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## **Vietnam Grand Package**

*(18 days - Weekday departures: Sun, Wed, Thu & Sat)*

### **Day 1: Hanoi Arrival**

Arrive at Noi Bai International airport where we will pick you up with your name on a board. Then transfer you to the Hanoi Old Quarter, for lunch/dinner on your account.

Overnight at the hotel in Hanoi.

### **Day 2: Hanoi City Tour – Departure (B/L)**

After breakfast, you will check out & leave your luggage in the hotel lobby.

**08:00-08:30:** We will pick you up from your hotel in the Hanoi Old Quarter. Then visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and Museum to discover the architectural and historical aspects of Uncle Ho's final resting-place. Just next door is Ho Chi Minh's house (on stilts) and lying to one side of the Mausoleum is the One Pillar Pagoda - founded by King Ly Thai To in 1049. The structure has become an important symbol for Hanoians. Continue on to visit the Quan Thanh Temple (Taoist dating from the Ly Dynasty) and the Buddhist Tran Quoc Pagoda on the West Lake (One of the oldest pagodas in Vietnam). Have lunch there.

**PM:** After lunch, proceed to visit the Ethnology Museum, the Literature Temple and Quoc Tu Giam (Vietnam's first university constructed in 1070 - it's gardens and fine architecture offers a relaxing glimpse into Vietnam's past). We will take you past Hoan Kiem Lake to see its peaceful waters and visit Ngoc Son temple. For the end of the tour, take a coach trip through the Hanoi Old Quarter. You are free to shop, explore and relax here until 15:30. Enjoy the Water Puppet Show at Thang Long Theatre before having dinner on your account.

Overnight in your hotel.

### **Day 3: Hanoi – Hoa Lu – Tam Coc – Hanoi (B/L)**

**07:45 – 08:15:** We will pick you up at your hotel in the Hanoi Old Quarter, and then leave by coach to Hoa Lu (2.5 hours). Visit the historic capital of Vietnam and the famous ancient temples of the Le and Dinh Dynasties. Take a bus or complete an hour's cycle through picturesque quiet roads where you'll pass peaceful villages, rice fields, rivers and rocky outcrops before arriving in Tam Coc (12km away).

**PM:** Boat trip to visit Tam Coc to see the amazing formations of karsts as you pass between them - then row into one of the many caves carved through the limestone. Drive back to 49 Hang Be street, Hoan Kiem Dist, Hanoi city at 18:00. On arrival have dinner on your account.

**20:00:** We will transfer you to Hanoi train station for departure to Sapa (scheduled: 21:15 – 06:15). Overnight on the train in an A/C soft sleeper cabin.

### **Day 4: Lao Cai – Cat Cat – Sin Chai Villages (B/L/D)**

**06:15:** We will pick you up at Lao Cai Station then transfer you to Sa Pa town for breakfast at a local restaurant. After that, you will check in to an available hotel before midday. After lunch, we'll trek to visit Cat Cat and Sin Chai - villages of the Black H'Mong tribe. Discover the majestic waterfall in Cat Cat, and enjoy the beautiful scenery along the way. Return to the hotel for dinner and enjoy a night in Sapa town.

### **Day 5: Lao Chai – Ta Van Villages – Lao Cai Station (B/L)**

After breakfast, you will check out and leave your luggage in the hotel to be ready for a great walking trip. Trek down to Lao Chai village to visit the Tay and Day tribes, then keep going along the bottom of the Sapa valley to get to Ta Van village (supposedly the most beautiful one in the area). Have a picnic lunch on the way. You can return to Sapa by motorbike or jeep trip. Head back to Lao Cai Station in our car, then have dinner on your account.

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Overnight in the A/C soft sleeper cabin back to Hanoi (scheduled: 20:15 – 04:30).

**Day 6: Hanoi – Ha Long (B/L/D)**

**06:30:** We will collect you at the Station and transfer you to 49 Hang Be Street, Hoan Kiem Dist. Have breakfast on your account.

**08:00:** We will leave Hanoi for Ha Long City in a modern bus. Get on luxury junk boat and enjoy a welcome drink and a lunch of savory local sea food. Check into your cabin and start cruising around the bay to see the amazing formations of karsts such as: the Lion, Tea Pot, Toad, and the Dau Nguoi (Human Head) islet. Disembark for a fantastic walk through the Sung Sot (Amazing Cave) cave. There will be plenty of free time for kayaking, swimming and sunbathing (weather permitting) after the boat anchors in a clean calm sea. Enjoy a wonderful sunset dinner in our beautiful restaurant before retiring to the comfort of your cabin. Have dinner and stay overnight on the Boat.

