



Highlights of Vietnam 10 Days 9 Nights Hanoi, Halong Bay, Hoi An, Hue, Ho Chi Minh City

Day 1 Arrive Hanoi

Arrive at Hanoi airport, meet your local representative and transfer to hotel.

Accommodation: La Belle Vie Hotel or similar

Day 2 Hanoi (B/L)

Today you will have the whole day to explore Vietnam's capital city. First visit Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum from outside and his modest stilt house where he chose to live and work. We continue our visit to the Temple of Literature, the first university in Vietnam dating back to the 11th century. Nowadays, students come and pray for good luck in their exams. Next, experience the Street Cuisine on foot. You will see other faces of local life in its authenticity. First take a walk in to the old quarter to discover the most charming area of the city to find out how locals live by their traditional work, generation by generation. Then, pass by the road-side market where you can see fresh herbs, local ingredients brought here early morning by the farmers from out-skirt areas. Hanoi Street food tour is symbolized as a meal with appetizers, main course and deserts. You would be amazed by the tastes of the local cuisine. Owners of the food stall will be very helpful to tell you how they prepare the dishes. Your lunch today will include some specials of Hanoi such as Bun Cha, Banh Cuon or Pho (noodle soup). Don't forget to take a seat on a small chair and try a glass of Bia Hoi – local draught beer at a small corner, and watch the local life moving around you, conclude what you have got after a great experience in a little Hanoi Old Quarter. Next, hop on a traditional bicycle rickshaws that moves at a leisure pace that's perfect for photos and sightseeing. Sit back and relax while your driver weaves through the busy streets, dodging speeding motorbikes and rolling past French colonial houses.

As the local do, sit down at a local café by Joseph Church, enjoy a cup of 'Tra Chanh' – green tea with lemon and chat with the youth. Return to your hotel after the tour and enjoy the evening at leisure.

Day 3 Hanoi - Halong Bay (B/L/D)

After breakfast, pick up by your local guide, depart from your Hotel for a three and half hour transfer to Halong Bay – UNESCO World Natural Heritage – with thousands of spectacular limestone islets and grottoes rising from the clear emerald Gulf of Tonkin. Upon arrival, welcome drink on board prior to your check-in. Lunch with fresh sea food will be served while the boat is cruising through many stone islets, floating villages, small beaches. Visit a floating fishing village and meet with local villagers, take a swim or spend time at your own leisure on the sundeck. Dinner served on board. Overnight stay on board in Halong Bay.

Accommodation: Sealife Cruise or similar

Day 4 Halong Bay - Hanoi – Hoi An (B)

Breakfast is served while the junk cruises around Halong Bay, pass by many islets named by their shapes. Stop for a while to explore most beautiful ones of the bay. The junk will then continue cruising towards the wharf. When you disembark at about 10.30am, your transport will be ready to take you back to Hanoi and then straight to the airport for a flight to Da Nang. Upon arrival, you will be welcomed by our guide and transfer to Hoi An town. Check in your hotel and overnight stay in Hoi An.

Accommodation: La Residencia Boutique Hotel & Spa or similar

Day 5 Hoi An (B/L)

After breakfast, leave your hotel, and travel on bike to a local farm in Tra Que village. A short stroll will take you around the vegetable garden and then you can join the farmers in preparing the land and fertilizing it with seaweed from the local lake. Following steps are raking the ground, sowing, watering, and picking vegetables



and other gardening activities. After that, you will join a cooking demonstration with some local delicacies including 'tam huu' spring roll, banh xeo or local pancake of people in the Vietnam middle region. Enjoy your lunch at Tra Que Village. In the afternoon, explore Hoi An Ancient Town, including the rich architectural fusion of 300 years old Chinese temple, 400 years old Japanese covered bridge, 200 years old Vietnamese former merchant home influences by visiting Hoi An narrow streets where each house façade is dangled with lanterns. Return to your hotel after the tour and enjoy the evening at leisure.

Day 6 Hoi An - Hue (B)

After breakfast, pick up by a local guide and take a land journey to Hue Imperial City via the cloudy Hai Van Pass. From the top of the cloudy Hai Van Pass admire the the panoramic view of the Vietnam central coast. Upon arrival, take a boat trip on Huong River, or better known as the perfume river. The boat drops us off at the beautiful Thien Mu Pagoda which is also home to many young people who want to try out and learn from life as a monk. Continue the boat trip to visit Minh Mang Tomb.

Accommodation: Moonlight Hotel & Spa or similar

Day 7 Hue - Ho Chi Minh City (B)

After breakfast at the hotel, you are free at leisure till check-out. In the afternoon, visit Imperial Citadel of Hue – UNESCO World Cultural Heritage. After the tour, transfer to the airport for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon). Upon arrival, meet by local representative and transfer to your hotel in the city for an overnight.

Accommodation: Muong Thanh Grand Saigon Centre Hotell or similar

Day 8 Hue - Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta (B/L)

Leave bustling Saigon behind, head out to un-touched area not well-known by tourists in Ben Tre. Board the comfort of your Apricot Cruise, we have a full day of interesting experiences: see how local traditional methods utilize every bit of the coconut, learn how to make local cakes, boat rowing through winding water-coconut canals, bike riding along lush rural roads, sample tasty local cakes, tea with honey, and enjoy lunch served with Mekong specialties at Apricot Riverside Restaurant. Relax, enjoy the tour and have memorable experiences.

Day 9 Ho Chi Minh City (B)

After breakfast, explore the historic Ho Chi Minh City starting with a visit to the War Remnants Museum - originally opened in September 1975, it displays old military equipment and other related items from Vietnam War. We continue to visit the Reunification Palace, former residence of the Indochina Governor General and late President of the Republic of Southern Vietnam until the fall of Saigon in Apr 30, 1975. Walk down to see Notre Dame Cathedral and General Post Office which are beautiful examples of architecture from the French colonial period and the last stop at the bustling Ben Thanh Market for shopping. Return to your hotel about noon time and rest of the day at your leisure.

Day 10 Ho Chi Minh City - Canada (B)

After breakfast, enjoy leisure time until your transfer to the airport for your homebound flight

B – Breakfast

L – Lunch

D - Dinner



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Daily Departure	Land Package From	Single Supp.
2022: April - September	1820	500
2022: October - December	1870	550
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Your Tour Package Includes:

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- Superior hotel accommodation with daily breakfast
- Sightseeing Tours with admission and meals as per itinerary
- Professional English-speaking local guide service

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