

Welcome to the
Vietnam humanitarian volunteer work | Hanoi- Hue- Saigon 10 days
Tripcode: 1626
Tour length: 10

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DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVAL HANOI

Upon arrival at Noi Bai airport meet and transfer to centre of Hanoi (some 25 minutes of driving) for check in to Hotel. The rest of the day will be spent at leisure and explore the city on your own.

Free time for dinner and overnight Hanoi.

DAY 2: HANOI CHARITY TOUR TO BINH LUC ORPHANAGE HOME

Have breakfast at hotel and at around 08.00 am, our guide and driver will pick you up from your hotel then drive 60 km from Hanoi to Ha Nam province.

10:30 Arrive in Binh Luc Orphanage Home. Make friends with the children in here. Join in some games and teach the children the easy English. Visit room of children in here and then cooking the foods for them a meal. Have lunch together with them. Doing the donation as you wants.

P.M – 14:00 Go back to Hanoi. Come and visit the Tran Quoc pagoda and praying the good things for all the children.

Transfer back your hotel for fresh up and next will have dinner at one of finest local restaurant in town. Overnight Hanoi (B/L/D) Notes:

Binh Luc Orphanage Home was established in 1990 for more than 60 children from 5 to 17 years old who to be fatherless and motherless. This Orphanage Home gets the help from donators and authorities including Goasia Travel. All the staffs of Vietnam pathfinder Travel usually dominated the money from 1 day salary to help the children in here to buy more book, pens, pencils...etc. Beside this, Vietnam pathfinder Travel usually organized the Charity tour for foreigners who want to be volunteer teaching English and doing the donatives to here. Easy time to come here and cook the foods and help the children feeling they are not lonely in this world.

DAY 3: HANOI - HALONG BAY CRUISES (ABOARD)

Have breakfast at hotel and at around from 08.30 Am by our bus will depart for Halong Bay, some 170 km away from Hanoi and drive down to the biggest delta (the Red River delta), great opportunity for stopping along the way for taking pictures of local daily activities.

On Arrival, board the traditional sailing junk. 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 4: HALONG BAY- HANOI

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 Gaulles nose! After another wonderful fresh seafood lunch on board disembark at the dock at Halong City.

Transfer back to Hanoi airport by road, check in hotel.

Next will start the guided half-day tour to visit the most interesting places in Hanoi, We first visit the complex of 4 spots reflecting the simple life of the great leader, beloved Ho Chi Minh 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 Ho Chi Minh mausoleum where the remains of The Ho Chi Minh 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).

Next, we will visit the Temple of literature (the first university of Vietnam built in 1070), transfer back downtown for walking in the old quarter.

At late afternoon, we will see the water puppet show for one hour, the oldest record mentioning water puppetry is the inscription on a stone stele dating from 1121. The stele called Sùng Thi?n Diên Linh is located in ??i S?n Pagoda in Hà Nam Province (This is a must to see show when you are in Hanoi, recommended), transfer back hotel and Overnight Hanoi. (B/L)

DAY 5: HANOI -HUE CITY TOUR/ FLIGHT

Breakfast at hotel and free at leisure until transfer to Noi Bai airport for the flight to Hue (some 2 hours fly).

Upon arrival Phu Bai airport, pick up and transfer to hotel in Hue city.

This PM, we will drive to visit the Thien Mu pagoda, Imperial city and Minh Mang tomb, a Hue's most preserved religious monument, and then continue to visit the imperial citadel from where the Nguyen emperors ruled Viet Nam for 143 years. Dinner and Overnight Hue.(B)

DAY 6: HUE- DUC SON ORPHANAGE- HOI AN ANCIENT TOWN

Breakfast at hotel.

Start our visit The Duc Son orphanage that located on a country road in the village of Thuy Bang, 7 kilometres south of Hue. Meeting the physical and emotional needs of the 200 Duc Son Orphanage children is the job of 18 dedicated nuns. They are ably supported by 10 lay volunteers. Nha Su Thich Nu Minh Tu leads the team, aided by assistant head nun, Ni Su Lien Nhu. Duc Son children have had a difficult start in life, but like kids everywhere, we have our hopes and dreams. For the younger children that might be a new toy or a special treat like ice cream. For the older members of the Duc Son community it is completing our education, getting a fulfilling job, and maybe one day marriage and a family of our own.

At The Duc Son orphanage there is an almost equal number of boys and girls. Unlike many orphanages, Duc Son accepts children from birth. About 20 children are under the age of 5, including 3 babies. It is usual in Vietnam for children to live with their parents until they get married. Most of Duc Son's residents don't leave until they are at least 20 years old. The orphanage makes sure that residents are capable of supporting themselves before allowing them to leave.

Transfer to local restaurant for lunch and this afternoon will continue our trip (some 120km) down south to Hoi An ancient town, check in hotel on arrival and Overnight Hoi An (B/L)

DAY 7: HOI AN ANCIENT TOWN -DANANG-SAIGON/ FLIGHT

Have breakfast in the hotel and next will start our sightseeing the ancient town.

Hoi An Ancient Town is an exceptionally well-preserved example of a South-East Asian trading port dating from the 15th to the 19th century. Its buildings and its street plan reflect the influences, both indigenous and foreign, that have combined to produce this unique heritage site. 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.

Start our walking tour through the narrow winding streets of the Ancient Quarter visiting Chua Ong Pagoda, Chinese Assembly Halls, the 200 - year old, Tam Ky ancestral house, and the Japanese Bridge.

