



Itinerary

18 Day Complete Vietnam Experience

DAY 1: Hanoi Arrival

Your Holiday 2 Vietnam begins in the bustling city of Hanoi. You will be picked up at the airport by a tour representative and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free at leisure.

MEALS: None

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 Star Hotel, Hanoi

DAY 2: Hanoi ~ Halong Bay

Early morning pickup at 8:00am to journey through lush Vietnamese countryside to Halong Bay. On arrival we board the traditional junk boat for a memorable cruise among the hundreds of limestone islets of Halong Bay. During the cruise we stop at the 'Magnificent Cave' full of stalagmites and stalactites. Tuck in to a yummy seafood lunch and some water based activities such as swimming or kayaking. Spend the night onboard in your comfortable cabin and enjoy the peacefulness of the Bay.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 Star Traditional Junk Boat, Halong Bay

DAY 3: Halong Bay ~ Hanoi

This morning we continue to sail through the majestic landscape of Halong Bay before heading back to shore and continuing back to Hanoi after a buffet lunch. Arrive back in Hanoi at around 5pm have the evening at your own leisure.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 Star Hotel, Hanoi

DAY 4: Hanoi Free Day

Free day in Hanoi to explore at your own leisure. We recommend exploring the old town and try the famous and delicious Hanoi street food. At 7pm you will embark on the night train for your overnight journey to Dong Hoi.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT: Night Train (4 berth cabin)

OPTIONAL: Hanoi City Tour \$60 | Upgrade from Overnight train to flight \$160/\$180

Note: City Tour is not available if upgrading to a flight to Dong Hoi

DAY 5: Dong Hoi ~ Phong Nha

At 7:00am the train arrives in Dong Hoi where you will be picked up on arrival and transferred to the hotel for breakfast. After breakfast we start the Phong Nhe Ke Bang tour and take a boat trip along with Son river to visit Phong Nha Cave. As we drift along the river, enjoy the charming natural scenery and witness rural Vietnamese country lifestyle before we arrive at the cave. Phong Nha Cave is the longest cave in Southeast Asia, it comprises of spectacular limestone, underground river systems and the most unique stalactites in the world. We take lunch at a restaurant with local specialties and then in the afternoon, Continue to the Phong Nha Botanical Garden; a beautiful landscape hidden in the jungle with stunning streams and waterfalls. We return to Dong Hoi around 5:00pm for an evening at leisure.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 Star Hotel, Dong Hoi

DAY 6: Phong Nha ~ Hue

After breakfast we depart for 'Paradise Cave'. Living up to its name, this cave is known as the most beautiful cave in Asia. It was only discovered In 2005 by explorer from British Cave Research Association and boasts excellent beauty and magnificent stalactites and stalagmites. At an altitude of 360m above the sea level, Paradise Cave area's temperature ranges from 9 - 10 degree celsius. The mouth of Paradise Cave is small, hidden behind the cliffs and trees. Paradise Cave's heart is divided into several large chambers, the most extensive chamber is over 200m with above 100m high. The cave has been created continuously by nature over 350 million years. After our wonderful cave visit, we have lunch at a local restaurant and then drive to Hue.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 Star Hotel, Hue

DAY 7: Hue City Tour

In the morning at 9:00am we set off on a city tour, starting with a boat trip along the peaceful Perfume River to visit Thein Mu Pagoda and the mausoleum of Emperor Tu Duc. In the afternoon, the tour continues with visits to the Imperial Citadel and the Dong Ba Market. The spectacular Citadel houses a series of palaces, ornate halls, libraries and residences. The evening is at your leisure.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 Star Hotel, Hue

DAY 8: Hue ~ Hoi An

After breakfast we journey 3 hours south to the beautiful historic town of Hoi An. We will arrive around midday so you will have the afternoon free to stroll along the river, barter at the bustling markets or shop for some tailor made outfits. Don't forget to try the 50c freshly made beer at one of the many restaurants along the river!

