



## Vietnam Best Discovery

15 Days or 18 Days From \$2,599 per person twin share

- Availability: Until 30 Nov 2026
- Domestic Vietnam Airlines flights included
- Accommodation 3 ★ Hotels (4 - 5 ★ Hotel Options Available)

### Highlights

- Explore Vietnam from North to South on a seamless 18-day journey through its most iconic destinations.
- A rich travel experience blending car, train, cruise, flight, and charming small boat or sampan journeys.
- Discover the cultural heart of **Hanoi** with a city tour covering historical landmarks, French colonial architecture, and bustling Old Quarter.
- Experience the natural wonders of **Ninh Binh**, often called “Halong Bay on land” – with river boat rides, Mua Cave hike, and ancient capital Hoa Lu, learning age-old farming techniques, connect with friendly villagers.
- Optional to be choose visiting **Sapa**: Trek through Sapa’s breathtaking Muong Hoa Valley, visiting ethnic villages like Lao Chai and Ta Van with stunning rice terraces and rich cultural traditions. Enjoy a leisure day in Sapa with the option to conquer Mt. Fansipan by the world’s longest cable car before returning to Hanoi.
- Cruise overnight through Halong Bay, a quiet and pristine extension of Halong Bay, on a comfortable and scenic cruise.
- Delve into imperial history in **Hue**, the former royal capital, with a visit to the UNESCO-listed Imperial Citadel.
- Relax in charming **Hoi An**, a lantern-lit ancient town with preserved architecture, riverside cafes, and tailor shops.
- Uncover the vibrant energy of **Ho Chi Minh City**, from French colonial landmarks to bustling local markets.
- Go underground at the **Cu Chi Tunnels**, a fascinating remnant of wartime Vietnam.
- Sail through the **Mekong Delta**, visiting traditional workshops and enjoying boat rides along coconut-lined canals.
- Comfortable travel throughout Vietnam with included domestic flights and private transfers in selected locations.
- Flexible and balanced itinerary with a mix of guided tours and free days to relax or explore on your own.

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## Itinerary Of 15 Days Vietnam Insight

### Day 01 : Hanoi Arrival - Welcome & Airport Pick-up (No Meal)

Xin Chao! Welcome to Hanoi City – Capital of thousand years of civilization, Vietnam.

At Noi Bai Airport, your private guide and driver will meet you outside the arrivals lounge with a welcome sign and transfer you to your hotel. Check-in time is 14:00, so early room access may not be available. Your guide will share details of your stay and answer any questions. The rest of the day is free at leisure.

Overnight: in Hanoi.

Meal Included: No Meal.

Accommodation: 4 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Transfer: Private vehicle and driver.

Tour Guide: Shared English-Speaking tour guide.

### Day 02 : Hanoi - Day at Leisure (Breakfast)

Enjoy a leisurely day in Hanoi, Vietnam's captivating city.

Start with a relaxed breakfast at a local café and observe the lively street scene. Take a leisurely walk around Hoan Kiem Lake and visit Ngoc Son Temple. Explore the charming Old Quarter with its markets and street food stalls. Treat yourself to a rejuvenating massage or spa treatment.

Enjoy sunset views from a rooftop bar or café. End the day with a delicious dinner at a local restaurant, savoring the flavors of Vietnamese cuisine. Experience the laid-back charm of Hanoi on this leisurely day.

Overnight: in Hanoi.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel.

Accommodation: 4 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Optional Tours:

+ Optional 1: Join Medium Group Option (with 20 – 30 pax maximum) – SIC

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Then visit One Pillar Pagoda where worships the Goddess of Mercy – It is the most unique pagoda in the world.

10.15 AM Visit Vietnam Ethnology Museum to learn about the culture of 54 ethnic groups living in the whole country of Vietnam.

12.30 – 12.45 PM Have lunch at the local restaurant. You have an opportunity to enjoy Vietnamese cuisine. Vegetarian food is available as well.

13.30 PM Visit Tran Quoc Pagoda located on Golden Fish Island in West Lake. It is the oldest pagoda in Hanoi built in the 6th century.

14.30 PM 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.

15.30 PM 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.

16.30 PM Then, our driver will take you back to the hotel.

SIC Price: AUD \$70 per person

Includes: Transportation, English-Speaking Tour Guide, Lunch, Entrance & Sightseeing Fee.

Optional: Cyclo or/ and Water Puppet Show can be arranged upon your request with additional fee.

Option 1: Cyclo 45 minutes around Hanoi Old Quarter after visiting Hoa Lo Prison

Option 2: Water Puppet Show 50 minutes.

Recommended time: 16h10 or 17h20

Option 3: Cyclo 45 minutes and Water Puppet Show 50 minutes.

Recommended time for Water Puppet Show 17h20 or 18h30

Please note:

– We can organize a Cyclo Ride and/or Water Puppet Show for you if you wish, with an extra cost and you will go back to your hotel on your own.

– We will change to visit the Vietnamese Women’s Museum instead of the Vietnam Ethnology Museum, as the latter is closed on Mondays.

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- When visiting Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam’s esteemed leader, it is important to dress respectfully. Please wear attire that covers your knees and shoulders, which means avoiding shorts, sleeveless tops, miniskirts, sleeveless T-shirts or hats. Kindly note that photography is not permitted inside the premises.
  - Ho Chi Minh’s Mausoleum is closed on Mondays and Fridays. But you still can take pictures of the Mausoleum and visit that area.
  - Ho Chi Minh’s Mausoleum is closed at least 2 months (15th June – 15th August) for the annual maintaining.
  - You should bring the necessary things such as cash, cellphone or cameras, raincoat/ umbrella, sun block, etc... (depending on the weather)
  - The itinerary can be changed depending on the situation.
- + Optional 2: Quang Phu Cau Incense Village & Hanoi Train Street (SIC):

Departure & Arrival time: 07.30 – 12.00 noon

After your breakfast at the hotel, we will pick you up and take you to Quang Phu Cau Incense Village with activities:

Explore the village: Take a walk through the traditional village.

Learn incense-making: Understand how incense is made traditionally, from bamboo to the final product.

Meet locals: Listen to stories about incense-making.

Take photos: Capture colourful incense-making moments.

Leave Quang Phu Cau Incense Village to visit Hanoi’s Train Street for egg coffee tasting and watching the train pass through.

Finally, we will return you to your hotel in Hanoi, concluding the tour.

SIC Price: AUD \$70 per person

Included: Transportation, English Speaking Tour Guide, Entrance fees.

