

# Hello Vietnam

8 days - 7 nights

Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Hoi An - 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 - Cu Chi Tunnels (B/L)

In the morning, you'll visit the famous **Cu Chi tunnels**, a byzantine maze of underground passages, chambers, rooms and booby traps used by both the Vietminh and the Viet Cong to suddenly materialise as if from nowhere, launch a lightning ambush, and vanish equally rapidly. Return to Ho Chi Minh City for lunch and then continue your visit with the **Reunification Hall**, the **Museum of War Remnants**, 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 will spend the night in Ho Chi Minh City.



## Day 3: Ho Chi Minh City - My Tho - Ho Chi Minh City (B/L)

After breakfast, depart from your hotel to travel to **My Tho**. On arrival, you'll board a boat to cruise on the Mekong River and rowing through small canals and channels to Thoi Son Island where you'll disembark and walk along a small village road to visit fruit gardens, the elementary school, the local distillery, and witness the daily life of Mekong villagers. You'll have chance to sample some of area's tropical fruits and watch a traditional music show. After lunch at a local restaurant on the island, you'll climb back on the boat to visit a coconut candy workshop. Return to Ho Chi Minh City in the late afternoon. Overnight 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 - Hoi An (B)**

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. Return to the town for lunch at your own arrangement. You will be free for the remainder of the day. Overnight in Hoi An.

#### **Day 6: Hoi An - Danang - 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 7: Hanoi - Ha Long - Hanoi (B/L)**

After breakfast, depart from your hotel **Ha Long Bay**, one of the most spectacular UNESCO World Heritage Areas and the world's largest marine limestone 'karst' landscape. There you'll board a traditional-style boat for four-hour cruise on the bay to visit some of the less well-known grottoes and caves. Weather permitting, you'll be able to swim, and climb hills (not mountains!) for an overview of the Bay's remarkable seascape. You'll be served a seafood lunch on the boat. In the late afternoon, you'll return to Hanoi. Overnight in Hanoi.

#### **Day 8: 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 |
|---|-------|-------|---------|---------|---------|-------|--------|
| <b>May 1, 2009 - September 30, 2009</b> |       |       |         |         |         |       |        |
| Mid-                                    | 1272  | 678   | 580     | 462     | 429     | 409   | 194    |
| Superior                                | 1526  | 806   | 708     | 589     | 556     | 537   | 322    |
| Deluxe                                  | 1819  | 1094  | 854     | 736     | 702     | 683   | 468    |
| Premium                                 | 2735  | 1411  | 1313    | 1191    | 1158    | 1137  | 919    |

→ Airfare supplement:

| Route                     | Airfare | Notes   |
|---------------------------|---------|---|
| Ho Chi Minh City - Danang | US\$70  | + With Vietnam Airlines, economic class<br>+ Airfare can be changed without prior notice.<br>+ With airport taxes |
| Danang - Hanoi            | US\$70  |   |
| <b>Total: US\$140</b>     |         |   |

Accommodation:

| Hotels | Mid-range    | Superior      | Deluxe      | Premium                         |
|--------|--------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Ho Chi | Lavender     | Grand Hotel   | Majestic    | Park Hyatt Hotel                |
| Hoi An | Hoi An Hotel | Hoi An Beach  | Palm Garden | Victoria Hoi An resort (Deluxe) |
| Hanoi  | Star View    | Horison Hotel | Melia Hotel | Sofitel Metropole Hanoi Hotel   |

**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.