

## Distinction Of Vietnam Vacation – 15 Days/ 14 Nights



**Duration:** 15 Days/ 14 Nights

**Depart From:** Ho Chi Minh City/ Hanoi

**Destinations:** Ho Chi Minh – Mekong Delta – Hoian – Hue – Hanoi – Moon Garden Homestay - Halong Bay

**Description:**

### Brief Itinerary

Tour Dates	Destinations	Meals Included	Transportation
Day 1	Arrival Ho Chi Minh	D	Car pick up
Day 2	Ho Chi Minh – Cao Dai Temple - Cu Chi Tunnels	B, L	By car
Day 3	Ho Chi Minh – Caibe – Vinh Long	B, L	By car
Day 4	Ho Chi Minh – Danang – Hoian Old Quarter	B, L	By car, Cruise
Day 5	Hoian Free Time	B	By car, Cruise
Day 6	Hoian Free Time	B	By car
Day 7	Hoian – Hue City Tour	B, L	By Car, Flight
Day 8	Hue – Hanoi	B	By car
Day 9	Hanoi City Tour	B, L	By car

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Day 10	Hanoi – Moon Garden Homestay	B, L, D	By car, Flight
Day 11	Moon Garden Homestay – Hanoi	B, L	By car
Day 12	Hanoi – Halong Bay	B	By car
Day 13	Halong Bay – Hanoi	B, L	By car
Day 14	Hanoi Free Time	B	By car
Day 15	Hanoi Departure	B	By car, Flight

### Detailed Itinerary

#### Day 1/13 Feb: Arrival Ho Chi Minh (Dinner)

Arrival at Tan Son Nhat airport, the tour guide will meet and transfer us to hotel then you are free time to relax. **In the evening, we have dinner on the cruise on Saigon River.** Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City

#### Day 2/14 Feb: Ho Chi Minh – Cao Dai Temple – Cu Chi Tunnels (Breakfast/Lunch)

08:30: We pick up at lobby of hotel then start our full day tour to Cao Dai Temple & Cu Chi tunnel.

We drive to the region near the Cambodian border first. This is home to the unique **Cao Dai sect whose patron saints include Joan of Arc, Victor Hugo and Winston Churchill to name but a few. This religion is an odd mix of Buddhist, Taoist, Confucianism and Christianity.** Join Cao Dai worshippers for their daily noontide ceremony where hundreds of worshipers attired in lively red, yellow blue and white, chant religious hymns. We join the ceremonies at 12:00, a biggest one in a day.

13:00: having lunch.

14:00: We will continue to the **Cu Chi tunnels**, otherwise known as the "Iron Triangle" or "Iron Land". **At Cu Chi tunnel**, we see a short introductory video showing how they were constructed, followed by an exploration of

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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

Note:

- *Photo is permitted during the ceremony*
- *Trousers, skirts is required to cover the knees*
- *Shoes are asked to remove before entering*
- *Keep quiet during the ceremony*

**Day 3/15 Feb: Ho Chi Minh – Caibe – Vinh Long (Breakfast/Lunch)**

**Best departure time from Saigon: at 07:00AM to get the full view of Cai Be floating market.**

Leaving busy Ho Chi Minh City we drive to Cai Be, **boat through the busy floating market for seeing how people of lower Mekong Delta do business on the water. We then cruise through the lush green vegetation of the canals to an orchard, where we are treated to a delicious lunch complete with tropical fruits.** After lunch we keep on cruising along river to see peaceful tranquil life of villagers, admire marvelous natural setting of Mekong Delta region. About 03:00PM, the boat will arrive at **Vinh Long Market**, walking around to explore Vinh Long Market. Then we come back to Ho Chi Minh City. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City

**Day 4/16 Feb: Ho Chi Minh – Danang – Hoi An Old Quarter (Breakfast/Lunch)**

**Flight to Danang at 0955/1110 by Vietnam Airlines**

Today we will take the flight to Danang, the tour guide will pick us up and transfer us to Hoi An. In the afternoon, 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,**

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the temples and pagodas of Chinese appearance. Overnight in Hoian

**Day 5/17 Feb: Hoian Free Time (Breakfast)**

Today free at leisure on beach. Overnight in Hoian

**Day 6/18 Feb: Hoian Free Time (Breakfast)**

Today free at leisure on beach. Overnight in Hoian

**Day 7/19 Feb: Hoian – Hue City Tour (Breakfast/Lunch)**

Our tour starts at 08:00 in the morning at the lobby of the hotel. We will be met and transferred to Hue. On the way, we will stop to visit **Hai Van Pass, China South Beach and Marble Mountain**. After 3 hour driving, we arrive in Hue and stop at the Wharf where we will cruise along the Perfume River to visit **Thien Mu Pagoda** (The Heavenly Lady pagoda) and surroundings. And boating 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. **Finally we visit Dong Ba market and back to hotel**. Overnight in Hue