+ Optional 3: Hanoi Evening Street Food Walking Tour – Private Tour

Your English-speaking local guide will give you an insight into the intricacies and traditions of Vietnamese food culture including details on ingredients and historical backgrounds of popular northern dishes. We eat as we go, sampling tasty Hanoian street food from a street cart.

Walking through the maze of bustling streets that make up Hanoi’s Old Quarter, we tempt our tastebuds with the famed Hanoi dish Bun Cha Ta, Nem Ran, Pho...at a local eatery. Watch in awe as the skilled chefs demonstrate for you how this tasty dish is put together. Continuing into the atmospheric heart of the Old Quarter, we wander past street stalls and quiet residential lanes where you can observe local life that has changed little since Hanoi was founded over 1000 years ago.

Now, it’s time for dessert as we venture down a small alley to join in the local tradition of feasting on fresh fruit served in a cup and smothered with crushed iced and condensed milk – this specialty is one not to be missed!

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Your local guide will then take you to one of Hanoi's best kept secrets, a hidden café inside the old quarter. This hard-to-find café is one of the few left in the city that still serves egg coffee, a scrumptious local delicacy that we will sample whilst admiring the hustle and bustle of the city center below. Or, if coffee is not your style, a cold beer awaits!

At the end of our Hanoi Street food tour, you are free to continue exploring the area or your guide will assist you with directions or a taxi back to your hotel.

Private Price as below:

02 pax: AUD \$90 per person

Included: English-Speaking Tour Guide, Local Street food and mineral water.

+ Optional 4: Hanoi Full Day City Tour – Private Tour

#### Morning

07.45 – 08.15 AM Pick up at your hotel's lobby. Then visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum to explore the architectural and historical aspects of Uncle Ho's final resting-place. Just next door is Ho Chi Minh's house on stilts and lying to one side of the Mausoleum is the One Pillar Pagoda, which was founded by King Ly Thai To in 1049 – the structure has become an important symbol for the people of Hanoi. the Literature Temple and Quoc Tu Giam, see Vietnam's first university, constructed in 1070 – it's gardens and well-preserved architecture will offer a relaxing glimpse into Vietnam's past.

#### Afternoon

After lunch, proceed to visit the Ethnology Museum (available on Sun, Tue, Thu & Sat only). Take you past Hoan Kiem Lake to see the peaceful waters. and the beauty of Ngoc Son temple. In the end, journey through Hanoi's Old Quarter, where you will then have a chance for some shopping and exploration. The tour ends around 15.30 – 16.00 PM.

Private Price as below:

02 pax: AUD \$130 per person

Inclusions: Transportation, English-Speaking Tour Guide, Entrance fees, Water Puppet Show ticket, a bottle of mineral water.

### **Day 03 : Hanoi - Ninh Binh, Mua Cave & Mountain - River Boating in Trang An, a Destination of Wonders - SIC (Breakfast / Lunch)**

– Join Small Group Option (with 7 – 9 pax maximum)

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07.15 – 08.00 AM Our shared tour guide will pick you up from your hotel. We will take you to Ninh Binh province which is about 120 km far from Hanoi Old Quarter.

09.00 – 09.15 AM Have a short break for 15 – 20 minutes to relax.

10.15 – 10.30 AM Start cycling 20 minutes to Hoa Lu ancient capital, then park the bicycle and walk to visit Hoa Lu. This is the first capital of Vietnam, you will be impressed by the outstanding architecture when entering temples of King Dinh and King Le, the first and second emperors of ancient Vietnam, built in the 17th century.

11.30 AM Continue cycling tour 30 minutes more around the village to discover the life of local people and come back to the restaurant\*.

12.00 noon Have a lunch in the local restaurant. You can have a panoramic view of the poetic mountain and river scenery of Ninh Binh while enjoying the delicious foods. Vegetarian food is always available (please inform us in advance).

13.00 – 13.30 PM Visit Trang An, a World Heritage Site recognized by UNESCO in 2014. There, you can spend 1.5 – 2 hours on the boat ride to enjoy the beauty of this place, which has a beautiful tunnel cave system and appears in the New Version of Kong in 2016 – “Skull Island”.

16.00 – 16.30 PM Get back to the bus then leave for Mua Cave (Dancing Cave). Walk up almost 500 steps, you can reach the top of Lying Dragon Mountain & have an amazing panoramic view of Tam Coc from here.

17.00 – 17.30 PM Get on the taxi to go to your hotel in Ninh Binh. Check into your hotel and the rest of the day is your leisure time.

Please note:

- If you do not prefer to cycle, we will transfer you by bus to Hoa Lu, where our tour guide will meet you and guide you to the temples. After the visit, we will transfer you back to the restaurant.
- Pick up and drop off time is subject to traffic, weather... so maybe earlier or later than the scheduled time.
- The itinerary is subject to change without notice, in accordance with the weather and other operating conditions.

Overnight: in Ninh Binh.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch.

Accommodation: 4 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Transfer: Shared vehicle & driver, taxi.

Tour Guide: Shared English-Speaking tour guide.

Entrance Fees: To all sites stated in the itinerary.

#### **Day 04 : Ninh Binh - Countryside & Local Life Experience - Transfer Back To Hanoi (SIC) (Breakfast / Lunch)**

One of the best ways to experience nature and local life of Vietnamese. Experience the real life of a local farmer in Vietnam via rice planting, buffalo riding, fishing ... Enjoy the breath-taking landscape of rural northern Vietnam as well as a deep knowledge about Vietnam history.

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**Highlights:**

- Get a close-up look at the life of local farmers via their daily activities.
- Practice traditional rice farming.
- Experience buffalo riding with locals.
- Fishing with unique “nôm”.
- Buffalo cave exploring.
- Waterfall bathing at buffalo cave.
- Cooking class with traditional Vietnamese cuisine.

After breakfast at the hotel, the taxi driver will pick you up at your hotel to take you to have an experience for the real life of a local farmer in Vietnam via rice planting, buffalo riding, fishing ...

09.00 – 9.30 AM Feeding buffalo, showering for buffalo and riding buffalo.

09.30 – 10.00 AM Catching fish with local people.

10.00 – 10.30 AM Planting Vietnamese rice with local people.

10.30 – 11.00 AM Waterfall bathing and visit the Buffalo Cave.

11.00 AM – 13.00 Cooking class and enjoy the meal with local family.

13.30 – 14.00 Relaxing at the point before going back to Hanoi by joining bus to go back to Hanoi.

