PEARLS OF VIETNAM 11 DAYS 10 NIGHTS

Routing: Ha Noi - Ha Long - Da Nang - Hoi An - Hue - Ho Chi Minh - Can Tho - Ho Chi Minh
Tour Style: Nature, Culture & History Tour
Tour Start: in Ha Noi / **Tour End:**in Ho Chi Minh
Trip duration:11 Days 10 Nights

Overview

This 11-day journey through Vietnam offers a rich blend of culture, cuisine, history, and natural beauty from north to south. Begin in Hanoi with its thousand-year-old heritage and vibrant street food scene, then cruise through the spectacular limestone landscapes of Ha Long Bay. Continue to central Vietnam to explore the charming town of Hoi An and the imperial treasures of Hue. Travel south to dynamic Ho Chi Minh City, discover the historic Cu Chi Tunnels, and experience authentic local life in the Mekong Delta and Can Tho. This itinerary is perfect for travelers seeking a well-balanced experience of Vietnam's highlights and local flavors.

Highlights

- Explore Hanoi's cultural landmarks and enjoy an authentic street food experience in the Old Quarter
- Taste iconic local dishes such as banh cuon, bun cha, and egg coffee
- Cruise overnight in the breathtaking Ha Long Bay with activities like Tai Chi and cave exploration
- Discover the ancient charm of Hoi An and join a hands-on lantern-making experience
- Travel عبر the scenic Hai Van Pass and visit Marble Mountains and Cham Museum
- Explore Hue's Imperial Citadel, royal tombs, and cruise along the Perfume River
- Discover Ho Chi Minh City's history and visit the famous Cu Chi Tunnels
- Experience local life in the Mekong Delta with boat trips, workshops, and village visits
- Visit Cai Rang floating market and witness authentic river trading culture in Can Tho

Tour Summary

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10	CAN THO- HO CHI MINH[B/L]
11	HOCHIMINH – DEPARTURE[B]

Trip Details

DAY 1: HA NOI CAPITAL

Pick up at the airport and transfer to the hotel.
Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 2: HANOI CITY TOUR CITY TOUR – A TASTE LOCAL FOOD[B/L]

After breakfast, Experience the rich culture of Hanoi. Spend time at the Temple of Literature, One Pillar Pagoda and the Presidential Palace. Visit the Vietnam History Museum and the Hanoi Opera House.
Enjoying a walking tour through the maze of bustling streets that make up Hanoi's Old Quarter, we tempt our tastebuds with the famed Hanoi dish Banh Cuon at a local eatery. Watch in awe as the skilled chefs demonstrate for you how this tasty dish is put together. Continuing into the atmospheric heart of the Old Quarter, we wander past street stalls and quiet residential lanes where you can observe local life that has changed little since Hanoi was founded over 1000 years ago.
Our next stop is where we sample some Bun Cha consisting of vermicelli, herbs and grilled pork. At Hanoi's best kept secrets, a hidden café, we will watch the demonstration and then try some egg coffee, a scrumptious local delicacy.
Continue to other food stalls in Hang Bo and Ho Hoan Kiem Street where we try some dishes such as Che "Vietnamese style pudding" - this specialty is one not to be missed!

List of street bites and food that you will have:
1, Banh Cuon Thanh Van (Vietnamese Steam Rice Rolls)
2, Bia Hoi Hà Nội (Hanoi draught beer with peanuts)
3, Xôi Chè Bà Thìn (Vietnamese style pudding)
4, Bun Cha & Egg Coffee (grilled pork with vermicelli/ Vietnamese egg coffee with demonstration).

DAY 3: HANOI- HALONG BAY - OVERNIGHT ON CRUISE[B/L/D]

In the morning, journey through verdant farmlands on your way to boarding a traditional wooden junk boat and an overnight journey on the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Halong Bay. Visit the Surprise Cave, and maybe take a invigorating swim or hike on Titov Island. There are many optional activities that can be booked locally including a cookery class, massage, and kayaking. Overnight on cruise

DAY 4: HALONG BAY – HANOI – DANANG – HOI AN[B/Br]

You may start the day with Tai Chi on the sundeck, followed by breakfast, before exploring the Dark and Bright Caves. A tasty brunch will be served as the boat winds through the limestone landscapes. Disembark and journey back to Hanoi for some free time at your leisure before a late afternoon transfer to the airport for your flight to Da Nang. The local tour guide will meet and arrange your transfer to the hotel. Night in Hoi An