**Day 8/20 Feb: Hue – Hanoi (Breakfast)**

**Flight to Hanoi at 1535/1645 by Vietnam Airlines**

We have breakfast at hotel then go to visit **Hue Citadel and Tomb of Khai Dinh King**. **Today we will take the flight to Hanoi**. Arrival at Noi Bai airport, the tour guide will meet and transfer us to hotel, check in hotel and relax. Overnight in Hanoi

**Day 9/21 Feb: Hanoi City Tour (Breakfast/Lunch)**

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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 museum, his Former Stilt-house Residence, the Presidential Palace 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 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 come back hotel, 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 in Hanoi

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 10/22 Feb: Hanoi – Moon Garden Homestay (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)**

Today we will leave Hanoi at 8am to Moon Garden Homestay.

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10:00 Arrive at **Moon Garden Home stay in Ky Son village**. Welcome drink with local fresh green tea. Free time for discovering Moon garden Home stay and Ky Son village by yourself (local market, kindergarten)

11:00 **Cooking Class**

12:30 **Lunch**

13:30 **Hand Spa**- Enjoy having your fingers dipped in a fragrant lime bowl and the traditional herbal hand massage

Then, free time for relaxing or further conversation with the host family about local snacks, sharing cultures, and learning about traditional customs. If you want to learn Vietnamese, one of the family members can teach you.

**15:00 Take a bicycle ride to discover the Ky Son, Tam Son, Van Minh, and Cham farming communities and stop at any home you like for a cup of tea.** Visit the kindergarten (if open). Chat with local people about their daily life and farming. You can help with plowing or making rice beds, transplanting seedlings, harvesting rice (or cassava, corn, sweet potatoes...) depending on the harvest season, collecting tea and all medicinal herbs needed for your steam bath later in the afternoon and the foot "spa" in the late evening.

17:30 Return to the Moon Garden for happy hour. While waiting for your steam bath to be prepared, you can enjoy our local drink and taste some of the local products such as maize, sweet potato, cassava, peanuts...(depending on season) or some traditional desserts.

18:30 Traditional, refreshing steam bath with fragrant herbs (Lemon grass, pomelo leaves, holy basil leaves).

19:00 **Observe the evening Buddha worship.**

19:30 **Dinner** then enjoy your foot bath in warm water with ginger, salt and

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mugwort medicinal herbs before bedtime, which brings you a deeper sleep. Stay overnight in Moon Garden Village

**Day 11/23 Feb: Moon Garden Homestay - Hanoi (Breakfast/Lunch)**

7:00 **Joining Yijinjing traditional exercises**

7:30 **Breakfast**

8:30 **Bike ride along the ritual paths of Thang thac village with local guide to discover the Ngo Quyen tomb, Phung Hung temple, Duong Lam ancient village, and Mia pagoda. Then return to the house.**

12:30 **Lunch**

13:30 **Free time:** You can make yourself at home relaxing on the hammock in our garden, taking pictures with Vietnamese traditional cloths and chatting with people or further discovery of the Ky Son village and around until your departure time for Hanoi. Overnight in Hanoi

**Day 12/24 Feb: Hanoi – Halong Bay (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)**

08:00: The tour guide will pick us up at hotel, expect to depart in a fine day from Hanoi, with our convenient coach, tourists will be tremble with excitement while enjoying sightseeing through the coach window on the way to the picturesque Halong bay. Tourists will have a half-way stop for relaxing.

12:15: Arrive at Tuan Chau Marina pier, Tuan Chau island, Halong city, Tourists will be surprised at the charming beauty of Ha Long Bay- the complex of eco-diversity with shinning blue water and ready to discover the marvelous journey perfectly when put the first step on our luxury Gray Line Halong cruise boat.

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12:30: Boarding to the Gray Line Halong cruise junk. Welcome drink. Briefing and check in cabins for tourists.

13:00: Enjoy lunch set on cruise. Junk will run heading to **Vung Vieng Floating Fishing village**.

14:30: Arrive to the Vung Vieng fishing village and visit this village by local rowing boats. Tourists will have 2 options to discover this village: by joining rowing bamboo boat or kayaking. Tourists will pass through floating houses of 65 families, a floating school & floating information centre.

15:45: Come back to the cruise and continue cruising to **Drum cave**.

16:45 - 17:30: Enjoy swimming around the cruise. Tourists now can relax on the sundeck for sunbathing with fantastic views and can't miss to take some sunset snapshots. Enjoy our personal charged-service such as: nail, massage...