Overnight: in Hanoi.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel, Banh Xeo for lunch at cooking class.

Accommodation: 4 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Transfer: Taxi, Shared vehicle & driver.

Tour Guide: Shared English-Speaking tour guide at point.

Entrance Fees: To all sites stated in the itinerary.

**Day 05 : Hanoi - Lan Ha Bay, overnight on cruise (SIC) (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

08.00 – 08.30 AM La Regina Classic Cruise’s bus will pick up at hotel to go to Halong.

11.30 AM Arrive at Halong International Cruise Port – Bai Chay – Ha Long, enjoy welcome drink and express check-in before boarding.

12.15 noon Check-in aboard with a welcome drink from crew member while the manager introduces the safety briefing and the boat cruises to the Bai Tu Long Bay.

13.15 PM Let your vacation start with a delicious lunch in the restaurant.

15.30 PM Discover Thien Canh Son cave located on top of mountain, containing the long history of geological value and natural beauty. We recommend you bring a camera and wear sport shoes for hiking.

17.30 PM Enjoy your time with the beautiful sunset on the bay and join “Happy Hour”

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18.00 PM Cooking class on sundeck with the Deep-Fried Spring rolls, one of the unique flavors of Vietnamese food.

19.30 PM Dinner will be served on sundeck or restaurant.

21.00 PM Feel free to relax on a boat, join Squid fishing at the area of Reception deck.

Please note:

- The itinerary is subject to change without notice, in accordance with the weather and other operating conditions.
- Wi-Fi is available in the restaurant/ bar area, but internet connectivity is limited due to the geography of Halong Bay.
- Pick up and drop off time is subject to traffic, weather... so maybe earlier or later than the scheduled time.

Overnight: onboard.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch & Dinner.

Accommodation: 4 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Transfer: Shared vehicle & driver, shared overnight cruise.

Tour Guide: Shared English-Speaking tour guide onboard.

Entrance Fees: To all sites stated in the itinerary.

### **Day 06 : Lan Ha Bay - Transfer Back to Hanoi (SIC) - Flight to Hue (Breakfast / Brunch)**

Domestic Flight: Inclusive with Vietnam Airlines.

06.30 AM Start your day with the Taichi on sundeck.

07.00 AM Light breakfast served in dining room.

07.45 AM Visiting Vung Vieng floating fishing village, one of the biggest villages in HaLong Bay, you will have the chance to learn about fishermen's living and feel free with some option activities: bamboo boat or kayaking.

09.00 AM Back to the main boat for relaxing and check out at the reception, please put all your luggage at the outside of your cabin door, crew members will help to bring luggage on land.

09.45 AM Brunch is served in the restaurant while the boat heads back to the harbor.

11.00 AM Disembark at the harbor. Get on the bus to go back to Hanoi.

15.00 – 15.30 PM Arrival back at your Hanoi hotel.

Then, we will transfer to the private car and depart Hanoi city to go ahead to Noi Bai International Airport for a short flight to Hue City – The Imperial City.

Upon arrival, you will be met by a new private driver and tour guide, who will drive you to the hotel in the city center for check in. Spend the remainder of the day at your leisure.

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Overnight: in Hue.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel, Brunch onboard.

Accommodation: 4 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Transfer: Shared vehicle & driver from Halong Bay to Hanoi, Shared overnight cruise, Private car for airport pick up & drop off.

Tour Guide: Shared English-Speaking tour guide onboard & in Hue.

Entrance Fees: To all sites stated in the itinerary.

### **Day 07 : Hue - Imperial Citadel Sightseeing (SIC) (Breakfast / Lunch)**

– Join Small Group Option (with 10 – 12 pax maximum)

Today you will explore the royal city of Hue once served as an imperial capital to the Nguyen Lords, a feudal dynasty which reigned from 1802 to 1945. With splendid emperors' tombs, ancient pagodas, and the remains of the citadel, the city retains its royal charm.

08:00 – 08:30 Pick up at hotel, enjoy a dragon boat trip along the Perfume River to Thien Mu Pagoda, the oldest pagoda in Hue.

Continue to the Imperial Citadel, former home of the Nguyen Dynasty, then stroll through the bustling Dong Ba Market before lunch with traditional Hue specialties.

In the afternoon, visit the majestic Minh Mang Tomb and the unique Khai Dinh Tomb with its French-influenced design. Afterwards, stop at Xuan Thuy Village to see local families making conical hats and colorful incense sticks – perfect for photos.

16:30 Return to hotel.

Please note:

– The itinerary is subject to change without notice, in accordance with the weather and other operating conditions.

– Pick up and drop off time is subject to traffic, weather... so maybe earlier or later than the scheduled time.

Overnight: in Hue.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch.

Accommodation: 4 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Transfer: Shared vehicle and driver.

Tour Guide: Shared English-Speaking tour guide.

Entrance Fees: To all sites stated in the itinerary.

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## **Day 08 : Hue - Private transfer to Hoi An or Central Heritage Connection by Day Train to Da Nang (Breakfast)**

This morning, you will be free to relax at the hotel, strolling or shopping in the city or whatever takes your fancy.

Overnight: in Hoi An.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel.

Accommodation: 4 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Transfer: Private vehicle & driver or day train with private train pick up and drop off.

Tour Guide: English-Speaking Tour Guide (without English-Speaking Guide on train).

Optional Tours:

+ Option 1: Private Transfer

Then, check out of your hotel and the private driver (without tour guide) will take you to the Hue. On the way, there will be a 10-minutes pause at Lang Co Station for visitors to enjoy Lang Co Bay.

Winding sections, great mountains, extensive seas, lagoons, and elegant coastlines stirring the best excitement for all trippers.

Apart from small but unique rural sites scattered along the way, you will pass by the top 3 attractions in Hue and Da Nang: Hai Van Pass, Lang Co Bay and Tam Giang Lagoon System.

Upon arrival in Hoi An, check into your hotel and your time is leisure.

+ Option2: Central Heritage Connection by Day Train to Da Nang, then transfer to Hoi An by private car

Our guide will meet you at your hotel in Hue and accompany you to the train station. Board the Central Heritage Line Train and enjoy one of the most scenic rail journeys in Vietnam. Travel south towards Da Nang, passing through lush green mountains, emerald lagoons, peaceful fishing villages, and the spectacular Hai Van Pass with breathtaking views over the coastline.

Upon arrival in Da Nang, our driver will meet you at the train station for a private transfer to Hoi An. Check in at your hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to explore the charming Ancient Town.

