

15 DAYS

# Majestic and relaxed Vietnam



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B = Breakfast / L = Lunch / D = Dinner



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# Day 1

## Hanoi – Arrival

Arrival in Hanoi. We welcome you at the airport and transfer you to hotel. It's your leisure time after check-in at the hotel.

Overnight at hotel in Hanoi.

# Day 2

## Hanoi – City tour (B,L)

Morning, you will start the tour by visiting **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum** and **Ho Chi Minh Museum**. Enjoy the architectural and historical aspects of Uncle Ho's final resting-palace. Just next door is Ho Chi Minh's house on stilts where he used to live in the past. Lying to one side of the Mausoleum is the **One Pillar Pagoda**, built by King Ly Thai To in 1049 the structure has become an important symbol for the people of Hanoi.

Continue to visit the **Temple of Literature** (Quoc Tu Giam) – Vietnam's first University constructed in 1070. Its gardens and

well-preserved architecture offer a relaxing glimpse into Vietnam's past.

Have lunch at a local restaurant. Proceed to visit the **Ethnology Museum**. After that we will take you to Hoan Kiem Lake, see the peaceful water, and visit **Ngoc Son Temple**. Take an hour **cyclo tour** around the bustling old quarter to see the ordinary life in Hanoi.

At 18.00, Back to your hotel. It's your free time now to have dinner and a short while to explore the streets of Hanoi.

Stay overnight at hotel in Hanoi.

# Day 3

## Hanoi – Halong Bay (B,L,D)

Around 8.00am, Our guide Pick you up at your hotel and go to **Halong Bay** on a shuttle bus. Take a rest at Humanity center and enjoy local specialties after 2h. Arrival in Halong at 11.45. The captain and crew welcome you aboard. Savor the delicious lunch as boat pass through thousands of Islands and Islets with different shapes.

After the lunch, explore the biggest and the most amazing cave in Halong Bay – Surprise Cave. Then Kayaking for an hour around the fishing village and discover the life of community there. Then back to boat for Sunset Party, get to calm, clean water place



for swimming. Enjoy delicious and romantic dinner with some barbecue courses.

In the evening, free time for entertainment with the funny plays such as squid fishing, karaoke program, stars watching on sundeck... Spend romantic night aboard.

Stay overnight on boat in Halong Bay.

# Day 4

## Halong bay – Hanoi – Hue (B,L)

In the morning, breakfast, fruits, coffee and tea are served on board. Cruise further and stop-over at a pearl farm to see real peace cultivated by local fisherman. After that, we continue cruising further, go through many islands and islets to discover the hidden charm of the bay.

Join a cooking class opened right on the cruise for all the people are interested in cooking, especially cooking Vietnamese food. Cruise back to the pier while having lunch. Say goodbye to the crew and disembark. Get on

bus to go back to Hanoi. Arrival in Hanoi around 04.30pm.

Transfer straight to airport for flight to Hue. Upon arrival in Hue, we transfer you to hotel for your stay.

Stay overnight in Hue.

# Day 5

## Hue – City tour – Hoi An (B,L)

Around 8.15, you will start the tour by visiting **Thien Mu Pagoda**. To visit this pagoda, you will get a boat trip on Perfume River (called “Huong” River in Vietnamese). After the boat trip which takes around 45 minute, you arrive the Pagoda. Thien Mu Pagoda was built on a hillock overlooking the Perfume river. This pagoda is an icon of Vietnam and the symbol of Hue city.

9.30, finish your visit at Thien Mu Pagoda, get on the car waiting outside to visit the **Citadel** (also called “**The Imperial City**”). It is a walled palace within the citadel of the city of Huế, the former imperial capital of Vietnam.

The building was built in 1362, and took 203 years to complete.

10.45, your next visit will be at **Hue Royal Antiques Museum**. The Royal Antiquities Museum displays a huge collection of ornaments, furniture, jewelry, clothing, and other items relating to royal life during the Nguyen Dynasty (1802-1945). It is housed in the former Long An Palace, which is widely considered to be one of Vietnam's most beautiful palaces.

You have 20 minute for exploring the Museum before visit **Dong Ba Market**. This is Hue's largest market, selling anything and everything.

12.45, arrival at a nice local restaurant. Enjoy your lunch and take a rest.

13.45, we leave the restaurant for the **tomb of King "Minh Mang"**. King "Minh Mang" was the second emperor of the Nguyen dynasty of

Vietnam, reigning from 14 February 1820 until his death, on 20 January 1841.

15.00, Continue your visit at the **tomb of King “Khai Dinh”**. King “Khai Dinh” was the 12th Emperor of the Nguyễn Dynasty in Vietnam, reigning from 1916 to 1925.

16.00, we leave the the Tomb of King “Khai Dinh” to visit a nearby village where people making incense stick and conical hat.

16.30, we go back to Hue city and drop you off at your hotel. Check-out at hotel, our driver transfers you to **Hoi An**.

Stay overnight at hotel in Hoi An.

# Day 6

## Hoi An – My Son Sanctuary (B,L)

At 8.00, Our guide picks you up at hotel and leave Hoi An for visiting **My Son** Holly Land – the ruins of Cham people and was an imperial city during Cham dynasty. Here you can have more chance to explore and understand of technique of Old Cham people in making red bricks to build Tower which still now a secret to everyone, you can see a large complex of religious relics that comprises more than 65 architectural works. It also surprises for those who are curious with architectural art.

