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Vietnam Explorer: Hanoi, Halong Bay, Danang & Saigon

Hanoi · Halong Bay · Danang · Marble Mountains · Hoi An · Ba Na Hills

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DURATION	DESTINATION	MEALS	STARTING FROM
10 Days / 9 Nights	**Vietnam**	**As per itinerary**	**Get Your Custom Plan**

Highlights

Ten days from north to south: Hanoi and Ninh Binh, a night on a Halong Bay cruise, Danang, Hoi An and Ba Na Hills, then the Mekong Delta, Cu Chi Tunnels and Saigon.

Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1

Hanoi Arrival and City Tour

On arrival at Noi Bai International Airport in Hanoi, your driver and local guide will meet you and take you to your hotel. Check in is from 2 pm; early check in carries a surcharge.

Enjoy a Hanoi city tour. Visit the Ho Chi Minh complex (outside), including Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, the final resting place of Vietnam's beloved Uncle Ho, and then the One Pillar Pagoda. Visit the Temple of Literature, the first university of Vietnam. Drive to Tran Quoc Pagoda on the shore of West Lake and enjoy the fresh air by the water. The tour ends at Hanoi Old Quarter and Hoan Kiem Lake (Restored Sword Lake), with Ngoc Son Temple (outside), The Huc Bridge and Thap But (Pen Tower).

Meals: None

Overnight: Hanoi

Day 2

Ninh Binh Day Trip

Drive about 90 km south of Hanoi to Ninh Binh, an ancient capital of Vietnam before Hanoi took that role in the 11th century. Start at Hoa Lu with the old temples dedicated to King Dinh and King Le, who reigned in the 10th century. Continue with a boat trip at Tam Coc, where limestone karsts rise from green paddy fields, earning the area the name "Halong Bay on land". Return to Hanoi.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Hanoi

Day 3

Hanoi to Halong Bay Overnight Cruise

After an early breakfast your driver will take you from the hotel to the coast at Halong. The journey takes around four hours, with a break to stretch your legs. At Tuan Chau Marina board your boat and start cruising.

Halong Bay is a UNESCO World Heritage Site of almost 2,000 islands and jungle covered limestone pillars. Enjoy an overnight cruise with an excellent menu of fresh seafood. Lunch and dinner are served on board.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Overnight: On the cruise

Day 4

Halong Bay to Hanoi

Wake early to enjoy the bay at its best. After tea or coffee and pastries, the boat continues through the limestone formations of Halong Bay and its more secluded islands. After a hearty brunch on board at 12 noon you return to Halong Harbour.

Drive back to Hanoi.

Meals: Breakfast and brunch

Overnight: Hanoi

Day 5

Flight to Danang

Free time until your transfer to Noi Bai Airport for the flight to Danang, where you are met and taken to your hotel. The rest of the day is free to explore Danang.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Danang

Day 6

Marble Mountains and Hoi An

Visit the Marble Mountains, a cluster of five limestone and marble hills, and explore the caves, pagodas and shrines within them, such as Huyen Khong Cave, Tam Thai Pagoda and Linh Nham Cave.

Visit Hoi An town, listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site in 1999 for its unusually well preserved ancient streets and homes: the Japanese Bridge, a merchant house, the Chinese Fujian Temple, Hoi An Central Market, the Museum of History and Culture and the Hoi An Handicraft Workshop.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Danang

Day 7

Ba Na Hills and Flight to Saigon

Your driver and local guide take you to Ba Na Hills. Ride the record setting cable car to the hill station and see the Golden Bridge, Vong Nguyet hills, Linh Ung Pagoda and the old French villas. Continue by cable car to Nui Chua Mountain, the top of the Ba Na range, to see Nghinh Phong Peak, Le Nim Villas and the Orchid Garden. Ride the hill funicular, the first in Vietnam, visit an old French wine cellar (Debay Ancient Wine Cellar) and stroll through Le Jardin D'Amour flower garden.

Transfer to Danang Airport for the short flight to Saigon.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Saigon

Day 8

Mekong Delta

A day excursion takes you to My Tho. Walk along the waterfront lined with French era shops and houses, watch coconuts being unloaded from boats, then board a boat to cruise the Mekong River. The excursion ends at around 4 pm, followed by the return to Saigon.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Saigon

Day 9

Cu Chi Tunnels and Saigon City Tour

Visit the Cu Chi Tunnels, an underground defence network of about 250 km first dug in the late 1940s and used as a base during the war with America. It held clinics, living rooms, kitchens, stores and offices. Take a short jungle walk to see the traps, secret entrances, bunkers and hideouts.

In the afternoon enjoy a half day Saigon city tour: Notre Dame Cathedral, the Old Post Office built between 1877 and 1883, Thien Hau Pagoda from the early 19th century and Ben Thanh Market.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Saigon

Day 10

Saigon Departure

Breakfast at the hotel, then free time until your transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotels

Eco

- First Eden Hotel (Deluxe) or similar — Hanoi
- Hera Classic Boutique Cruise (Deluxe) or similar — Halong Bay
- Fivitel King Hotel (Superior) or similar — Danang
- Avanti Hotel (Superior) or similar — Saigon

Comfort

- Minasi Premium (Deluxe) or similar — Hanoi
- Verdure Classic Cruise (Deluxe) or similar — Halong Bay
- Grand Gold (Deluxe Partial Sea View) or similar — Danang
- Aristo Hotel (Premier Deluxe) or similar — Saigon

Premium

- May De Ville Luxury Hotel & Spa (Deluxe City View) or similar — Hanoi
- Verdure Luxury Cruise (Deluxe) or similar — Halong Bay
- Peninsula Hotel (Deluxe City Queen) or similar — Danang
- Equatorial Ho Chi Minh (Deluxe City View) or similar — Saigon

Twin sharing · taxes as applicable

Inclusions

- ✓ Hotel stays with breakfast, on double, twin or triple sharing
- ✓ All airport, hotel and sightseeing transfers
- ✓ English speaking guide as mentioned
- ✓ Meals as mentioned
- ✓ Sightseeing tours and cruise as shown in the itinerary
- ✓ Bottled drinking water in the vehicle (1 to 2 bottles per person per day)
- ✓ Overnight Halong Bay cruise (2 days, 1 night)

Exclusions

- ✗ Visa arrangements
- ✗ Flights, including flights within Vietnam, and international taxes
- ✗ Travel insurance
- ✗ Early check in and late check out
- ✗ Hotel or room upgrades
- ✗ Festival surcharges and compulsory festival meals charged by hotels
- ✗ Detours
- ✗ Tips and personal expenses
- ✗ Any service not clearly listed as included

Additional Information

- We strongly recommend travel insurance, including emergency medical evacuation, for trips to Vietnam.
- Air fares can change without notice by the airline.
- Peak dates (Christmas, New Year, Vietnamese Lunar New Year, Easter and national holidays) may carry extra charges and compulsory meals.
- Hotel check in is from 2 pm on the day of arrival and check out is by 12 noon on the day of departure. Early check in or late check out costs extra.
- Hotels listed are examples; you will stay at these or similar ones.

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