Cathedral**, the **Centre Post Office** and the huge **Ben Thanh market**, one of the liveliest areas of Ho Chi Minh City. You'll also call in at the **Jade Emperor Temple**. You'll spend the night in Ho Chi Minh City.



Day 3: Ho Chi Minh City - Vinh Long - Ho Chi Minh City (B/L)

After escaping from Ho Chi Minh City's urban sprawl, you'll travel to Vinh Long. There, you'll cruise on the Mekong River, visit **Cai Be floating market**, fruit orchards, a traditional family-run brick kiln, and drop in to look at some traditional cottage industries - a workshop making the huge coffins unique to the Mekong is particularly interesting. Return to Ho Chi Minh City in the late afternoon. Your overnight will be in Ho Chi Minh City.

Day 4: Ho Chi Minh City - Danang - Hoi An (B)

After breakfast, you'll say goodbye to Ho Chi Minh City and then being transferred to the airport for a morning flight to Danang. Upon arrival, you will be picked up to your hotel for check in and then follow your guide to visit the **ancient town of Hoi An** including 400 years old Japanese Bridge, 300 years old Chinese temple, 200 years old Vietnamese former merchants'house before being dropped off at your hotel. You will spend the night in Hoi An.

Day 5: Hoi An - My Son Sanctuary - Hue (B/L)

After breakfast, your guide will meet you at your hotel to take you to the World Heritage **My Son Sanctuary**, 40km southwest of Hoi An. Located in a lush valley, My Son was a capital and

religious center of Cham people, now remaining with red brick towers and sanctuaries. After lunch, you will proceed to Hue with visit to **Cham Museum** on the way. The route will pass by Lang Co Beach with long white sand beach stretching behind and Hai Van Pass. After checking in your hotel, you will be free for relaxing. Your overnight will be in Hue.

Day 6: Hue (B/L)

After breakfast at the hotel, you'll depart to visit the **Imperial Citadel of Hue** and the **Dong Ba market**. After lunch, you will take a cruise along **Perfume River** to visit **Thien Mu Pagoda** and the **Royal Tomb of Emperor Minh Mang**. Visit the tombs of **Emperor Khai Dinh** before the day ends. Your overnight will be in Hue.

Day 7: Hue - Hanoi (B)

After breakfast, you will be picked up to the airport for a morning flight to Hanoi. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by your guide and transferred to the city centre for hotel check in. You will then depart for a city tour. You'll call in at the **Temple of Literature**, the first university in Vietnam dating back to the 11th century



and the serene **Tran Quoc Pagoda**, the oldest in Hanoi. We also present you with Vietnam daily life in the past and now with **one hour cyclo ride** around the **Hoan Kiem Lake**, **Ngoc Son temple** and **Old Quarter** of Hanoi. You will then enjoy a **Water Puppet Show** and overnight in Hanoi.

Day 8: Hanoi - Ha Long (B/L/D)

After an early breakfast, you will leave for **Ha Long Bay**, one of the most spectacular UNESCO World Heritage Areas and the world's largest marine limestone 'karst' landscape. There you will board your boat, a wooden junk built from the model of the old Vietnamese court vessels with sails, a wide transom and rectangular superstructure, that will take you first to the busy World Heritage area and then to some of the less well-known grottoes and caves. Weather permitting, you will be able to swim, fish, climb a hill for an overview of the Bay's remarkable seascape, or venture into some of the sea level caves in a small sampan. All your meals will be provided on board, usually based on fresh seafood. Your overnight will be aboard.

Day 9: Ha Long - Hanoi (B)

You will spend the morning cruising Ha Long Bay, followed by lunch just before docking around noon and leaving for Hanoi. Your overnight will be in Hanoi.



Day 10: Hanoi Departure (B)

You will have a half day to explore Vietnam’s capital city. Your guide will take you to a popular attraction, **Ho Chi Minh’s Mausoleum**, his simple stilt house where he lived and worked, and **Ho Chi Minh museum** dedicated to his memory. Then you will be driven to the airport in a good time to connect to your departure flight.

Price: quoted in US dollar, per person and non commission.

Group-	1 pax	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	10-14	Single
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Mid-	1569	870	762	619	583	549	336
Superior	1797	989	880	738	701	669	444
Deluxe	2281	1200	1093	956	926	901	618
Premium	3192	1658	1548	1409	1378	1354	1045

➔ Airfare supplement:

Route	Airfare	Notes
Ho Chi Minh City - Danang	US\$70	+ With Vietnam Airlines, economic class
Hue - Hanoi	US\$70	+ Airfare can be changed without prior notice. + With airport taxes
US\$140		

Accommodation:

Hotels	Mid-range	Superior	Deluxe	Premium
Ho Chi Minh	Lavender Hotel	Grand Hotel	Majestic Hotel	Park Hyatt Hotel
Hoi An	Hoi An Hotel	Hoi An Beach	Palm Garden	Victoria Hoi An
Hue	Hue Heritage	Park View Hotel	Morin Hotel	La Residence
Hanoi	Star View Hotel	Horison Hotel	Melia Hotel	Sofitel Metropole
Ha Long Bay	Deluxe Bai Tho	Deluxe Bai Tho	Bhaya Cruise	Ginger/Jasmine

Our prices include:

- + Breakfast and accommodation sharing a twin or double room.
- + Travel in an appropriate private air-conditioned vehicle with an experienced safe driver.
- + The services of an experienced local English-speaking guide (please note: guides will be on hand from pick-up until guests' return to their hotel or reaching their destination).
- + Boat cruises as specified in the programme. All Ha Long Bay boats will be fully licensed and comply with current safety regulations.
- + Where necessary, entry fees and permission to enter border areas for all visits mentioned in the programme.
- + Lunches and dinners (as specified in the itinerary) in the best local restaurants, or picnics where no suitable restaurant is available.
- + VAT and other taxes

Our prices do not include:

- + International flight tickets and airport tax.
- + Visas
- + Dinners, except as specified above.
- + Drinks, gratuities and personal expenses.
- + Camera fees (if any)
- + Insurance.