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DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVAL SAIGON

Pick you up on arrival and transfer to the hotel, check in and free time. Overnight Saigon

DAY 2: SAIGON RELIGIOUS SITES

This morning, we pick you up at your hotel and start the trip to visit Saigon Notre-Dame Basilica (Vietnamese: V??ng cung thánh ???ng ??c Bà Sài Gòn or Nhà th? ??c Bà Sài Gòn, French: Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Saïgon), officially Basilica of Our Lady of The Immaculate Conception (Vietnamese: V??ng cung thánh ???ng Chính tòa ??c M? Vô nhi?m Nguyên t?i) is a cathedral located in the downtown of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

Established by French colonists, the cathedral was constructed between 1863 and 1880. It has two bell towers, reaching a height of 58 meters, next is Ky dong Church The general population of Vietnam is Buddhist, but due to French influence, there are a few Catholic churches around Saigon.

Ky dong is a beautiful Catholic church that offers Catholic Vietnamese a fabulous place to worship. The architecture of the church is definitely worth seeing. The statue of St Mary prominently stands outside, where people bring flowers and gather to pray and then transfer to Ben Thanh Market for shopping and easy time before going for lunch and this Pm will visit the Xa Loi Pagoda The Xa Loi Pagoda is the largest pagoda in Ho Chi Minh City. The headquarters of the Vietnamese Buddhist Association was located here until 1983 and it later served as its second main office until 1993.

The Xa loi Pagoda was designed by architects Tran Van Duong and Do Bá Vinh to enshrine the relics of Gautama Buddha. Construction began in the year 1954 and it was consecrated in 1958. It became the scene of raids and vandalism by armed forces loyal to the Roman Catholic president of South Vietnam, Ngo Dinh Diem, in 1973. In the face of protests by the Buddhist majority community, seeking civil rights, the pagoda became the center of Buddhist resistance. It was damaged; several monks and nuns were either killed or imprisoned, and the 80 year old Buddhist patriarch arrested and placed in a military hospital. Visitors are greeted by a Chinese style statue of Quan Am, the Goddess of Mercy. The main hall inside is dominated by a bronze sculpture of Gautama Buddha crafted by artists from Bien Hoa, located north of Saigon. The walls are decorated with a series of panels made by Dr. Dr. Nguyen Van Long of the Gia Dinh Art School. The complex boasts the highest bell tower in Vietnam. It stands 32 meters high and weighs two tons. The pagoda is located amidst beautifully landscaped gardens complete with a koi pond and bonsai trees.

transfer back Hotel and free time and Overnight Saigon (B/L)

DAY 3: SAIGON - HUE- LA VANG HOLYLAND / FLIGHT

Free at leisure until transfer to the airport for flight onwards to Hue.

Heading for La Vang catholic church, Vietnam. 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/L/D)

DAY 4: HUE - HANOI /FLIGHT

Have breakfast in the hotel and next will transfer back Hue airport for flying to Hanoi, welcome at Noi Bai airport and transfer to your hotel in downtown (some 45 minute from airport)

Check in the hotel, fresh up and next will start the visit some local best churches in town included of St. Joseph's Cathedral (Vietnamese: Nhà th? L?n Hà N?i, Nhà th? Chính tòa Thánh Giuse) is a church on Nha Tho (Church) Street in the Hoàn Kì?m District of Hanoi, Vietnam. The late 19th-century Gothic Revival (Neo-Gothic style) church serves as the cathedral of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Hanoi to nearly 4 million Catholics in the country.

