

Inspirations of Travel



# **10 DAYS VERY VIETNAM**

# Hanoi / Halong Bay / Hoi An / Saigon / Mekong Delta

# TRIP OVERVIEW

"Over the course of 10 days, you will visit the must-see cities in Vietnam from north to south, stay in comfortable hotels, homestay and taste different Vietnamese flavors. You still have plenty of free time to discover destinations on your own as well. This tour designs for travelers who has not much time but it is a fulfill experiences."

DAYS	ITINERARY	MEALS
Day 1	HANOI ARRIVAL	N/A
Day 2	HANOI HISTORY & CULTURE TALES	B,L
Day 3	HALONG BAY CRUISE	B,L,D
Day 4	HALONG BAY - HANOI, FLY TO HOI AN / VN183 @ 5:00 PM	B,BR
Day 5	TRA QUE VILLAGE & HOI AN WALK-IN TOUR	B,L

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Day 6	HOIAN, FLY TO SAIGON & CU CHI TUNNELS / VN117 @ 10:00 AM	B,L
Day 7	SAIGON HISTORY & FOOD EXPERIENCE	B,L,D
Day 8	MEKONG DELTA HOMESTAY	B,L,D
Day 9	BEN TRE, BACK TO SAIGON	B,L
Day 10	SAIGON DEPARTURE	В

# DETAILS OF ITINERARY

DAYS ITINERARY

### DAY 1 HANOI ARRIVAL

Arrive in Hanoi and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure. Overnight in Hanoi.



# DAY 2 HANOI HISTORY & CULTURE TALES (B,L)

Begin the morning with a visit the Ho Chi Minh Complex, which includes Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum (outside), the final resting place of the beloved national hero, Uncle Ho, and President Ho Chi Minh's stilt house where he lived off and on from 1958 to 1969. At 09:30 you'll visit the One Pillar Pagoda, which is actually a group of structures that collectively make up a pagoda built over the water in the middle of a square lake.

After that, you'll have a chance to explore the Tran Quoc Pagoda on the shore of west lake. From there, it's onto the Temple of literature, which was Viet nam's first university and is dedicated to Confucius. Stop at the University of Vietnam built in 1076. After lunch, enjoy cyclo ride through the busting Old Quarter, visit the Lake of the Returned Sword and Ngoc Son Temple at the late evening of the day Overnight in Hanoi.





### DAY 3 HALONG BAY CRUISE (B,L,D)

After breakfast leave Hanoi for an overnight boat trip on Halong Bay. Journey there through the rich farmlands of the Red River Delta, observing everyday life of Vietnamese villagers along the way.. Arrive in Halong City late morning and board the boat for the overnight journey into the Bay. Lunch will be served en route, whilst cruising along the bay's iconic limestone formations. Towards the end of the day set anchor for the night. As the sun sets over the bay, dinner is served on board with fresh seafood, salads, and fruits. Overnight in Halong Bay.



# DAY 4 HALONG BAY - HANOI, FLY TO HOI AN / VN183 @ HAN DAD 5:00 PM (B,BR)

In the morning, refresh your body and mind with a Tai Chi exercise on the sundeck at the break of dawn. Have tea and coffee onboard and continue exploring Ha Long Bay sailing across its 2000 islets and visiting some of its major highlights. Normally, check out at 10:30, have brunch while cruising back to shore. Disembark at 12:00 AM to transfer to Hanoi airport for the flight to Danang. Upon arrival, pick up by guide and transfer to hotel. Overnight in Hoi An.





# DAY 5 TRA QUE VILLAGE & HOI AN WALK-IN TOUR (B,L)

Breakfast at hotel. Then we will take a bike trip to Tra Que Vegetable Village. Here, you will enjoy glasses of herbal tea and take a short tour around the vegetable gardens to see many different kinds of vegetables planted in the gardens. Back inside the local house for 15 minutes foot massage. Continue riding bicycle along village path to see daily activities of local farmers, capture natural view of country side, riding Buffalo. Cooking class will be taught by professional chef how to make 2 dishes Banh Xeo and Tra Que Spring Rolls. Enjoy Vietnamese Lunch at the vegatable village.

Then back to Hoi An Town for walk-in tour, explore the ancient city of Hoi An which former name's Faifo where there were a lot of Chinese living together with the Japanese and Vietnamese, the highlights will be Japanese Covered Bridge, Phung Hung Ancient Trading House, Phuoc Kien Temple, the Cantonese congregation, silk street in Hoi an, the temples and pagodas of Chinese appearance. Overnight in Hoi An.