## **Day 9 & 10 : Hoi An - Day at Leisure (Breakfast)**

Spend your 02 full days to relax at your leisure in this UNESCO heritage town, which has some of the best food, architecture, and shopping in all of Vietnam.

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Hoi An is the perfect place to potter around, shop at many tailor stores, and dine at the town's fabulous restaurants. In this town, you can get a suit/ tuxedo made within 24 hours at a reasonable price.

You can also take an opportunity to join a cooking class to learn about the arts of Vietnam culinary; visiting the local market, choosing ingredients and preparing and cooking Hoi An special dishes. This is great fun.

Overnight: in Hoi An.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel.

Accommodation: 4 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

### **Day 11 : Hoi An - Transfer to Da Nang - Flight to Ho Chi Minh City (Breakfast)**

Domestic Flight: Inclusive with Vietnam Airlines.

The morning will be free for relaxing at the beach or hotel, strolling or shopping in the ancient town or whatever takes your fancy before checking out hotel at check-out time.

Then, we will depart Hoi An ancient town and head to Da Nang International Airport for a next flight to Ho Chi Minh City – The City That Never Sleeps, still called Saigon by the locals. It's the largest city in Vietnam and located near the Mekong Delta.

Upon arrival, you will be met by a new private driver and tour guide who will drive you to the hotel in the city center for check in. The rest of the day is leisurely.

Overnight: in Ho Chi Minh City.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel.

Accommodation: 4 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Transfer: Private vehicle and driver.

Tour Guide: Shared English-Speaking tour guide.

### **Day 12 : Ho Chi Minh City - Cu Chi Tunnels - City's Highlights Sightseeing (SIC) (Breakfast / Lunch)**

– Join Small Group Option (with 10 – 12 pax maximum)

After breakfast, visit Ho Chi Minh City's landmarks: Independence Palace (historic former royal palace), Notre Dame Cathedral (French colonial architecture), Central Post Office (iconic colonial building), and War Remnants Museum (displays on Vietnam and Indochina wars). Lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon,

drive to Cu Chi Tunnels to explore the underground network used during the war, including living quarters, storage, and traps. Enjoy tea and cassava, with optional shooting experience, then return to Saigon.

Please note:

- The Notre Dame Cathedral has been restored, so the guests just visit outside.
- The customer must be present in the lobby at that time. We are not responsible for your lateness.
- Drop off time is subject to traffic, weather... so the finished time could be later than expecting.
- The itinerary is subject to change without notice, in accordance with the weather and other operating conditions.

Overnight: in Ho Chi Minh City.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch.

Accommodation: 4 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Transfer: Shared vehicle and driver.

Tour Guide: Shared English-Speaking tour guide.

Entrance Fees: To all sites stated in the itinerary.

### **Day 13 : Ho Chi Minh City - My Tho - Ben Tre - Can Tho (SIC) (Breakfast / Lunch)**

- Join Small Group Option (with 10 – 12 pax maximum)

07:30 – 07:45 Pick up from Ho Chi Minh City and drive through rice fields to My Tho. Visit Vinh Trang Pagoda, then take a motorized boat to the Dragon, Phoenix, and Unicorn Islets, explore a local fruit garden, and enjoy Southern folk music. Cruise a canal lined with coconut palms, then visit Ben Tre to see coconut candy making. Lunch at a local restaurant, followed by time to relax or bike around the village. In the afternoon, drive to Can Tho, check in, and free time to explore the city.

Please note:

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- Pick up and drop off time is subject to traffic, weather... so maybe earlier or later than the scheduled time.
- The customer must be present in the lobby at that time. We are not responsible for your lateness.

Overnight: in Can Tho.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch.

Accommodation: 4 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Transfer: Shared vehicle and driver.

Tour Guide: Shared English-Speaking tour guide.

Entrance Fees: To all sites stated in the itinerary.

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### **Day 14 : Ho Chi Minh City - Cai Rang Floating Market - Ho Chi Minh City (SIC) (Breakfast / Lunch)**

Start early with a boat trip to the famous Cai Rang Floating Market, bustling with boats selling fruits, vegetables, and local products. Stop at a boat to try vermicelli and coffee, then visit a rice noodle factory and a local market. Return to the hotel for breakfast and check-out, then drive back to Ho Chi Minh City with a stop at the 10 Vo Ancient House to explore its architecture, try making bánh xèo, and enjoy lunch. Optionally, take a bike ride around the area before continuing the journey back to Saigon.

Overnight: in Ho Chi Minh City.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch by Banh Xeo.

Accommodation: 4 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Transfer: Private vehicle and driver.

Tour Guide: Shared English-Speaking tour guide.

Entrance Fees: To all sites stated in the itinerary.

### **Day 15 : Ho Chi Minh City - Departure (Breakfast)**

There are no activities planned for today, so you are free until the guide and driver picks you up and transfers you to Tan Son Nhat International Airport for your flight back home or next destination. Home sweet home.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch.

Transfer: Private vehicle and driver.

Tour Guide: Shared English-Speaking tour guide.

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Overnight: in Hanoi.

Meal Included: No Meal.

Accommodation: 4 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Transfer: Private vehicle and driver.

Tour Guide: Shared English-Speaking tour guide.

## **Day 02 : Hanoi - Day at Leisure (Breakfast)**

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Enjoy sunset views from a rooftop bar or café. End the day with a delicious dinner at a local restaurant, savoring the flavors of Vietnamese cuisine. Experience the laid-back charm of Hanoi on this leisurely day.

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08.45 AM 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.

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15.30 PM 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.

16.30 PM Then, our driver will take you back to the hotel.

SIC Price: AUD \$70 per person

Includes: Transportation, English-Speaking Tour Guide, Lunch, Entrance & Sightseeing Fee.

Optional: Cyclo or/ and Water Puppet Show can be arranged upon your request with additional fee.

Option 1: Cyclo 45 minutes around Hanoi Old Quarter after visiting Hoa Lo Prison

Option 2: Water Puppet Show 50 minutes.

Recommended time: 16h10 or 17h20

Option 3: Cyclo 45 minutes and Water Puppet Show 50 minutes.

