

VIETNAM HIGHLIGHTS

Hanoi-Halong Bay-Da Nang-Hoi An-Ho Chi Minh City

Tour Type: Private tour

9
DAYS

Tour Highlights:

- Halong Bay Cruise
- Golden Bridge & Bana Hill
- Tra Que Vegetable Village
- Dinner on Bonsai Cruise



DAY 01: Hanoi Arrival

Welcome to Hanoi! Our guide and driver will pick you up at the airport and let's start your Hanoi Half day city tour. Drive to Ho Chi Minh's complex, including the Mausoleum (outside view on Monday and Friday/Fine Art Museum as alternative) of the nation's founder and leader. Here, large crowds gather to pay their respects to the man they simply call Uncle Ho as they silently file past his glass sarcophagus. The Presidential Palace and Uncle Ho's wooden stilt house can also be seen here. One of must-see places in the complex is One Pillar pagoda dating back 11th century. Looking from far distance, its shape looks like a huge lotus flower. The next stop is the Temple of Literature, the site of Vietnam's oldest university and dedicated to one of the world's most famous scholars, Confucius. Inside the temple grounds, huge steles rest on the backs of even larger stone turtles (in Vietnam's culture, the turtle represents longevity). The stele recorded the names of the successful candidates who later became mandarins in the Emperor's court. Return to hotel and get some rest. Finish unforgettable full day Hanoi Sightseeing! Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 02: Hanoi – Halong Bay (B/L/D)

Pick up from your hotel in Hanoi and start our trip to explore the most amazing bay in the North of Vietnam. On the way, we will have a quick stop. Arrive in our office at Hon Gai Pier, you will have a

bit of time to relax and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee. Wait for our captain to finish the registration and transfer by tender to our boat. Enjoy welcome drink and spend a couple of minutes listening to safety instruction on the boat and activities included, then we check in our cabin. Delicious Vietnamese set menu will be served while leisurely cruising further into Bai Tu Long Bay. Arrive in kayaking area – that is Cap La Island. Enjoy kayaking through the karst and breath-taking nature, swimming and relaxing. Get back to the boat and enjoys our Sunset party while our cruise sails to the overnight anchorage. Sumptuous set-dinner on board. Free time to challenge yourself in Vietnamese puzzle games, or gathers your group/family for a board game; try your luck with squid fishing or simply have a cocktail and enjoy the quiet night on the bay. Overnight on board

DAY 03: Halong Bay – Hanoi - Da Nang – Hoi An (B/L)

Start your day with a Tai Chi routine on sundeck or catch a morning view of the stunning bay's landscape with a cup of tea or coffee. Breakfast will be served in Western style, familiar to you to fulfil your strength and ready for another exploring day. Explore the well-hidden Thien Canh Son Cave. Upon return to the boat you will have about 30 minutes to freshen up and finish packing. Attend in a Vietnamese cooking demonstration. You can quickly learn a simple but delicious Vietnamese

dish that Gordon Ramsey (a 2 Michelin Star Chef) used to guide – Nem Cuon or challenge yourself in fruit and vegetables carving. Enjoy a traditional Vietnamese lunch on boat. Back to the harbour and disembark in Hon Gai pier. Our shared limousine will take you back to the hotel in Hanoi. Then take private car transfer to the airport for the flight in Da Nang. After arrival, transfer to Hoi An. Overnight in Hoi An.

DAY 04: Hanoi – Hoi An – My Son Sanctuary (B/L)

Goodbye Hanoi, we are now heading to the airport for your flight to Da Nang, promising a new incredible adventure. Our guide and driver will pick you up at the airport. Have lunch at local restaurant with Vietnamese dishes and then we drive towards the southwest to pamper in religious centre of My Son Sanctuary - The UNESCO – listed site was constructed between the 7th and the 13th centuries, with dozens of red brick towers and sanctuaries scattered through a scenic valley. This was the heart of the Champa kingdom, and many of the landmarks recall the Cham people's Hindu beliefs. Then transfer you to your hotel in Hoi An town. After check in, you are free to explore Hoi An at your own leisure. Overnight in Hoi An

DAY 05: Hoi An – Explore Golden Bridge & Bana Hills – Hoi An (B/L)

Transfer to Ba Na Hill for a panorama view of Ba



Na cable car system in the central city of Da Nang was awarded Guinness records for the longest and highest non-stop cable car system with the biggest height gap between its departures. Arrive at the cable car station. Sitting in the cabin, in mid-air, looking upon the endless tree life of the forest. Experiencing the pristine ecological system of the Ba Na Mountain that will leave you a sense of unforeseeable discovery. Continue to enjoy funicular to Visit the Le Jardin, old wineries - remains of French Villas and Linh Ung pagoda with 27m high Buddha statue. Leave Le Jardin for Gare Debay, the second cable car station, to go to the top of Ba Na. Have lunch Vietnamese buffet at Restaurant. Visit and play game at the Fantasy Park- Ba Na Hills Fantasy Park- the third largest indoor amusement park in the world (only some free games depending on Ba Na policy). Challenge the most popular adventure ride – Slide of Tube Car (free ride). You could enjoy watch carnival Performance Show, Square Du Dome, etc. Note: the schedule of performance can be changed because of weather. Leave Ba Na Hills by cable car and return to hotel. Overnight in Hoi An.

