

## **Vietnam & Hong Kong Famil Itinerary**

### Day 01 (Tue, 05 Jun): Auckland – Hong Kong (meals on board flight)

Make your own way to Auckland International Airport, meet your fellow group members at 21:00 by Hong Kong Airlines check in area and fly HX028 (23:30/08:05+1) to Hong Kong. Overnight onboard flight.

# Day 02 (Wed, 06 Jun): Hong Kong - Hanoi (B, L, D)

Arrive into Hong Kong at 08:05am. Free at leisure. Continue to fly with Hong Kong Airlines flight HX528 (16:05/17:05) to Hanoi. Upon arrival Hanoi at 17:05, you will be met by your guide and transferred to hotel.

Overnight in Hanoi

## Day 03 (Thu, 07Jun): Hanoi City Tour (B, L)

We will pick you up at your hotel and drive to the historic Ba Dinh complex, to visit Ba Dinh Square, where the former President Ho Chi Minh read Viet Nam's Declaration of Independence on 2 September 1945, after almost a century of domination by France. Visit One-Pillar Pagoda, a must-see monument in Ha Noi. Next, we will visit the Temple of Literature, the first university for the sons of mandarins (high government officials), for an overview of Hanoi culture and appreciation for ancient Vietnamese architecture. Then we will take a cyclo (pedicab) ride around the '36 meandering streets' of Hanoi's Old Quarter stopping to visit historic Tran Quoc Pagoda and Quan Thanh Temple before returning to the hotel.

## Day 04 (Fri, 08Jun): Hanoi - Halong Bay (B, L, D)

Travel by coach to Halong Bay and take a boat trip to explore one of the world's great natural wonders, cruising the thousands of limestone islands filled with caves of all shapes and sizes. The sails of junks and sampans gliding along the clear and emerald waters of the bay form a magnificent picturesque scene that blends with the sky.

You also get a chance to visit some of the hidden grottoes beneath the towering cliffs.

A seafood lunch and dinner will be served on board the charming junk. Stay overnight on board.

## Day 05 (Sat, 09Jun): Halong Bay - Hanoi - Da Nang - Hoi An (Brunch)

Enjoy the aquamarine waters of the bay at its best as the junk continues to cruise quietly through spectacular limestone formations. Disembark from the junk at noon and transfer to Hanoi airport for a short flight to Da Nang. On arrival, you will be picked up and transferred to Hoi An, an ancient town recognised as a World Cultural Heritage site by UNESCO. Check into your hotel and enjoy free time at your own leisure to discover the city.



Overnight in Hoi An.

Day 06 (Sun, 10Jun): Hoi An (B)

The morning is free at your own leisure. You may also take one of the following optional tours (at your own expense, price per person in USD);

**Option 1: Red Bridge Cooking class (With Lunch)** in Hoi An just for fun! The staff from the restaurant will show you around the market in the morning; then take you to the restaurant and teach you how to cook the simple and healthy Vietnamese food. You will enjoy your cooking, plus another two courses from the chef. Talk to your local guide and ask them to book this for you the first day when you arrive Hoi An.

Please book before finalize the tour. This is subject to final confirmation, minimum 2 participants (SIC Tour).

- \*Note\*: Meeting point Hai Scout Cafe (98 Nguyen Thai Hoc Street, Hoi An Town)
  - + Included tour guide accompany to meeting point

# Price per person in USD

2 paxs	3 paxs	4 paxs	5 paxs up
USD43(NZD80)	USD40(NZD60)	USD39(NZD59)	USD38(NZD57)

#### Option 2: Half-day cycling tour from Hoi An to Tra Que Village (With Lunch):

Take a scenic bicycle ride through the rice paddies to Tra Que Village just outside Hoi An. This little village is well-known for supplying the many restaurants and hotels in the area with fresh herbs and vegetables. You will walk through the vegetable gardens, experience how the local farmers work the land and learn more about the history of the village and the importance of herbs in Vietnamese medicine and cuisine, before your relaxing pedal back to town.

Please book before finalize the tour. This is subject to final confirmation, minimum 2 participants (SIC Tour).

# Price per person in USD

2	3-4	5-6	7-9	10 paxs up
USD45(NZD68)	USD39(NZD60)	USD34(NZD51)	USD29(NZD44)	USD26(NZD39)

Included: English speaking guide, bicycle, entrance fee, 1 lunch, 1 water.

#### **Option 3: Fishing Village & Waterway Eco-tour (With Lunch):**

Enjoy an authentic social and cultural insight into the local Vietnamese way of life. Drive to a local farming village traveling along picturesque country roads. Explore the now tranquil coconut-palm flanked waterways of a past war and hear of the extreme conditions endured by soldiers on both sides. Meet local fishermen and experience their daily life. You will take a wooden boat to a water coconut forest', and join local fishermen on the river to experience round net and cast net fishing.



