



Authentic Vietnam Tour



OverViews

This amazing 11 days tour will guide you through so many beautiful landscapes of Vietnam. From the North to South, from the Hanoi -the capital of Vietnam to Ho Chi Minh City - the most modern and bustling city , from cloudy Sapa to the blue sky of Halong Bay. .. the trip will cover everything you need to see and must do for a truly incredible holiday through one of Asia's most colorful and culturally rich countries.

Duration: 11 days

Link: <https://www.atravelmate.com/the-best-of-vietnam-tour/>

Highlights

- Hanoi – The capital city of charming, historical centre and its French provincial influences
- Halong Bay – Vietnam's 'Jewel in the Crown'; the stunning beauty of the 3,000 islets of the Gulf of Tonkin
- Hue – The country's former imperial capital
- Hoi An Ancient Town – Discover this charming UNESCO World Heritage listed site
- Ho Chi Minh City – Vietnam's most modern and vibrant city
- Mekong Delta -the rice bowl of Vietnam – home to many living, working and traveling along the river

Full Itinerary

Day 1: Welcome to Hanoi, Vietnam (D)

Arriving at Noi Bai airport in Hanoi, you'll be met and driven to your hotel. You'll have time to relax after your journey before a '**Welcome**' dinner at a local restaurant. In the evening, you'll have tickets for a performance of traditional **Water Puppetry**, an art form unique to northern Vietnam, and a good, light-hearted introduction to its rural culture. You'll spend the night in Hanoi

Day 2: Hanoi (B)

Hanoi capital is one of the most visited of the Vietnam popular destinations, is the beautiful capital city of Vietnam, sprawling in the banks of the Red River with French colonial heritage. Throughout the thousand years of its eventful history, marked by destruction, wars and natural calamities,

The tour is split into a morning and afternoon schedule, with a tasty lunch in between! At 8a.m there will be a pick up from your hotel.

Ho Chi Minh Complex: Completed in 1975, the complex includes Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, the Presidential Palace, House-on-Stilts, and the Ho Chi Minh Museum.

The Temple of Literature: Originally built as a temple to Confucius, this is the site of Vietnam's first University dating back to 1070. Inside are the stone steles mounted on the backs of turtles, inscribed with names of Vietnam best scholars. The temple highlights the importance that Vietnamese society place then and now on education. Lunch
Museum of Ethnology: This museum is widely acknowledged as the best in the country and has an extensive display dedicated to Vietnam's 54 Ethnic minority peoples.

Ngoc Son Temple and Hoan Kiem Lake: The Ngoc Son temple is set on a tiny island on the Hoan Kiem Lake, its history dating back to the 13th century.

One hour **Cyclo Tour** through the **Old Quarter:** Also known as the 36 streets, this bustling area of narrow streets is home to literally thousands of small businesses and shopkeepers.

Day 3: Hanoi – Halong (B, L, D)

08:00 – 08:30: Pick-up at hotel and start the 3 hour-and-a-half drive to the Harbour, check in private waiting hall

12:30 – 13:00: Embark on cruise by transfer boat. Listen to cruise briefing and receive room key.

13:00 – 15:30: Enjoy lunch on cruises further along the limestone islands of Bai Tu Long Bay, heading to Vung Vieng fishing village – one of the largest fishing villages in Halong Bay to see the life of local fishermen.

2 choices for tourists:

***Option 1:** Discovery local daily life: Take a bamboo rowing boat trip around Vung Vieng*

OR

***Option 2:** Go kayaking by yourself at Ban Chan island.*

17:30 – 18:00: Return to Oriental Sails and have bath then relax as the sun starts to set. Enjoy the Happy Hour at the bar and on the sun deck

19:00: Dinner is served. Socialize with other guests, night squid fishing or just laze around. Singing and dancing activities are available till 22h00. Overnight on board at **Cong Do Area**

Day 4: Halong - Hanoi –Hue (Brunch)

06:30 – 07:00: Start your day with Tai Chi exercise on the sundeck.

07:00 – 09:00: Catch morning view of seascapes with a cup of tea or coffee, have breakfast while cruising toward **Thien Canh Son Cave**. Visit **Thien Canh Son Cave** – the medium size and less visited cave in Bai Tu Long Bay

09:30: Check-out room. Luggage can be delivered to the reception area.**09:30 – 11:00:** Head back to the Harbor. Have early lunch on board. Disembark at around 12h00.

Disembark and return to Hanoi Airport for flight to Hue. Overnight in Hue.

Day 5: Hue (B)

Hue was once the Imperial capital and now listed as a World heritage site. Sitting on the banks of the delightful Perfume River you will find amazing citadels, fabulous palaces and royal tombs. Many of the sites can be reached by river and this makes an excellent way to see the city.

Pick up from hotel in Hue, the former imperial capital of Vietnam. A **boat trip** on the romantically named Perfume River visits Hue's best-known religious sites, **Thien Mu Pagoda**. Then continue to discover **Imperial Citadel** from where the Nguyen sDynasty ruled between 1802 and 1945 including Flag Tower, Noon Gate, Nine Dynastic Urns, Nine Holy Cannons, Thai Hoa Palace, and Forbidden Purple City.

The afternoon continues with a visit to the elaborate tombs of emperors **Tu Duc** & **Khai Dinh**. This guided tour gives you a deep understanding about King's philosophy of geomancy and how this affected royal life.

