

**THE GLORIES OF VIETNAM
20 DAYS / 19 NIGHTS**



Discover enchanting Hanoi and breathtaking Halong Bay. Explore the hill tribe villages in Vietnam's northern Region, Sapa. Visit the historical cities of Hue and Hoi An and discover the floating villages on the Mekong Delta. Vietnam is Asia's cultural jewel full of colour, friendly people, beautiful beaches and magical rice fields!

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DAY 1 HANOI

Arrive in Hanoi, city of lakes, shaded boulevards and public parks. Transfer to your hotel.

Accommodation: Pan Pacific Hanoi 5* or similar, for 2 nights

DAY 2 HANOI

Today, your visit will include Hoan Kiem Lake in the city center and the Temple of Literature dedicated to Confucius. After lunch, visit a museum and return to your hotel. In the evening enjoy a welcome dinner. (B/L/D)

DAY 3 HANOI · HALONG

Morning departure for Halong Bay. After check-in on your “junk” boat, start cruising amongst thousands of islands emerging from the Gulf of Tonkin. Visit Dinh Huong and Ga Choi islands and Songsot cave (or similar). Lunch and dinner and overnight on board. (B/L/D)

Accommodation : Prince Junk 2 (4 cabins) or similar 4*for 1 night

DAY 4 HALONG – HANOI - SAPA

Breakfast on board and while enjoying the cruise back to shore. Disembark and transfer by vehicle to Hanoi and to Sapa. (B/L)

Accommodation : Victoria Sapa Resort 4* or similar, for 2 nights

DAY 5 SAPA

Excursion to remote tribal villages (Thanh Phu - My Son - Nam Sai - Nam Cang)

Leave Sa Pa at about 08.30am by vehicle and travel southwards to Sa Pa. The first 16km portion of the road offers spectacular landscapes of Hoang Lien mountain range, Fansipan peak as well as marvelous terraced rice fields of the Muong Hoa valley. Enjoy several photo stops before arriving to Su Pan commune where customers will pay a visit to Hoa Su Pan, a small hamlet of the Black Hmong for half an hour. Continue the trip along the road further south to Muong Bo valley of Thanh Phu commune. Walk along the large



village path for nearly an hour and visit several homes of the Tai people who live in spacious houses built on stilts. Witness their daily life and experience their hospitality. Lunch break in a local home. Continue the trip in the afternoon with a short drive along the rocky road to My Son and spend a half an hour to walk around this charming village of the Xa Pho ethnicity (whose population is only more than 6 thousand people) for a brief understanding of their very unique culture and custom. Then travel further to Nam Cang commune for visiting a beautiful and prosperous village of the Red Dao people in Nam Than village. This portion of the road ride offers beautiful scenery of the Nam Sai Valley. Leave Nam Cang in mid-afternoon and drive back along the same way to Sa Pa (B/L)

DAY 6 SAPA - HANOI (300 KMS)

Sleepy pot-bellied pigs, children playing with homemade toys, women weaving traditional cloth - these are just some of the scenes you may witness in the Hmong hill tribe villages you'll visit today. You'll trek through incredible landscape with views of mountains and valleys, stopping in rustic villages of simple wooden houses. Drive back to Hanoi and transfer to your hotel. (B/L)

Accommodation: Pan Pacific Hanoi 5* or similar, for 1 night

DAY 7 HANOI – HUE (flight)

Early morning transfer to the airport for your flight to Hue. Arrive in Hue and transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure. (B/L)

Accommodation: EMM Hotel Hue 4* or similar, for 2 nights

DAY 8 HUE

Visit the Old Imperial City modeled after the Forbidden City of Beijing, the Thai Hoa Palace, and the Halls of the Mandarins. Enjoy a leisurely boat ride on the Perfume River and visit the Thien Mu Pagoda. Continue cruising to the Imperial Tomb of Minh Mang, a majestic complex of courtyards, pavilions and temples. (B/L)

DAY 9 HUE · DANANG · HOI AN

Take the scenic route to Hoi An with spectacular landscapes and mountains. Stop in Danang and visit the Cham Museum. Pass by China Beach and the Marble Mountains before arriving in Hoi An. (B/L)

Accommodation: Lasenta Boutique Hotel 4* or similar, for 2 nights

DAY 10 HOI AN

Enjoy a walking tour through the cobbled streets to see the central market and the harbor. Visit a private house and its traditional setting. Continue to the Japanese Covered Bridge, built by the Japanese community to link the town with the Chinese quarters across the stream. (B/L)

DAY 11 HOI AN · DANANG · CAM RANH BAY · NHA TRANG (flight)

Transfer to Danang airport for your flight to Cam Ranh Bay. Arrive and transfer to Nha Trang (36kms). Check in to your hotel and rest of the day at leisure. (B/L)

