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Vietnam Highlight Tour (Ho Chi Minh to Hanoi)

(10 days - weekday departures: Sun, Tue, Wed & Sat)

Day 1: Ho Chi Minh Arrival

On arrival at Tan Son Nhat International airport, we will pick you up with your name on a board for transfer to Ho Chi Minh City. Have lunch/dinner on your account.

Overnight at the hotel in Ho Chi Minh city.

Day 2: Ho Chi Minh City Tour (B/L)

06:30: Have breakfast at the hotel.

08:00-08:30: Pick up at your hotel or (28/13 Bui Vien St, Dist 1, Ho Chi Minh City). We will visit Reunification Hall; the residence of the President of the former South Vietnam until 1975. You will learn about its fascinating history and see: formal meeting rooms, private bedrooms, and war situation rooms bunkered 10m underground. This address today still holds many important functions in HCMC. We have guide who speaks your language to speak about the historical facts of this building and some other French colonial structures including the Notre Dame Cathedral (constructed in 1877), the General Post Office, and City Hall.

Afternoon: Continue on to visit the moving War Crime Museum, then China town which is home to the biggest Chinese community in Vietnam and the Binh Tay wholesale market. Stop for a while at a lacquer shop, you can buy some special gifts for you, your friends and relatives.

The City 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 3: Cao Dai Temple – Cu Chi Tunnel Full Day (B/L)

Have breakfast at your hotel.

08:00–08:30: We'll leave for Tay Ninh – a province 95km South East of HCMC, close to the Cambodian border. The Cao Dai Temple has been compared by some as the “Walt Disney” fantasia of the East. Its exterior is decorated with multi-colored dragons of all shapes and sizes, which compete for space with a number of swastikas. Above the main entrance is a symbol of the Cao Dai sect; the all-seeing holy eye. The interior is just as engaging, containing statues of Jesus Christ, Buddha and the Hindu god, Brahma, all standing side by side. We will leave Tay Ninh for Cu Chi at about 1300, after lunch. This is one of Vietnam’s must-see locations as it is where guerilla warfare was practiced successfully. You’ll learn about the clever design of the tunnels and about the strategic use of trap doors. Even with B-52 bombers dropping 30-ton loads of explosive, turning the jungle into a pockmarked moonscape, 30 thousand American troops failed to win over the area! You’ll have a good chance to crawl around a portion of the 121 km long, multi-layered tunnel. You’ll learn about how thousands of guerillas managed to stay concealed underground for weeks at a time, even hiding their cooking smoke! For the more adventurous there’s even a great chance to fire real AK bullets. At 17:30 we’ll head back to hotel where you can have dinner on your account.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

Day 4: Mekong Delta Tour My Tho – Ben Tre (B/L)

07:30: Pick up at your hotel or 28/13 Bui Vien St, and travel by shuttle bus to My Tho – at 09:30 board a wooden motor boat to go to Unicorn Island. On this boat journey along the river’s bank, you’ll pass through natural creeks and peaceful villages; you’ll be able to see the local people going about their daily lives. Afterwards, visit an interesting fishermen’s port – where the houses are on stilts.

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One of the boat's stops during this trip is at a large orchard that has many different types of tasty tropical fruits for you to try. Another boat stop is an hour away; Turtle Island. Here, on a small row boat, you can pass the variety of water transport that local people use to get around. From there, we'll take you to a bee farm where you can savor a mouth watering cup of honey tea whilst listening to the folk music that is typical only to the people of Southern Vietnam.

After that, we'll take you to a famous village where you can smell the flavor of coconut candies being made just yards away. This is a great chance to witness how well the village people can make handcrafted items from coconuts. You'll be amazed by the many different types of useful product that can be made out of coconut trees. Have dinner on your account.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

Day 5: Ho Chi Minh – Da Nang Tour (B/L/D).

07:30: After breakfast we will pick you up at Tan Son Nhat International Airport, to take a flight to Da Nang city.

