



Vietnam Food Tour

12 Days 11 Nights From \$1,979 per person twin share

- Availability : 30 Nov 2026
- Domestic Airfares in Vietnam
- Accommodation 3 ★ Hotels (4 - 5 ★ Hotel Options Available)

Highlights

- Kick off your journey in Hanoi with authentic local flavors, starting with a delicious bowl of Pho.
- Explore the capital's rich culture on a full-day city tour and savor the iconic Cha Ca for lunch.
- Cruise through the breathtaking limestone islands of Halong Bay on an overnight cruise.
- Discover the imperial charm of Hue with a city tour and an exciting street food adventure.
- Experience the timeless beauty of Hoi An and join a hands-on Vietnamese cooking class.
- Dive into the vibrant rhythm of Ho Chi Minh City with a thrilling motorbike street food tour.
- Enjoy relaxing free days woven throughout your journey for the perfect balance of exploration and leisure.

Itinerary

Day 01: Hanoi - Arrival (No Meal)

Xin Chao! Welcome to Hanoi – The capital of Vietnam.

A warm greeting awaits at Noi Bai's International Airport. Your private guide and driver will meet you OUTSIDE the arrivals lounge and transfer you to your hotel in the city centre. Please look for your tour guide who holds up your names on a welcome signboard.

While every effort is made to have your room available upon arrival, the check-in time is 14.00; your room may or may not be ready before this time. You can leave your luggage at the hotel reception or hotel's store luggage room and then head to a local restaurant for breakfast on your own (if you arrive early).

The morning is free for you to explore nearby attractions or simply relax in the hotel lobby until check-in time at approximately 14.00.

Upon your arrival, you are free at leisure.

Overnight: in Hanoi.

Meal Included: No Meal.

Accommodation: 3, 4, 5 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Day 02: Hanoi City Tour (Pho for Lunch) (Breakfast / Dinner)

Start your day with a guided exploration of Hanoi, a city where centuries-old heritage blends seamlessly with modern energy.

Morning: Historical Landmarks

Your guide will meet you at the hotel and take you to visit the key highlights of the capital:

- Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum Complex – Explore the Presidential Palace (outside), Ho Chi Minh's Stilt House, and the iconic One Pillar Pagoda. This area reflects Vietnam's political history and honors the country's beloved leader.
- Temple of Literature – Vietnam's first university, built in the 11th century, showcasing traditional Vietnamese architecture and dedicated to Confucius and scholars.
- West Lake & Tran Quoc Pagoda – The oldest Buddhist pagoda in Hanoi, beautifully located on a small island in West Lake.

Enjoy your special Lunch with Pho (Rice Noodle):

the famed Hanoi dish with Pho for Lunch or dinner, a Vietnamese Noodle shop. Some of the local people call this world-famous Noodle soup "Mac-Noodles" since it is as popular here as MacDonalds is in other parts of the world!

At the restaurant, your tour guide will explain the routine during Vietnamese mealtimes and tell you which special ingredients are needed for you. You can choose beef noodles or chicken noodles.

Some local restaurants with the traditional flavour and taste which is recommended by Michelin guide, you can choose one of them:

Phở Gà Nguyệt (Chicken noodle) [website](#)

Phở Bò Lý Quốc Sư (Beef noodle) [website](#)

Afternoon: Culture & Local Life

Continue your city exploration with:

Vietnam Museum of Ethnology (or Fine Arts Museum on Mondays) – A fascinating museum showcasing 54 ethnic groups of Vietnam through artifacts, traditional houses, and interactive displays.

Hoan Kiem Lake – Visit the peaceful lake in the heart of Hanoi and learn the legend of the Returned Sword.

Old Quarter Walking Tour – Wander through the bustling 36 streets of the Old Quarter, each historically dedicated to a specific craft or trade.

(Optional: Enjoy a cup of Vietnamese egg coffee or try local snacks – Own expense)

Your tour concludes with a transfer back to your hotel.

Overnight: in Hanoi.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch of Pho at the local restaurant.

