

Ultimate Vietnam Adventure 13 Days 10 Nights Hanoi, Halong, Danang, Hoi An, Hue & Ho Chi Minh City

Day 1 & 2 Canada-Hanoi

Depart from Canada to Hanoi. Lose one day while crossing the International Dateline.

Day 3 Hanoi

Arrive Noi Bai Airport and transfer to your deluxe hotel. In the evening enjoy a traditional Vietnamese water puppet show. All the wooden puppets move on water following the rhythm of live folk music. Firecrackers, smoke, fire and lights create a spectacular effect.

Accommodation: Daewoo Hotel or similar

Day 4 Hanoi-Halong (B/L)

A morning city tour includes Ho Chi Minh Memorial Complex, One Pillar Pagoda - constructed of wood on a single stone pillar, the Temple of Literature - dedicated to Confucius in order to honor scholars and men of literary accomplishment, and the Old Quarter of Hanoi - well over a thousand years of history. After a local Vietnamese lunch, travel to Halong across Hai Hung Province and around Halong Bay.

Accommodation: Halong Plaza or similar

Day 5 Halong (B/L)

After breakfast, enjoy a 4-hour cruise on a traditional wooden boat among the emerald waters and craggy limestone cliffs of Halong Bay. Stop at different islands to explore some of the many caves in this area. Sail past floating villages, see fishermen casting their nets and observe the rhythms of daily life on the bay. Enjoy a seafood lunch on board.

Day 6 Halong-Hoi An (B/L)

Transfer to Hanoi airport and fly to Danang in central Vietnam. Upon arrival, we drive to Hoi An, a picturesque riverside town south of Danang. It is one of the rare places where you'll find genuine Vietnamese architecture.

Accommodation: Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort & Spa or similar

Day 7 Hoi An (B)

The exquisitely preserved merchant town of Hoi An was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1999. It is a thriving center of traditional crafts and a shoppers' paradise, best explored on foot. The walking tour will include visits to a private house, where members of the same family have lived continuously for centuries in a traditional setting to a typical Chinese style pagoda. Finally, continue to the famous Japanese Covered Bridge, first constructed in 1593 by the Japanese community of Hoi An to link the town with the Chinese quarters across the stream. In the afternoon, board a local boat and cruise down the Thu Bon River, enjoying the unspoiled countryside and stopping to visit a Pottery Village and a woodcarving village before returning to Hoi An harbor.

Day 8 Hoi An-Danang-Hoi An (B)

Drive to Danang, the third largest city in Vietnam, and the economic hub of Central Vietnam. Visit some Cham Museum, founded in 1915 by the Ecole Française d'Extreme Orient. This open-air collection of Cham sculpture is the finest in the world and includes some striking statues from this ancient civilization. Continue to the Marble Mountains. Five marble hills rising abruptly from the surrounding countryside. Each is said to represent one of the five elements of the universe. The largest and most famous, Thuy Son, has a number of natural caves, which have served variously as Hindu and Buddhist shrines over the centuries. Afternoon is at leisure.

Day 9 Hoi An-Hue (B)

From Hoi An journey north passing a lovely stretch of beach, steep mountainous roads with spectacular views of the coastline, crossing the dramatic Hai Van Pass before arriving in Hue. Located in the heart of Hue is the Imperial Citadel, a vast complex built in the early 19th century and modeled after the Forbidden City of Peking. Today, most of the buildings have been destroyed due to bombing during the Vietnam-American War, but the monuments that remain provide a fascinating glimpse into the court life of the Nguyen Dynasty. Visit Thai Hoa Palace, the magnificently decorated reception hall, the Halls of the

Mandarins and the original Nine Dynastic Urns. Afterwards, visit Dong Ba Market, a local market near the Imperial City

Accommodation: La Residence Hotel & Spa or similar

Day 10 Hue (B)

Enjoy a leisurely boat ride down the Perfume River. Stop at the iconic Thien Mu Pagoda, Hue's most widely recognized monument. Continue cruising into the countryside to the Imperial Tomb of Minh Mang and visit the Imperial Tombs of Tu Duc and Khai Dinh. Afterwards visit the Imperial Tomb of Khai Dinh, the last of the monumental tombs of the Nguyen dynasty, completed in 1931.

Day 11 Hue-Ho Chi Minh City (B)

This morning, fly to Ho Chi Minh City and enjoy a full day excursion to Cu Chi Tunnels. Never discovered by the American forces, the Cu Chi Tunnels were an important Vietcong base during the American War. Stretching over 200 km, this incredible underground network, dug by hand out of hard laterite, connected command posts, hospitals, shelter and weapon factories. Today, you can walk through the area and learn about the day-to-day life of the VC, see the cleverly disguised entrances and elaborate booby-traps, and even venture inside the tunnels. Some of which have been modified to accommodate tourists. Afterwards, visit Notre Dame Cathedral, Central Post Office, the Opera House and Dong Khoi Street, known as "Rue Catinet" during the French years.

Accommodation: Caravelle Hotel or similar

Day 12 Ho Chi Minh City (B)

Today, travel to My Tho, a bustling town in the rich agricultural region of the Mekong Delta and visit the Vinh Trang Pagoda, a beautiful temple and a sanctuary for orphans and other needy children. Afterwards board a local boat to explore the islands of the Mekong and stop at a fruit orchard to enjoy fruit and tea while listening to local music. The trip also includes a brief sampan ride through the tiny waterways.

Day 13 Ho Chi Minh City-Canada (B)

After breakfast transfer from hotel to airport for your return flight to Canada. **Bon Voyage!**

B – Breakfast

L – Lunch

D – Dinner

SD – Special Dinner

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PRICE INCLUDES:

- Return Economy Class Airfare from Canada to Asia on Singapore Airlines
- 10 Nights Deluxe Hotel accommodations with daily breakfast:
 - Hanoi: Daewoo Hotel or similar
 - Hoi An: Victoria Hoi An Beach Resort & Spa or similar
 - Hue: La Residence Hotel & Spa or similar
 - Hoi Chi Minh City: Carvelle Hotel or similar
- Economy Class flights between Hanoi and Danang, Hue and Saigon
- Airport transfers
- English speaking guide service while on sightseeing tours and excursions as per itinerary.
- Meals as specified in itinerary.
- Admission fees to parks, venues and shows as specified in itinerary.

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Any applicable weekend and other surcharges imposed by airlines.
- Any taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharge and visa fees.
- Travel insurance and all personal expenses.
- Tipping and gratuity to tour director, local guides, driver and hotel staff.
- Any item not specified as included.

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