In 1999, UNESCO labeled the Cham architecture in **My Son** as a World Cultural Heritage Site. Moreover, you have chance to

enjoy traditional music performed by Cham girls in their colorful uniforms.

Afternoon, we will discover the city of Hoi An by foot. The historic town which used to be a prosperous seaport city from the 16th to 18th centuries is now a beautiful city that can't be missed while touring the South East Asian region.

While walking through the city, we will visit:

- **Hoi An's Colorful Local Market**
- **Tan Ky Old House**
- **Fu Jian Assembly Hall**
- **The 400-year-old Japanese Covered Bridge**

Also, you will have chance to see local residents raise silkworms and produce silk for Hoi An's burgeoning textile industry.

Stay overnight at hotel in Hoi An.



# Day 7

## Hoi An – Leisure

### (B)

Breakfast at hotel. You're free at leisure in Hoi An for walking around to explore the ancient town on your own and shopping.

Stay overnight in Hoi An

# Day 8

## Hoi An – Nha Trang (B)

Morning, breakfast at hotel in Hoi An. Spend your own time to explore the ancient town of Hoi An on your own.

Afternoon, check-out at hotel, transfer to Danang airport for **flight to Nha Trang**.

Stay overnight at hotel in Nha Trang

# Day 9

## Nha Trang – Leisure (B)

Morning, breakfast at hotel. Your leisure for relaxation at beach in **Nha Trang**.

Stay overnight in Nha Trang.

# Day 10

## Nha Trang – Leisure (B)

Morning, breakfast at hotel. Your leisure for relaxation at beach in **Nha Trang**.

Stay overnight in Nha Trang.

# Day 11

## Nha Trang – Ho Chi Minh (B)

Breakfast at hotel. Your leisure until we transfer you to airport for flight to Ho Chi Minh.

Stay overnight in Ho Chi Minh.

# Day 12

## Ho Chi Minh – City tour and explore Cu Chi tunnel (B,L)

Morning, Ho Chi Minh City tour. We start the trip by these famous places: **Notre Dame Cathedral**, the **historic Central Post Office**, followed by exploring the **Reunification Palace**, and the remarkable site of the **War Remnants Museum**. (Drop you off at Ben Thanh Market for shopping if we have enough time).

Afternoon, leave Ho Chi Minh for **Cu Chi**. Arrival at Cu Chi tunnel, before entering the tunnels visitors can watch a short introductory video showing how the tunnels were

constructed. You will spend the next hour exploring the tunnels. Afterwards, enjoy tea, cassava (guerrilla's food during the war).

Located 60km from Ho Chi Minh city, **Cu Chi** is now a popular spot for both Vietnamese & foreign tourists – the network of over 200km of tunnels became legendary when they played a vital role in the War. In their heyday, the tunnels were functioning underground cities including numerous trap doors, specially constructed living areas, storage facilities, weapons factories, field hospitals, command centers & kitchens. Today, ducks and water buffalos happily coexist in the rivers along the side of the road. However, the peaceful rural rice paddy scenery belies the area's violent history. Visitors will find it hard to imagine the destruction, damage & defoliation over this whole area, caused by bombing and mines. There is plenty of evidence of the

fierce battle that took place here during the 1960s when **Cu Chi** was a “Free Target Zone”.

Go back to the city.

Stay overnight in Ho Chi Minh.



# Day 13

## Ho Chi Minh – Mekong delta (B,L)

Around 8.00am, leave Ho Chi Minh city and head to **Can Tho**, enjoy the scenic journey along the National Highway bordered by green rice fields. On arrival at **My Tho**, visit **Vinh Trang pagoda**, take a leisurely boat ride along the river, view stilt houses, fruit plantations and fishing villages along the river bank.

Proceed to **Tortoise islet**, have lunch in the orchard garden. Then a boat ride to **An Khanh**, a less touristy attraction in **Ben Tre**, enjoy cruising on a hand-rowed sampan under the shade of the water coconut trees along natural canals. Then enjoy seasonal fruit & honey tea to the sound of “Southern

Vietnamese folk music”, performed by the locals.

Visit a family business which epitomizes the idyllic rural lifestyle, taste delicious coconut candy & observe the pastoral life as you roam through fruit plantations and villages. Transfer to **Can Tho** city.

Stay overnight at hotel in **Can Tho**.

(Family home-stay with dinner can be arranged on request).

# Day 14

## Mekong delta – Visit floating villages – Ho Chi Minh (B,L)

Take a leisurely boat trip to explore the picturesque tributaries of the **Lower Mekong river** (Bassac River), then proceed to visit **Cai Rang floating market** which are the liveliest in the whole region.

Have you ever tasted Vietnamese vermicelli soup? Well, now go and see how it is made. Then wander around the village and meet the friendly local people and experience how to cross a “Monkey bridge” which is built by only

one stem of bamboo. We continue the tour and stop at a orchard garden.

Stop for lunch. Then go back to Ho Chi Minh city.

Stay overnight at hotel in Ho Chi Minh.

# Day 15

## Ho Chi Minh – Departure (B)

Morning, breakfast at hotel in Ho Chi Minh. Your leisure until we transfer you to airport for your departure flight.