VIETNAM TOUR SET DEPARTURE 16 DAYS

Routing: Ha Noi - Ninh Binh - Ha Long - Hue - Da Nang - Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh - Cu Chi - Ben Tre - Ho Chi Minh
Tour Style: Nature, Culture & History Tour
Tour Start: in Ha Noi / **Tour End:**in Ho Chi Minh
Trip duration:: 16 Days 15 Nights

Description:

From the bustling streets of Hanoi to the tranquil waters of the Mekong Delta, this 16-day journey is a perfect blend of history, culture, natural wonders, and authentic local experiences.

Dive into Vietnam's vibrant heritage as you explore ancient towns, breathtaking landscapes, and dynamic cities. Along the way, enjoy immersive activities such as trekking through the terraced hills of Sapa, cruising among the limestone karsts of Halong Bay, trying your hand at lantern-making in Hoi An, and cycling through peaceful Mekong villages.

This thoughtfully designed itinerary offers a seamless journey across Vietnam, where every destination reveals a new story, every experience creates lasting memories, and every moment brings you closer to the heart and soul of the country.

Highlight:

Cruise Through UNESCO Wonders

- Sail among the majestic limestone karsts of Halong Bay and glide through the cave-studded waterways of Trang An.

Authentic Cultural Immersion

- Visit ethnic minority villages in Sapa, explore Hue's Imperial Citadel, and experience local crafts in Hoi An and the Mekong Delta.

Historical Marvels & Architecture

- Discover the ancient My Son Sanctuary, the French colonial elegance in Saigon, and sacred sites like Bai Dinh Pagoda and the Temple of Literature.

Adventure & Scenic Exploration

- Trek through mountain valleys, hike up Mua Cave for panoramic views, and cycle through peaceful countryside lanes.

Memorable Local Experiences

- Join lantern-making workshops, cook with locals on a cruise, enjoy a riverboat dinner in Saigon, and taste tropical fruits fresh from the orchard.

Tour Summary

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3	SAPA – Y LINH HO – LAO CHAI – TA VAN - GROUP TOUR [B/L/D]

4	TA VAN – GIANG TA CHAI – SU PAN - SAPA- GROUP TOUR [B/L/D]
5	CAT CAT & SIN CHAI - GROUP TOUR - SHARED LIMOUSINE BACK TO HANOI[B/L]
6	HA NOI - BAI DINH – TRANG AN – MUA CAVE - HANOI - GROUP TOUR[B/L]
7	HANOI – HALONG - **NIGHT ON CRUISE - SHARED BOAT** - GROUP TOUR[B/L/D]
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9	HUE CITY TOUR 1 DAY - GROUP TOUR[B/L]
10	HUE - HOI AN[B]
11	MY SON SANCTUARY & HOI AN CITY FULL-DAY TOUR - GROUP TOUR [B/L]
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13	HOI AN - DA NANG - **SAI GON BY FLIGHT**[B]
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15	HO CHI MINH - MY THO - BEN TRE - HO CHI MINH- GROUP TOUR [B/L]
16	SAI GON - DEPARTURE[B]

Trip Details

DAY 1: HA NOI ARRIVAL

Arrive at Noi Bai International Airport. Meet your driver upon arrival and enjoy a comfortable transfer to your hotel in Hanoi. Check in and unwind after your journey **(Time check in: 14:00PM. Early check in is not included).** Overnight stay at the hotel in Hanoi.