DAY 5: HOI AN OLD TOWN – LANTERN VILLAGE[B/L]

After noon, explore HoiAn old town . You will be escorted to the Japanese bridge, TanKy old house, assembly hall… to contemplate their special architectural features and hear your tour guide introducing the establishment and history of each place.
Continue to the town to the home of a craftsman in the village.Here we will have a brief introduction to the history, shape, and color of the lanterns as well as the many stages of making them. We can make our own lantern and keep it as a souvenir. After 1 – 1,5 hour learning and practicing. Back to the hotel. Free and overnight at hotel

DAY 6: HOI AN – HUE[B/L]

After breakfast, I reached Hue. Arrive in DaNang: we will explore the **Marble Mountains**– A masterpiece of nature presented to Da Nang. Challenge yourself to climb up to over 120 steps to get to the Marble of Water (Thuy Son). After that, we will go to visit the **Cham Sculpture Museum**. It is a collection of various sandstone sculptures of the Gods in Hinduism of the Champa Kingdom. In this fantastic and rich history museum, our tour guide will tell you a lot of stories about the lives and culture of Cham people, their gods, and their architecture as well.
Drive to Hue, Spend time in LangCo beach enroute, taking photographs from HaiVan Pass (The pass of Sea and Cloud). Night in Hue

DAY 7: HUE CITY – HO CHI MINH[B/L]

In the morning, **Boat trip to Thien Mu pagoda:** you get on the dragon boat. You will cruise along the **Perfume River** about 30 minutes. After that, the boat will stop at another boat station. Here you can freely visit **Thien Mu pagoda,** which is the oldest pagoda in **Hue city**.

Then visit **Minh Mang** King's Tomb: Considered as the most majestic of all Nguyen Dynasty royal tombs, **Minh Mang Tomb** is a complex of 40 constructions: palaces, temples, pavilions, etc. Many say that it's a perfect combination of man-made and natural beauty in Hue, where architecture fits harmoniously into the surrounding landscape.
In the afternoon, **visit Khai Dinh tomb and Imperial Citadel** where Nguyen Dynasty ruled between 1802 and 1945 with numerous of attractive places to see like Flag Tower, Noon Gate, Nine Dynastic Urns, Nine Holy Cannons, Thai Hoa Palace, and Forbidden Purple City. Thai Hoa Palace.
The tour ends by shopping at Dongba Market - Dong Ba market is the biggest and most significant central market of Thua Thien Hue province and the adjacent regions.
Transfer to Hue airport for flight to Ho Chi Minh. Pick up at Ho Chi Minh airport and transfer to the hotel.
Overnight in Ho Chi Minh

DAY 8: HO CHI MINH CITY – CU CHI TUNNELS[B/L]

Experience the very best of Ho Chi Minh City on a half-day city tour. Soak up the history of Dong Khoi Street, home to several colonial-style buildings. Visit the Reunification Palace, also known as the Independence Palace, and the poignant War Remnants Museum. In the afternoon experience the Cu Chi Tunnels, an incredible underground network of tunnels, rooms, and passageways used by Vietnamese soldiers.
Overnight in Ho Chi Minh

DAY 9: HO CHI MINH – CAN THO [B/L]

After breakfast, transfer to Ben Tre. Pickup and drop off at Ben Tre Pier in town or Buffalo Pier (5 km from center). Boating on Ben Tre river – one of tributaries of Mekong river- go along mangrove trees growing up ashore of waterway. Witness lively activities of town market on land and transfering on waterway as fishing boats, coconut cargo boats. Discover handmade local workshops and country in Nhon Thanh village.

Stop at traditional brickwork to see how to make bricks by hand. Turn on Cai Son canal winding through coconut jungle, visit coconut workshop, have a look stages of coconut processing from husk off, prize out to peel out by hand. Go on small waterway and stop at coconut candy workshop, have a look them making candy by hand, try some sweet, enjoy some fruits and listen to local music as well. Go on by boat and step ashore and take a shortwalk to farmer house who making sleepmats.