DAY 06: Full day Tra Que Vegetable Village (B/L)

Our English-speaking guide and driver will meet you at the hotel lobby. Tra Que is a charming little village on the edge of Hoi An, the village is named after the sweet scented vegetables that spice up

the everyday meals of the Pho Hoi people. Here a new spirit for traditional Hoi An dishes like Cao Lau, Quang noodles, enjoy cooking class served by host with the local 'Tam Huu' spring rolls which were primarily made from Tra Que vegetables and cake with meat (Banh xeo) has been enlivened. Take Bicycle to local market to buy ingredients and vegetables for cooking class. A short stroll will take you around the vegetable garden and then you can join the farmers in preparing the land and fertilizing it with seaweed from the local lake. Following steps are raking the ground, sowing, watering, picking vegetables and other gardening activities. After all these activities, you will have a chance to enjoy the herbal foot massage with a real farmer concept. Meet chef and learn how to cook. Your lunch consists of many local delicacies including "tam huu" spring rolls, 'banh xeo' or local pancake of people in middle region. We then sit down and enjoy the lovely local meal. At the end, we will say good bye to Tra Que and return to your hotel. Overnight in Hoi An.

DAY 07: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City (B/D)

In the morning, you will head back to Da Nang City to take a flight to Ho Chi Minh City -formerly known as Saigon, is a sprawling metropolis with the largest population in the country. Transfer back to the hotel from the airport by driver only. Get some rest and explore the city on your own and be

ready to enjoy the night life of this fast-moving city. Enjoy a one of a kind dinner cruise on our uniquely crafted Indochinese river vessel Bonsai Legacy by Bonsai Cruise. This fully staffed & authentic 2 hours dinner cruise allows you to discover the heart of Ho Chi Minh City from a different angle. We deliver a 'new level of special' that is unsurpassed in local cruises. A haven for multi-sensory surprises and innovative menu and beverage concepts. We empower local artisans, traders, chefs and artists to promote the traditional crafts and arts of South East Asia especially those in Vietnam. A place where ancient Indochina meets French saviour-faire all colliding with fast paced Ho Chi Minh City! Elegance, Elevation and Experience - The Bonsai way. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 08: Full day Cu Chi Tunnel & City tour (B/L)

Free at your own leisure or you can book one of our optional tours. Our guide will pick up you at the lobby hotel and transfer to Cu Chi Tunnel about 1.5 hour through some nice country areas northwest of Ho Chi Minh City. You are going to visit a massive underground network located near the area once called "Iron Triangle," which served as the termination of the Ho Chi Minh Trail. The tunnels were designed by local guerrillas as a springboard for attacking Ho Chi Minh City. The area was used for infiltrating Ho Chi Minh City intelligence agents, part cadres, and sabotage teams. Transferring to Ben Dinh Tunnels (one of the branches of the 200km underground tunnels system in Cu Chi). Exploring the tunnels with local guide who's in uniform of the real guerrilla during the Vietnam War. Returning to Ho Chi Minh City for lunch. You have a chance to enjoy Authentic Vietnamese food is called "PHO". Then transfer to Half Day Sightseeing: Reunification Palace, War Remnant Museum, Notre Dame Cathedral (closed for renovation until the end of 2019), visit Opera House to replace, Central Post Office, Ben Thanh Market. Transferring you back to your hotel. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 09: Ho Chi Minh City Departure (B)

Today you are free at your leisure until our driver transfers you to the airport for your flight back home.

Prices are from per person

\$2,549

*Price does not apply at local public holidays, festivals and trade fairs.
*Price is based on minimum two people travelling, twin share.

Hotel Accommodation (or similar)

Hanoi	Rex Hanoi Hotel, Executive room
Halong Bay	Renea Cruise, Deluxe Cabin
Hoi An	Thanh Binh Riverside, Deluxe Riverview Room
Ho Chi Minh	Liberty Central Saigon Centre, Deluxe Room

Price includes

- Domestic flights
- 8 nights hotel accommodation
- Meals as specified (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Entrance fees to the scenic spots
- English-speaking tour guide
- All transfers and transportation in private vehicle
- Daily 2 complimentary bottle water