Accommodation: 3, 4, 5 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Day 03: Hanoi - Halong Bay, Overnight on Cruise (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and around 08.00 AM, you are picked up to go to Halong Bay.

Enjoy the landscape of the countryside and a short break on the way. Embark on the cruise followed by a short cruise briefing. Savour a delectable lunch as you cruise among the limestone islands. Take a small sampan among the hidden bays around the Luon Cave. Cruise to Ti Top Island, go swimming or relaxing at the beach or climb up to the top of the island for a panorama view of Halong Bay. Enjoy the sunset with dinner. After dinner, fish for squid or just laze around.

Please note:

- Depending on cruising conditions, itineraries may change without prior notice.
- Wi-Fi is available at the restaurant/Piano Lounge areas, however, Internet connectivity may be intermittently interrupted due to the geographical condition of the bay.
- Detail program of each cruise is different, it will be confirmed later by each booking.

Overnight: in Halong Bay.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch, Dinner on Cruise.

Accommodation: 3, 4, 5 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Day 04: Halong Bay - Hanoi - Flight to Danang - Hoi An (Breakfast / Brunch)

Start your day with Tai Chi class and breakfast at sunrise. Explore the amazing Sung Sot Cave – the nicest cave in Halong Bay. Continue your cruise exploring Ba Hang fishing village, Dog Islet and more. While heading back to the harbour, watch the cooking demonstration before enjoying a traditional Vietnamese lunch.

After the cruise, you are picked up & transferred to the airport for your flight to Danang.

Upon arrival at Da Nang International Airport, you will be picked up by your new private driver and tour guide and taken to your hotel in Hoi An – The Ancient City of Colorful Lanterns.

Overnight: in Hoi An.

Meal Included: Light early Breakfast, Brunch on Cruise.

Accommodation: 3, 4, 5 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Day 05: Hoi An - Cooking Class (Breakfast / Lunch)

This trip will take you to join a cooking class and share your great experience to go to the local market for buying fresh ingredients and cook Vietnamese traditional dishes. Besides, you will feel peaceful when visiting the beautiful vegetables gardens, having an opportunity to ride a bike or take the boat trip to discover and experience rural life.

Leave your hotel around 09.00am in the morning, you will conquer the street along the Thu Bon River and visit Hoi An colourful market to choose ingredients and make dishes with them. Finish buying ingredients at the market, embark on a small boat to ride along the Thu Bon River (or cycle 15 minutes) for about 25 minutes to catch the cooking school on the other side of the river.

Today's activities end at around 13.00pm and departure to your hotel. The rest of the day is your leisure time.

Overnight: in Hoi An.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch at Cooking Class.

Accommodation: 3, 4, 5 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Day 06: Hoi An - Free Day at Leisure (Breakfast)

Today you are free for your own exploration in Hoi An.

Overnight: in Hoi An.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel.

Accommodation: 3, 4, 5 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Optional Tour:

Ba Na Hill

07.30 – 08.00 AM

- Our minivan and tour guide pick you up at your hotel lobby, enjoy a ride to Ba Na Hills via Cable Car.
- Spend your time in the most modern Cable Car in Southeast Asia, visit Dream Stream Cable car Station and admire the breath-taking view of Da Nang coastal city.
- After finishing the first cable car, you will visit The Golden Bridge – which has the most exotic structure and also the world's most prominent pedestrian bridges highlighted by the British Guard newspaper, Le Jardin D'amour (consists of 9 gardens), Linh Ung pagoda.
- Sit on the 2nd Cable Car to visit the French Village where you could enjoy Street Music, watch Art's statue, Campanile, Nine Floor Goddess Shrine, Tombstone Temple, Watch Carnival Performance Show, Square Du Dome ...Challenge the most popular adventure ride – Slide of Tube Car (free ride) ...
- Take the Lava Train from Sun Kingdom to many new attractions for check-in such as Helios waterfall, Time Gate, and The Moon Kingdom ...Join in Fantasy Park by walking in Fairy Forest, discovering Dinosaur Park, playing 5D wild west, enjoying 4D death race ride, watching 3D mega 360 degrees, riding on journey into the underground, entering Jurassic Park, challenging Freefall Tower and participating in an adventure in Horror House and over 90 free games.

