

**Welcome to the**  
**Collection of Vietnam Highlights (Option by road) 14 days**  
**Tripcode: 1147**  
**Tour length: 14**

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## **DETAILED ITINERARY**

### **DAY 1: ARRIVAL HANOI**

Pick you up on arrival and transfer to the hotel, check in and free time at leisure on your own of exploration the city. Overnight in Hanoi

### **DAY 2: HANOI HALF DAY ART TOURS (UNIQUE AND SPECIAL)**

Depart from hotel at 08.30 AM and start the half day of Art Tour by stopping over at the Museum of National Fine Arts. It has received many high ranking delegations of different countries, the Museum has sent many traveling thematic exhibitions to other nations to introduce to international friends the typical culture, heroic history of Vietnam. At the same time, it has linked local people with painting, photograph, and sculpture collections of international artists. The Museum has created chances for local art lovers to enjoy and learn about different fine arts school and tendencies of the world. Our next stop is at Home/studio of the well-known lady artist of Mai Hien, she is an expert in field of Contemporary arts of Lacquer painting and graduated from Hanoi college in 1985. Mai Hien is a full member of Hanoi Fine Arts Association.

Drive to the west lake where to visit our other famous artist Mr Pham Luc also a member of the Vietnam Fine Arts Association, Luc is graduated from Hanoi fine arts college in 1977. Participated in art exhibitions in Vietnam and foreign countries such as Russia, Japan, France, Italy, Poland and Czech. His paintings have been collected by the Vietnam's fine art museum and many foreigners, He is specializing in motherland, love and war subjects.

If the time is permitted, we will travel back to downtown to visit one of the art galleries such as: Viet Fine arts or Apricot.

Lunch will be served at finest local restaurant in town and Free time on your own shopping and have coffee in town down this afternoon. Overnight Hanoi (B/L)

### **DAY 3: HANOI CULTURE TOUR & SPECIAL ANTIQUE TOURS (UNIQUE AND SPECIAL)**

Pick you up from your hotel, then start our visit to the most interesting places in Hanoi, We first visit the complex of 4 spots reflecting the simple life of the great leader, beloved Hochiminh President of Vietnam, Hero of national liberation and a great man of world culture. This complex (visit at our side only, Close on Monday & Friday and Oct + Nov of yearly)comprises of the Hochiminh mausoleum where the remains of The Hochiminh President is kept, then the house on stilts, at the heart of the capital, where he lived and worked Next is Presidential Palace, which was built in 1906 where the president of Vietnam works. Our next stop is the One Pillar pagoda (built in 1049).

After that, we will visit the Temple of literature (the first university of Vietnam built in 1070), transfer back downtown for walking in the old quarter to visit the old Catholic Church and some shopping before transfer lunch at finest local restaurant in town.

This Pm, we will continue with a very unique and special visit of antique Tour by stopping over at the National History Museum where to give us an overview of Vietnam Antique collection over the century.

Continnue our visit to some local private antique collectors and galleries in town and enjoy with very unique thousand year old antiques from the Ly-Tran dynasty of ancient Vietnam, tour ends, will transfer back the hotel and Overnight Hanoi (B/L)

### **DAY 4: HANOI-HALONG BAY CRUISES/ BY ROAD- SHUTTLE BUS**

Have breakfast at hotel.

At around 08.30 am, check out your hotel and meet up our shuttle bus, ready for Halong Bay - Halong city, some 175 km away

from Hanoi (with new highway from Hanoi to Halong, takes for 2 and half hours).

Our driving will pass the Red River Delta and see the daily life of local, rice fields and northern Vietnam villages.

On arrival Halong city (around noon time), transfer to the boat dock for 2days cruise Halong bay. Whilst cruising the exquisite waters sample the regions fresh seafood. Visit the recently discovered Surprise Grotto with its great views, and on the next island see the yawning mouth of Bo Nau Cave. Alternatively journey to Dau Go Cave and nearby see the famous stalagmites and stalactites of Thien Cung Cave.

Enjoy a swim in the emerald waters of Halong Bay at any spot that you wish to visit.

Watch the sunset over the bay whilst enjoying a delicious dinner. Overnight on board junk (B/L/D)

#### **DAY 5: HALONG BAY CRUISES- HANOI- HUE/ FLIGHT**

Wake up to fresh coffee and a wholesome breakfast before cruising back to Halong City. En route, the junk weaves through strange-shaped rock formations that invite comparisons from fighting cocks to dragons and even General de Gaulle's nose! The Boat cruise back Halong dock and drive for 3 hours on the same road back Hanoi, Check in procedures at Noi Bai airport for one and half hours flying to Hue city in central parts of Vietnam.

Pick up at Phu Bai airport in Hue, transfer to your hotel and Overnight Hue tonight (B)

#### **DAY 6: HUE CITY TOUR 1DAY**

Depart from your hotel in Hue at 8.00 AM and start with our sightseeing tour of Hue ancient, Being the ancient capital, Hue is surrounded with ancient tombs of emperors past, and a visit to the most beautiful tombs will be the itinerary for today.

