

Day 1. Arrival in Hanoi (with International Airport Assistance Service)

Arrival in Hanoi. - Welcome to Vietnam!

As soon as you deplane, our Airport Assistance Staff will meet you just before the entrance to Immigration (or at the entrance of the terminal if there's no jet bridge), holding a signboard with your name(s) on it. The officer will assist and take you to the priority line for immigration procedures and provide support at the visa counter. For those who already have their Vietnam visa, the estimated time to clear immigration is approximately 15-20mins per person. For those applying for a visa on arrival, the estimated wait time for the visa is usually 30 mins, depending on the number of guests in the queue. (FYI, there is only one visa-on-arrival counter at Noi Bai Airport). After clearing immigration, our Immigration Officer will escort you to baggage reclaim to collect your luggage and introduce you to your guide, who will be waiting outside the terminal.

Vietnam is rapidly developing but holds onto the charming traditions and culture which make it such a fascinating holiday destination. History has left its mark on Vietnam by way of Chinese, French and American influence.

Transfer by air-conditioned vehicle to your hotel (30 km) and time for leisure.

Overnight in Hanoi

Day 2. Hanoi City Tour and Evening Street Food Tour

There's no arguing - Hanoi has to be the coolest city in Vietnam. And no, we're not just referring to the climate. This chaotic, colourful, motorbike-clogged, 1,000-year-old city is a delicious mix of East and West. Hanoi clings on tightly to its heritage - the Temple of Literature is one of the oldest landmarks. More recent history can be seen in Ho Chi Minh's Stilt House, while the man himself, lies embalmed in an austere mausoleum.

There's picturesque lakes and parks, as well as museums and prominent colonial buildings. Let's jump right in and experience it all. We'll even go green and explore the Old Quarter by electric buggy. Time permits, pay a quick visit to the famed train street where you can enjoy a sip of coffee watching the old train slowly passing by your eyes.

Foodies afoot in Hanoi (tour duration: 17h00 – 20h00)

Enjoy a taste of local Hanoian life as you explore a local market and some of the city's best street food stalls. Start at the bustling Hom market, one of the biggest and most popular markets in Hanoi. Wander through the narrow alleyways passing colourful stalls piled high with a vast array of fruit, vegetables, sweets and elaborate temple offerings. Take photos of the vibrant colours and breathe in the aromas of the tropical fruits. If you're feeling brave, venture to the exotic section to see kicking frogs, silkworms and wriggling eels. The entire market is alive with the buzz and excitement of the locals bartering and haggling for the freshest ingredients at the best prices.

Your guide will take you to popular street food stalls where you can sample some of the city's signature dishes. Stop at a local coffee shop to taste this rich and flavorful drink then continue your culinary exploration with a stroll through the maze of bustling streets that make up the Old Quarter of Hanoi. Join the locals and pull up a plastic stool at a pavement stall to try Vietnamese snacks and a cup of iced tea, followed by a sweet dessert of fresh fruit and condensed milk. End the tour with a cold draught beer at a sidewalk stall popular with locals.

Overnight in Hanoi

Meal(s): Breakfast

Day 3. Hanoi. Halong. Cruise with 25 min scenic flight by Seaplane

Today we will drive from Hanoi to Halong Bay (160 km) and stop en-route for stretching our legs and use the restroom at one of the souvenir shops for charity.

Transfer to/from Tuan Chau Marina Port (10 km).

Upon arrival, enjoy a 25 min scenic flight (joined in) by seaplane over Halong Bay. The only way to truly appreciate the magnificent scenery of Ha Long Bay is by scenic flight. Admire the stunning seascapes made up of nearly 2,000 limestone islands rising from the emerald, green waters, strewn over an area of nearly 2,000 square kilometres.