15.00: Return to the Cable Car to leave Ba Na Hills

17.30 – 18.00: Our Minivan brings you back to your hotel.

Included: Transportation, English Speaking Tour Guide, Buffet Lunch, Entrance fee includes Golden Bridge, Le Jardin D'amour, Fantasy Park, Moon Caste, French Village (exclusive Wax Statue Museum, France Wine Cellar entrance & wine, Roller Coaster game, Climbing game, or some games with prizes & 10D movie).

SIC Price: AUD \$90 per person

Private tour cost:

02 pax: AUD \$140 per pax

03-04 pax: AUD \$130 per pax

Day 07: Hoi An - Danang - Hue (Breakfast)

After breakfast at the hotel, depart from Hoi An and transfer toward Danang.

Along the way, you will pass My Khe Beach, one of the most stunning beaches on earth.

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Upon arrival in Danang, visit two major cultural and natural highlights:

- Cham Museum – home to the world’s largest collection of Cham sculpture and artifacts, offering deep insight into the Cham civilization.
- Marble Mountains – a cluster of five limestone and marble hills, famous for their natural caves, pagodas, panoramic viewpoints, and stone-carving villages.
- Continue driving north along the scenic coastal road toward Hue, crossing the majestic Hai Van Pass, which offers breathtaking views over the mountains and the sea.

You will also stop at Lang Co Beach, voted as one of the most beautiful bays in the world, where you can enjoy a refreshment break and admire the tranquil turquoise waters.

Arrive in Hue in the afternoon and check in to your hotel. The rest of the day is free at leisure.

Overnight: in Hue.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel.

Accommodation: 3, 4, 5 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Day 08: Hue City Tour - Street Food Tour (Breakfast / Lunch)

In the morning, you will take a visit to the mausoleum of Emperor Minh Mang (1791-1841), built between 1841 and 1843. The emperor’s mausoleum complex consists of 40 constructions (palaces, temples, pavilions etc.) designed on a symmetrical axis. Later visit the Imperial Citadel and Forbidden City, created in the 19th century for the Emperors of the Nguyen Dynasty.

Enjoy some “retail therapy” at Dong Ba Market before transferring for an exciting Hue Street Food Tour by cyclo, discovering the unique flavors of the ancient capital.

Street food highlights include:

- Bún Bò Huế (Hue-style beef noodle soup) – A must-try specialty rich in lemongrass and shrimp paste, served with beef, pork, meatballs, fresh herbs, and chili.
- Bánh Khoái – A crispy rice and egg crepe filled with shrimp, grilled beef, pork fat, bean sprouts, and spring onions, served with a special secret sauce unique to Hue.
- Nem Lụi (Grilled pork skewers) – Rolled in rice paper with herbs, pineapple, banana, and bean sprouts, then dipped in a flavorful peanut–liver–coconut sauce made from dozens of ingredients.
- Bánh Bèo / Bloating Fern-shaped Cake – Steamed rice flour topped with shrimp, pork cracklings, dried tiny shrimp, and scallion oil, served with fish sauce.

- Fresh fruit mix, juice, and local beer at the night walking street.

After the tour, you are free to explore Hue at your own pace.

Overnight: in Hue.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch at local restaurant – street food.

Accommodation: 3, 4, 5 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Day 09: Hue - Flight to Ho Chi Minh City (Breakfast)

There is some free time for your own exploration in Hue or enjoy your optional tour until we transfer to airport for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City.

Upon arrival at Tan Son Nhat airport, you are met and transferred to your hotel. Then you are free, Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

Overnight: in Ho Chi Minh City.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel.

Accommodation: 3, 4, 5 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Day 10: Ho Chi Minh City - Street Food Tour by Walking or Motorbike (Breakfast / Dinner)

The whole day today will be free for relaxing at the hotel, strolling or shopping in the town or whatever takes your fancy.