Recommended time for Water Puppet Show 17h20 or 18h30

Please note:

- We can organize a Cyclo Ride and/or Water Puppet Show for you if you wish, with an extra cost and you will go back to your hotel on your own.
  - We will change to visit the Vietnamese Women’s Museum instead of the Vietnam Ethnology Museum, as the latter is closed on Mondays.
  - When visiting Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam’s esteemed leader, it is important to dress respectfully. Please wear attire that covers your knees and shoulders, which means avoiding shorts, sleeveless tops, miniskirts, sleeveless T-shirts or hats. Kindly note that photography is not permitted inside the premises.
  - Ho Chi Minh’s Mausoleum is closed on Mondays and Fridays. But you still can take pictures of the Mausoleum and visit that area.
  - Ho Chi Minh’s Mausoleum is closed at least 2 months (15th June – 15th August) for the annual maintaining.
  - You should bring the necessary things such as cash, cellphone or cameras, raincoat/ umbrella, sun block, etc... (depending on the weather)
  - The itinerary can be changed depending on the situation.
- + Optional 2: Quang Phu Cau Incense Village & Hanoi Train Street (SIC):

Departure & Arrival time: 07.30 – 12.00 noon

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After your breakfast at the hotel, we will pick you up and take you to Quang Phu Cau Incense Village with activities:

Explore the village: Take a walk through the traditional village.

Learn incense-making: Understand how incense is made traditionally, from bamboo to the final product.

Meet locals: Listen to stories about incense-making.

Take photos: Capture colourful incense-making moments.

Leave Quang Phu Cau Incense Village to visit Hanoi's Train Street for egg coffee tasting and watching the train pass through.

Finally, we will return you to your hotel in Hanoi, concluding the tour.

SIC Price: AUD \$70 per person

Included: Transportation, English Speaking Tour Guide, Entrance fees.

+ Optional 3: Hanoi Evening Street Food Walking Tour – Private Tour

Your English-speaking local guide will give you an insight into the intricacies and traditions of Vietnamese food culture including details on ingredients and historical backgrounds of popular northern dishes. We eat as we go, sampling tasty Hanoian street food from a street cart.

Walking through the maze of bustling streets that make up Hanoi's Old Quarter, we tempt our tastebuds with the famed Hanoi dish Bun Cha Ta, Nem Ran, Pho...at a local eatery. Watch in awe as the skilled chefs demonstrate for you how this tasty dish is put together. Continuing into the atmospheric heart of the Old Quarter, we wander past street stalls and quiet residential lanes where you can observe local life that has changed little since Hanoi was founded over 1000 years ago.

Now, it's time for dessert as we venture down a small alley to join in the local tradition of feasting on fresh fruit served in a cup and smothered with crushed iced and condensed milk – this specialty is one not to be missed!

Your local guide will then take you to one of Hanoi's best kept secrets, a hidden café inside the old quarter.

This hard-to-find café is one of the few left in the city that still serves egg coffee, a scrumptious local delicacy that we will sample whilst admiring the hustle and bustle of the city center below. Or, if coffee is not your style, a cold beer awaits!

At the end of our Hanoi Street food tour, you are free to continue exploring the area or your guide will assist you with directions or a taxi back to your hotel.

Private Price as below:

02 pax: AUD \$90 per person

Included: English-Speaking Tour Guide, Local Street food and mineral water.

+ Optional 4: Hanoi Full Day City Tour – Private Tour

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### Morning

07.45 – 08.15 AM Pick up at your hotel's lobby. Then visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum to explore the architectural and historical aspects of Uncle Ho's final resting-place. Just next door is Ho Chi Minh's house on stilts and lying to one side of the Mausoleum is the One Pillar Pagoda, which was founded by King Ly Thai To in 1049 – the structure has become an important symbol for the people of Hanoi. the Literature Temple and Quoc Tu Giam, see Vietnam's first university, constructed in 1070 – it's gardens and well-preserved architecture will offer a relaxing glimpse into Vietnam's past.

### Afternoon

After lunch, proceed to visit the Ethnology Museum (available on Sun, Tue, Thu & Sat only). Take you past Hoan Kiem Lake to see the peaceful waters. and the beauty of Ngoc Son temple. In the end, journey through Hanoi's Old Quarter, where you will then have a chance for some shopping and exploration. The tour ends around 15.30 – 16.00 PM.

Private Price as below:

02 pax: AUD \$130 per person

Inclusions: Transportation, English-Speaking Tour Guide, Entrance fees, Water Puppet Show ticket, a bottle of mineral water.

### **Day 03 : Hanoi - Ninh Binh, Mua Cave & Mountain - River Boating in Trang An, a Destination of Wonders - SIC (Breakfast / Lunch)**

– Join Small Group Option (with 7 – 9 pax maximum)

07.15 – 08.00 AM Our shared tour guide will pick you up from your hotel. We will take you to Ninh Binh province which is about 120 km far from Hanoi Old Quarter.

09.00 – 09.15 AM Have a short break for 15 – 20 minutes to relax.

10.15 – 10.30 AM Start cycling 20 minutes to Hoa Lu ancient capital, then park the bicycle and walk to visit Hoa Lu. This is the first capital of Vietnam, you will be impressed by the outstanding architecture when entering temples of King Dinh and King Le, the first and second emperors of ancient Vietnam, built in the 17th century.

11.30 AM Continue cycling tour 30 minutes more around the village to discover the life of local people and come back to the restaurant\*.

12.00 noon Have a lunch in the local restaurant. You can have a panoramic view of the poetic mountain and river scenery of Ninh Binh while enjoying the delicious foods. Vegetarian food is always available (please inform us in advance).

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13.00 – 13.30 PM Visit Trang An, a World Heritage Site recognized by UNESCO in 2014. There, you can spend 1.5 – 2 hours on the boat ride to enjoy the beauty of this place, which has a beautiful tunnel cave system and appears in the New Version of Kong in 2016 – “Skull Island”.

16.00 – 16.30 PM Get back to the bus then leave for Mua Cave (Dancing Cave). Walk up almost 500 steps, you can reach the top of Lying Dragon Mountain & have an amazing panoramic view of Tam Coc from here.

17.00 – 17.30 PM Get on the taxi to go to your hotel in Ninh Binh. Check into your hotel and the rest of the day is your leisure time.

Please note:

- If you do not prefer to cycle, we will transfer you by bus to Hoa Lu, where our tour guide will meet you and guide you to the temples. After the visit, we will transfer you back to the restaurant.
- Pick up and drop off time is subject to traffic, weather... so maybe earlier or later than the scheduled time.
- The itinerary is subject to change without notice, in accordance with the weather and other operating conditions.

Overnight: in Ninh Binh.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch.

Accommodation: 4 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Transfer: Shared vehicle & driver, taxi.

Tour Guide: Shared English-Speaking tour guide.

Entrance Fees: To all sites stated in the itinerary.