Taking off and landing on the water at Tuan Chau Marina, our 25-minute scenic flight showcases the highlights of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ha Long Bay, offering a completely different perspective than from a cruise ship. From the air, the many islands appear like mountain ranges, the embodiment of ""Ha Long"", meaning ""descending dragon""

Surrounding by the hundreds of limestone karst-mountains and rock formations rising dramatically from the emerald, green water; Halong bay is listed as one of the must-see places in Vietnam. Let's spend a night on the cruise with the stunning view of this wonder. Arrive at the harbor at noon time and do the check in procedure on your boat. You will be welcome and served lunch while cruising towards the bay. This afternoon is full of activities such as cave visit, floating farm, beach relax or simply enjoy the sunbathing on the sundeck (the program is varied depending on each boat cruise). Prepare your camera for the amazing photos of the bay, hundreds of boats or sunset. Dinner will be served on boat and enjoy the relaxing night while boat is anchoring at the quiet water area.

Overnight on board

Meal(s): Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 4. Cruise. Halong. Hoi An

Wake up and enjoy the fresh morning in the middle of the bay. Start your day by joining in a Tai Chi lesson on the sundeck. Rejuvenate your body and mind with the slow movement of Tai Chi. Breakfast (or brunch) will be served on boat while cruising back to the port, passing the majestic peaks. Disembark from the cruise.

Transfer by vehicle from Halong to Noi Bai Airport (160 km) for flight to Danang. Lunch stop en route at a local restaurant.

Arrival in Danang and transfer by air-conditioned vehicle (30 km) to your hotel in Hoi An.

Overnight in Hoi An

Meal(s): Breakfast or Brunch, Lunch

Day 5. Hoi An Biking and Walking Tour

You will be collected at your hotel lobby and transferred to dock. Take a wooden boat transferring to Cam Thanh water coconut village. Learn about the daily life of Vietnamese fishermen, their families and their community. Board on boat and commence cruising on the Cua Dai River. Join in local fisherman on the river and experience on round net or cast net. Learn how to paddle the Vietnamese unique bamboo basket boat. Explore the now tranquil coconut-palm flanked waterways of a past war and hear of the extreme conditions endured by soldiers of both sides.

Continue riding bicycle to Tra Que Village. Take a short stroll around the vegetable garden and listen to the history of the village. Then join gardening activities in preparing the land, fertilizing with seaweed, raking the ground, sowing, watering, picking vegetables... Enjoy foot soak before getting to prepare lunch at a local restaurant inside the village. Join cooking with 'Tam Huu' spring roll, 'Banh xeo' - a local pancake of people in Viet Nam middle region ... Bid farewell to your host family before continuing to Hoi An for the walking tour of the ancient town.

Pretty as a picture Hoi An! The quirky mix of Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese and European influences make this ancient town a photographers' paradise. We'll walk through the narrow winding streets of the old quarter past ochre-hued stone houses, lantern-filled shops and colorful fishing boats. One of the most iconic sights is the Japanese Covered Bridge. There are also ancient temples and merchant homes over 200 years old.

Overnight in Hoi An

Meal(s): Breakfast, Lunch

Day 6. Hoi An

Today is a free day to enjoy hotel's facilities and spa inclusive package.

Late afternoon, enjoy a romantic sunset cruise with cocktails served on board followed by a candlelit dinner on a rice field.

Overnight in Hoi An

Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner

Day 7. Hoi An. Saigon. Con Dao

After breakfast, free at leisure till being transferred by vehicle from Hoi An to Danang airport (30 km) for flight to Saigon and connect with another flight to Con Dao.

Arrival in Con Dao, meet and transfer to your hotel (15 km). The remainder of the day is free at leisure. No car or guide included.

Overnight in Con Dao

Meal(s): Breakfast

Day 8. Con Dao

Full day is free at leisure. No car or guide included.

Overnight in Con Dao

Meal(s): Breakfast

Day 9. Con Dao

Full day is free at leisure. No car or guide included.

Overnight in Con Dao

Meal(s): Breakfast

Day 10. Con Dao – Saigon/ Departure from Saigon with International Airport Assistance Service

After breakfast, free at leisure till being transferred to the airport (15 km) for flight back to Saigon in time to connect with your own international departure flight home or to the next destination. Upon arrival, an airport representative will meet you at domestic arrival terminal and assist you with all the luggage and check-in procedures for your international departure flight.

Meals: Breakfast.