

Tour name: Around Vietnam In Twenty Three Days – 23 Days



Duration: 23 Days/ 22 Nights

Depart From: Hanoi/ Saigon

Destinations: Hanoi – Sapa – Halong Bay – Hue – Hoian – Nha Trang – Dalat - Ho Chi Minh – Mekong Delta – Phu Quoc

Brief Itinerary

Tour Dates	Destinations	Meals Included	Transportation
Day 1	Arrival Hanoi	D	Car pick up
Day 2	Hanoi City Tour - Sapa	B, L, D	By car, Train
Day 3	Sapa – Bac Ha Market	B, L	By car
Day 4	Sapa – Cat Cat Village	B, L	By walk
Day 5	Sapa – Taphin Village - Hanoi	B	By car, train
Day 6	Hanoi – Halong Bay	B, L, D	By car, Cruise
Day 7	Halong Bay – Hanoi – Hue	B, L	By Car, Train
Day 8	Hue City Tour	B, L	By car, Cruise
Day 9	Hue – Hoian	B, L	By car
Day 10	Hoian – My Son	B	By car
Day 11	Hoian – Danang – Nha Trang	B	By car, Flight
Day 12	Nha Trang City Tour	B, L	By car

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Day 13	Nha Trang - Dalat	B, L	By car
Day 14	Dalat City Tour	B, L	By car
Day 15	Dalat – Ho Chi Minh	B	By car, Flight
Day 16	Ho Chi Minh City Tour – Cu Chi Tunnels	B, L	By car
Day 17	Ho Chi Minh – Vinh Long – Cantho	B, L	By car, Boat
Day 18	Cantho – Chau Doc	B, L	By car
Day 19	Chau Doc – Phu Quoc	B	By car, Speedboat
Day 20	Phu Quoc Free Time	B	By car
Day 21	Phu Quoc Free Time	B	By car
Day 22	Phu Quoc – Ho Chi Minh	B	By car, Flight
Day 23	Ho Chi Minh Departure	B	Car drop off

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival Hanoi (D)

Arrival in Hanoi, the tour guide will pick us up and transfer to hotel. Check in and free time for our relaxing. **In the evening, we have welcome dinner at a fine restaurant in the city.** Overnight at hotel in Hanoi

Day 2: Hanoi City Tour - Sapa (B/L/D)

We start our one day city tour from the lobby of the hotel at 8:30am with our tour guide & driver pick -up. We will drive to **Ho Chi Minh Complex**, where we will spend a couple of hour to visit: Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum, his former stilt-house residence, the Presidential Palace, the Ho Chi Minh museum and one pillar pagoda. Keep going to see the **Temple of Literature**: Originally built as a temple to Confucius, this is the site of Vietnam's first university dating back to 1070. The temple highlights the importance that Vietnamese society placed then and now on education. *Lunch will be at a fine local restaurant in Hanoi.*

In the afternoon, we will visit one of the most interesting museums in Vietnam, **Museum of Ethnology**, which is widely acknowledged as the best in the country and has an extensive display dedicated to Vietnam's 54 Ethnic minority people. Following by

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that we will wander around the city by car to see the real life of Hanoi as well as the difference parts the city.

After that; we get back to city center where we take one-hour cyclo around the **Old Quarter**, known as the 36 streets, this bustling area of narrow streets is home to literally thousands of small businesses and shopkeepers. Before we have dinner and transfer to railway station for the train to Sapa at 9.10pm and arrive Sapa at 5.30am, we will have chance to enjoy the unique **Water Puppet show** to hear to know Vietnamese traditional instruments and singing from the live musicians who play throughout the show. Overnight on the train to Sapa

Notes:

Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum opening time: Open from Tuesday to Thursday and weekends from 8am to 11pm. Closed on Mondays and Fridays. The mausoleum is closed for two months of the year, usually October and November, when Ho Chi Minh's body is maintenance. Ethnology Museum is closed on Mondays.

Day 3: Sapa – Bac Ha Market (B/L)

You will be met by local guide and driver upon your arrival at Lao Cai station then transferred to a local restaurant for breakfast. Then start our drive to **Bac Ha town**. The road is relatively flat from **Lao Cai to Bao Nhai bridge**. After crossing the bridge, we begin our journey up to Bac Ha. Bac Ha market, located in the heart of Bac ha small town is the largest one in the area. Every Sunday, the different and colorful ethnic minority come all here to sell their homemade products or buy something for the family. **They are Hmong, Phu La, Black Dzaio, Tay or Nung minorities**. Some of these ethnic minorities can't be met in any other areas. Your lunch will be provided in a local restaurant.

