

TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

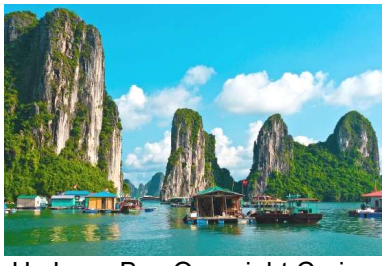
Best of Vietnam

10-Day, 9-Night Journey

Hanoi, Ha Long Bay, Hue, Hoi An, Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)

From Limestone Peaks to Ancient Royal Cities & Serene Delta Dreams.

Journey from Hanoi's soulful water puppets to the emerald waters and limestone wonders of Ha Long Bay. Uncover Hue's imperial majesty before wandering Hoi An's lantern-lit streets and the mystical Marble Mountains. Finally, immerse yourself in Saigon's dynamic energy and the lush, winding waterways of the Mekong Delta. This 10-day odyssey captures the very heart of Vietnam's rich heritage, breathtaking nature, and unforgettable local charm.



Ha Long Bay Overnight Cruise



Exploring hidden sea caves, Ha Long Bay Cruise



Tran Quoc Pagoda, Hanoi



Purple Forbidden City: A royal family residence in Hue



Cantonese assembly hall, Hoi An



Island Villages in Mekong Delta

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Highlights

- Ha Long Bay 5-Star Overnight Cruise with kayaking, sea cave/floating village visit and cooking class
- Hanoi City Rickshaw Tour with Old Quarter
- Water Puppet Show
- Hue Imperial City tour with Royal Tombs
- Marble Mountain & Museum of Cham Sculpture Tour
- Hoi An Ancient Town and Lantern Workshop
- Ho Chi Minh City Tour
- Mekong Delta Excursion

Inclusions

- Private Airport Transfers
- Hand-Picked City Center Hotels
- Daily Breakfast, 3 lunches & 1 dinner
- English-speaking Local Guide & Driver
- Entrance Fees to Monuments and Attractions per Itinerary
- Excursion transfers

Exclusions

- International Airfare
- Domestic Airfare
- Government Tourism Fee
- Travel Insurance
- Medical Expenses
- Visa Fee
- Gratuities
- Personal Expenses

Nearby Airport

Hanoi - Noi Bai International Airport (HAN)
Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) – Tan Son Nhat International Airport (SGN)



Itinerary

2 NIGHTS IN HANOI

DAY 1: ARRIVE HANOI

Welcome to Vietnam! Your driver will meet you at the airport for a transfer to your hotel.

Hanoi is one of the most ancient capitals in the world. Travelers can find well-preserved colonial buildings, ancient pagodas, and unique museums within the city center. This former French colonial city is known for its delectable cuisine, vibrant nightlife, silks and handicrafts, as well as a multi-cultural community with Chinese, French and Russian influences.
[Meals: None]

DAY 2: HANOI HIGHLIGHTS WITH OLD QUARTER GUIDED CYCLO TOUR, WATER PUPPET SHOW

Discover the timeless charm of Hanoi's Old Quarter on a relaxing **panoramic sightseeing tour by traditional cyclo rickshaw** (4 hours). A comfortable and authentic way to experience the city at a slower pace while taking memorable photos.
Your local driver will guide you through **the Old Quarter** from **Tran Quoc Pagoda** by the serene **West Lake**, **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum**, **Vietnam Museum of Ethnology**, passing the red bridge at **Hoàn Kiếm Lake**, **Temple of Literature**-an ancient Confucian university, **Hỏa Lò Prison** - the infamous **"Hanoi Hilton".**
This evening, enjoy a water puppet show (1 hour). **Water Puppet Show** offers a unique and charming cultural experience, featuring traditional Vietnamese folklore and rural life stories told through puppets dancing on a water-filled stage.
[Meals: Breakfast]

1 NIGHT IN HA LONG BAY

DAY 3: HANOI - HA LONG BAY OVERNIGHT CRUISE WITH BALCONY CABIN

Depart for your overnight cruise on **Ha Long Bay**, often called Vietnam's eighth wonder of the world. Ha Long means Descending Dragon. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore the bay with adventure excursions such as kayaking, visiting a sea cave or floating village, swimming, and fishing. Settle onto your deck chair and witness a spectacular sunset amongst the bay's rock formations. Join in a cooking demonstration featuring traditional Vietnamese cuisine, followed by a gourmet dinner onboard. Retire to your cabin to enjoy a restful night's sleep as the waves lap gently against the hull.
***Note**: Ha Long Bay activities may change without prior notice, due to cruise, sailing and weather conditions.*
[Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner]

2 NIGHTS IN HUE

DAY 4: HA LONG BAY - HUE

Greet the new day with a sunrise Tai Chi lesson with a beautiful view of the bay. Breakfast on the boat followed by a choice of activities eg. limestone cave boat trip. After Ha Long Bay, return to Hanoi airport for your late afternoon flight to **Hue.** Your driver will meet you at Hue airport for a transfer to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free.