#### **Day 04 : Ninh Binh - Countryside & Local Life Experience - Transfer Back To Hanoi (SIC) (Breakfast / Lunch)**

One of the best ways to experience nature and local life of Vietnamese. Experience the real life of a local farmer in Vietnam via rice planting, buffalo riding, fishing ... Enjoy the breath-taking landscape of rural northern Vietnam as well as a deep knowledge about Vietnam history.

Highlights:

- Get a close-up look at the life of local farmers via their daily activities.
- Practice traditional rice farming.
- Experience buffalo riding with locals.
- Fishing with unique “nôm”.
- Buffalo cave exploring.
- Waterfall bathing at buffalo cave.
- Cooking class with traditional Vietnamese cuisine.

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After breakfast at the hotel, the taxi driver will pick you up at your hotel to take you to have an experience for the real life of a local farmer in Vietnam via rice planting, buffalo riding, fishing ...

09.00 – 9.30 AM Feeding buffalo, showering for buffalo and riding buffalo.

09.30 – 10.00 AM Catching fish with local people.

10.00 – 10.30 AM Planting Vietnamese rice with local people.

10.30 – 11.00 AM Waterfall bathing and visit the Buffalo Cave.

11.00 AM – 13.00 Cooking class and enjoy the meal with local family.

13.30 – 14.00 Relaxing at the point before going back to Hanoi by joining bus to go back to Hanoi.

Overnight: in Hanoi.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel, Banh Xeo for lunch at cooking class.

Accommodation: 4 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Transfer: Taxi, Shared vehicle & driver.

Tour Guide: Shared English-Speaking tour guide at point.

Entrance Fees: To all sites stated in the itinerary.

#### **Day 05 : Hanoi - Transfer to Sapa by Highway (SIC) - Lao Chai - Ta Van Village Trekking (Breakfast)**

Enjoy an early breakfast at the hotel or we can request the hotel's take-away breakfast for the bus ride if the hotel's breakfast counter is still not open at that time. Check out of the hotel room and get ready in the lobby.

06.00 – 06.30 AM You are picked up by a join bus from your Hanoi hotel and transferred to Sapa. The drive is around 5,5 hours including one stop for restroom.

Established as a hill station by the French in 1922, Sapa today is a must-visit destination in the Northwest. This is northern Vietnam's premier trekking base, from where hikers launch themselves into a surrounding countryside of cascading rice terraces and tiny hill-tribe villages that seem a world apart.

After arriving at Sapa and checking into your hotel, take the rest for a while and then, your private guide and driver will meet you at hotel's lobby to take you walking on a small path down the valley to Y Linh Ho village settled down by the Muong Hoa River and from here to the Black H'mong village of Lao Chai. Black H'mong is one of the biggest minority groups in the Sapa area. They are proud of their culture and keep their traditions and way of living. They have their own language and wear traditional indigo blue clothing. The H'mong people have just recently changed their living way from a sifting style into a sedentary one. So, there are still a lot of traces of the past time can be seen: rudimentary houses, stone wall around homes...

After this, you continue to Ta Van village (1.200 m) to visit Zay people. Zay is a fairly small minority group of about 38.000 people who live mainly in the mountains in Northwest Vietnam. The development has meant that

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some of their old customs have been lost but many women still wear traditional shirts with a purple, blue or green colour. The Zay houses are built of wood and bamboo with a clay floor.

If you visit the valley sometime between May and October, you will be able to observe and experience how the locals do plant and harvest, one of the most important activities in daily life.

Then, back to your hotel and the rest of the day is leisurely.

Overnight: in Sapa.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel.

Accommodation: 4 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Transfer: Shared vehicle & driver from Hanoi to Sapa, Private vehicle & driver in Sapa.

Tour Guide: Shared English-Speaking tour guide in Sapa.

Entrance Fees: To all sites stated in the itinerary.

### **Day 06 : Sapa - Day at Leisure (Breakfast)**

Enjoy a leisurely day in Sapa, Vietnam, starting with a scenic breakfast.

Trek through terraced rice fields, interact with local communities, and savor a picnic lunch in nature. Relax with a spa treatment or explore the town. Watch the sunset over the mountains and savor local cuisine for dinner. Reflect on the day's tranquillity in the charming surroundings of Sapa.

Overnight: in Sapa.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel.

Accommodation: 4 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Optional Tours:

+ Sapa – Fanxipan Legend Cable Car

After breakfast, your guide and driver will transfer you to Hoang Lien Station to take a mountain train through Muong Hoa valley. The view from the train to the valley is simply spectacular, with magnificent impressions, making every moment worth it during its ascent. Upon arrival at Fanxipan Cable Car Station, we then enjoyed the cable car ride – the world's longest and highest cable car, running up from the sleepy Sapa Town to the peak of 3,143-meter Fanxipan Mountain, known as Indochina's rooftop.

Upon arrival, you will take a 20-minutes cable car ride through the clouds up to Mt. Fansipan. Enjoy the view from the highest point of this incredible mountain. The lush green and subtropical vegetation makes this mountain beautiful.

Then, your guide and driver will pick you up again and take you back to your hotel and the rest of the day is your leisure time.

Overnight in Sapa.

Private Price: AUD \$180 per person

Inclusions: Transportation, English-Speaking Tour Guide, Entrance fees with Cable car & Fanxipan funicular (way up only).

### **Day 07 : Sapa - Transfer Back to Hanoi by Highway (SIC) (Breakfast)**

This morning, you will be free to relax at the hotel, strolling or shopping in the town or whatever takes your fancy.

Then, check out of your hotel at hotel's designed check out time and leave your luggage at hotel's store. Free time to explore Sapa town on your own or enjoy lunch (your own arrangement) before transferring back to Hanoi by a joining bus (without tour guide).

Overnight: in Hanoi.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel.

Accommodation: 4 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Transfer: Shared vehicle & driver from Sapa to Hanoi.

### **Day 08 : Hanoi - Lan Ha Bay, overnight on cruise (SIC) (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

08.00 – 08.30 AM La Regina Classic Cruise's bus will pick up at hotel to go to Halong.

11.30 AM Arrive at Halong International Cruise Port – Bai Chay – Ha Long, enjoy welcome drink and express check-in before boarding.

12.15 noon Check-in aboard with a welcome drink from crew member while the manager introduces the safety briefing and the boat cruises to the Bai Tu Long Bay.

13.15 PM Let your vacation start with a delicious lunch in the restaurant.

15.30 PM Discover Thien Canh Son cave located on top of mountain, containing the long history of geological value and natural beauty. We recommend you bring a camera and wear sport shoes for hiking.