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 Star Hotel, Hoi An

DAY 9: Hoi An ~ My Son Holy Land ~ Hoi An

Enjoy a day trip out to My Son Holy Land today. You will be picked up at 8:00am to drive the 40km to this wonderful World Heritage Site. My Son is considered as one of South East Asia's best archaeological sites, in the same league as Bagan in Myanmar and Angkor in Cambodia. My Son was once the religious center of the Cham people built from 7th to 13th centuries. Step back in time with a fascinating tour around the ruins with a knowledgeable guide. Once the tour is over we stop for a buffet lunch before heading back to Hoi An for the evening free at leisure.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 Star Hotel, Hoi An

DAY 10: Hoi An ~ Nha Trang

After breakfast and check out, transfer to Danang airport to catch a flight to Nha Trang around noon. Once in Nha Trang, transfer and check in to your hotel and then go relax on the beautiful sandy beaches.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 Star Hotel, Nha Trang

DAY 11: Nha Trang Boat Trip

Today we have a full day boat trip around the stunning little islands of Nha Trang. First stop is Mun Island, which is home to some of Vietnam's best dive spots with crystal clear water and an abundance of colourful coral and sea-life. We stop here for a spot of snorkelling. Next, we visit Tam island, well known for its wild tropical forest, long beach and clear water. Spend some time here relaxing or swimming. Then, we visit Tri Nguyen Aquarium on Mieu Island. Here you will see many species of sea-life that inhabits the Nha Trang ocean. Return to Nha Trang at 4:00pm.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 Star Hotel, Nha Trang

DAY 12: Nha Trang ~ Dalat

Today we leave the seaside behind and travel up into the fresh hilly region of Dalat. Travel by bus for approx. 5 hours until we reach the hotel in the pretty French-colonial town. Spend the afternoon at leisure.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 Star Hotel, Dalat

DAY 13: Dalat City Tour

Discover Dalat on a full day city tour today, starting with an 8:30 pick up to Bao Dai Palace, where the last Emperor of Vietnam used to holiday. After lunch visit the Truc Lam Zen Monastery, the largest Zen Monastery in Vietnam, and Tuyan Lam Lake, the nicest lake in Dalat. We enjoy some traditional music played by a Lat Ethnic band before heading back to the hotel.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 Star Hotel, Dalat

DAY 14: Dalat Free Day

Free day in Dalat to relax and explore the city at your own pace.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 Star Hotel, Dalat

DAY 15: Dalat ~ Ho Chi Minh City

We have a bit of a long drive today as we head back down the mountains to the hustle and bustle of Ho Chi Minh City. Prepare yourselves with snacks and charge your music player as you gaze out the window at the stunning Vietnamese countryside scenery for your 7 hours journey.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 Star Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City

DAY 16: Ho Chi Minh City ~ Cu Chi Tunnels

After breakfast you will be picked up at 8:30am for an excursion to see the impressive underground Cu Chi Tunnel network. The network was constructed by Vietnamese fighters during the struggle for independence and took 25 years to complete. This incredible structure has living rooms, kitchens, hospitals, weapon factories, storage facilities and a command centre and was an excellent way for the Vietcong to move around the countryside undetected by Americans. Around 10,000 people lived in these tunnels for several years. On this trip you will get an opportunity to go into a section of the tunnels and see the mantraps set by the Vietcong. You will arrive back in Ho Chi Minh City at around 1:00pm to enjoy free time in the afternoon.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 Star Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City

DAY 17: Mekong River Cruise

Relax with a full day excursion along the tranquil Mekong River. Pick up from hotel at 8:00am and sit back with a relaxing 2-hour drive to My Tho, passing through lush scenery and green rice paddy fields.

Along the way we stop to visit a Cao Dai Temple, which is a unique religion of Vietnam. On arrival into My Tho, we board a boat to cruise along the Mekong. The first stop is Xep Canal where you will feel total escape from the hustle and bustle of the city. We cruise through a small canal lined with tropical coconut trees and stop at a local village to disembark and sample their local produce such as honey tea, honey wine, tropical fruit as well as being treated to a traditional music performance. We then swap the cruise boat for smaller rowing boats to reach the other islet where you will enjoy a special Vietnamese lunch prepared by a local family. In the afternoon return to Ho Chi Minh City and spend the evening at your leisure.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT: 3 or 4 Star Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City

DAY 18: End of Tour ~ Departure

Enjoy your final breakfast of this epic Vietnamese journey, before you check out and get transferred to the airport for your return flight home.

MEALS: Breakfast