When the sun goes down, you may choose to explore the street food scene either by walking or by motorbike.

Option 1: By Motorbike

Hop on the back of a motorbike and zoom through lively streets as the city lights come alive. Visit a local restaurant for dinner and enjoy signature dishes such as beef noodle soup, sugarcane juice, and grilled beef in betel leaves.

Continue to Nguyen Thien Thuat Street, famous for its diverse street food stalls, before exploring a vibrant flower market and savoring Vietnamese pancakes.

Ride along Nguyen Trai Street for shopping opportunities, then stop at Nguyen Van Cu Bridge to take in the panoramic night views. Your adventure continues into District 4, known for its lively local life, where you will enjoy a BBQ seafood feast featuring fresh seafood and local favorites.

Afterward, your guide will drive you back to your hotel.

Option 2: By Walking

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If you prefer a slower pace, take a guided walking food tour through local neighborhoods. Your guide will lead you through atmospheric alleyways and bustling streets where you can taste authentic dishes such as beef noodle soup, banh xeo, grilled beef wrapped in betel leaves, and more.

You'll walk through lively local markets, observe everyday life, and enjoy the chance to interact with vendors while discovering hidden food gems.

The tour ends with delicious seafood and street-food tasting in District 4 before returning to your hotel by car.

Please note:

- Please inform your local guide about any food allergies you may have.
- It is recommended that you leave your handbags, passports and jewellery at your hotel for safekeeping.
- A camera is always encouraged. Please take extra care of your camera to avoid theft.
- We recommend that you should wear something comfortable and cool. Shorts, T-shirts and light pants are also suitable.

Overnight: in Ho Chi Minh City.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel, Street-food Dinner.

Accommodation: 3, 4, 5 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Day 11: Ho Chi Minh City - Free Day at Leisure (Breakfast)

These days are your day to relax and enjoy Ho Chi Minh City at your own pace. Here are some simple suggestions for how you can make the most of your free time:

Enjoy the Food: Ho Chi Minh City has delicious street food. Try different local dishes like pho, banh mi, and fresh spring rolls. You can go on a food tour to taste a variety of Flavors.

Visit the Ben Thanh Market: Go to the Ben Thanh Market, where you can find a variety of items like clothes, crafts, spices, and souvenirs. Walk around and see what catches your eye.

Take a Relaxing Walk: Enjoy a peaceful stroll along Nguyen Hue Walking Street or by the Saigon River. Admire the buildings and watch the people going about their day. You can also find a cozy café to sit and relax.

Overnight: in Ho Chi Minh City.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel.

Accommodation: 3, 4, 5 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Or you can choose any below suggested optional tour for your trip:

Optional Tour To Choose:

- Option 1: Mekong Delta One Day Tour

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This morning, you will be picked up from the hotel after breakfast and travel to the city of My Tho (approx. 1.5 hours) on the banks of the Mekong. Upon arrival, board a motorboat and cruise along the Mekong River. The boat will take you to Xep Canal, a lovely place where you can escape the traffic of the main river. Here you will cruise under coconut trees before arriving at a small islet. Disembark and walk around a small local village. Stop at a local family's home to enjoy tropical fruit, honey tea and wine and listen to traditional Vietnamese music performed by the villagers. Afterwards continue onwards to another islet where a traditional Vietnamese lunch will be prepared by a local family (included). In the afternoon return to Ho Chi Minh City and your hotel accommodation.

SIC Price: US\$ 55 per person

Private Price (price per person):

A group of 2 pax: AUD \$110

A group of 3 – 4 pax: AUD \$90

Service Included: SIC or private transportation, local English-Speaking Tour Guide, Mekong River Boat trip, Local Lunch, Honey Tea and Honey Wine, Seasonal Fruits, Traditional Music Performance and Mineral Water.