Hue is a former Imperial City that is celebrated for its great culture, historic attractions, and sophisticated cuisine.
[Meals: Breakfast &Brunch]

DAY 5: HUE IMPERIAL CITY & ROYAL TOMB TOUR

Step into Vietnam's royal past on an unforgettable full-day journey through Hue with an expert guide (8 hours). Step back in time at the **UNESCO-listed Imperial Citadel**, marvel at the contrasting architecture of the **Tự Đức and Khải Định Royal Tombs**, and unwind in the charming **Ancient Garden Houses**. Cruise the serene **Perfume River** to the iconic **Thiên Mụ Pagoda**, soak in sweeping vistas from **Vọng Cảnh Hill**, and immerse yourself in local heritage at the vibrant **Thủy Xuân Incense and Conical Hat Village**.
[Meals: Breakfast, Lunch]

2 NIGHTS IN HOI AN

DAY 6: HUE - DANANG - HOI AN | MARBLE MOUNTAIN, MUSEUM OF CHAM SCULPTURE

Travel to Hoi An over the spectacular Hai Van Pass. Enjoy a guided tour of **Danang City**, **Marble Mountains**, and the **Cham Sculpture Museum** (5 hours), featuring breathtaking views along Da Nang's coastline. Venture into the natural limestone caves, tunnels and towers of **Marble Mountain**. These heights are adorned with serene pagodas and shrines established by Mahayana Buddhists and the kings of the Nguyen Dynasty.
At the **Cham Museum**, admire hundreds of intricate Hindu stone sculptures celebrating the golden age of the Champa Kingdom (2nd–17th century). Conclude your day with a drop-off in charming Hoi An Ancient Town.
A UNESCO World Heritage Site, **Hoi An** has preserved a rich cultural tapestry woven by Chinese, Japanese, and European traders since the 16th century. Today, the town's narrow streets are a treasure trove of handcrafted silks, express custom tailoring, and local artisans. Beyond its architecture, Hoi An is a true **culinary magnet**, fueled by the fresh bounty of neighboring organic farms and traditional fishing villages.
[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 7: HOI AN ANCIENT TOWN, LANTERN WORKSHOP

Explore the historic, lantern-lit streets of **Hoi An** on a guided 4-hour walking tour. Discover the town's unique multicultural heritage at the iconic **Japanese Covered Bridge** and ornate merchant sites—including the **Phúc Kiến (Fujian) Assembly Hall** and **Đức An Old House**. Stroll along the scenic **Hoài River** and through peaceful **Kazik Park** as your guide shares the story of early Chinese migrants. Conclude your journey at a **traditional silk lantern workshop** to witness local artisans craft these vibrant symbols of luck, happiness, and wealth.
[Meals: Breakfast]

2 NIGHTS IN HO CHI MINH CITY

DAY 8: HOI AN – HO CHI MINH CITY (SAIGON) | CITY TOUR

This morning, transfer to Hoi An airport and fly to **Ho Chi Minh City** (HCMC, formerly Saigon). Your driver will meet you at the airport for a transfer to your hotel.

In the decades since the Vietnam War, Ho Chi Minh City has become a modern city with sleek skyscrapers while still retaining its elegant French architecture and broad boulevards. It is dotted with ornate temples and pagodas.

This afternoon, **explore HCMC with your tour guide** (4 hours).

Visit **War Remnants Museum**, **Independence Palace**, **Saigon Notre-Dame Cathedral**, **Jade Emperor Pagoda, Ben Thanh Market,** and admire the amazing chandeliers at the elegant **Saigon Central Post Office**.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 9: MEKONG DELTA EXCURSION

In the morning, travel from HCMC to **Ba Lai River** in the **Mekong Delta** (about 9 hours in the morning). Visit a **coconut candy mill, handicrafts village**, and **traditional brick kiln**. Continue with a canal cruise, tuk-tuk or bike ride, and row boat. Pass by rice fields and vegetable gardens to see daily life and find out about tropical culture from the locals.

[Meals: Breakfast, Lunch]

DAY 10: HO CHI MINH CITY (SAIGON)| END OF TOUR

After breakfast, the tour comes to an end. Hotel check-out and transfer to **Tan Son Nhat International Airport (SGN)** for your flight home**.**

[Meals: Breakfast]

Important Notes & Optional Add-ons

‣ Group vs. Private: Bookings of 1 to 7 guests include group excursions, while groups of 8 or more automatically receive private tours.

‣ Private Upgrades: Smaller parties preferring a dedicated guide can contact us to upgrade any group excursion to a private tour.

‣ Airport Transfers: All airport transfers are private, regardless of party size.

‣ Schedules: Excursion details, duration, and departure times are subject to change.

‣ Extended Stays: Additional hotel nights are available in every city upon request.

‣ Room Categories: Pricing includes a standard double room. Room upgrades and suites are available upon inquiry.

‣ Late Flights: Standard check-out is 11:00 AM. For evening or overnight flights home, we recommend booking an extra night for a comfortable rest before departure.