



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

Vietnam Culinary Journey

11-Day, 10-Night Journey

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

Eat your way through Vietnam on an immersive culinary odyssey! Across 2,000 miles of coastline, you'll enjoy delectable street food, cook with local chefs, and explore Hanoi's royal heritage. Discover Hoi An—one of Asia's most picturesque towns—and savor its cuisine uniquely shaped by Chinese and French influences. Conclude your journey in vibrant Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC) and float through the lush Mekong Delta. For foodies, this trip is a fantastic way to connect with locals and capture the exuberant and flavor-filled spirit of Vietnam.



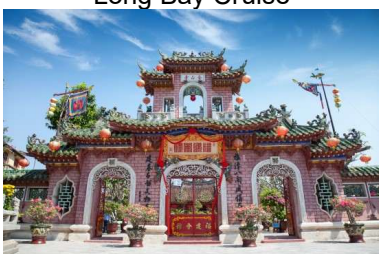
Exploring hidden sea caves, Ha Long Bay Cruise



Tran Quoc Pagoda, Hanoi



Japanese Bridge, Hoi An



Cantonese Assembly Hall, Hoi An



Golden, crispy spring rolls served on traditional bamboo "baskets"



Island Villages in Mekong Delta

Highlights

- Afternoon Hanoi Street Food Safari
- HCMC Food Tasting and Evening Tour by Vespa
- Hanoi Cooking Class with Market Visit
- Hoi An Cooking Class with Local Market Tour
- Herb Village Cooking Class
- Hanoi Old Quarter by Vespa
- Ha Long Bay 5-Star Overnight Cruise with kayaking, sea cave/floating village visit and cooking class
- Tra Que Vegetable Village Biking Tour with Buffalo Riding & Duck Farm Experience
- Cu Chi Underground Tunnels Guided Tour
- Mekong Delta Excursion with Coconut Village

Inclusions

- Private Airport Transfers
- Hand-Picked City Center Hotels
- Daily Breakfast, 3 lunches & 4 dinners
- 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

3 NIGHTS IN HANOI

DAY 1: ARRIVE HANOI



Welcome to Vietnam! Upon arrival, your driver will meet you at the airport for a private transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

Hanoi remains one of the world's most ancient and captivating capitals. In the city center, you'll discover well-preserved colonial architecture, sacred pagodas, and unique museums. Known for its delectable cuisine and vibrant nightlife, this historic city offers a sophisticated blend of Chinese, French, and Russian cultural influences.

[Meals: None]

DAY 2: HANOI BY VESPA & AFTERNOON STREET FOOD SAFARI

Experience Hanoi's iconic landmarks and authentic local life from **the back of a vintage Vespa** (5 hours).

Led by professional riders and an expert guide, you'll weave through the city's vibrant energy—from the historic **Old Quarter** and **Long Bien Bridge** to the serene **West Lake** and **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum**.

This immersive ride offers the perfect vantage point for photos at the **Opera House**, **Tran Quoc Pagoda**, and **Hoan Kiem Lake**.

In the afternoon, treat your palate to **a guided street food tour** through the hidden gems of the city (4 hours) from the Old Quarter, Train Street to Trackside Cafes. Hanoi's cuisine is defined by a delicate, balanced elegance that favors clean, savory flavors and fresh herbs. You'll visit family-run eateries to savor the most iconic dishes that have shaped the capital's culinary heritage.

[Meals: Breakfast, Dinner]

DAY 3: HANOI COOKING CLASS WITH MARKET VISIT

Immerse yourself in Vietnamese cuisine in this morning's **cooking class** (4 hours). You will be exposed to fresh ingredients and start to understand the local Hanoi cuisine. Visit the **Old Quarter**, **French Quarter**, and **a traditional wet market** before heading into the cooking studio. Learn to make at least three authentic Vietnamese dishes, and savor them as your lunch with tea and coffee.

[Meals: Breakfast, Lunch]

1 NIGHT IN HA LONG BAY

DAY 4: HANOI - HA LONG BAY OVERNIGHT VOYAGE WITH BALCONY CABIN

Depart for an unforgettable overnight cruise on **Ha Long Bay**, often hailed as the eighth wonder of the world. Meaning "Descending Dragon," this UNESCO World Heritage Site is a breathtaking seascape of limestone karsts. Immerse yourself in the bay with excursions including kayaking, exploring hidden sea caves, or visiting a floating village.