Construction began in 1886, with the architectural style described as resembling Notre Dame de Paris. The church was one of the first structures built by the French colonial government in Indochina when it opened in December 1886. It is the oldest church in Hanoi. Next will be Ham Long Church (Vietnamese: Nhà thờ Hàm Long) is a Roman Catholic church in the center district Hoan Kiem of Hanoi, Vietnam. The church was built at the end of the 19th century near an old street named Hàm Long from which Ham Long Church was called. Today, Ham Long Church is one of the three major churches of Hanoi and also the visit to Cua Bac Church (Vietnamese: Nhà thờ Cửa Bắc) 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 Hanoi's urban plan supervised by Ernest Hébrard. Today, Cua Bac Church is one of the three major churches of Hanoi, together with Ham Long Church and Saint Joseph Cathedral. In November, 2006, the Cua Bac Catholic Church became the venue of joint worship service of the Vietnamese Catholics and Protestants with participation of the United States President George W. Bush, who was on an official visit to Vietnam and have dinner at finest local restaurant in town before transfer back your hotel. Overnight Hanoi. (B/L/D)

DAY 5: HANOI - PHAT DIEM CATHEDRAL (NINH BINH PROVINCE)

Have breakfast in the hotel, next we will heading out to Ninh Binh some 120 km from Hanoi for visiting the Phat Diem Cathedral, built in 1875s to 1898s. 'Phat Diem' means generating beauty, named by Nguyen Cong Tru. The church was built during the 24 consecutive years. With the technical level and traffic conditions of the late 19th century, the method to transfer thousands of tons of stone, hundreds of ironwood trees to Phat Diem in order to build the cathedral is very difficult. Kim Son is the new land, before, it is very muddy. So as to solve subsidence of this area before building, people moved a small mountain to Phat Diem. Visitors can see So Mountain; it is a part of the mountain which had been moved to Phat Diem. Cathedral is the main church built in 1891. It has 5 entrances and carved arch. The cathedral has 74 meters length, 21 meters width, 15 meters height and 4 roofs. Inside the church there includes 6 monolithic ironwood columns; two rows of columns with 11 meters height, 2.35 meters in circumference, 10 tons weight in each column. Besides, it has a large altar was made by a monolithic boulder with 3 meters length, 0.9 meters width, 0.8 meters height and 20 tons weight. In the front of the boulder, it was carved with flowers of the four seasons. Two sides of the cathedral are 4 churches with the unique architectural. next will transfer for lunch and next will take sampan boat cruise along rice field in Tam Coc before drive back Hanoi. Overnight in Hanoi (B/L)

DAY 6: HANOI - DEPARTURE

Have breakfast at hotel and next transfer to the 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
2 Paxs	----	----	767 \$	----	----
4 Paxs	----	----	534 \$	----	----
6 Paxs	----	----	433 \$	----	----
8 Paxs	----	----	383 \$	----	----
Single Supplement	0 \$	0 \$	268 \$	0 \$	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
2 Paxs	----	----	788 \$	----	----
4 Paxs	----	----	555 \$	----	----

6 Paxs	----	----	454 \$	----	----
8 Paxs	----	----	404 \$	----	----
Single Supplement	0.0 \$	0.0 \$	275.7 \$	0.0 \$	0.0 \$

HOTELS OR SIMILAR STANDARD				
Hotel names	Category	Room type	Link website	Location
Alagon Western Hotel (Hoang Hai Long 2)	3	Deluxe (No Window)	www.alagonhotels.com	SAI GON
Asia Hotel hue	3	Executive Deluxe	http://www.asiahotels.com	HUE
Adamas Hanoi Hotel (Former name Demantoid)	3	Deluxe Room	www.adamashanoi.com	HANOI

INCLUSION

All Private transportation and transfers for airport and city tour (AC, New)
 Private Sampan boat in Tam Coc
 English speaking guide
 Meals as indicated in tour itinerary (**B=breakfast, L= Lunch, D= Dinner**)
 Relevant permits and fees
 All accommodation based on twin share basis with daily breakfast

EXCLUSION

Flights from
 + **Saigon- Hue = 120 USD/ One way ticket (Eco Class)**
 + **Hue – Hanoi = 120 USD/ One way ticket (Eco Class)**
 Drinks on boat or in restaurants
 Early check in and late check out (Check in hotel at 02.00 Pm and check out at 12.00 am)
 Travel insurance
 Personal expenses
 Tips and gratuities = 3-5\$/ per person/ day

NOTE