**Day 7: Ha Long – Hanoi (B/L)**

**07:15:** Cakes, fruits, tea and coffee will be served. Continue to cruise through Ha Long Bay.

**09.30 – 10.30:** Enjoy a delicious lunch after you pack your things and leave the cabin.

**11.30 – 12.00:** Sail back to Ha Long pier and take a bus back to Hanoi.

**16:15:** Arrive at 49 Hang Be street, Hoan Kiem Dist, Hanoi. You have free time there to have dinner on your account.

**18:00:** We will take you to the Train Station. Overnight to Da Nang city (Scheduled 19:00 – 10:30)

**Day 8: Da Nang City Tour (L/D)**

**10:30:** Arrive in Da Nang. We will pick you up for lunch – enjoy the local Da Nang food and check in at the hotel. Visit the Da Nang Cham Sculpture Museum and make an excursion around the Son Tra peninsula called Monkey Mountain to visit the Linh Ung Pagoda. Be sure to enjoy some swimming at My Khe beach – classed by Forbes as one of the most attractive beaches on earth. Enjoy a “Gala Dinner” with an exciting game show night. You are free to explore and relax in Da Nang City.

Overnight in the hotel in Da Nang city.

**Day 9: Marble Mountain – Hoi An ancient town (B/L/D)**

Have breakfast at your hotel. Then visit the Marble Mountains (each named after the 5 elements of the universe) and the stone carving village of Hoa Hai. Depart for Hoi An ancient town where we’ll have lunch and check-in at the hotel. Take a walking tour around the charming old sections, these wonderfully preserved structures combine Chinese, Japanese and European influences, before enjoying some traditional music at 15:15. In the late afternoon we have a chance to relax at Cua Dai Beach.

Have dinner at a local restaurant. In the evening, you are free to discover the Hoi An “ancient night”; a chance to take yourself back to the 17th century to relax, shop and soak up the atmosphere.

Overnight in hotel in Hoi An city.

**Day 10: Hoi An – Hue Imperial City (B/L/D)**

Check-out after breakfast to leave Hoi An for the Hue Imperial City. Our journey takes us through the Hai Van tunnel, we’ll stop en route to take photos at the top of the Cloud–Ocean pass, overlooking the scenic Lang Co fishing village. After lunch we’ll check in at the hotel.

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In the afternoon, we continue on to visit the Imperial Citadel – The grand palace of the last dynasty of Nguyen, and Heavenly-Goddess pagoda. Have dinner at a restaurant then take a dragon boat trip to enjoy some Hue folksong on the Perfume river.

Overnight in hotel in Hue city.

**Day 11: Hue – Nha Trang (B)**

After breakfast, you are free until 10:00AM. Your train will depart at 10:45AM and will arrive in Nha Trang city at 22:00. Have lunch & dinner on your account. Upon arrival you will need to take a taxi by yourself to your proposed hotel in Nha Trang city.

Overnight in Nha Trang city.

**Day 12: Nha Trang Boat Trip & Diving Tour (B/L)**

**08:00 – 08:30:** Pick up at your hotel to get to the harbor

**09:30:** Visit Bamboo Island. You can chill out here by swimming, snorkeling and sunbathing

**11:30:** Visit Mot Island for a delicious lunch of fresh seafood. Then cool off after lunch at the floating bar with some red wine and pineapple juice!

**14:30:** Head to Tranh Beach. (With some seasonal fruit on the boat)

**15:45:** Visit the Tri Nguyen Aquarium to see many different species of fish and other marine wildlife. You can buy some special aquatic souvenirs in the gift shop.

**16:00:** Return to the harbor, then on to your hotel for dinner on your account.

Overnight in Nha Trang city.

**Day 13: Ho Chi Minh City Tour (B/L)**

**06:15:** We will transfer you to the airport to take a flight that departs at 07:45 for Ho Chi Minh City.

**08:40:** Collection at the airport. Then join a city tour to visit the Reunification Hall - which was the residence of the President of the former South Vietnam until 1975. You will see some fascinating things including formal meeting rooms, private bedrooms, and even war situation rooms 10 meters below ground.

This address today still holds many important functions in HCMC. We'll have a guide who speaks your language to talk to you about the important historical facts about this building and the other French colonial structures including the Notre Dame Cathedral (constructed in 1877), the General Post Office, the City Hall, and the moving War Crime Museum.

**Afternoon:** Visit China town, home to the largest Chinese community in Vietnam, and the Binh Tay wholesale market. We can stop for a while at a lacquer shop where you can buy some unique gifts for yourself, your friends and relatives. The tour will end at around 17:00 in De Tham St – Pham Ngu Lao St. Have dinner on your account.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

**Day 14: Cao Dai Temple – Cu Chi Tunnel Half Day (B/L)**

Have Breakfast at your hotel.

**08:00–08:30:** We will take you to Tay Ninh – a province 95 km South East of HCMC, close to the Cambodian border. The Cao Dai Temple is often described as the “Walt Disney fantasia of the East”. Its exterior is decorated with multi-colored dragons of all shapes and sizes competing for space with a number of swastikas. Above the main entrance is the all-seeing holy eye, the symbol of the Cao Dai sect, whilst the interior is just as engaging with statues of Jesus Christ, the Buddha and the Hindu god Brahma, standing side by side.