Option 2: Cu Chi Tunnels Half Day Tour

This tour, perfect for history and war buffs, will take you back to wartime where you can explore the famous Cu Chi tunnels, have an opportunity to try your hand at shooting accuracy with an AK-47 and even sample food eaten by Vietnamese soldiers during the war.

We pick up at your hotel to Cu Chi Tunnel for 60km from Ho Chi Minh City. Cu Chi is now considered a heroic district for its role in the anti – American war in Vietnam. It is legendary for its tunnels system of over 220 km and is a popular spot for both Vietnamese and foreigner.

The famous Cu Chi tunnels are a network of underground tunnels in Ho Chi Minh City. The tunnels were used as a military base for resistance to US forces during the Vietnam War and often used as hiding spots or spy activities.

Along the way to Cu Chi from Ho Chi Minh city, we will pass by the scenic local countryside, where you might even spot ducks and buffalo cooling off in the river. You will find it hard to imagine the destruction and damage that once dominated the area, caused by bombing and mines when Cu Chi was “a free target zone.”

Lunch at a local restaurant before going back to your hotel in Ho Chi Minh City.

SIC Price: US\$ 45 per person

Private Price (price per person):

A group of 2 pax: AUD \$60

A group of 3 – 4 pax: AUD \$45

Service Included: SIC or private transportation, local English-Speaking Tour Guide, Entrance Fee to Cu Chi, Local Lunch, Mineral Water.

Option 3: Water Puppetry & Dinner On Saigon Princess Cruise (Private Tour)

Tour cost: AUD \$140/ pax (from 2 pax up)

Included: Pick-up hotel to water puppet theatre by tricycle. Water puppet show entrance ticket. Transportation: Water puppet theater to Saigon port & Saigon port to hotel. English speaking guide. The most luxury dinner cruise in Saigon with 5 dishes menu of choice (Asian seafood/ Fusion/ European)

Duration: 3 hours

Itinerary: Early in the evening, at around 18:00pm, our guide will pick you up at hotel for the tour begins with a tricycle trip from your hotel to the water-puppet theatre. Water-puppetry is an ancient puppet tradition and an important part of Vietnamese culture. In water-puppetry, puppets are played on the surface of a pool of water, while a Vietnamese orchestra of professional musicians accompanied by an array of talented singers provide background music for the performance. Enjoy watching the puppet show and learning more about Vietnamese rural life and folklore. Many of the programs, especially those involving the tales of day-to-day living, often have a humorous twist. After the show, we'll take you to Saigon River to board a junk for a cruise. Take the time here to admire the lights of Saigon city from the river. Dinner will be served on the cruise, which you can enjoy while cruising along Saigon River. The tour ends around 9.30pm, when we'll return you to your hotel.

Day 12: Ho Chi Minh City - Departure (Breakfast)

After breakfast, enjoy free time at your own pace until checkout at 12:00PM (noon).

Your international flight to Australia departs around 9:00 PM, giving you approximately 9 hours of leisure time after checkout.

Your luggage will be safely stored at the hotel. You may explore the city freely until your driver picks you up for the airport transfer to Tan Son Nhat International Airport.

Suggested Leisure Activities (Optional)

With luggage stored at the hotel, guests can comfortably enjoy the following activities before the evening transfer:

- **Ben Thanh Market & Saigon Square**
Ideal for last-minute souvenir shopping, handicrafts, clothing, and local snacks.
- **Relax at a Café or Rooftop Lounge**
Enjoy a drink at one of Ho Chi Minh City's famous cafés or rooftop bars overlooking District 1.
- **Spa & Massage Experience**
Indulge in foot massage or a full-body treatment at reputable spas
- **Dong Khoi Street & Nguyen Hue Walking Street**
Perfect for a leisurely walk, photography, shopping, and enjoying the vibrant city atmosphere.
- **Local Lunch or Early Dinner**
Choose from nearby Vietnamese restaurants for a final taste of local specialties before your flight.

Trip ends at the airport.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel.

