

**Welcome to the  
Vietnam Pilgrimage Trip-Cross from Hanoi to Saigon 13 days**

**Tripcode: 458**

**Tour length: 13**

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## **DETAILED ITINERARY**

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

On arrival Hanoi International airport, you are transferred to the hotel in down town, check in to the hotel and free at leisure for your own exploration the city, overnight in hotel in Hanoi.

### **DAY 2: HA NOI SIGHTSEEING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

A Full day city tour of Vietnam's capital .Hanoi is a unique city with tree-lined boulevards, French colonial architecture, peaceful lakes and oriental temples. Our city tour includes visit Hochiminh mausoleum, the house on stilts, presidential palace. The one pillar pagoda was built in 1049; the temple of literature was built in 1070.

Your lunch will be served at finest local restaurant with special of Hanoi cuisine.

In the afternoon, continue our visit to Hanoi Cathedral, also known as Saint Josephs Cathedral, was inaugurated on Christmas Day 1886, two years after its construction. Its design is similar to the architecture of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. Next will visit the Ham Long church, At the end of the 19th century, a Roman Catholic church was erected near the Doudart de Lagrée Street of Hanoi. This was an historic street of the Old Quarter of Hanoi with the former name Hâm Long, so the church was more commonly known as the Ham Long Church. The actual church was built in 1934 after the design of a Vietnamese architect. If there is still time permits, we will visit the Cua Bac Church (Vietnamese: Nhà th? C?a B?c) is a Roman Catholic church in Hanoi, Vietnam. Originally named as Church of Martyrs (French: église des Martyrs), the church was built in 1932 by the French administration of Indochina as a part of the Hanois urban plan supervised by Ernest Hébrard.

Today, Cua Bac Church is one of the three major churches of Hanoi, tour ends, Transfer back your hotel. Overnight Hanoi (B/L)

### **DAY 3: HANOI – HALONG BAY CRUISE (ABOARD)**

Have breakfast at hotel and at around 07.45 am will Depart for Halong Bay. Halong Bay is a World Heritage Site, consisting of thousands of huge limestone monoliths rising straight up out of the Bay. Home of Japanese Oyster Farms and some of the most beautiful Pearl Jewelry you will ever see for unbelievably low prices. Along the way you will pass rich farmland in the Red River Delta.

We spend the night on the Bay in a Junk (small ship) in Fabulous Halong Bay. Each couple has a private bedroom and a private bathroom on the ship. While we cruise this mythical place you will sample exquisite fresh seafood.

You will visit the yawning mouth of Bo Nau Cave; then Dau Go Cave and see the famous stalagmites and stalactites of Thien Cung Cave. Watch the sun set over the Bay while enjoying a fabulous dinner. sleep on deluxe wooden junk/ boat in Halong bay (B/L/D)

### **DAY 4: HALONG BAY-HON GAI- NINH BINH**

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

Meet back the car and drive for Hon Gai town, some 10km from Halong city and visit the Hon Gai Catholic church was built in 1933, this is the biggest church in Quang Ninh province and located on a top hill with great view over Halong bay, the bell tower is tall up 33 meter high. tour ends, we will heading for Ninh Binh province, some 3 and half hours away. there will be plenty of

local catholic churches that you will have opportunity to see and taking pictures on the way.  
check in the hotel on arrival and free time for your own dinner. Overnight Ninh Binh (B/L)

#### **DAY 5: NINH BINH- PHAT DIEM CATHEDRAL- HANOI**

Have breakfast at hotel before checking out and heading out the Ninh Binh town, some 30km to the Phat Diem Cathedral is the center of Catholicism in north Vietnam,

Phat Diem Cathedral was built between 1875 and 1899 four roofs and six sets of iron wooden pillars and consists of a network of ponds, lakes, churches, and artificial caves. Phuong Dinh Church, part of the Phat Diem complex, is a giant building entirely made of stone. Numerous stone sculptures are on the inside and outside walls. A large bell cast in the 1890s weighing nearly 2 tons is found in the bell tower.