# DAY 6 HOIAN, FLY TO SAIGON & CU CHI TUNNELS / VN117 DAD SGN @ 10:00 AM (B,L)

9:15 guide pick up and transfer to Danang airport for flight to Saigon. 11:55, guide pick up in Saigon, have lunch at local restaurant. Then drive to Cu Chi Tunnels. We then spend time exploring the maze of tunnels including innumerable trap doors, storage facilities, weapons factories, field hospitals, command centers and kitchens. These tunnels consisted of many 'moving parts' making them a livable

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structure for long periods of time. 16:00 We then drive back to Saigon and end the Cu Chi Tunnels tour. Check in hotel, free time for rest. Overnight in Saigon.



# DAY 7 SAIGON HISTORY & FOOD EXPERIENCE (B,L,D)

Breakfast at hotel. 8:30 am, we start this day tour by a visit to The Reunification Palace. This is one of the most important buildings in the city. Continue to The Post Office Center for the best examples of classical French colonial architecture in Saigon, Notre Dame Cathedral and War Remnants Museum, which formerly known as the Museum of American War Crimes. Lunch at local restaurant. In the afternoon, we will go to Thien Hau Pagoda, and Binh Tay Market. Come back to your hotel around 5:00 pm. 17:30 PM Tour guide from Food Tour will pick up you at hotel for explore Saigon by night on bike. End at 22:00. Overnight in Saigon.



# DAY 8 MEKONG DELTA HOMESTAY (B,L,D)

8:00 am, pick up at hotel in Saigon and transfer to Ben Tre. 10:00 On arrival in Ham Luông Pier (Bến Tre Town). Take a boat on Bến Tre river – one of tributaries of Mekong river, observe lively activities along the river as fishing, water transferring. Stop at brick workshop to see how to make bricks manually with traditional style, how they form and bake bricks.

Visit one of plenty of coconut processing workshops located along canal. Take a walk to a family workshop making sleeping-mats and enjoy some fruits and tea. Take a motor cart (xe lôi) or cycle riding under tree shades, pass by green rice fields and vegetable plains to see real farmer life and find out

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about tropical culture. Lunch at Hai Hồ family. After lunch, visit Mr. Sau khanh's House – seeing ancient porcelains collecting set.

2:45 pm, depart to Lộc Thuận Village for checking in Homestay (30km, 45minutes) – a very comfort homestay. Upon arrival you are welcomed by very friendly house-owner with fresh coconut juice. Check in and take a good rest. You will join with family to pick up ingredient from organic vegetable garden and prepare dinner. You will learn how to cook Vietnamese pancake and join dinner together with family with folk music by house-owner. Overnight at Ba Thanh Homestay.



# DAY 9 BEN TRE, BACK TO SAIGON (B,L)

Breakfast at Ba Thanh Homestay. Take a bike trip to local market or local school (\*Mon – Fri), you can talk and take photo with local people and try some local food. Visit Cao Dai Temple and An Loc Pagoda. Back to Ba Thanh Homestay for check out. Have lunch on the back to Saigon. Check in hotel and rest. Overnight in Saigon.



# DAY 10 SAIGON DEPARTURE (B)

Breakfast at hotel. Free time till guide pick up at hotel for flight back home.



# ACCOMMODATION

CITIES	3*	4*	5*
Ha Noi	LENID THO NHUOM HOTEL DELUXE	<u>THE LIGHT HANOI</u> DELUXE	ORIENTAL JADE HANOI HOTEL Ruby City view
Ha Long	ORIENTAL SAILS CRUISE HA LONG Deluxe	PEONY CRUISE HA LONG Deluxe Balcony	ATHENA CRUISE HA LONG Elegant Suite
Hoi An	KIMAN HOTEL Superior	LITTLE HOI AN BEACH LITTLE DELUXE	ROYAL HOI AN MGALLERY Deluxe
Ho Chi Minh	LAVENDER BOUTIQUE SAIGON Premium	NORTHERN HOTEL SAI GON Deluxe room	MAJESTIC HOTEL SAIGON Colonial Deluxe
Ben Tre	BA THANH HOMESTAY	BA THANH HOMESTAY	BA THANH HOMESTAY

# PACKAGES INCLUSIONS

# Services included

- 8 nights accommodation with daily breakfast (B=Breakfast)
- 1 overnight cruise on boat in Halong Bay
- Mineral water & tissue on day tours
- English speaking guide during all tours and transfers
- Lunch, dinner as specified in the itinerary (L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Private air-conditioned vehicle with driver during all tours and transfers.
- Entrance fees for all visits as mentioned in the itinerary

# **Services NOT Included**

- Tipping for guides, drivers.
- All other services not specified in the itinerary
- International airfare to and from Vietnam
- Visa arrangement to Vietnam
- Travel insurance
- Meals, if not specified in the itinerary