17.30 PM Enjoy your time with the beautiful sunset on the bay and join "Happy Hour"

18.00 PM Cooking class on sundeck with the Deep-Fried Spring rolls, one of the unique flavors of Vietnamese food.

19.30 PM Dinner will be served on sundeck or restaurant.

21.00 PM Feel free to relax on a boat, join Squid fishing at the area of Reception deck.

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- Wi-Fi is available in the restaurant/ bar area, but internet connectivity is limited due to the geography of Halong Bay.
- Pick up and drop off time is subject to traffic, weather... so maybe earlier or later than the scheduled time.

Overnight: onboard.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch & Dinner.

Accommodation: 4 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Transfer: Shared vehicle & driver, shared overnight cruise.

Tour Guide: Shared English-Speaking tour guide onboard.

Entrance Fees: To all sites stated in the itinerary.

**Day 09 : Lan Ha Bay - Transfer Back to Hanoi (SIC) - Flight to Hue (Breakfast / Brunch)**

Domestic Flight: Inclusive with Vietnam Airlines.

06.30 AM Start your day with the Taichi on sundeck.

07.00 AM Light breakfast served in dining room.

07.45 AM Visiting Vung Vieng floating fishing village, one of the biggest villages in HaLong Bay, you will have the chance to learn about fishermen's living and feel free with some option activities: bamboo boat or kayaking.

09.00 AM Back to the main boat for relaxing and check out at the reception, please put all your luggage at the outside of your cabin door, crew members will help to bring luggage on land.

09.45 AM Brunch is served in the restaurant while the boat heads back to the harbor.

11.00 AM Disembark at the harbor. Get on the bus to go back to Hanoi.

15.00 – 15.30 PM Arrival back at your Hanoi hotel.

Then, we will transfer to the private car and depart Hanoi city to go ahead to Noi Bai International Airport for a short flight to Hue City – The Imperial City.

Upon arrival, you will be met by a new private driver and tour guide, who will drive you to the hotel in the city center for check in. Spend the remainder of the day at your leisure.

Overnight: in Hue.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel, Brunch onboard.

Accommodation: 4 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

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Transfer: Shared vehicle & driver from Halong Bay to Hanoi, Shared overnight cruise, Private car for airport pick up & drop off.

Tour Guide: Shared English-Speaking tour guide onboard & in Hue.

Entrance Fees: To all sites stated in the itinerary.

### **Day 10 : Hue - Imperial Citadel Sightseeing (SIC) (Breakfast / Lunch)**

– Join Small Group Option (with 10 – 12 pax maximum)

Today you will explore the royal city of Hue once served as an imperial capital to the Nguyen Lords, a feudal dynasty which reigned from 1802 to 1945. With splendid emperors' tombs, ancient pagodas, and the remains of the citadel, the city retains its royal charm.

08:00 – 08:30 Pick up at hotel, enjoy a dragon boat trip along the Perfume River to Thien Mu Pagoda, the oldest pagoda in Hue.

Continue to the Imperial Citadel, former home of the Nguyen Dynasty, then stroll through the bustling Dong Ba Market before lunch with traditional Hue specialties.

In the afternoon, visit the majestic Minh Mang Tomb and the unique Khai Dinh Tomb with its French-influenced design. Afterwards, stop at Xuan Thuy Village to see local families making conical hats and colorful incense sticks – perfect for photos.

16:30 Return to hotel.

Please note:

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– Pick up and drop off time is subject to traffic, weather... so maybe earlier or later than the scheduled time.

Overnight: in Hue.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch.

Accommodation: 4 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Transfer: Shared vehicle and driver.

Tour Guide: Shared English-Speaking tour guide.

Entrance Fees: To all sites stated in the itinerary.

### **Day 11 : Hue - Private transfer to Hoi An or Central Heritage Connection by Day Train to Da Nang (Breakfast)**

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This morning, you will be free to relax at the hotel, strolling or shopping in the city or whatever takes your fancy.

Overnight: in Hoi An.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel.

Accommodation: 4 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Transfer: Private vehicle & driver or day train with private train pick up and drop off.

Tour Guide: English-Speaking Tour Guide (without English-Speaking Guide on train).

Optional Tours:

+ Option 1: Private Transfer

Then, check out of your hotel and the private driver (without tour guide) will take you to the Hue. On the way, there will be a 10-minutes pause at Lang Co Station for visitors to enjoy Lang Co Bay.

Winding sections, great mountains, extensive seas, lagoons, and elegant coastlines stirring the best excitement for all trippers.

Apart from small but unique rural sites scattered along the way, you will pass by the top 3 attractions in Hue and Da Nang: Hai Van Pass, Lang Co Bay and Tam Giang Lagoon System.

Upon arrival in Hoi An, check into your hotel and your time is leisure.

+ Option2: Central Heritage Connection by Day Train to Da Nang, then transfer to Hoi An by private car

Our guide will meet you at your hotel in Hue and accompany you to the train station. Board the Central Heritage Line Train and enjoy one of the most scenic rail journeys in Vietnam. Travel south towards Da Nang, passing through lush green mountains, emerald lagoons, peaceful fishing villages, and the spectacular Hai Van Pass with breathtaking views over the coastline.

Upon arrival in Da Nang, our driver will meet you at the train station for a private transfer to Hoi An. Check in at your hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to explore the charming Ancient Town.

### **Day 12 & 13 : Hoi An - Day at Leisure (Breakfast)**

Spend your 02 full days to relax at your leisure in this UNESCO heritage town, which has some of the best food, architecture, and shopping in all of Vietnam.

Hoi An is the perfect place to potter around, shop at many tailor stores, and dine at the town's fabulous restaurants. In this town, you can get a suit/ tuxedo made within 24 hours at a reasonable price.

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You can also take an opportunity to join a cooking class to learn about the arts of Vietnam culinary; visiting the local market, choosing ingredients and preparing and cooking Hoi An special dishes. This is great fun.

Overnight: in Hoi An.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel.

Accommodation: 4 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

#### **Day 14 : Hoi An - Transfer to Da Nang - Flight to Ho Chi Minh City (Breakfast)**

Domestic Flight: Inclusive with Vietnam Airlines.

The morning will be free for relaxing at the beach or hotel, strolling or shopping in the ancient town or whatever takes your fancy before checking out hotel at check-out time.

Then, we will depart Hoi An ancient town and head to Da Nang International Airport for a next flight to Ho Chi Minh City – The City That Never Sleeps, still called Saigon by the locals. It's the largest city in Vietnam and located near the Mekong Delta.