The charming Lady Pagoda (Thien Mu Pagoda) will be the first stop of the day. You will enjoy a great view on the Perfume River and surrounding area. Thien Mu Pagoda is considered the symbol of Hue, and of Buddhism in Vietnam.

Next will drive for the centre Hue to visit the Citadel and the Forbidden Purple City before going for lunch at finest local restaurant in town, this PM will visit the tombs of Khai Dinh and Minh Mang Kings, return back the town at around 4 p.m.

Overnight Hue (B/L)

#### **DAY 7: HUE- HOIAN ANCIENT TOWN WALKING TOURS**

Have breakfast in hotel before checking out and heading for Hoi an ancient town,

Hoi an is some 140km away and the town is just 35km from biggest city of central part of vietnam named Danang. We will pass the fishing village of Lang co, upon arrival in Da Nang visit Cham museum, one of the 5 oldest museums in The ASIA, containing the finest collection of Cham sculptures and visit marble mountains before continuing to hoi an ancient town.

Check in the hotel on arrival for fresh up and next will transfer for lunch at finest local restaurant in town.

This Pm, we will continue our walking tour to sightseeing the Hoi an ancient town, From the 16th to 18th centuries, Hoi An was a thriving international commercial port for Chinese, Dutch, French, Japanese, Portuguese and Arab traders. These people came primarily to trade in the high grade silk, which is still produced in the area, as well as ceramics. Today, Hoi An is a quaint riverside town, popular with tourists for its eclectic architecture, tailors shops, and numerous cafes. Some of the buildings in the narrow streets have remained unchanged for more than a century. Some places that not to be missed in town are the former merchants'homes, the 400 year-old Japanese Covered Bridge and the colorful market.

Tour ends, transfer back your hotel and Overnight Hoian an (B/L)

#### **DAY 8: HOIAN COOKING CLASS**

Have breakfast at hotel.

At 09.00 am, pick up at your hotel and transfer for The cooking class is set in the charming garden of Viettown Restaurant, in the ancient town of Hoi An. Depart from there to go to Hoi An market.

Enjoy a 15 min cyclo-ride through the lovely streets of Hoi An.

Arrive at the market and stroll through the local stalls, listening to your guide who explains the different ingredients you will need to make your pho. The transfer back to Viettown is a relaxing boat trip on the Thu Bon River. Walk few minutes to the restaurant and start learning how to make the delicious pho soup. The chef will teach you how to make rice noodles in a traditional way.

Then, you will make the beef broth, a mix of beef bone, ginger and different herbs and spices that needs to marinate and which

is the secret of the pho. The final touch is to boil the rice noodles and cook the beef pieces. Once done, it is time to enjoy your homemade delicious pho!

Transfer back to your hotel. Overnight Hoian (B/L)

#### **DAY 9: HOI AN-DANANG-NHA TRANG BEACH CITY**

Free at leisure until transfer to Danang airport for flying some 1 hour to Nha Trang beach city, pick up at Cam Ranh airport and transfer to your hotel.

Free time your own on beach for relaxing and Overnight Nha Trang (B)

#### **DAY 10: NHA TRANG BEACH SWIMMING**

Have breakfast at hotel and next will be free your own relaxing, swimming Nha Trang Beach or Shopping sightseeing Nha Trang Market. Overnight Nha Trang (B)

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#### **DAY 12: NHA TRANG- SAIGON/ FLIGHT**

Have breakfast at hotel and next will transfer back Cam Ranh airport for flying to Hochiminh city (former name: Saigon), pick up at Tan Son Nhat airport on arrival and transfer to your hotel.

This Pm will start the sightseeing the city, included of Reunification Palace, the former palace of President Thieu and his predecessors. Today this building is a museum and venue for official receptions. This guided tour to present you the history of entire the building from the living quarter of the president's family, the "War Room" from where the South Vietnamese forces were controlled, under-ground head quarter. Our next stop will be the Post Office and the Saigon Notre Dame Cathedral, built between 1877 and 1883 and one of the city's major landmarks. Neo-Romanesque in form, Notre Dame is the major seat of the Catholic religion in modern Vietnam,

Continue to visit the biggest local market of Ben Thanh, a great place for shopping before transfer back hotel. Overnight Saigon (B)

#### **DAY 13: MEKONG DELTA 1DAY**

Pick up at your hotel at 8.00 am and Heading out of the town, we travel by roads to the Mekong Delta, Vietnam's largest rice bowl.

On arrival in My Tho we embark on a boat navigating around the intricate small canals in the delta region, which is a great way to observe the local lifestyle close-up. The most interesting excursion will pass the lush green vegetation before arriving at the most beautiful Unicorn Island. Here we have opportunities to visit some fascinating local industries, stroll around an orchard and taste many seasonal fruits.