Tour ends, we will drive back Hanoi on the national road 1, Hanoi is some 140km from Phat Diem and driving time around 2 and half hours. On arrival Hanoi, check in your hotel and overnight Hanoi. (B/L)

#### **DAY 6: HANOI- DONG HOI OF QUANG BINH/ FLIGHT**

Transfer to Noi Bai airport very early this morning and flying to Dong Hoi city of Quang Binh, one of the famous beach city. flying time is one hour and pick up at Dong Hoi airport, transfer to your resort named Sun Spa, one of the biggest resort in Vietnam (in term of the size of land), the Sun spa resort has own a long beach and a great time for relaxing and swimming ( No early check hotel included, upon request only and hotel may apply for surcharge for early check in ). Overnight in Quang Binh (B)

#### **DAY 7: DONG HOI- LA VANG HOLY LAND OF VIETNAM CATHOLICISM**

Have breakfast in the hotel and check out later, heading for La Vang catholic church. It is the site of the Minor Basilica of Our Lady of La Vang, a Roman Catholic sanctuary, commemorating a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary that was seen there in 1798. The site has been rebuilt on several occasions and is an important site of pilgrimage for Catholics in Vietnam, as well as for the Catholic Overseas Vietnamese community. Many Vietnamese Catholic parishes throughout the world are named for Our Lady of La Vang

In 1961, the Catholic bishops of Vietnam selected the Church of La Vang as the National Sacred Marian Centre. In 1962, Pope John XXIII declared the Church the Basilica of La Vang. Though there is no official Vatican recognition of this event as a Marian apparition, on June 19, 1988, Pope John Paul II publicly recognized the importance of Our Lady of La Vang and expressed desire to rebuild the La Vang Basilica in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the first vision. tour ends, we will drive for Hue, some 65 km from la Vang. on arrival Hue, check in your hotel and free time for dinner. Overnight Hue (B)

#### **DAY 8: HUE CITY TOUR- HOI AN**

Have breakfast in the hotel and next will visit the biggest catholic church in Hue, The Cathedral was built in 1937 and completed in 1942. The particular architecture of the cathedral is its large doors without partitions. Main altar is made of rose marble and its bloc is 3.6m long, 1.25m wide and 2.8m high. Near by the main altar, there are two smaller ones also made of rose marble in bloc. In the Cathedral, there are drums, gongs deeply characterizing East-Asian characters.

Hue was once the capital of the Nguyen Dynasty of Emperors from 1802-1945. There are many mausoleums to visit as well as the Imperial Citadel and the King tombs of Minh Mang and Khai Dinh,

Lunch will be served at top local restaurant and after the sightseeing tour in Hue, we will heading for Hoian ancient town, some 120 km away from Hue. Overnight in Hoian tonight (B/L/D)

#### **DAY 9: HOIAN WALKING TOUR HALF DAY**

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.

A morning walking tour (for Half Day) 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, free at this afternoon.

Overnight Hoian (B)

#### DAY 10: HOIAN -DANANG- SAIGON/ FLIGHT

After breakfast, Free at leisure and next will be transferred to the airport for flight to Saigon. Saigon – Ho Chi Minh City is Vietnam’s biggest city, also called the Economic Capital. Today, the city’s core is still adorned with wide elegant boulevards and historic French colonial buildings, so much so that Saigon was called “the Pearl of the Far East” (Hon Ngoc Vien Dong) or “Paris in the Orient” (Paris Phuong ?ong).

Check in the hotel and next will visit the Notre Dame Cathedral which was established by French colonists, the cathedral was constructed between 1863 and 1880. It has two bell towers, reaching a height of over 58 meters (190 feet). Following the French conquest of Cochinchina and Saigon, the Roman Catholic Church established a community and religious services for French colonialists. our next site is the old Post Office of Saigon before transfer back the hotel. free time for your own exploration the city. Overnight in hotel in Saigon.(B)

#### DAY 11: SAIGON- CU CHI TUNNELS- CAO DAI TEMPLES

Early in the 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.

Tour ends, we will drive for Cao Dai Temple in Tay Ninh (Have lunch in town of Tay Ninh), some 30km away from Cu Chi Tunnels, Cao Dai is a syncretist Vietnamese religious movement that incorporates aspect of Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism and even Catholicism.

The Cao Dai Temple (as it is more commonly known) was begun in 1933 in a unique architectural style that reflects its blended traditions, drive back Saigon and drop off at your hotel around 5.00pm. Overnight Saigon (B/L)

#### DAY 12: SAIGON CITY- MEKONG DELTA 1DAY

Pick up at your hotel/ home in Saigon 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. And then we continue our trip to see fascinating local industries in Ben Tre Province.

lunch will be served at local restaurant and next will drive back on the same road to Saigon with stop over at the beautiful Vinh Trang Pagoda. On arrival back Saigon, transfer to your hotel. Overnight Saigon (B/L).