DAY 2: HANOI LUXURY CITY FULL-DAY TOUR - GROUP TOUR - TRAIN TO SAPA[B/L]

8h00 – 8h30: Our Tour guide and our Bus pick up at your hotel and start to discover Hanoi City
08h45: Visit Ho Chi Minh Complex, the final resting place of Vietnamese great father or Uncle Ho. You have a chance to see the embalmed body of Ho Chi Minh then walk around the garden to see 2 houses where he lived & worked from 1954 to 1969. Then visit One Pillar Pagoda where worships the Goddess of Mercy – It is the most unique pagoda in the world.
- Should dress modestly by covering from shoulders to knees when visiting Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, temples, pagodas, etc.
- Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum is closed on Mondays and Fridays. But still can take picture of the Mausoleum and visit around that area.
- Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum is closed at least 2 months (15th June -15th August) for the annual maintaining.
10h15: Visit Vietnam Ethnology Museum to learn about the culture of 54 ethnic groups living in the whole country of Vietnam.
Special Note: We will visit Vietnamese Women's Museum instead of Vietnam Ethnology Museum closed on Mondays.
12h30-12h45: Have lunch at our restaurant. You have an opportunity to enjoy Vietnamese cuisine. Vegetarian foods are available.
13h30: Visit Tran Quoc Pagoda located on Golden Fish Island in West Lake. It is the oldest pagoda in Hanoi built in the 6th century.
14h30: Continue to visit Temple of Literature – the first university of Vietnam, The Temple of Literature (Van Mieu Quoc Tu Giam) is one of the most attractive tourist spots in Northern Vietnam. The Temple of Literature was founded in 1070.
15h30: Keep going to visit Hoa Lo Prison, the prison was built by the French, from 1886 to 1901, when Vietnam was still a part of French Indochina. The French called the prison Maison Centrale. The prison was called "A Hell on Earth" and now the prison is like a war museum for those who want to understand more about the war against France of Vietnamese people.
16h30: Our Bus take you back to hotel.
In the evening, you will be transfered to the station for your train to Sapa **(Solf sleeper, shared cabin, 4 berths/cabin).**
Night on train.

DAY 3: SAPA – Y LINH HO – LAO CHAI – TA VAN - GROUP TOUR [B/L/D]

Pick up at the train station when you arrive and transfer to Sapa by a tourist shared bus.
Early check in is possible when you arrive if the room available otherwise we will provide you a basic room where you can have shower.
Start the trip at 9:30 as below.

12 km of trekking, visit Y Linh Ho and Lao Chai villages of the H'mong minority. after lunch at a local family in Lao Chai or in a drinking shop nearby the river bank, we keep on hiking to Ta Van village of the Dzay where we stay overnight in a local family. Here you have opportunity to experience their daily life, work and original custom.

- Breakfast, Lunch and dinner are all included
- Home-stay at the Dzay local house in Tavan Village
- Trekking level: 5/10
- 12 Km of trekking

DAY 4: TA VAN – GIANG TA CHAI – SU PAN – SAPA - GROUP TOUR [B/L/D]

Breakfast will be serving at the homestay at about 8Am
Start trekking at 9:30 Am
8 km walking to visit 2 villages of the red Dzao, the H'mong (Giang Ta Chai & Su Pan). Visit a beautiful waterfall and rattan bridge. Enjoy landscapes… through bamboo forest on the way to the main road to get the jeep to return to Sapa. Tour finish in Sapa by 3PM.

- Breakfast, Lunch and dinner are all included
- Trekking level: 5/10
- 8Km of trekking, 12 Km of driving back to Sapa.
- Deluxe Mountain View at Sapa Vista.

DAY 5: CAT CAT & SIN CHAI - GROUP TOUR - SHARED LIMOUSINE BACK TO HANOI[B/L]

A walk down to the South-west of Sapa (around 4 km) to visit Cat Cat village of the Black H'mong. Relax at the food of the stunning waterfall and the vestige of a hydroelectric power station that was constructed by the French during the colonial time in Vietnam. Enjoy picnic lunch by the side of the river, and then next 3 km to Sin Chai, the village located at the foot of Fansipan Mountain, "the roof of Vietnam and Indochina". From here you can enjoy huge stunning landscapes before climbing up on the way a jeep to return to Sapa.

