

Tour: Explore Vietnam in Comfort

Travel Style Upgraded
Physical Demands Light
Continent Asia
Duration 13days



Description

Immerse yourself in the incredibly vibrant culture of Vietnam with this 13-day introduction to some of its greatest highlights. Spend a night on a traditional junk boat in stunning Halong Bay, roam the UNESCO World Heritage site of Hoi An, trek through hilltribe villages to gain a glimpse of traditional rural life, and enjoy a cyclo ride through the heart of bustling Hanoi. Rediscover what a real adventure should feel like as you make your way through Vietnam.

What's Included

Arrival transfer. Mai Chau hike. Visit to Hoa Lo Prison (Hanoi Hilton) and Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum. Cyclo tour of Hanoi's Old Quarter. Breakfast at a youth training restaurant. Overnight on a junk boat on Halong Bay. Guided tour of Emperor's Tomb and Imperial Citadel Hue. Walking tour of Hoi An Old Town. Oodles of Noodles market tour and cooking class. Lantern-making class. Guided tour of the Cu Chi Tunnels. Internal flights. All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

Meals Included

12 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners

Group Leader

Chief Experience Officer (CEO) throughout, local guides.

Group Leader Details

All group trips are accompanied by one of our Chief Experience Officers (CEO). The aim of the CEO is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. They will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to see and do, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. While not being guides in the traditional sense you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the countries visited on the trip, including

Departure Dates

All year round
 (International flights not included)

Price per Traveller from 2399.00
 AUD

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Optional Services

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| Pre-Hotel: (Per Room) (Per Night) | Standard - Twin/Double | 105.00 AUD |
| | Standard - Single | 105.00 AUD |
| | Standard - Triple | 180.00 AUD |
| Post-Hotel: (Per Room) (Per Night) | Standard - Twin/Double | 165.00 AUD |
| | Standard - Single | 165.00 AUD |
| My Own Room: | | 1679.00 AUD (1 available) |

This tour is classified as a National Geographic Journey: Greater exploration, insider access and the freedom to roam, all without sacrificing comfort.

Brief Itinerary

From Jan 01, 2017

Day 1 Hanoi

Arrive at any time. Arrival transfer included. O/N Golden Silk Boutique Hotel (or similar)

Day 2 Hanoi/Mai Châu (Breakfast)

Start your day off right with breakfast at Hoa Sua, a non-profit training restaurant for underprivileged Hanoi youth. Help yourself to some yummy cuisine while helping others. We then travel to the lush Mai Chau Valley and enjoy a countryside walk through rice paddies and local Villages. O/N Mai Chau Ecoledge (or similar)

Day 3 Mai Châu (Breakfast)

Enjoy free time to explore the valley. Options include cycling in the countryside, cooking class, relaxing or kayaking. O/N Mai Chau Ecoledge (or similar)

Day 4 Mai Châu/Hanoi (Breakfast)

Return to Hanoi to explore Hoa Lo Prison (Hanoi Hilton), visit Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum with a local guide, and go on a cyclo tour of the Old Quarter. O/N Golden Silk Boutique Hotel (or similar)

Day 5 Hanoi/Ha Long (Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner)

Transfer to Halong Bay and spend the night on a traditional junk boat surrounded by turquoise waters, where thousands of sculpted limestone islands rise from the calm waters. Cruise through Bai Tu Long Bay, a more secluded section of this stunning UNESCO World Heritage site and opt to go kayaking, or squid fishing.

Day 6 Ha Long/Huế (Breakfast | Lunch)

Continue to cruise around the Bay and explore the Thien Canh Son cave with our local guide. Have an early lunch on board before returning to land and heading back to Hanoi to catch our short flight to Hue. O/N Asia Hotel (or similar)

Day 7 Huế (Breakfast)

Visit the ancient walled Citadel containing the former Imperial Palace. Take a trip into the surrounding countryside to see the final resting place of former emperors, visiting one of the most impressive royal tombs. Opt to explore Hue like the locals on a motorbike taxi, visiting local shops and a Convent for lunch. O/N Asia Hotel (or similar)

historical, cultural, religious and social aspects. We also use local guides where we think more specific knowledge will add to the enjoyment of the places we are visiting - we think it's the best of both worlds.

Transport

Bus, boat, cyclo, plane, walking.

Solo Travellers

We believe single travellers should not have to pay more to travel so our group trips are designed for shared accommodation and do not involve a single supplement. Single travellers joining group trips are paired in twin or multi-share accommodation with someone of the same sex for the duration of the trip. Some of our Independent trips are designed differently and single travellers on these itineraries must pay the single trip price.

Accommodation

Hotels (9 nts), junk boat (1 nt), lodge (2 nt).

Group Size

Max 16, Avg 10.

Day 8 Hué/Hoi An (Breakfast)

Enjoy a scenic drive to Hoi An, a UNESCO World Heritage site and take a walking tour of the ancient town. Also visit the Lifestart Foundation and learn how to make a traditional lantern from one of the beneficiaries of this program. Supported by Planeterra, this project helps local Vietnamese with chronic disabilities gain sustainable employment. O/N Essence Hoi An Hotel (or similar)

Day 9 Hoi An (Breakfast | Lunch)

Enjoy the Oodles of Noodles market visit, street food experience and cooking class at a culinary training school. Visit the local markets with two students and their trainer to learn about and taste noodles, and then return to the school to cook lunch with the students. O/N Essence Hoi An Hotel (or similar)

Day 10 Hoi An (Breakfast)

The day is free for optional activities of your choice. O/N Essence Hoi An Hotel (or similar)

Day 11 Hoi An/Ho Chi Minh City (Breakfast)

Flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Opt to take a cyclo tour and visit the markets and shops. O/N Continental Saigon Hotel (or similar)

Day 12 Ho Chi Minh City (Breakfast | Dinner)

Visit the famous Cu Chi Tunnels, legendary for the vital part they played during the Vietnam War. O/N Continental Saigon Hotel (or similar)

Day 13 Ho Chi Minh City (Breakfast)

Depart at any time, airport transfer included.