In the afternoon, we drive downhill towards **Lao Cai for about half an hour. We stop on the way (before reaching Lao Cai) to take a short walk to Trung Do village inhabited by Tay people**. Tay villages are always set up at the foot of a mountain or along a stream and are named after a mountain, a field, or a river. Each village contains about 15-20 households. A large village is divided into many small hamlets. The houses are built on stilts or level with the ground. **Stop by a traditional Tay house for a cup of tea before taking a boat cruise upstream the Chay River**. The scenery is very beautiful on both sides of the river. The boat

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trip will end at Bao Nhai bridge where your vehicle will be waiting for you for the journey back to Sapa. Overnight at hotel in Sapa

Day 4: Sapa – Cat Cat Village (B/L)

After having breakfast we are ready to explore Sapa town. We embark on a lovely walking tour to the hill tribe village of **Cat Cat, home of the H'Mong hill tribe minority people**. As we walk to the villages nestled in the valley below Sapa we will meet some of the local minority people on their way to and from Sapa. Here we have the opportunity to share cultural experiences with families that live in the area. Overnight at hotel in Sapa

Day 5: Sapa – Taphin Village - Hanoi (B)

In the morning today your journey will be mostly driving downhill toward Lao Cai, before taking a left turn into a small paved road leading to **Taphin village**. Here you can experience the unmixed cultural **life of Black Hmong and Red Dao minorities, 2 largest ethnic groups in the area**. They live happily together while maintaining their own tradition from generation to generation. You can recognise them by dressing while they are both very famous of handicraft. We will enjoy walking among local people. The trip also offers you the opportunity to visit the local houses. We are free time before the guide will take us to railway station for the train to Hanoi. Overnight on the train to Hanoi

Day 6: Hanoi – Halong Bay (B/L/D)

Our tour guide will pick us up at the railway station, transfer to hotel to relax then we have breakfast and transfer to Halong Bay at 8am. We take a 3-hour scenic drive from Hanoi to **Halong Bay**.

10H00: Stopover on the way for refreshments

12h00: Arrive at **Tuan Chau Wharf** – Break and photo opportunities

12h30: Board Glory Cruises for departure. A welcome drink will be served

13h00: Lunch is served while cruising through the bay

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15h30: Visit exciting **Cua Van fishing village**, the village is free from busy roads and streets, electric lights, houses and high rise buildings. Instead, there are only herds of little boats and rafts. You will have the chance to discover the traditional culture and customs of the fishermen.

16h30: Enjoy kayaking or swimming (if the weather permits).

17h00: Back on board and continue cruising to **Drum Cave (Hang Trong) for docking**

19h00: Dinner is served.

21h00: Leisure time to enjoy a chat around the bar or enjoy night fishing.

Relax and spend a romantic night on Glory Cruise

Day 7: Halong Bay - Hanoi – Hue (B/L)

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

12h00: Drive from Halong to Hanoi.

14h00: Stopover in Dong Trieu town to visit a Ceramics workshop.

16.00: Arrive in Hanoi then we will be transferred to airport for the flight to Hue. Arrival Hue, the tour guide will transfer us to hotel, check in hotel and relax. Overnight in Hue

Day 8: Hue City Tour (B/L)

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Hue City is known as an ancient Capital city of many original historical vestiges. There are more than 100 architectural works to be extremely reflected the life of Emperors and Mandarins under Nguyen's reign. Situated in the middle of hills on the Southern Bank of Perfume River are very beautiful tombs of Nguyen Kings.

The tour guide will pick you up at hotel. We will be met and transferred to the Wharf where we will cruise along the Perfume River to visit **Thien Mu Pagoda (The Heavenly Lady pagoda)** and surroundings. And then we take our vehicle to **Tu Duc King's tomb**, which is one of the most beautiful works of Royal Architecture of the Nguyen Dynasty. The tomb lies in a boundless pine forest. Then we transfer back to the city for our delicious lunch at a fine local restaurant. In the afternoon, we will go to visit **Hue Citadel and Tomb of Khai Dinh King**. Overnight in Hue

Day 9: Hue – Hoian (B/L)

