

Vietnam Family Holiday

15 days

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II. Includes & Excludes

Inclusion:

- Overnights in selected hotels or similar
- Vietnam visa approval letter
- Halong bay 3 day Cruise package
- Mekong 2 day cruise package
- Local English speaking guides
- Excursions as mentioned in the itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Entrance fees for sightseeing mentioned in the itinerary
- Tours and transfers as mentioned, by air-conditioned vehicles
- 2 Hanoi - Danang, Danang - Saigon

Exclusion:

- Meals and services other than those noted in the itinerary
- Visa stamping fees
- Laundry, telephone calls, and personal expenditures
- Gratuities for guides, drivers, porters, boat crew, and personal, non-itinerary services

III. Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 HANOI ARRIVAL

Pickup at the airport upon arrival. Welcome dinner at local restaurant.

Meals: Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 2 HANOI - HALF DAY CITY TOUR & STREET FOOD

Free in the morning. In the afternoon, we will do a half day to visit the city. We start with visit to the Museum of Ethnology, which is an excellent museum containing the ethnic costumes of the various minorities of Vietnam, as well as relics, tools and even full size replicas of their homes and buildings. We also visit the famous Temple of Literature (Van Mieu). Although several Van Mieu can be found throughout Vietnam, the most prominent and famous is that situated in the city of Hanoi, and was functioned as Vietnam's first university. Back to the Old Quarter, we will start street food walking tour.

Your expert 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, trying seasonal fruits and sampling a tasty French-inspired snack 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 Banh Cuon 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.

Our next two snack stops are at outdoor barbeque stalls. We sit down with the Hanoi locals and sample various meat, vegetable and bread specialties that are flame grilled over hot coals for extra flavour. It's then 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 speciality is one not to be missed!

Your local guide will then take you to one of Hanoi's best kept secrets, a hidden street food restaurant to taste top ten street foods in Hanoi is Banh My Hanoi, Vietnamese Rice Wine and famous Egg Coffee. This hard-to-find café is one of the few left in the narrow street inside the old quarter of Hanoi. Or, if coffee is not your style, a cold beer awaits!. At the end of the trip you are free to continue exploring the area or your guide will assist you with directions or a taxi back to your hotel. Back to the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast/Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 3 HANOI - FREE DAY

Free and easy day for shopping and exploring Hanoi city.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 4 HANOI - HALONG BAY CRUISE

07:45 – 08:15 : Pick up at your hotel near by the Old Quarter in Hanoi by shuttle bus

12:30 – 12:30 : Embark the cruise at Tuan Chau harbor. Enjoy welcome drink, cruise briefing & start cruising.

13:00 – 15:30 : A stunning lunch is served while cruising into the Halong Bay with thousands of extraordinary shaped limestone islands considered as the heaven on the earth

15:30 – 17:00 : Explore the area and be charmed by the outstanding masterpiece of the Mother Nature. Visit Mê Cung Cave – one of the most beautiful caves in Halong Bay. Climb up & see the panoramic view of the bay from above. Enjoy swimming in the crystal water of the peaceful Bay.

17:00 – 19:00 : Return to the cruise the Sunset party and admire the best moment of the day when the sun starts to set. Or enjoy the massage treatment in your comfortable cabin.

19:00 : Savor an amazing and dreamlike dinner in Fairy cave (or Drum cave) with extremely delicious

food which is not only impressed by its incredible taste, but also by great fruit and vegetable carving performance. Socialize with new friends and crew members, enjoy squid fishing or leisurely relax on the top deck in the middle of the tranquil bay. Overnight on Cruise.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Sleep on board

Day 5

HALONG BAY FULL DAY KAYAKING ADVENTURE

06.30 – 07.00 : Start your new day with a Tai Chi session or a photo hunt for the glamour sunrise in Halong Bay in the early morning.

07.00 – 08.00 : Have breakfast in the peaceful bay while listening to the bird songs.

08:00 – 10:00 : Transfer to a high quality day boat for a cruise to Thien Canh Son Cave, visit the cave to learn about the karst formation. Enjoy hiking to see the panorama view of the Bay from the cave's entrance.

10:00 – 12:00 : Start to down for a beautiful white-sand beach at the foot of Hon Co Island. Go kayaking though the isolated and off-the-beaten-track appeal of the Bay. Enjoy swimming in the blue water or leisurely lying down under the tropical sunshine for sunbathing.

12:30 – 14:00 : Back to the boat for lunch.

14:00 – 14:00 : More time for kayaking through the hidden lagoons and explore the biological diversity of the Bay.

16:30 – 19:00 : Return to the cruise refreshing and stretching your selves on the top deck. Join in the Sunset party and see the beautiful pinky clouds reflecting on the water surface. Or enjoy the massage treatment in your comfortable cabin.