- Breakfast, Lunch are all included.
- Trekking level: 4/10
- 7KM trekking, 3Km driving from Cat Cat back to Sapa. Tourist bus to Lao Cai Station

In the afternoon, you will take a limousine back to Ha Noi **(5 drive hours), shared limousine.**
Night in Ha Noi

DAY 6: HA NOI - BAI DINH – TRANG AN – MUA CAVE - HANOI - GROUP TOUR[B/L]

7h00 : Our tour guide will pick you up from your hotel. We take you to Ninh Binh province which is far from Hanoi city about 120 km.
9h00 : Have a short break for 20 minutes to relax
10h30 : Visit Bai Dinh Pagoda – the most famous & biggest Pagoda in the Southeast Asia with many records set such as 500 Stone – Arhat Statues , 36 ton – bronze Bell, 100 ton – Budhha Statue…
12h30 : Have buffet lunch in the restaurant with a lot of local foods goat meat, fried rice… Vegetarian food is always available in the buffet lunch.
13h30 – 14h00 : Visit Trang An which was recognized by UNESCO as The world Heritage Site in 2014. Trang An has the wonderful tunnel cave system so that Kong's Movie Group chose this place for New Version of Kong in 2016 – " Skull Island ". Boat trip to visit Trang An to see the amazing beauty of this landscape with many caves such as : Sang Cave (Light Cave), Toi Cave (Dack cave), Nau Ruou Cave (Cooking Wine), green river and natural view.
16h00 : Get on the bus to go to Mua Cave (Dancing Cave). Walk up almost 500 steps, you can reach to the top of Lying Dragon Moutain, have an amazing panoramic view of Tam Coc from here.
17h00 – 17h30 : Get on the Bus to return to Hanoi
19h30 : Arrive to Hanoi and get drop off at the Hotel. Night in Ha Noi

DAY 7: HANOI – HALONG - NIGHT ON CRUISE - SHARED BOAT - GROUP TOUR[B/L/D]

Depart for the world famous Ha Long Bay by the shuttle bus, Ha Long Bay is a stunning limestone archipelago stretching over some 1500 square kilometers and comprising nearly 3000 islets.
Warm welcome aboard with refreshing drinks and a brief introduction to the cruise itinerary. Enjoy a scenic voyage through majestic limestone formations, shaped by nature over millions of years.
Visit remarkable natural sites, with options for kayaking, swimming, or exploring hidden caves. Savor a gourmet lunch and dinner featuring fresh local seafood and authentic Vietnamese cuisine. In the late afternoon, join exciting onboard activities: Sunset party on the sundeck with drinks & breathtaking views. Traditional Vietnamese cooking class – learn how to make

signature dishes. Squid fishing at night for a fun hands-on experience. Spend the night in a deluxe cabin with ocean views, falling asleep to the gentle waves.
Night on cruise

DAY 8: HALONG – HANOI – HUE BY FLIGHT - GROUP TOUR[B/Br]

Start your morning with Tai Chi on the sundeck, embracing the fresh sea breeze and golden sunrise. Enjoy a light breakfast, followed by a visit to another scenic highlight of the bay. Immerse yourself in nature's tranquility or take part in more act ivities like a bamboo boat ride. Return to the cruise for a hearty brunch while sailing back towards the harbor. Disembark with unforgettable memories of this magical journey. Transfer to Noi Bai airport for your flight to Hue. On arrival in Hue, transf er to your hotel and check in. Overnight in Hue

DAY 9: HUE CITY TOUR 1 DAY - GROUP TOUR[B/L]

Brief itinerary:
Pick up at hotel (center) 8:00 – 8:30AM
Drop off at hotel: 16:00-16:30 PM
Morning:
• Dragon boat trip to Thien Mu pagoda - The oldest pagoda in Hue city.
• Imperial Citadel – The home of Vietnam's last royal dynasty - the Nguyen Dynasty.
• Dong Ba Market to see the daily life of local people.
Afternoon:
• Lunch at local restaurant.
• Khai Dinh King's Tomb - a blend of Western and Eastern architecture.
• Tu Duc King's Tomb, one is impressed by the majesty and symmetry of the architectural constructions.
• Conical hat village, insense stick making village
4:00 – 4:30 pm: Back to your hotel. Night in Hue

