

Vietnam Tour - 7 Days

Destination: Hanoi/Ha Long Bay/Ho Chi Minh City/Cu Chi/Mekong Delta

Departure: Every Month

Day 1 Arrival at Hanoi (D, G)

Arriving at Noi Bai airport in Hanoi, you'll be met and driven to your hotel. You'll then be free until be picked up to watch the Water Puppet show an art form unique to northern Vietnam, and a good, light-hearted introduction to its rural culture. You'll spend the night in Hanoi.



Day 2 Hanoi (B, L, D, G)

After breakfast at our hotel, you'll be picked up to start a Hanoi city tour. You'll visit Ba Dinh Square, where silent sentries guard the marble and Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum where Ho Chi Minh lies in state (closed on every Monday & Friday and October & November) and see the simple cottage where Uncle Ho lived and worked. You'll continue to visit the One Pillar Pagoda and hear the legend of its construction, You'll drive to visit the serene Tran Quoc Pagoda, the oldest in Hanoi, on the banks of Hanoi's West Lake. You'll also call the Temple of Literature, built in 1070 and the dedicated to Confucius, it is a serene retreat from the busy streets outside and later become Vietnam's first university.

After lunch at local restaurant, driver and guide will take you to visit the Ethnology Museum for an overview of Vietnam's 54 distinct ethnic and enjoy an orientation of the tree-lined streets of Hanoi, resplendent with French colonial architecture, including the recently restored Opera House. Pass by Hoan Kiem Lake, also known as Lake of Restored Sword from the legend that surrounds it en-route to one of the city's fascinating museums.

In the afternoon, you'll take to the streets by walking tour of the Ancient Quarter of 36 streets District. This densely populated corner of the city was once a centre of commerce where goods were sold under the street name of a particular guild. Still a thriving community of sellers today, you'll see streets name such as Sugar Street, Tin Street and Paper Street. Ancient homes and temples are interspersed with stores in this souvenir hunter's paradise. You'll spend the night in Hanoi.



Day 3 Hanoi/Ha Long (B, L, D, G)

You'll leave for Ha Long Bay, which is often called Vietnam's eighth wonder of the world and once visited, it is hard to dispute that claim.



4000 spectacular limestone outcroppings, cliffs, arches and coves compete for space in an area that is without doubt the most outstandingly naturally beautiful in the country - incomparable coastal scenery. On arrival, you'll board your boat, a wooden junk that will take you first to the busy World Heritage area Ha Long Bay, which is translated as "Descending Dragon". You'll stop off at an islet and climb through a series of breathtaking caves and grottoes, marveling at some of the most impressive stalactite and stalagmite formations anywhere in the world and then making a stop secluded beach where you can enjoy cruising among the cave dotted island and seeing the small fishing boats which are always a feature of this lovely bay. Weather permitting, you'll be able to swim, fish, climb a hill for an overview of the Bay's remarkable seascape. All your meals will be provided on board, usually based on fresh seafood. You'll spend the night on the boat.

For your two-day Ha Long excursion, you'll board one of the best quality boats on the Bay, a wooden junk based on the model of the old Vietnamese court vessels with sails, a wide transom and rectangular superstructure. The boats vary in size, accommodating between ten and eighteen people, so you're likely to be joining other travelers for the cruise. Your cabin will be about six meters square, and furnished with twin bunks, two fans, an air-conditioner, pillows, white cotton sheets, and an en suite toilet and shower.



Day 4 Ha Long/Hanoi/Ho Chi Minh City (B, L, D, G)

You'll have western breakfast on boat and then

Spend the morning cruising Ha Long Bay, followed by lunch just before docking to the harbor at around 11.30.

On the way back from Ha Long, you'll enter one of the villages nearby to enjoy the life of the Northern farmer. If the time permits, you can visit a school for children and give them candy.

You'll return to Hanoi for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City. On arrival, you will be picked up to the hotel. Your overnight accommodation will be in Ho Chi Minh City.

Day 5 Ho Chi Minh City tour/Cu Chi (B, L, D, G)

In the morning, you'll visit the 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 materialize as if from nowhere, launch a lightning ambush, and vanish equally rapidly. You'll drive back to Ho Chi Minh City to have lunch at local restaurant

In the afternoon, you'll visit Centre Post Office with colonial building and the Cathedral Church. Your next place is the Museum of War Remnants provides a very partial, but



riveting, perspective of the „American War. You'll have approximately two hour to visit Ben Thanh market, one of the liveliest areas of Ho Chi Minh City, is packed with every conceivable commodity and a visit to lacquer workshop to see the complex processes and meticulous workmanship involved in this traditional Vietnamese craft product. You'll spend the night in Ho Chi Minh City.

Day 6: Ho Chi Minh City/Vinh Long (B, L, D, G)

Drive to Vinh Long, a city famous by the Mekong River and floating market. You'll cruise to visit Cai Be floating market, fruit orchards, a traditional family-run brick kiln. You'll have a lunch at one of the local family and have a shot show of traditional music in Mekong Delta which is operated by the local people. You'll have time to wonder around the fruit market to buy some kind of famous tropical fruit such as banana, pomelo, dragon fruit, and mangostin and so on. You'll return to Ho Chi Minh City. You'll spend the night in Ho Chi Minh City.

Day 7 Ho Chi Minh City departure (B, G)

Your time will be your own until your private car and driver arrives to take you to Tan Son Nhat airport for your departure flight.

Our price includes:

- * International flight tickets and airport tax.
- * Visas
Breakfast and accommodation sharing a twin or double room.
- * Pick-ups and transfers by private air-conditioned 35-seat vehicle as specified in the itinerary above
- * One way domestic flight tickets: Hanoi – Ho Chi Minh City, including domestic airport taxes.
- * Boats cruise as programme. For Ha Long Bay, you'll join other passengers on a high quality wooden boat with comfortable accommodation, good facilities and an experienced crew. The boat will be fully licensed and comply with current safety regulations.
- * Travel by private, air-conditioned 35-seat vehicle with an experienced, safe driver.
- * The services of experienced English-speaking guides as indicated in the itinerary
- * Where necessary, entry fees for all visits as mentioned in the programme.
- * Lunches as specified, in the good local restaurants, picnics where suitable restaurants are not available, and full board on the boat in Ha Long Bay.
- * 2 bottles of water per day
- * VAT and other taxes

Our price does not include:

- * Dinners, except as specified above.
- * Drinks, gratuities and personal expenses.
- * Insurance.

Hotel list for Three Stars standard:

- * Hanoi: La Belle Vie hotel (***) city centre, ROH) or similar
- * Ho Chi Minh City: Sapphire Hotel (***) city centre) or similar

PAYMENT:

- **50,000/= deposit at the time of booking (before 2 month). Balance payment to be paid 15 days prior to departure.**

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