Tour Prices & Hotels

Group size (Min.2 person)	Standard Class (3*)	Superior Class (4*)	Deluxe Class (5*)
Price per person from	\$ 1,979	\$ 2,159	\$ 2,599
Single supplement	\$ 520	\$ 690	\$ 1,120

List of Hotels (or Similar)

Standard Class (3*)

City	Hotel	Room Type
Hanoi	Chalcedony	Deluxe City View
Halong Bay	Oriental Sails	Deluxe Cabin

Hue	Rosaleen Hotel	Superior City View
Hoi An	Hoi An Rose Hotel	Superior Balcony
Saigon	Acnos	Deluxe

Superior Class (4*)

City	Hotel	Room Type
Hanoi	The Q	Deluxe
Halong Bay	Calypso Cruise	Deluxe Cabin
Hue	Midtown Hotel	Deluxe City View
Hoi An	Lantern Boutique Hoi An	Superior Garden View
Saigon	The Odys Hotel	Deluxe

Deluxe Class (5*)

City	Hotel	Room Type
Hanoi	Pan Pacific	Deluxe
Halong Bay	La Regina Grand	Bai Tu Long Suite
Hue	Indochine Palace	Palace Deluxe

Hoi An	Allegro Hoi An	Junior Suite
Saigon	Grand Saigon	Premium Deluxe

Tour Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

- Domestic airfares (Hanoi – Danang and Hue – Saigon)
- Complimentary Mobifone eSIM: 8GB 5G Data (24 Hour) + 10 Min Local Call Upon Arrival in Vietnam.
- 10 nights' shared 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)
- 01 night / 2 days on cruise in Halong Bay (share cruise/ shared cabin of twin or double)
- All transfers and transportation with air-con vehicles (types of vehicles depending on the number of pax)
 - 10-12 pax: coach of 25-29 seats
 - 13-15 pax: coach of 35 seats
 - 16-30 pax: coach of 45 seats
- Local ENGLISH speaking guides
 - Hanoi - Halong Bay: 01 guide.
 - In Halong on cruise: use guide inhouse of cruise
 - Hue - Danang - Hoi An: 01 guide
 - Ho Chi Minh City: 01 guide
- Meals (B/L/D) (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner) as indicated in the program (Vietnamese Local food):
 - Daily breakfast at the hotel
 - 01 Pho (rice noodle) for Lunch
 - 01 lunch + 01 dinner + 1 brunch on cruise in Halong Bay
 - 01 street food tour in Hue by Cyclo
 - 01 lunch at cooking class in Hoi An
- Street food tour in Ho Chi Minh by motobike or walking
- 02 bottles of mineral water per person per day on bus on days of transfer and sightseeing only.

Exclusion

- International airfares to/ from Australia (quoted separately, if requested).
- Book a multi-city ticket with VN Holidays, your connections are protected.
- Need domestic Australia/ New Zealand connecting flights to join Vietnam Tours? Let us handle in "one booking" with special ADD ON fares and convenience.

- Visa to Vietnam (Clients can [CLICK HERE](#) to apply E-visa online or contact VN Holidays team to help with service fee.)
- Travel insurance (contact VN Holidays team to help with service fee.)
- Immigration Fast Track Service (contact VN Holidays team to help with service fee.)
- Entrance fee to Hoi An town.
- Kayak
- Optional tours
- Surcharges for other language guides
- Surcharges for Lunar New Year (TET) holiday
- Personal travel insurance
- Personal expenditure, such as drinks, souvenirs, laundry, camera fees, communications, postage, gratuities etc.
- Meals and services other than mentioned in the program.
- Drinks with meals
- Compulsory gala dinners during festive seasons and peak season surcharges which will be advised at the time of booking.
- Early check-in and late check-out at hotels, if not mentioned in the program

Other Information

Changes

- The itinerary can be changed due to weather, tide levels, and operating conditions.
- Programmers, prices, services and conditions are based on those valid at the time of proposal submission and are subject to change thereafter without advance notice until all services have been paid in full.

Special requests

- Your special requests (diet, vegetarian,...) should be sent before your departure date.

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