After breakfast at the hotel, we travel by vehicle to Hoian along scenic highway 1A. Along the way we will stop to visit **Hai Van Pass, China South Beach and Marble Mountain** – the five elements of the Universe (water, wood, air, fire and earth). We will arrive in Hoian in the afternoon and relax. At 3pm, with the tour guide picks up, we will start walking tour around the ancient town to visit the **Japanese Covered Bridge, the Pottery Museum, Tan Ky old house, the Cantonese congregation, the silk street of Hoi An, the temples and pagodas of Chinese appearance**. Overnight at hotel in Hoian

Day 10: Hoian – My Son (B)

My Son, located 69 km southwest of Danang, was an imperial city during the **Cham dynasty**, and 75km far from Hoi An. My Son is the former capital of the ancient Cham civilization that ruled Central Vietnam from the second to the thirteenth century. Their religion was primarily derived from Indian Hinduism. **My Son is considered to be one of the best-preserved Cham structures in Vietnam. The complex is comprised of seventy Hindu-like towers and temples dating from the second century. My Son Sanctuary is a large complex of religious relics that comprises more than 70 architectural works. They include temples and towers that connect to each other with complicated**

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red brick designs. The main component of the Cham architectural design is the tower, built to reflect the divinity of the king. Our day starts at 08:00 at hotel and come back hotel at around 13:00. Overnight at hotel in HoiAn

Day 11: HoiAn – Danang – Nha Trang (B)

Flight to Nha Trang at by Vietnam Airlines

Having breakfast then our tour guide will transfer you to the airport for the flight to **Nha Trang**. Arrival Nha Trang, the guide will transfer you to hotel, check in hotel and relax. Overnight in Nha Trang

Day 12: Nha Trang City Tour (B/L)

This excursion takes you to visit a selection of the numerous attractions in Nha Trang City. First the car will drive you to **Cau Da** for a visit the **Vietnam Oceanographic Institute** to see the whole collection of sea creatures in Nhatrang Bay. After that, you will go to **Long Son Pagoda, Cathedral or Stone Church built in French colony time, Chong Promontory Rocks and the Po Nagar Temples**. The tour ends after the visit to local **Dam Market**.

Overnight in Nha Trang

Day 13: Nha Trang – Dalat (B/L)

Today we will drive to **Dalat**. Arrival Dalat, we are free time to relax and walk around to visit Dalat City. Overnight in Dalat

Day 14: Dalat City Tour (B/L)

After breakfast, we will leave hotel for visiting **Datanla Waterfall, Tuyen Lam Lake, Truc Lam Pagoda**. The complex was completed in 1994 with the aim of giving new life to the **Truc Lam Yen Tu Zen sect, a uniquely Vietnamese form of Zen founded during the Tran Dynasty (A.D 1225-1400)**. Then proceed to **Bao Dai's Summer Palace**; Bao Dai was

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Vietnam's last emperor, **Flower City Garden**, **Crazy House** and the **natural silk embroidery workshop**. Overnight in Dalat

Day 15: Dalat – Ho Chi Minh (B)

Flight to Ho Chi Minh at by Vietnam Airlines

Today you will have breakfast before our tour guide will transfer you to airport for the flight to **Ho Chi Minh City**. Arrival Ho Chi Minh, our tour guide will meet and transfer to hotel, check in hotel and relax. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City

Day 16: Ho Chi Minh City Tour – Cu Chi Tunnels (B/L)

After breakfast we depart our hotel for the **Reunification Palace, the former Presidential Palace for the president of the South of Vietnam**. After that, we will visit **War Remnant Museum**, where we can see countless artifacts, photographs and pictures documenting about the second Indochina war. Before our lunch, we stop at **Notre Dame Cathedral and Old Post and Emperor Pagoda**. *Our delicious lunch will be served at a local noodle soup restaurant called "Presidential Pho 2000", named due to a surprise visit by former US president Bill Clinton during his visit that year.*

In the afternoon, we will leave Saigon for the **Cu Chi tunnels, otherwise known as the "Iron Triangle" or "Iron Land"**. On our way there we will drive through pleasant countryside; rubber plantations and rice paddies. Before entering the tunnels, we will see a short introductory video showing how they were constructed, followed by an exploration of the maze of tunnels, some of which have been widened to allow tourist access. Also on display are various mantraps and the remains of an American tank as well as numerous bomb craters made by 500lb bombs dropped by B52 bombers. After that we transfer back to Ho Chi Minh City. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City