As evening approaches, witness a spectacular sunset from the deck before joining a traditional Vietnamese cooking demonstration. Enjoy a gourmet dinner onboard before retiring to your cabin, where the gentle lap of the waves ensures a restful night's sleep.

Note: *Long Bay activities are subject to change without prior notice due to cruise schedules, sailing permits, and weather conditions.*

[Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner]

3 NIGHTS IN HOI AN

DAY 5: HA LONG BAY – HOI AN

Greet the day with a serene **Tai Chi session** on the sundeck as the sun rises over the emerald waters of the bay. Enjoy breakfast on board followed by your choice of morning activities. After disembarking the boat, return to Hanoi for your late afternoon flight to **Da Nang**. Upon arrival, your driver will transfer you to the charming town of **Hoi An** for hotel check-in.

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, Brunch]

DAY 6: RED BRIDGE COOKING CLASS

Immerse yourself in the culinary heritage of Central Vietnam with a hands-on experience at the **Red Bridge Cooking School**. Your morning begins with a vibrant guided market tour, followed by a scenic boat trip down the **Thu Bon River** to lush, riverside gardens. Under expert guidance, you'll master regional specialties—including delicate rice paper, traditional *Pho*, and the famous crispy *Banh Xeo* pancakes—all within a relaxed tropical setting.

This afternoon is free for you to explore the golden-hued streets of **Hoi An Ancient Town** on your own.

[Meals: Breakfast, Lunch]

DAY 7: TRA QUE VEGETABLE VILLAGE BIKING TOUR WITH BUFFALO RIDING & DUCK FARMING EXPERIENCE | HERB VILLAGE COOKING CLASS

Embark on a **leisurely cycle*** through **Hoi An's emerald countryside**, where verdant rice paddies and fragrant lotus ponds lead the way to the historic **Tra Que Vegetable Village**. Here, you'll step into the rhythms of rural life, uncovering the **centuries-old artistry** of traditional farming and organic cultivation. Enjoy a tactile connection to the land as you join local farmers in the gardens including rice paddies, lotus ponds, livestock farms and water coconut forest. Along the way, you'll have a chance of a buffalo riding experience.

This evening, enjoy another hands-on **cooking class in Tra Que Herb Village**, featuring an organic garden tour followed by dinner.

***Tailor Your Pace:** For those who prefer a more relaxed journey, our **private, climate-controlled support vehicle** is available to whisk you through the landscape in comfort. Please share your preference when booking.

[Meals: Breakfast, Dinner]

3 NIGHTS IN HO CHI MINH CITY (HCMC)

DAY 8: HOI AN – HCMC, FOOD TASTING & EVENING CITY TOUR

This morning, transfer to **Hoi An airport** for your flight to **Ho Chi Minh City** (formerly Saigon). Upon arrival, your driver will be waiting to whisk you away to your hotel in the heart of the city.

In the decades since the Vietnam War, **HCMC** has transformed into a dynamic metropolis where sleek skyscrapers rise alongside elegant French colonial architecture and broad, leafy boulevards. Between the modern high-rises, you'll find the city is still beautifully dotted with ornate temples and tranquil pagodas.

As the sun sets, experience the electric energy of the city on a **Vespa After Dark Tour**. Led by a professional Vespa driver and expert guide, you'll weave through the bustling 5 neighborhood districts and local markets. Discover the local culture as you zip past glowing food stalls and vibrant night markets for seven food tastings.

[Meals: Breakfast, Dinner]

DAY 9: CU CHI TUNNELS GUIDED TOUR

Journey approximately 1.5 hours outside the city to the historic **Cu Chi Tunnels**, an immense underground network where the Viet Cong lived and fought during the war. Explore this resilient subterranean city (7 hours), from the **underground tunnel network**, camouflaged entrances, booby traps, on-site firing range, to historic war artifacts.

This incredible feat of engineering spans over 75 miles, featuring a hidden world of trapdoors, living quarters, kitchens, storage facilities, armories, field hospitals, and command centers.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 10: MEKONG DELTA & COCONUT VILLAGE EXCURSION

In the morning, travel from HCMC to **Ben Tre** in the **Mekong Delta** (about 9 hours in the morning).

Immerse yourself in Mekong Delta culture on this tour. Enjoy a sampan ride through picturesque river canals, explore charming island villages like Coconut Village, and visit the serene Vinh Trang Pagoda.

[Meals: Breakfast]

DAY 11: 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