09:30: Your flight departs. Arrive in Da Nang at 10:40. We'll pick you up for a lunch of Da Nang local food before checking-in at the hotel. Cross the Thuan Phuoc Bridge to visit the Son Tra Peninsula: commonly called Monkey Mountain.

Drive to the Son Tra Peninsula to admire the wonderful beauty of the whole city sprawling below us. Then we'll visit the Linh Ung Pagoda and take some time to swim at My Khe beach - classed as one of the most attractive beaches on earth. After dinner enjoy a traditional Vietnamese arts show.

Overnight in the hotel in Da Nang city.

Day 6: Marble Mountain – Hoi An Ancient Town – Da Nang (B/L/D)

Have Breakfast at the hotel. Then visit the Marble Mountains (named after the 5 elements of universe) and see the famous stone carving village of Hoa Hai.

Depart for Hoi An ancient town for lunch and hotel check-in. Take a walking tour around the oldest sections, these wonderfully preserved structures combine Chinese, Japanese and European influences. You'll be able to enjoy some traditional music at 15:15.

Afterwards chill out on Cua Dai Beach and have dinner at a restaurant. You are free to discover the "ancient night" of Hoi An – to take yourself back to the 17th century; explore; shop and soak up the atmosphere. Then we'll take you back to Da Nang city.

Overnight in hotel in Da Nang city.

Day 7: Da Nang – Hue Imperial City (B/L/D)

Check out after breakfast. Leaving Da Nang for Hue Imperial City we'll pass through the Hai Van tunnel, and there will be a chance to take some photos at the top of Cloud–Ocean pass, overlooking the scenic Lang Co fishing village. On arrival have lunch and check in at the hotel.

In the afternoon, visit the Imperial Citadel – The grand palace of the last dynasty of Nguyen, and see the Heavenly-Goddess pagoda. Have dinner at a restaurant before taking a dragon boat trip to enjoy traditional Hue folksong on the Perfume River.

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Day 8: Hue – Hanoi City Tour (B/L)

06:00: Breakfast at the hotel.

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06:45: We will pick you up to go to Hue airport, and take a flight departing at 08:00 for the capital Hanoi.

09:10: Arrival in Hanoi. We'll pick you up at the hotel in Ha Noi City. Leave your luggage here, then join a Hanoi City Tour. This includes visits to 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) – where you can have lunch.

PM: After lunch, proceed to visit the Ethnology Museum, the Literature Temple, and Vietnam's first university: Quoc Tu Giam (constructed in 1070, its gardens and well-preserved architecture offer a relaxing glimpse into Vietnam's past). We will take you past Hoan Kiem Lake to see its peaceful waters and visit the Ngoc Son temple. For the end of the tour, take a coach trip through the Hanoi Old Quarter. You are free to shop and explore until 15:30 when the Water Puppet show starts in Thang Long theatre. Have dinner on your account.

Overnight in your hotel.

Day 9: Hanoi – Ha Long (B/L)

07:30–08:00: We will pick you up at your hotel in the Ha Noi Old Quarter to start the interesting 3.5 hour drive to Ha Long City. We will have lunch when we arrive at Ha Long city. Then take an interesting 4 hour boat trip through the emerald waters between limestone outcrops and long rocky corridors - visit THIEN CUNG cave or SUNGSOT cave. We'll head back to Ha Long city where your minibus will be waiting for you to take you back to Hanoi.

2030: Arrive in Hanoi. Overnight in Hanoi city.

Day 10: Hanoi Departure (B)

After breakfast, you are free until your flight departs. We will collect you 2.5 hours before departure time. The tour finishes here.

Tour rate

Tour class	Join group USD/pax
Standard (2*+)	755
Superior (3*)	870
Deluxe (3+, 4*)	1135
VIP (5*)	1459

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, Mekong Delta
Flight ticket Ho Chi Minh – Da Nang, Hue – Hanoi
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 hotel
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

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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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