Day 17: Ho Chi Minh – Vinh Long - Cantho (B/L)

Morning start from hotel at 8 AM, leaving Ho Chi Minh City, travels to Cai Be, we drive for about 2,5 hours. Vivid farming activities and the riverine life of the Mekong Delta can be seen en route. Take a boat trip from Cai Be along the mighty Mekong River and its tributaries to view the riverine of local people who work and play on the waterways of the Mekong Delta. It would be a miss if we do not visit **floating market at**

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Cai Be, and a family-run workshop making popcorn, pop-rice and rice paper. A taste of these local products with green tea brings you a great feeling in tropical weather. **Lunch will be set up in a local house that located on an island, which is fertile place for different fruits and trees.** After lunch, taking a short nap on a hammock under the shady garden or you also can do cycling along the village paths to enjoy the beautiful of country side. **Lastly, the cruise will transfer us to Vinh Long city where we take our vehicle to Can Tho – the heart of Mekong Delta.** Overnight in Can Tho. Overnight in Cantho

Day 18: Cantho – Chau Doc (B/L)

Early morning today, we will take the boat trip to visit the famous **Cai Rang floating market** with the busy sense right at the time. This is a biggest floating market in Mekong Delta where you can see the daily life and local people selling their products on boats. After that, we are back to hotel for breakfast then heading to **Chau Doc.** Overnight in Chau Doc

Day 19: Chau Doc – Phu Quoc (B)

Have breakfast then we drive to Rach Gia to take the speedboat to Phu Quoc. Arrival Phu Quoc, the driver will transfer you to the hotel, check in hotel and relax. Overnight in Phu Quoc

Day 20: Phu Quoc Free Time (B)

Today you will have a free day to relax or go shopping. Overnight in Phu Quoc

Day 21: Phu Quoc Free Time (B)

Today you will have a free day to relax or go shopping. Overnight in Phu Quoc

Day 22: Phu Quoc – Ho Chi Minh (B)

Flight to Ho Chi Minh at by Vietnam Airlines

Free time before the driver transfer you to the airport for the flight to **Ho Chi Minh.** Arrival Ho Chi Minh, the driver will transfer you to hotel, check in hotel and relax. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh

Day 23: Ho Chi Minh Departure (B)

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Free time before the driver transfer you to the airport for departure flight. *End of services!*

Tour Price:

Price is quoted in American USD dollar at the newest exchange rate

Price Inclusions

- **Entrance Fees:** To scenic spots as listed in the itinerary.
- **Meals: Vietnamese Food** - All meals as specified in the itinerary.
- **Private Transfers: 4 seat car** - Transfers between airports, hotels and scenic spots while sightseeing by private air conditioned vehicle with a driver and English-speaking guide (as listed above). Your comfort is our priority!
- **Guide:** As outlined in the itinerary **an English-speaking guide** and driver will be provided in each city they will remain with you throughout your time in that city. A new guide and a new driver will meet you at each city on your tour, to provide you with the best local knowledge available.
- **Hotels:** Hotel fees are based on two people sharing one room with **Double/Twin beds**. All hotels as listed in the above itinerary serve daily Western or Vietnamese breakfast. All rooms are air-conditioned with private facilities unless specified.
- **Boat trip on Chay River, Perfume River & Mekong Delta**
- **Boat cruise 2D1N on Halong Bay**
- **Speedboat Rach Gia – Phu Quoc**
- **Ticket train: Hanoi – Laocai – Hanoi; Hanoi – Hue**
- **Domestic flights: Danang – Nha Trang; Dalat – Ho Chi Minh; Ho Chi Minh – Phu Quoc – Ho Chi Minh**
- **Daily bottle of mineral water**
- **Service Charge & Government Taxes**
- **Luggage Transfers:** Between airports and hotels.
- **Arrangements:** The tour cost includes planning, handling, operational and communication charges.

Price Exclusions:

- **Excess Baggage Charges.** Passengers holding an adult fare or half fare ticket are entitled to a free baggage allowance of 20kg, for economy class. Total weight of carryon baggage for each passenger may not exceed 5kg. The size may not exceed 20x40x 55cm.
- **Personal Expenses:** Expenses of a purely personal nature such as laundry, drinks, fax,

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telephone calls, optional activities, sightseeing or meals which are not included in the tour itinerary.

- **Tips**
- **Single Room Supplement.**

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