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At about 13.00, after lunch, we will leave Tay Ninh and travel to Cu Chi. Once in Vietnam, this is a must-visit spot. It is where guerilla warfare was optimized and exemplified. You'll learn all about the clever design of the tunnels and the strategic use of trap doors. Even with B-52 bombers dropping 30-ton loads of explosive that turned the jungle into a pockmarked moonscape, 30 thousand American troops failed to conquer the area! You'll have a good chance to crawl around a portion of the 121 km long, multi-layered tunnel. You'll learn how thousands of guerillas managed to stay underground many days at a time, using novel technique to conceal their cooking smoke. There're a lot more to enjoy, and for the more adventurous there's even an opportunity to fire real AK bullets.

**17:30:** Back to De Tham St – Pham Ngu Lao St. Have dinner on your account.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

**Day 15: Ho Chi Minh – Cai Be – Vinh Long – Can Tho (L/D)**

**07:30:** Depart for Cai Be for an interesting 3 hours drive. On the way, you can see the green paddy fields stretching towards the horizon. When you arrive at Cai Be, you'll board a motorized boat that takes you to the famous floating market - spend about 1 hour here for an interaction you cannot find anywhere else in the world. Next, your boat will zigzag through a maze of shadow canals before arriving at a great orchard, where you can freely taste some of the famous tropical fruits of Vietnam, and watch the locals' go about their daily chores. Then we will rent some bicycles and roam through a peaceful village to check out the old rural shops, alternatively we can just relax on a hammock for a short rest. We'll find out about how coconut candy and crispy rice cakes are made here (served free with premium hot tea). Finally we'll land at a market place – for a chance to find out what the rural Vietnamese people sell.

You are encouraged to interact with the vendors, to see how friendly and respectful they are. The gifts are cheap and perfect for taking home to friends!

We spend about ½ hour here before boarding our bus to Can Tho.

Overnight in Can Tho.

**Day 16: Can Tho – Cai Rang – Chau Doc (B/L/D)**

After breakfast, board a motor boat for a long distance trip to discover the area's largest floating marketplace! Then cruise through some beautiful small channels to visit a rice noodle making village with its large rice mill. Then we'll stop at Can Tho market before proceeding to Saigon. Then a bus will take us to Chau Doc.

Overnight in Chau Doc at a floating hotel.

**Day 17: Chau Doc – Ho Chi Minh (B/L)**

Wake early for breakfast so we can see the sunrise at the bustling Chau Doc floating market. Then visit the Carven pagoda where the local rowing boats can take you to the floating village and fish farms. The village is home to the Cham people, an Islamic minority in Vietnam, here you can see Cham weavers and visit their mosque. After that, a cruise boat will take you to Sa Dec, for a spot of sunbathing!

From here we get back to Saigon by bus to arrive at your hotel for 18:00. Have dinner at your account.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

**Day 18: Ho Chi Minh Departure (B)**

After breakfast, you will get some free time until your flight departs. We will pick you up 2.5 hours before departure time.

The tour finishes here.

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**Tour rate**

Tour class	Join group USD/pax
Standard (2*+)	961
Superior (3*)	1199
Deluxe (3+, 4*)	1674
VIP (5*)	2247

**Includes**

Airport car pick up and drop off if required  
 Hotel accommodation as specified or similar (twin sharing or triple)  
 A/C Transport & Boat trip in Ha Long Bay, Hoa Lu – Tam Coc, and Nha Trang  
 Flight ticket Nha Trang – Ho Chi Minh  
 Train ticket Hanoi – Lao Cai – Hanoi, Hanoi – Da Nang, Hue – Nha Trang  
 English speaking guide  
 All meals as per program (B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner)  
 Entrance and Sightseeing Fees

**Excludes**

Insurance, Personal expenses, Tips  
 Single supplement for the hotels  
 Drinks & other costs not mentioned  
 Vietnam Airlines Tickets, airport tax on departure and arrival  
 Vietnam Visa to enter the country if required

**Children's rate**

1 – 4 years old: Free of charge (sharing bed with parents)  
 4 – 11 years old: 50% of above rate (sharing bed with parents)  
 Over 11 years old: 100% of above rate

**Note**

The itinerary can be changed due to weather, tide levels and operating conditions  
 Special food requests (diet or vegetarian) should be inquired about before your departure date  
 The hotel/flight may be changed depending upon availability. It will be confirmed on receipt of your deposit/payment.

**Cancellation policy**

If cancellation made after completed booking of tour: 10% of total amount  
 If cancellation made less than 5 days prior to departure date: 50% of total amount  
 If cancellation made less than 1 day prior to departure date: 75% of total amount  
 Bank fee & refund fee applied if any  
 Cancellation will also draw a fee of 20 % of the total train ticket price/person

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