Hop on tuktuk through coconut grove, deeping on coconut jungle in country. Stop for lunch at local restaurant. Relax and keep going by rowing boat on shady palm tree canal.

Go back by boat and drop tour off at Buffalo pier. Transfer to Can Tho, Overnight in Can Tho.

DAY 10: CAN THO- HO CHI MINH[B/L]

Early in the morning, the tour guide meets you at your hotel. You are transferred by boat to visit the Cai Rang floating market (about 50 minutes from your hotel) where you can see the products hung on the bole of the boat. The local people just only sell and buy the tropical fruits at a cheap price. Next, you visit a factory where people make rice noodles. Say goodbye to Can Tho city. Drive back to Sai Gon. Drop you off at your hotel in Ho Chi Minh.
Overnight in Ho Chi Minh

DAY 11: HOCHIMINH – DEPARTURE[B]

Take the morning to explore or shop in Ho Chi Minh City. At the appropriate time, you'll transfer to the airport to catch your flight home. Have a nice flight and see you next time !

INCLUSIVE

- Accommodation in twin/double room with daily breakfast at the below indicated room types (see hotel category list below) (check-in and check-out around noontime)
- 2Days/1Night cruise on board a cruise in Ha Long Bay (double/twin cabin on shared boat).
- Services of a driver and private air-conditioned vehicle during all tours and transfers
- Experienced English-speaking guide during day tour.
- Entrance fees for all visits as mentioned in the itinerary
- Meals (B/L/D) (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner) as indicated in the program
- 02 Domestic flight - as per program . Vietnam Airlines, economic Class: Hanoi - Da Nang, Hue - Ho Chi Minh
- Boat trip in Thien Mu, Ben Tre

- 01 bottles of mineral water per person per day on days of sightseeing .

EXCLUSIVE

- Early check-in or late check-out
- International flight tickets
- Meals (other than mentioned in the program)
- Additional transfer required due to any emergency situation
- Visa - as per country requirements
- Offering tips and expressing gratitude for guides and drivers is recommended at a rate of 5 USD /client /day for guides and 2 USD per client /day for drivers. Feel free to adjust the amount based on your satisfaction with their services.
- Travel insurance (we highly recommend that you purchase adequate insurance)
- Optional excursions and activities

LIST OF HOTELS USE

City	3 * HOTEL CLASS	4 * HOTEL CLASS	5 * HOTEL CLASS
HA NOI	**LA DOLCE VITA HOTEL** SUPERIOR (SGL/DBL/TWN) www.ladolcevita-hotel.com	**THANG LONG OPERA** Deluxe www.thanglongoperahotel.com	**APRICOT HANOI HOTEL** CANVAS http://www.apricothotels.com
HA LONG	**SYRENA CRUISE** Deluxe www.syrenacruises.com	**V'SPIRIT CRUISE** Junior Suite http://www.vspiritcruises.com/	**ALISA PREMIER CRUISE** Junior Balcony Suite http://www.alisapremiercruises.com
HOI AN	**LA CHARM HOI AN HOTEL & SPA** Deluxe Double/Twin Old Town View https://lacharmhoianhotel.com/	**WYNDHAM GARDEN HOI AN** DELUXE QUEEN GARDEN-CITY VIEW www.wyndhamgardenhoian.com	**BLISS HOI AN BEACH RESORT & WELLNESS** Deluxe www.Blisshoian.com
HUE	**ROSALEEN BOUTIQUE HOTEL** Deluxe http://www.rosaleenhotel.com/	**ELDORA HUE HOTEL** Deluxe City View www.eldorahotel.com	**SILK PATH GRAND HUE HOTEL** CLASSIC http://www.silkpathhotel.com
HO CHI MINH	**ACNOS GRAND HOTEL** Grand Deluxe http://acnoshotel.com/	**HAPPY LIFE GRAND HOTEL & SKY BAR** Lessini Premier (with window) www.happylifeenterprise.com	**REX HOTEL** Deluxe Room - East Wing www.rexhotelvietnam.com
CAN THO	**TTC CAN THO** Deluxe City View https://ttchospitality.vn/ttc-hotel/ttc-hotel-can-	**TTC CAN THO** Deluxe City View https://ttchospitality.vn/ttc-hotel/ttc-hotel-can-	**VICTORIA CAN THO RESORT** Superior https://www.victoriahotels.asia