19:00 : Savor our delicious dinner with incredible traditional Vietnamese food and amazing vegetable carving performance, while being well introduced the philosophies that lie behind each type of cuisine. Socialize with new friends and crew members, enjoy squid fishing or leisurely relax on the top deck in the middle of the tranquil bay.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Sleep on board

Day 6

HALONG BAY - HANOI

07.00: Coffee and tea will be served

08.00: Continue cruising

08h15: Visit splendid Sung Sot Cave

09h00: Check out and enjoy a fantastic cruise on the bay, passing Dinh Huong Island, fishing villages, Ga Choi Island, Dog Island and Sail Island.

09.30: Buffet brunch (breakfast/lunch) while cruising back through Halong Bay to the pier

11h30: Arrive at the pier. Time to say goodbye to the crew.

12.00: Return from Halong to Hanoi. Arrive the hotel at late afternoon. Free for personal activities.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 7 HANOI - HOIAN - HALF DAY CITY TOUR

In the morning, free for personal activities.

After lunch, airport transfer for flight to Hoian. Upon arrival, half day city tour to visit Hoian ancient town. We will visit a historic house, the Japanese Covered Bridge, a Chinese assembly hall.

Hoian was originally a Cham port town, but has been influenced down the centuries by a myriad of traders from various cultures. There is a distinctly Chinese appearance with pagodas and assembly halls scattered along the small streets. Hoian was once a bustling port in centuries gone by, before the river silted up. Coupled with low tiled houses, the town is one of the most delightful places to visit in Vietnam.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoian

Day 8 HOIAN - FREE DAY

Free and easy day to relax, go shopping in Hoian.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoian

Day 9 HOIAN - HALF DAY CYCLING TOUR

Free in the morning.

13:00: pickup at the hotel to start the cycling tour. This circuit begins with an hour boat ride on the Thu Bon river delta to arrive at Duy Vinh Island.

From here, you will leave on cycle to discover the authentic Vietnam.

You will visit artisans, where you can see wooden boat still being made according to century-old tradition. During this tour, you will learn secret of making the colorful Vietnamese woven straw sleeping mats. You will observe the workers in the rice fields. And explore the sumptuous landscapes and meet wonderful people.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoian

Day 10 HOIAN - FREE DAY

Free and easy day to relax, go shopping in Hoian.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoian

Day 11

HOIAN - SAIGON - HALF DAY CITY TOUR

Free in the morning for personal activities till airport transfer for afternoon flight to Saigon.

Upon arrival, half day city tour to visit Saigon. Our city tour will help you to see the best of Saigon. We visit the historic Reunification palace and War Remnants Museum, followed by the architectural treats of French colonial Notre Dame Cathedral and the post Office. Free time at leisure or shopping at Ben Thanh Market nearby.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Saigon

Day 12

SAIGON MEKONG CRUISE

8:00: Pickup at the hotel in Saigon to Can Tho or Cai Be. You board your comfortable wooden Mekong Eyes cruise vessel around noon. After a refreshing welcome drink we show you our on-board facilities and your cosy cabin. As lunch is served, the Mekong Eyes Cruise starts cruising. Sit back and watch the fantastic scenery and the daily life of the Mekong people.

In the afternoon you can disembark for a guided leisurely stroll through a village and the surrounding fruit orchards or rice fields. Meet the friendly locals and taste the local produce and fruits.

Get back on board and enjoy a drink at the bar or relax on deck as the sun sets over the magnificent water landscape of the Mekong river. The Mekong Eyes Cruise will anchor for the night. The day ends with a delicious on-board dinner. You stay overnight on board your floating hotel in the Mekong Delta.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Sleep on board

Day 13

MEKONG CRUISE - SAIGON

Wake up well rested to the sound of the river and get ready for another exciting day of sightseeing in the Mekong Delta. At 6.30h the Mekong Eyes cruise vessel sets off for a sunrise cruise. Watch the locals go about their daily work drying exotic fruits and building ships on the wooden yards while enjoying an early breakfast.

After breakfast, we will board a sampan boat to Cai Be or Cai Rang floating market, the region's busiest and most lively markets. Marvel at the sheer abundance of exotic fruits, vegetables and skilfully handcrafted regional products. We will pull up to the boats for talking and bargaining with the merchants. We will also visit some of the local candy and cake making factories or boat through the green water landscape to see local houses, verdant orchards and ship-building yards.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Saigon

Day 14

SAIGON - FREE DAY

Free and easy for personal activities and shopping in Saigon.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Saigon

Day 15

SAIGON - DEPARTURE

Today, you are free till airport transfer for departure flight. Trip ends!

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: N/A