Continue our trip to see fascinating local industries in Ben Tre Province.

lunch will be served at local restaurant before return trip back Saigon. Overnight Saigon (B/L)

#### **DAY 14: SAIGON DEPARTURE**

Have breakfast at hotel and next will be free at leisure until our car and driver will come to transfer back Tan Son Nhat airport for flight onwards, tour ends at airport and Chao Tam Biet (B)

**TOUR PRICES IN LOW SEASON/(PER/PERSON)  
( LOW SEASON FROM 1 MAY- 1 SEPT)**

Hotel rates/group	1 Star	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star
2 Paxs	----	----	----	2,413 \$	3,855 \$
4 Paxs	----	----	----	1,738 \$	3,183 \$
6 Paxs	----	----	----	1,490 \$	2,952 \$
8 Paxs	----	----	----	1,397 \$	2,858 \$
Single Supplement	0 \$	0 \$	0 \$	845 \$	1,349 \$

**TOUR PRICES IN HIGH SEASON/(PER/PERSON)  
(HIGH SEASON FROM 2 SEPT- 31 APRIL)**

Hotel rates/group	1 Star	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star
2 Paxs	----	----	----	2,491 \$	4,036 \$
4 Paxs	----	----	----	1,815 \$	3,364 \$
6 Paxs	----	----	----	1,568 \$	3,133 \$
8 Paxs	----	----	----	1,474 \$	3,040 \$
Single Supplement	0.0 \$	0.0 \$	0.0 \$	871.7 \$	1,412.7 \$

**HOTELS OR SIMILAR STANDARD**

Hotel names	Category	Room type	Link website	Location
Belle Maison Hadana H?i An Resort & Spa	4	Suite Orchid	<a href="http://vietnampathfinders.com/hotel/73/VINH-HUNG-RIVERSIDE-Resort.html">http://vietnampathfinders.com/hotel/73/VINH-HUNG-RIVERSIDE-Resort.html</a>	HOIAN
PALM GARDEN BEACH Resort	5	Bungalow Beachfront	<a href="http://www.palmgardenresort.com.vn">http://www.palmgardenresort.com.vn</a>	HOIAN

SAIGON MORIN Hotel	4	Deluxe City View	<a href="http://www.morinhotel.com.vn">www.morinhotel.com.vn</a>	HUE
Ana Mandara Beach Resort and Spa Hue	5	Beach Front Villa	<a href="http://www.anamandarahue-resort.com">www.anamandarahue-resort.com</a>	HUE
Evasion Ana Mandara Resort Nha Trang	5	Deluxe Sea View	<a href="http://www.sixsenses.com">www.sixsenses.com</a>	NHA TRANG
Sofitel Legend Metrople Ha Noi	5	Luxury Room	<a href="http://www.sofitel.com">http://www.sofitel.com</a>	HANOI
REX SAIGON HOTEL- EAST & WEST WING	5	Executive Premier Suite	<a href="http://www.rexhotelvietnam.com">www.rexhotelvietnam.com</a>	SAI GON
Silk Path Luxury Hanoi (Hang bong)	4	Premium Deluxe	<a href="http://www.silkpathhotel.com">www.silkpathhotel.com</a>	HANOI
Silverland Yen Hotel	4	Premier Deluxe	<a href="http://www.silverlandhotels.com/silverland-yen-hotel.html">www.silverlandhotels.com/silverland-yen-hotel.html</a>	SAI GON
Havana Nha Trang Hotel	4	Deluxe City View	<a href="http://havanahotel.vn">http://havanahotel.vn</a>	NHA TRANG
Bhaya Cruise 4Star	4	Deluxe Room	<a href="http://www.bhayagroup.com">www.bhayagroup.com</a>	HALONG

## INCLUSION

All Private transportation and transfers (AC, New)

Shuttle bus Hanoi-Halong bay 2 ways

Private Deluxe Cabin Halong Bay ( with 2seafood lunches, 1dinner and breakfast)- **Luxury Bhaya Boat**

**(www.bhayacruises.com) for 4 star option and Luxury Paradise Boat (www.paradisecruises.vn) for 5 star option**

Private boat in Mekong delta

English speaking guide (Halong bay cruises, guide on boat only)

Meals as indicated in tour itinerary (**B=breakfast, L= Lunch, D= Dinner**)

Cooking class in Hoian

Relevant permits and fees

All accommodation based on twin share basis with daily breakfast

## **EXCLUSION**

Domestic flights and Airfare:

- + **Hanoi- Hue= 120 USD/ One way ticket (Eco Class)**
- + **DNN – Nha Trang = 120 USD/ One way ticket (Eco Class)**
- + **Nha Trang-SG = 120 USD/ One way ticket (Eco Class)**

Vietnam visa approval letter = 25 USD/ per person (Just send us copy of your passport, we obtain in 4 days)

Drinks on boat or in restaurants

Early check in and late check out

Travel insurance

Personal expenses

Tips and gratuities for local guides and drivers

## **NOTE**

- + Check in time at 02.00 pm and check out at 12.00 am
- + Tour rates are not apply for New Year and Christmas period