Tour ends at 12.00am and transfer for lunch at one of finest local restaurant in town, free time on your own on beach at Cua Dai or shopping in old town (Hoi An is a great place to tailor made clothes).

This late afternoon, will transfer back Danang airport for flying to Saigon, the biggest city in south Vietnam.

Pick up at Tan Son Nhat airport on arrival and transfer to Saigon city for and Overnight Saigon (B/L)

DAY 8: CU CHI TUNNELS & SAIGON CITY 1DAY

This morning, we pick you up at your hotel and depart for cu chi tunnels. By 1965, 250 km of tunnels criss-crossed Cu Chi and surrounding areas -just across the Saigon River was the notorious guerrilla power base known as the IRON TRIANGLE. The Cu Chi tunnels played a vital part in the American war in that they allowed the Viet Cong to control a large rural area only 30 to 40 km from Saigon. At its height, the tunnel system stretched from Saigon to the Cambodian border. The network, parts of which were several levels deep, included innumerable trap doors, specially constructed living areas, storage facilities, weapons factories, field hospitals, command centres and kitchens. Today the remaining tunnels have become a major tourist attraction giving the visitor a unique experience and feel of what underground life in the American War must have been like. The tunnels have been widened for our benefit (otherwise we would not be able to enter them!) For those interested there's even the opportunity to fire off rounds from an AK47 or MK16 at the nearby rifle range.

Return back to Saigon for lunch, next will be visiting the Reunification Palace, war Museum, China Town and Notre Dame Cathedral. At early this afternoon, tour will be finished at your hotel at 5.00 PM. Overnight Saigon (B/L)

DAY 9: MEKONG DELTA 1DAY

Heading out of the town for one day trip 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. After feasting on a huge lunch we return to Saigon with stop over at the beautiful Vinh Trang Pagoda. Tour ends, will transfer back Saigon for Overnight (B/L)

Notes:

Optional: we also can visit the Dieu Giac Orphanage centre at 177 Tran Nao Street- Dist 2 in HCM city today

DAY 10: SAIGON DEPARTURE

Have breakfast at hotel and next will transfer back Tan Son Nhat International airport for flying onwards. tour ends at airport (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
6 Paxs	----	----	992 \$	1,194 \$	----
8 Paxs	----	----	885 \$	1,077 \$	----
10 Paxs	----	----	838 \$	1,024 \$	----
Single Supplement	0 \$	0 \$	347 \$	418 \$	0 \$

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
6 Paxs	----	----	1,020 \$	1,272 \$	----
8 Paxs	----	----	912 \$	1,154 \$	----
10 Paxs	----	----	866 \$	1,102 \$	----
Single Supplement	0.0 \$	0.0 \$	356.9 \$	445.3 \$	0.0 \$

HOTELS OR SIMILAR STANDARD				
Hotel names	Category	Room type	Link website	Location
LANTERN HOTEL HOIAN	3	Standard (hotel)	www.hoianlantenhotel.com	HOIAN
Hoi An Historic Hotel	4	Deluxe Room	www.hoianhotel.com.vn	HOIAN
SAIGON MORIN Hotel	4	Deluxe Colonial	www.morinhotel.com.vn	HUE
Alagon Western Hotel (Hoang Hai Long 2)	3	deluxe window	www.alagonhotels.com	SAI GON
Adamas Hanoi Hotel (Former name Demantoid)	3	Superior	www.adamashanoihotel.com	HANOI
Silk Path Luxury Hanoi (Hang bong)	4	Deluxe Room	www.silkpathhotel.com	HANOI
Silverland Yen Hotel	4	Premier Deluxe	www.silverlandhotels.com/silverland-yen-hotel.html	SAI GON
ALBA HOTEL HU?	3	superior twin	vietnam.com.vn	HUE

Bhaya Cruise 4Star	4	Deluxe Room	www.bhayagroup.com	HALONG
Aclass Legend cruise - 3Star	3	Deluxe Room	www.aclasscruises.com/legend/cabins.htm	HALONG

INCLUSION

- All private transportation and transfers (group from 6-8 people =16 seats van / 10 people up =29 seats mini-bus)
- A stationed English speaking guide: Hanoi- Hue-Saigon
- All accommodation based on twin share basis with daily breakfast
- Meals throughout as mentioned in itinerary details (no drinks)
- **Boat in Halong bay cruises of 2days (Private room, twin share cabin, all meals on boat)**
- Carina Deluxe Boat (for 3 Star) and Bhaya :Luxury Boat (for 4star option)**
- Cycle Tour in Old Quarter (One Hour)
- Water Puppet Show
- Relevant permits and fees.

EXCLUSION

Domestic flight tickets (upon request only) :

- Domestic flight from Hanoi to Hue= 100 USD/ one way (Eco class- update by issue dates)
- Domestic flight from Danang- Saigon = 100 USD/ one way (Eco class - update by issue dates)
- Travel insurance,
- No Drinks included in boat or restaurant
- Tips to drivers, guides, Restaurants, and other service providers
- Expenses of personal nature
- Early check in and late check out at Hotel at all places

NOTE

- + Check in Hotel at 2.00pm and Check out at 12.00am
- + Private van for group from 5-8 people =16 seats van/ 10 people up = 29seats mini-bus
- + **B= Breakfast, L= Lunch, D= Dinner**