Accommodation: Novotel Nha Trang 4* or similar, for 2 nights

DAY 12 NHA TRANG

This morning, visit the Po Nagar Cham Towers. Rest of the day at leisure to enjoy the beach (B/L)





DAY 13 NHA TRANG – DALAT (150 KMS)

Depart by vehicle to Dalat. Arrive and check in to your hotel. (B/L)

Accommodation: Ana Mandara Villas Resort & Spa 5* 2 nights

DAY 14 DALAT

Nestled in the mountains, Dalat is a former colonial hill station with an abundance of colorful parks, lakes, gardens and waterfalls. Its ever temperate climate has earned it the name, the City of Eternal Spring. Stroll around the French District, an area reminiscent of a provincial town in France; visit the beautiful church, Domaine De Marie; and continue to Xq Embroidery to see the exquisite art of hand embroidery. Get an insight into the daily life of the last Vietnamese emperor at Bao Dai's Summer Palace; visit colorful flowers in the City Flower Garden. Continue to visit Datanla Waterfall, reached by a short walk through the rainforest. Return to your hotel and evening at leisure. (B/L)

DAY 15 DALAT · HO CHI MINH (310 KMS)

Depart by vehicle to Ho Chi Minh. Stop en route for lunch. Arrive in Ho Chi Minh and transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure. (B/L)

Accommodation: Grand Hotel 4+* for 2 nights

DAY 16 HO CHI MINH

This morning, drive to the Cu Chi Tunnels. Never discovered by American forces, these tunnels were an important Vietcong base during the American War. Stretching over 200 km, this incredible underground network, dug by hand out of hard laterite, connected command posts, hospitals, shelter and weapon factories. Today, walk through the area and learn about the day-to-day life of the Viet Cong, see the cleverly disguised entrances and elaborate booby-traps, and even venture inside the tunnels, some of which have been modified to accommodate tourists. Afterwards, drive to the historic center to visit the Emperor of Jade Pagoda, one of Saigon's most interesting pagodas. Proceed to pay a quick visit to the neo-Romanesque Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office. Pass by the classic European-style landmarks such as the ornate City Hall (Hotel De Ville), the old Opera House (both may only be viewed from the outside). Finally, end up at the central Ben Thanh Market, where vendors display a vast array of goods and handicrafts, appealing to every taste. (B/L)

DAY 17 HO CHI MINH – BEN TRE - CANTHO (MEKONG DELTA) (201 KMS)

Depart by vehicle from Saigon to Can Tho with sightseeing in Ben Tre and a boat ride to Mekong River Islands. Journey through the Mekong Delta to My Tho. Take a boat trip on the Mekong River to Tan Thach (Ben Tre) where local handicrafts and sweets from coconut are produced. Enjoy fresh seasonal fruits, a performance of traditional songs, and observe the local life. Take a short ride on motor cart to a typical local house to taste some homemade honey-tea. Proceed by with small sampan boat through the small canals and observe daily life along the riverbanks, stopping for a leisurely stroll. Continue by vehicle to Can Tho. (B/L)

Accommodation: Victoria Cantho Resort 4* or similar, for 2 nights

DAY 18 CANTHO

The merchants have a great way of showing off their wares at the Cai Rang Floating Market. They simply hang a sample off the top of a long pole! Explore by boat and get close up photos of the colourful boats piled high with seasonal vegetables and tropical fruits. Mingle among the merchants as they trade from boat to boat. Check out the riverside town of Can Tho to see the bustling local market, the distinctive Ong Temple and a beautifully preserved French-style ancient house. Return to your hotel. (B/L)

DAY 19 CANTHO – HO CHI MINH

Depart by vehicle and transfer back to Ho Chi Minh for your last night in Vietnam. (B/L)

Accommodation › Grand Hotel 4+* or similar, for 1 night

DAY 20 HO CHI MINH

Transfer to the airport. End of services. (B)



INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation in double occupancy in 4* and 5* hotels as indicated, or similar
- Domestic flights within Vietnam, as per itinerary: Hanoi-Hue, Danang-Cam Ranh Bay
- Return airport transfers by private car
- Visits as per itinerary with private English speaking local private guides
- Meals as per itinerary

Not included · International airfare and airport taxes · Gratuities to hotel personnel, guides and drivers · Beverages · Optional excursions · Visa for Vietnam \$

This tour is guaranteed with minimum 2 passengers. A private vehicle with driver and private local guides will be provided during sightseeing. Hotels mentioned above can be replaced with similar categories

Rates are in CAD\$, per person, starting from	Land package
DAILY DEPARTURES 2021	Double occupancy
January 10 – November 30	6199
Single supplement (minimum 2 passengers required for tour)	TBA

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