Overnight in Hue

Day 6: Hue-Danang-Hoian (B,L)

Moving southward to Hoi An, stops for pictures at Lang Co Beach, Hai Van Pass. After lunch, We travel about 50km from Hoi An to **My Son sanctuary**. It comprises many Champa temples, in a valley roughly two kilometers wide, surrounded by two mountain ranges. It was the site of religious ceremony of kings of the Champa dynasty, and was also a burial place of Champa royals and national heroes. The My Son temple complex is one of the foremost temple complexes of Hinduism in South East Asia and is the foremost heritage site of this nature in Vietnam. Though the complex has been destroyed over time, we still see many majestic ancient ruins of temples in the area. We also spend time to visit a **silk handicraft village** along the Thu Bon River on the way back to Hoi An.

Overnight in Hoi An

Day 7: Hoian (B)

Free time at leisure

Overnight in Hoi An

Day 8: Hoian – Ho Chi Minh City (B)

Today we fly to Saigon in the morning and explore the city's highlights such as Cho Lon –Saigon's China Town –famous for its bustling market and the ornate Thien Hau pagoda, the Notre Dame Cathedral, the French Post Office, the Reunification Palace, the frenetic Dong Khoi and Nguyen Hue boulevards, etc...

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City

Day 9: Saigon - Cu Chi Tunnels-Caodai Temple (B, L)

The Cao Dai Temple at Tay Ninh has been described as a Walt Disney fantasia of the East. The temple's 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. The interior is just as engaging as statues of Jesus Christ, Buddha and the Hindu god, Brahma, stand side by side.

The trip to Tay Ninh is combined with a visit to the **Cu Chi Tunnels**.

At its height the tunnel system stretched over 250km from Saigon to the Cambodian border and was three levels deep. The network included innumerable trap doors, specially constructed living areas, storage facilities, weapons factories, field hospitals, command centers and kitchens. Today the remaining tunnels have become a major tourist attraction giving the visitor a unique experience and a feel of what underground life in the American war must have been like. The tunnels have been widened for our benefit (otherwise we would not be able to enter them!) For those interested there's even the opportunity to fire off rounds from an AK47 or MK16 at the nearby rifle range.

In the morning we drive to Cu Chi Tunnels then onto Tay Ninh to observe the midday service. Following lunch, we visit, we will drive back to Ho Chi Minh City, arrive Ho Chi Minh late afternoon.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City

Day 10: Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta (B, L)

Day trip to My Tho to sample life on the Mekong River. Ride a local boat on the crisscrossing waters of the area to the Phoenix Island to see handicrafts and coconut sweetie workshops and exuberant orchards. (local Vietnamese Food, no Halal meals). Proceed by boat through the small canals and side arms of the river to learn more about the daily life along the river banks.

Back and overnight in Ho Chi Minh City .

Day 11: Departure from Saigon (B)

Free time at leisure until private car transfer to Tan Son Nhat International airport for your departure flight

End of the Trip

Inclusions

- All transfer and transportation vehicle with A/C
- Local English speaking guides
- Sightseeing with entrance fees to site
- Local boat rentals as mentioned in the program
- Breakfast and other meals mentioned in the program (B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner)
- Accommodation in the category chosen or similar
- Air tickets Hanoi -Hue; Danang – Saigon in economic class and airport tax

Exclusions

- Meals are not mentioned in the program, drinks and beverage during the meals
- Personal insurance
- Tips & personal expenses
- International flight tickets
- Visa fee upon arrival in Vietnam,
- Early check- in and late check out
- Any service not mentioned in the program

Price with accommodation

Group Size	Hotel 3*	Hotel 4*	Hotel 5*
1	\$1681	\$1997	\$2582
2	\$1113	\$1290	\$1618
3-7	\$1150	\$1371	\$1424
>=8	\$1030	\$1251	\$1328
Single Supplement	\$190	\$288	\$190

All prices are quoted per Person in US Dollars

Price with accommodation

Location	Hotel 3*	Hotel 4*	Hotel 5*
Hanoi	May De Ville Old Quarter (Superior), Dal Vostro Hotel (Superior)	Silk Path (Deluxe), Moevenpick Hotel (Superior)	Apricot Hotel (Deluxe), Oriental Jade Hotel (Superior)
Halong Bay	Oriental Sails Cruise (Deluxe), Sunlight Boutique Cruise (Deluxe)	Calyspo Cruise (Deluxe), La Paci Cruise (Deluxe)	Starlight Cruise (Deluxe), Alisa Cruise (Superior)
Hoi An	Atlas Hotel (Superior), Thuy Duong 3 Hotel (Superior)	Rosemary Hotel (Superior), La Recidencia (Junior Suite)	La Siesta Hoi An Hotel (Superior), Palm Garden Resort (Superior)
Hue	Rosaleen Hotel (Superior), Midtown Hotel (Superior)	Alba Spa Hotel (Superior), Moonlight (Superior)	Imperial Hotel (Superior), Vinpearl Hue Hotel (Superior)

Location	Hotel 3*	Hotel 4*	Hotel 5*
Ho Chi Minh City	Sanouva Hotel (Deluxe), Lavender Hotel (Superior)	Amena Residences & Suites1 (Superior), Rex Hotel (Superior)	Liberty Central Saigon Riverside (Hotel Superior), Nikko Saigon Hotel (Superior)

Price with accommodation

Group Size	Price
1	\$1117
2	\$798
3 -7	\$755
>=8	\$635

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