Upon arrival, you will be met by a new private driver and tour guide who will drive you to the hotel in the city center for check in. The rest of the day is leisurely.

Overnight: in Ho Chi Minh City.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel.

Accommodation: 4 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Transfer: Private vehicle and driver.

Tour Guide: Shared English-Speaking tour guide.

#### **Day 15 : Ho Chi Minh City - Cu Chi Tunnels - City's Highlights Sightseeing (SIC) (Breakfast / Lunch)**

– Join Small Group Option (with 10 – 12 pax maximum)

After breakfast, visit Ho Chi Minh City's landmarks: Independence Palace (historic former royal palace), Notre Dame Cathedral (French colonial architecture), Central Post Office (iconic colonial building), and War Remnants Museum (displays on Vietnam and Indochina wars). Lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, drive to Cu Chi Tunnels to explore the underground network used during the war, including living quarters, storage, and traps. Enjoy tea and cassava, with optional shooting experience, then return to Saigon.

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- The Notre Dame Cathedral has been restored, so the guests just visit outside.
- The customer must be present in the lobby at that time. We are not responsible for your lateness.
- Drop off time is subject to traffic, weather... so the finished time could be later than expecting.
- The itinerary is subject to change without notice, in accordance with the weather and other operating conditions.

Overnight: in Ho Chi Minh City.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch.

Accommodation: 4 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Transfer: Shared vehicle and driver.

Tour Guide: Shared English-Speaking tour guide.

Entrance Fees: To all sites stated in the itinerary.

### **Day 16 : Ho Chi Minh City - My Tho - Ben Tre - Can Tho (SIC) (Breakfast / Lunch)**

- Join Small Group Option (with 10 – 12 pax maximum)

07:30 – 07:45 Pick up from Ho Chi Minh City and drive through rice fields to My Tho. Visit Vinh Trang Pagoda, then take a motorized boat to the Dragon, Phoenix, and Unicorn Islets, explore a local fruit garden, and enjoy Southern folk music. Cruise a canal lined with coconut palms, then visit Ben Tre to see coconut candy making. Lunch at a local restaurant, followed by time to relax or bike around the village. In the afternoon, drive to Can Tho, check in, and free time to explore the city.

Please note:

- The itinerary is subject to change without notice, in accordance with the weather and other operating conditions.
- Pick up and drop off time is subject to traffic, weather... so maybe earlier or later than the scheduled time.
- The customer must be present in the lobby at that time. We are not responsible for your lateness.

Overnight: in Can Tho.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch.

Accommodation: 4 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Transfer: Shared vehicle and driver.

Tour Guide: Shared English-Speaking tour guide.

Entrance Fees: To all sites stated in the itinerary.

### **Day 17 : Ho Chi Minh City - Cai Rang Floating Market - Ho Chi Minh City (SIC) (Breakfast / Lunch)**

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Start early with a boat trip to the famous Cai Rang Floating Market, bustling with boats selling fruits, vegetables, and local products. Stop at a boat to try vermicelli and coffee, then visit a rice noodle factory and a local market. Return to the hotel for breakfast and check-out, then drive back to Ho Chi Minh City with a stop at the 10 Vo Ancient House to explore its architecture, try making bánh xèo, and enjoy lunch. Optionally, take a bike ride around the area before continuing the journey back to Saigon.

Overnight: in Ho Chi Minh City.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch by Banh Xeo.

Accommodation: 4 stars hotels as mentioned or similar.

Transfer: Private vehicle and driver.

Tour Guide: Shared English-Speaking tour guide.

Entrance Fees: To all sites stated in the itinerary.

### Day 18 : Ho Chi Minh City - Departure (Breakfast)

There are no activities planned for today, so you are free until the guide and driver picks you up and transfers you to Tan Son Nhat International Airport for your flight back home or next destination. Home sweet home.

Meal Included: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch.

Transfer: Private vehicle and driver.

Tour Guide: Shared English-Speaking tour guide.

### Tour Prices & Hotels

#### Net Tour Cost Per Person in AUD Base on Double/Twin Sharing Land + DOMESTIC Airfare in Vietnam (\*)

Group size (Min.2 person)	Superior Class (4*)	Single Supplement
Price per person 15 Days	\$ 2,599	\$ 1,050
Price per person 18 Days	\$ 2,899	\$ 1,150

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**List of Hotels (or Similar)  
 Superior Class (4\*)**

City	Hotel	Room Type
Hanoi	Palago Boutique Hotel	Executive
Ninh Binh	MT Collection Hotel	Deluxe
Sapa (Optional)	Babeeni Family Hotel	Deluxe
Halong Bay	La Regina Classic Cruise	Deluxe Ocean View
Hue	Romance Hotel	Deluxe City View
Hoi An	Lantern Boutique Hoi An Hotel	Superior Garden View
Can Tho	Muong Thanh Luxury Can Tho	Deluxe
Ho Chi Minh City	The Odys Boutique Hotel	Room With Window

**Tour Inclusions & Exclusions**

**Inclusions**

- 02 Domestic airfare with Vietnam Airlines from Hanoi – Hue and Da Nang – Ho Chi Minh City.
- 13 nights' shared accommodation in a Double/ Twin room with daily breakfast at the below indicated room types (see hotel category list below). Check in and check out around noontime.
- 01 nights' shared accommodation a Double/ Twin room with full board on cruise in Halong Bay.

- Private/ Sharing air-conditioned vehicles for all tours and airport transfers as mentioned in the itinerary (types of private vehicles depending on the number of pax).
- Private/ Sharing English-Speaking tour guides in each city of visit as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Meals (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner) as indicated in itinerary.
  - Daily breakfast at hotel.
  - 08 Lunches from Day 3 to Day 7, from Day 12 to Day 14 as the program.
  - 01 Dinner on Day 5 as the program.
- All entrance fees as program.
- A bottle of mineral water and towels 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.)
- Optional tours.
- Surcharges for other language guides.
- Surcharges for Lunar New Year (TET) holiday.
- 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.

### **VN Holidays' Responsibility**

- Certain parts of the tours on offer are provided by independent third parties, such as airlines, hotels, transport operators and local tourist offices.
- VN Holidays is not responsible for any loss or theft, injury or damage caused thereby to the tourists, including those occurring outside of the normal touring programmes.
- Additional expenses incurred due to delay, accident, natural disaster, political actions and unrest shall be borne by the tourists.