18:30: **Cooking demonstration will be on the sundeck**. Let's see how to make the fresh fried spring rolls and mix fish-sauce. Tourists are unable to forget these delicious dishes, which is unique in Ha Long or how to make a flower from carrot by our skillful chefs.

19:30: Under the magnificent night sky, in magic atmosphere in Ha long Bay, tourists will enjoy luxury buffet dinner served with a variety of BBQ seafood at nice stars terrace. Dinner is served with a variety of Vietnamese cuisine on sundeck.

- Above 15 pax: BBQ seafood dinner on sundeck,

- Less than 15 pax: Set menu dinner on sundeck.

- Drinks are served by sundeck bar – Stars bar.

21:00: Take part in a huge number of evening activities include: film entertainment in the dining room. Board and card games are available or join the squid fishing on boat with our crew. Karaoke singing on Star bar – sundeck, with variety languages: English, Spanish, Russian, French...Or simply, you can enjoy the

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Halong bay at night, which is now like a floating city, with twinkle of light from hundred Cruises, so great.

22:00: Overnight anchorage near Drum cave area. Now it's time for tourists to relax comfortably and have a deeply sleep on our king beds with beautiful dreams as in a fair-tale story. End of the program of Day 1

### **Day 13/25 Feb: Halong Bay – Hanoi (Breakfast/Brunch)**

06:30: Greeting dawn on the Bay. Tourists can join the Tai Chi class, if the weather condition allows or upon guest's request.

07:30: Have breakfast include Coffee, tea and Bakeries on board.

08:30: **Visit Amazing cave discovered by the French in 1901 and opened to tourists since 1936 and symbol for geology value of Halong. This cave with colorful lights attracts millions of tourists every year.**

09:30: Keep all the precious moments in mind, Tourist will check out of cabin and relax on the sundeck or in the dining room enjoying the bay scenery as we approach the pier.

10:00: Farewell Buffet brunch and hope to serve tourist soon again. Tourists will be hard to forget this memorable moment.

11:30- 11:45: Disembarkation at Tuan Chau Marina, Tourists return to Hanoi.

16.00: Arrive in Hanoi. Overnight in Hanoi

### **Day 14/26 Feb: Hanoi Free Time (Breakfast)**

Today we are free time to relax or go shopping. Overnight in Hanoi

### **Day 15/27 Feb: Hanoi Departure (Breakfast)**

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We are free time to relax before the tour guide will transfer us to airport for departure flight. *End of services!*

**Tour Price:**

The price is valid till the end of February, 2015

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

**3\* hotels:**

Number of customers: 2~ 6 pax	Trip price in USD/person
The price in USD per person	<b>US\$ 1,685/person</b>
Supplement for Flight Ticket <b>Ho Chi Minh to Danang</b>	<b>US\$110/Ticket</b>
Supplement for Flight Ticket <b>Hue to Hanoi</b>	<b>US\$110/Ticket</b>
<b>The total price of the trip per pax</b>	<b>US\$ 1,745</b>

<i>4* Hotels</i>		
<i>City</i>	<i>Hotel</i>	<i>Kind of Room</i>
<u>Hanoi</u>	<u>Golden Silk Boutique Hotel</u>	<u>Luxury Room</u>
<u>Halong Bay</u>	<u>Gray Line Cruise</u>	<u>Deluxe Room</u>
Hue	<u>Romance Hotel</u>	<u>Deluxe City View Room</u>
Hoian	<u>Sunrise Beach Resort</u>	<u>Ocean Deluxe Room</u>

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Ho Chi Minh	<u>Grand Silverland Hotel &amp; Spa</u>	<u>Premium Deluxe Room</u>
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**Note:**

- *This is a cash price. Credit cards incur a 2.5% fee*

**What's included?**

- **Entrance Fees:** To scenic spots as listed in the itinerary.
- **Meals:** All meals as specified in the itinerary with authentic **Vietnamese (Khmer/ Laos) food.**
- **Private Transfers: 16 seats van** - 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 with **2 Twin Rooms**. All hotels as listed in the above itinerary serve daily Western or Local breakfast. All rooms are air-conditioned with private facilities unless specified.
- **Boat trip on Mekong Delta & Perfume River**
- **Boat cruise 2D1N on Halong Bay**
- **Homestay in Moon Garden – 1 Private Wooden Ancient Deluxe House**
- **Domestic flights: Ho Chi Minh - Danang; Hue – Hanoi**
- **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.

**What's excluded?**

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- **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 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, telephone calls, optional activities, sightseeing or meals which are not included in the tour itinerary.
- **Tip**
- **Single Room Supplement**

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