DAY 10: HUE - HOI AN[B]

After breakfast, Free until transfer to Hoi An by a private car. Taking photographs from HaiVan Pass (The Pass of Sea andCloud). Night in Hoi An

DAY 11: MY SON SANCTUARY & HOI AN CITY FULL-DAY TOUR - GROUP TOUR [B/L]

7:30-8:00 am: Our guide picks you up at your hotel in Hoi An and departs to My Son Sanctuary - The World Cultural Heritage.
9:30 am: Arrive at My Son and we'll have 2 hours to discover the site by walking through the landscape, learning histories with our local English-speaking guide, and enjoying the Champa's traditional performances. Then, get back to the minivan and move to a local house to learn how to make rice paper, you will enjoy your own hand-making product later on!
12:30 pm: Back to the van and have lunch at another local house, relax with cold herbal tea, nice food, and fresh air. Followed by a boat trip to Hoi An, the largest river in Central Vietnam named Thu Bon River.
1:30 pm: Arrive in Hoi An, **we'll take you back to the hotel to rest or you can take a rest at coffee shop** around an old town **(about an hour)** and prepare for your next trip to Hoi An ancient town.
About 2.30 pm: Coming to Hoi An Ancient Town, you will visit:
• Visit **Phuc Kien Chinese Assembly Hall** for ancestor worship and family altar viewing.
• Explore well-preserved old houses like **Phung Hung** and **Tan Ky Ancient Houses**.
• Enjoy art shows at **Hoi An Traditional Performing Arts House**.
• Visit the **Japanese Bridge**, a 400-year-old bridge connecting Japanese and Chinese communities.
• Explore Hoi An's handicraft shops and artwork galleries.
• Enjoy a dinner with Hoi An specialty food.
6.00 pm: Enjoy your time with **the boat ride on Hoai River and release the flower lanterns** to pray for the best lucks to you and your family. You will immerse yourself in the fanciful space of the lantern street. Free your time with the night market and enjoy the shimmering space of Hoi An.
6.30 pm: Return to your hotel. Night in Hoi An

DAY 12: HOI AN FREE DAY[B]

Full day free to explore Hoi An by yourself. Night in Hoi An

DAY 13: HOI AN - DA NANG - SAI GON BY FLIGHT[B]

Free until transfer to DaNang airport for flight to SaiGon. Pick up at SaiGon airport and transfer to the hotel. Night in SaiGon

DAY 14: HO CHI MINH CITY – CU CHI DISTRICT – HO CHI MINH - GROUP TOUR [B/L]

Take the morning trip to visit Independence Palace, also known at the Reunification palace, was built on the sight of the former Norodom palace. The Independence palace is a widely known landmark of Ho Chi Minh City and was designed by the architect Ngo Viet Thu. Continue seeing the beautiful structures from the French Colonial times such as the Notre Dame Cathedral, the historic Central Post Office. Followed by the remarkable site of the War Remnants Museum the museum has a vast display of the both the Indochina wars.

Have lunch at local restaurant.

Depart for Cu Chi tunnel, the trip will take approximately one and a half hours bus driving. Upon arrival, before exploring the tunnels, you will have some short introduction followed by introductory video about how the tunnels were constructed and how the people survived in the harsh conditions of the war time. Then, spend your time to explore the remaining area and tunnel systems which included the special constructed living areas with kitchens, bedrooms side by side with other martial facilities like storage, weapons factories, field hospitals, and command centers helping whoever lives inside the tunnels meet their basic needs. Besides, there are also many hidden trap doors and dangerous traps within the maze-like tunnels for security purpose during the war. Afterward, special tea and cassava (guerilla's food during the war) will be served.

Break time for relax or time for those who want to try the real shooting gun.