#### DAY 13: SAIGON DEPARTURE

Transfer to Tan Son Nhat airport for flight 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
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4 Paxs	----	----	1,237 \$	1,602 \$	----
6 Paxs	----	----	998 \$	1,482 \$	----
8 Paxs	----	----	931 \$	1,405 \$	----
10 Paxs	----	----	849 \$	1,315 \$	----
12 Paxs	----	----	809 \$	----	----
20 Paxs	----	----	798 \$	----	----
25 Paxs	----	----	758 \$	----	----
30 Paxs	----	----	731 \$	----	----
35 Paxs	----	----	712 \$	----	----
40 paxs	----	----	733 \$	----	----
Single Supplement	0 \$	0 \$	433 \$	561 \$	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
4 Paxs	----	----	1,261 \$	1,655 \$	----
6 Paxs	----	----	1,022 \$	1,535 \$	----
8 Paxs	----	----	955 \$	1,457 \$	----
10 Paxs	----	----	873 \$	1,368 \$	----
12 Paxs	----	----	833 \$	----	----
20 Paxs	----	----	822 \$	----	----
25 Paxs	----	----	783 \$	----	----
30 Paxs	----	----	755 \$	----	----
35 Paxs	----	----	736 \$	----	----
40 paxs	----	----	758 \$	----	----
Single Supplement	0.0 \$	0.0 \$	441.4 \$	579.2 \$	0.0 \$

## HOTELS OR SIMILAR STANDARD

Hotel names	Category	Room type	Link website	Location
SAIGON MORIN Hotel	4	Premium Deluxe	<a href="http://www.morinhotel.com.vn">www.morinhotel.com.vn</a>	HUE
Alagon Western Hotel (Hoang Hai Long 2)	3	Sup (GIT rates-8R)	<a href="http://www.alagonhotels.com">www.alagonhotels.com</a>	SAI GON
Asia Hotel hue	3	Executive Deluxe	<a href="http://www.asiahotels.com">http://www.asiahotels.com</a>	HUE
Hoi An Beach Resort	4	Grand Deluxe Ocean View	<a href="http://www.hoianbeachresort.com.vn">www.hoianbeachresort.com.vn</a>	HOIAN
Acacia Heritage Hoian (Formed Van Loi Hotel)	4	Deluxe Room	<a href="http://www.acaciaheritagehotel.com">www.acaciaheritagehotel.com</a>	HOIAN
Sunspa resort Quang Binh	4	Superior Garden View	<a href="http://www.sunsparesortvietnam.com">http://www.sunsparesortvietnam.com</a>	QUANG BINH
Adamas Hanoi Hotel (Former name Demantoid)	3	Deluxe Room	<a href="http://www.adamashanoi.com">www.adamashanoi.com</a>	HANOI
Silk Path Luxury Hanoi (Hang bong)	4	Deluxe Room	<a href="http://www.silkpathhotel.com">www.silkpathhotel.com</a>	HANOI
Grand Silverland Hotel & spa	4	Executive	<a href="http://www.silverlandhotels.com">www.silverlandhotels.com</a>	SAI GON
Vissai Hotel Ninh Binh	4	Deluxe	<a href="http://vissaihotel.vn/">http://vissaihotel.vn/</a>	NINH BINH
EMERALDA RESORT NINH BINH	5	Deluxe	<a href="http://www.emeraldresort.com">www.emeraldresort.com</a>	NINH BINH
Bai Tho Junks - 3Star	3	Deluxe Room	<a href="http://www.Baithojunks.com">www.Baithojunks.com</a>	HALONG

<b>Bhaya Cruise 4Star</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Deluxe Room</b>	<a href="http://www.bhayagroup.com">www.bhayagroup.com</a>	<b>HALONG</b>
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## **INCLUSION**

Tours and transfers as mentioned by private air-conditioned car

**( 16seats van for group from 4-6 people and 29 seats 8-12 people, 40 people = 2 buses)**

Local English speaking guide in Vietnam

Private room on boat in Halong bay (Twin share Cabin with all meals, no drinks)

Accommodation based on twin share basis with daily breakfast

1 FOC for tour leader in single room for group from 20 paying pax up

Private boat cruise in Mekong delta

Meals as mentioned in the itinerary **(B= Breakfast, L= Lunch, D= Dinner)**

Relevant permits and fees

## **EXCLUSION**

### **Domestic Flights:**

+ **HAN/Dong Hoi (120\$/one way)**

+ **DAD/SG (120\$/one way)**

*( Airport tax will be updated by day)*

**Visa Approval for Vietnam 25 USD/ Person**

Travel insurance

Personal expenses

Tips and gratuities = 3-5\$/ pax/day

Early check-in/Late check-out ( upon request and surcharge is applied in some hotels)

Other not mentioned in the tour itinerary

## **NOTE**

Check in hotel at 02.00 Pm and check out time at 12.00 am