Learn to paddle bamboo basket boats and join in a basket boat race. You'll also learn how to use reeds or palm leaves to make grasshoppers, birds, rings, sunglasses, etc. Return to the boat to enjoy lunch and a cold beer or soft drink and then return the hotel by car.

Please book before finalize the tour. This is subject to final confirmation, minimum 2 participants (SIC Tour).

## Price per person in USD

2-9	10 paxs up	
USD51(NZD77)	USD48(NZD72)	

**Included**: English speaking guide, private car, entrance fee, 1 lunch, 1 water.

In the afternoon, you will be escorted by our local guide to discover Hoi An by walking tour through the narrow streets of this charming town. Perhaps more than any other place in Vietnam, Hoi An retains the feel of centuries past. Once known as Faifo, Hoi An was an influential port along the Silk Road. For over 500 years merchants from China, Japan, France, and Portugal settled in the prosperous town resulting in a distinctive blend of culture, cuisine, religions and architecture. In 1999, the town was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site listed for having the most unique architecture in Southeast Asia. It has been restored extensively over the following years.

#### Day 07 (Mon, 11Jun): Hoi An - Da Nang - Ho Chi Minh City (B)

We early morning transfer to Danang Airport to catch a flight to Ho Chi Minh City. On arrival at Tan Son Nhat Airport in Ho Chi Minh City, you are picked up for transfer to the city centre to visit imposing Dong Khoi Street (formerly Catinat street) before going to the Notre Dame Cathedral. This is the most famous landmark in Vietnam, as the twin bell towers can be seen from a great distance. In the same square is the famous Saigon Post Office, the largest functioning post office in Vietnam. Continue on to visit Reunification Palace, the palace of the presidents of South Vietnam before 1975, and the War Remains Museum, where you can learn about the Vietnam War. At the end of the day, visit Ben Thanh Market before returning to your hotel, after which you are free at leisure.

You may join an optional (at your own expense) Dinner Cruise on Saigon River: USD45(NZD68)

#### Day 08 (Tue, 12Jun): Ho Chi Minh City - Cu Chi Tunnels - Ho Chi Minh City - Hong Kong (B, L)

After breakfast, we visit the amazing Cu Chi Tunnels, a well-known historical vestige of the Vietnamese revolution. This cobweb-like tunnel complex is a network of underground dug-outs over 200 km long, consisting of many layers and turnings with meeting, living, and fighting quarters where we learn firsthand how the Viet Cong survived their extraordinary underground existence during the Vietnam War.

Return to Ho Chi Minh City in the late afternoon to freshen up until your late night transfer to the airport for your flight to Hong Kong. (13Jun, HX539, 04:45/08:30am)



## Day 09 (Wed, 13Jun): Hong Kong - Auckland

Arrive into Hong Kong at 08:30am. Upon arrival in the morning, welcome and pick up at Hong Kong airport; transfer to visit Victoria Peak (with one way Peak Tram), Repulse Bay, Stanley Market. Dim sum lunch will be arranged at a nice restaurant. Afternoon continue to experience Star Ferry, cruising along the Victoria Harbour, Picture stop at Clock Tower and Garden of Stars. Free shopping at Ladies Market. At the end of tour, transfer back to airport for your departure.

Continue your Hong Kong Airlines flight HX027 (21:10/12:30+) to Auckland

Day 10 (Thu, 14Jun): Arrival Auckland Arrive back in Auckland at 12:30noon.

Price: \$1850 per person twin share Single room supplement: \$390

#### **Price includes**

Hong Kong Airlines tickets in Economy class (Auckland-Hong Kong-Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City-Hong Kong-Auckland)

Domestic air ticket Hanoi - Danang - Ho Chi Minh City in economy class 4 star hotel accommodation with daily (twin share) breakfast in Vietnam

Hanoi: Silk Path Hotel (Deluxe Room) or similar

**Halong Bay:** LaFairy Sails Cruise (Deluxe Cabin) or similar **Hoi An:** Thanh Binh Riverside (ROH Room) or similar

Saigon: Millennium Boutique Hotel (Premium Deluxe) or similar

Meals as indicated

Transfers, sightseeing and entrance fees

English speaking guide

Tipping to guide and driver

#### **Price excludes**

Vietnamese visa fee (\$120 single entry visa for NZ passport, fee may vary for other passports)

Hong Kong visa fee if required

Personal expenses

Travel insurance

Tour extension

**Optional tours** 



# \*For agents travelling from out of Auckland, please make your own flight arrangements to meet group in Auckland

\*Places are limited

## **Deadlines**

Registration: Tuesday, 17th of April

Non-refundable deposit \$350: Tuesday, 24th of April

Balance payment (\$1850-350=\$1500) plus Vietnamese visa fee \$120=\$1620: Tuesday, 8th of May Passport, completed visa form, 1 photo couriered to CTS for Vietnamese visa: Tuesday, 8th of May

Final documents to delivery to you: Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> of May