Return to Saigon. Night in Sai Gon

DAY 15: HO CHI MINH - MY THO - BEN TRE - HO CHI MINH - GROUP TOUR [B/L]

Leaving the hustle and bustle of Ho Chi Minh City and start your trip to depart for My Tho, the town lies on the left side of the Mekong River. Upon arrival, visit Vinh Trang pagoda which sated back to the late 19th century. Then boarding the sampan and cruising down the river around the four beautiful islands known as Dragon, Unicorn, Phoenix and Tortoise islands.

Stop over at Unicorn Island, go walking around country lane and seeing orchards, enjoy tropical fruits, folk song music which performed by the local people. Visit the fruit plantation.

Riding a hand-rowed sampan through Thoi Son canal and treat yourself in the beauty of the countryside, visit the family business, visit honey-bee farm, enjoy honey tea and coconut candy workshop.

Have lunch at local restaurant. Break time.

In the afternoon, time for cycling around the Tan Thach village, meet the local villagers to experience the local daily life in the Mekong delta. Hammock relaxing and enjoy cool breeze for those can't join the cycling trip. Return to Ho Chi Minh City. Night in Sai Gon.

DAY 16: SAI GON - DEPARTURE[B]

Breakfast at a hotel. Free until transfer to the airport for departure.

INCLUSIVE

- Accommodation in twin/double sharing 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 sharing cabin on shared boat).
- The shuttle bus: Ha Noi – Ha Long – Ha Noi (2 ways)
- Services of a driver and private air-conditioned vehicle – Not applied for Sic Tour (shared car)
- Experienced English-speaking guide during day tour – Except for free day
- Entrance fees for all visits as mentioned in the itinerary
- Meals (B/L/D) (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner) as indicated in the program
- 2 Flight - as per program . Vietnam Airlines, economic Class(1 way): **Ha Noi –> Hue; Da Nang –>Ho Chi Minh**
- 01 bottles of mineral water per person per day on days of sightseeing .

EXCLUSIVE

- Surcharge for room in Sapa for weekends (Friday and Saturday night), $5/pax/1 night/sharing room
- Visa - as per country requirements
- Offering tips and expressing gratitude for guides and drivers

- Travel insurance (we highly recommend that you purchase adequate insurance)
- Optional excursions and activities
- 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

LIST OF HOTELS USE

City	Standard	Superior	Deluxe
HA NOI	**LA DOLCE VITA HOTEL** SUPERIOR http://www.ladolcevita-hotel.com	**FLOWER GARDEN HOTEL** Deluxe www.flowergardenhotel.com.vn	**DOLCE BY WYNDHAM HANOI GOLDEN LAKE** Golden Deluxe https://dolcehanoigoldenlake.com/
SA PA	**NIGHT 1: HOMESTAY (SHARED ROOM)** **NIGHT 2: DELUXE AT SAPA VISTA HOTEL** (https://sapavistahotel.com/)		
HA LONG	**SYRENA CRUISE - HA LONG** Deluxe http://www.syrenacruises.com	**SENA CRUISE - LAN HA** Balcony Deluxe https://senacruises.com/	**LA REGINA GRAND - VAT - LAN HA** Bai Tu Long Suite(2 pax) www.lareginacruises.com
HUE	**ROSALEEN BOUTIQUE HOTEL** Superior http://www.rosaleenhotel.com/	**ROMANCE HOTEL HUE** Deluxe City view http://romancehotel.com.vn	**SILK PATH GRAND HUE HOTEL** CLASSIC http://www.silkpathhotel.com
HOI AN	**KIM AN HOI AN HOTEL** Deluxe Room www.kimanhotel.com	**VINH HUNG RIVERSIDE RESORT & SPA** Superior Garden View https://vinhhungriversideresort.com/	**BLISS HOI AN BEACH RESORT & WELLNESS** Deluxe http://www.Blisshoian.com
HO CHI MINH	**ACNOS GRAND HOTEL** Grand Deluxe http://acnoshotel.com/	**HAPPY LIFE GRAND HOTEL & SKY** Lessini Premier (with window) http://www.happylifeenterprise.com	**GRAND SAIGON HOTEL** Deluxe https://www.hotelgrandsaigon.com/