



VIETNAM DISCOVERY

14 days/13 nights Land only, Small Group Tour



HIGHLIGHTS: Experience the diverse faces of Vietnam in only two weeks! Discover the charms of Vietnam, its French Colonial influences, amazing scenery and fascinating history.



^ Hoi An Market

DAY 1: ARRIVE HO CHI MINH CITY

On arrival in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), you will be met by our friendly representative and transferred to your hotel. This evening, meet the rest of your group for a welcome drink, tour briefing and dinner. **Overnight: Ho Chi Minh City, Rex Hotel (Standard) or Sheraton Saigon (Deluxe) for 3 nights. (D)**

DAY 2: CITY TOUR & CU CHI TUNNELS

Ho Chi Minh City is Vietnam's commercial capital and a city of extraordinary energy. Begin with a walking tour of Saigon's landmarks such as Ho Chi Minh Square and Notre Dame Cathedral. Tour the Reunification Palace (formerly the Presidential Palace). Drive to Cholon to visit the huge Binh Tay wholesale market and the Thien Hau Pagoda. For lunch, try "Pho" (pronounced "fur"), the delicious Vietnamese noodle soup. This afternoon, travel from the center of Saigon by riverboat along the Saigon River to the Cu Chi Tunnels. Stop at a riverside pottery and ceramics village in Binh Duong. Return to Ho Chi Minh City by boat this afternoon. (B)

DAY 3: MEKONG DELTA

The Mekong River is one of the world's great rivers, originating in China. Travel south to My Tho, the gateway to the Delta and Vietnam's agricultural heart. Travel by boat to one of the islands in the middle of the Mekong River. Visit a fruit orchard and try some of the local produce, then board a smaller sampan that winds along narrow canals. Enjoy the local hospitality over lunch before returning to Ho Chi Minh City late afternoon. (B,L)

DAY 4: HO CHI MINH CITY - DALAT

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Dalat (flight included). Dalat is now a city of great local character and faded French elegance. This afternoon you will visit the Summer Palace of Vietnam's last emperor, Bao Dai. Continue on to visit an interesting pagoda inhabited by a Zen Buddhist monk and his amazing garden of paintings. **Overnight: Dalat, Novotel Dalat (Standard) or Ana Mandara Villas (Deluxe) for 1 night. (B)**

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PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE

VIETNAM DISCOVERY PRICE INCLUDES:

- All domestic flights and transfers
- 13 nights hotel accommodation (choice of Standard or Deluxe)
- All road transport via air-conditioned vehicles
- Local English speaking guides throughout
- Sightseeing as specified (excluding entrance fees)
- Western tour leader based on minimum 7 people
- 13 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners

Itinerary subject to change. **Not Included:** International flights, entrance fees in local currency (approx. \$35USD payable direct) not included in standard option; lunch on day 3 and dinner on days 1, 9 and 13 included in deluxe option only; International and domestic departure taxes, visa fees, porters, insurance, gratuities, and items of a personal nature. **Note:** Prices are "from" and seasonal surcharges may apply. Cruise itineraries are subject to change due to sailing conditions, dam construction and/or safety concerns. **Visa Requirements:** A valid visa is required and must be obtained prior to entering Vietnam. **Travel insurance is mandatory.**

Price per person US\$	DOUBLE	SINGLE
Standard	\$2295	\$2965
Deluxe	\$3480	\$5365

Grade: Easy **Maximum Group Size: 15**

Suitable for travelers of all ages with an average level of fitness and mobility.

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DAY 5: DALAT – NHA TRANG

Enjoy free time in Dalat’s colorful market or stroll around its central lake. Later, journey to Nha Trang over the spectacular Ngoan Muc Pass to the Poklongarai Cham Towers near Phan Rang. Arrive in Nha Trang late in the afternoon in time to unwind with a drink or a meal at one of the many seaside restaurants as the sun sets. **Overnight: Nha Trang, Asia Paradise Hotel (Standard) or Ana Mandara Resort (Deluxe) for 2 nights.** (B)

DAY 6: NHA TRANG

Today you’ll be transferred to the port to board your boat for a cruise through the clear blue waters among the islands off Nha Trang. You will have the chance to stop for some swimming and snorkeling (optional) before enjoying a fresh, bountiful seafood lunch. Return to your hotel mid afternoon for some free time. (B,L)

DAY 7: NHA TRANG – HOI AN

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Danang (flight included). On arrival, visit the famous Cham Museum. Next, travel south to Marble Mountains, which have a number of sacred Buddhist shrines. A short drive takes you to China Beach, the former U.S. R&R beach escape. Continue on to the ancient town of Hoi An – Vietnam’s most active trading center. Later, take a walking tour of enchanting Hoi An to see an old merchant house, the Hoi An Museum and the Japanese Covered Bridge. **Overnight: Hoi An, Hoi An Trails Resort (Standard) or Life Heritage Resort (Deluxe) for 2 nights.** (B)

DAY 8: RIVERBOAT CRUISE

Most of today is free for you to enjoy this beautiful town with its numerous clothing shops, colorful fish market and river life. In the late afternoon, board a riverboat and enjoy a leisurely 90-minute cruise along the Thu Bon River, passing scenic farmland and paddy fields, to Hoi An town. This evening, dine at one of Hoi An’s appealing restaurants or try a fun cooking class. (B)

DAY 9: HOI AN – HUE

This morning, travel to the imperial capital Hue via the spectacular Hai Van Pass. This drive is considered one of the most beautiful in Vietnam. Visit the impressive home of the Nguyen Dynasty emperors – the Citadel, and the Thien Mu Pagoda. Return to your hotel by dragon boat along the Perfume River. This evening, sample some of the delicious cuisine for which Hue is famous.



^ Halong Bay

Overnight: Hue, Saigon Morin Hotel (Standard) or La Residence Hotel & Spa (Deluxe) for 2 nights. (B,D)

DAY 10: MINH MANG’S TOMB

Today enjoy a cruise to the Tomb of Minh Mang, on the bank of the Perfume River. Explore the complex, consisting of 40 buildings, and a courtyard surrounded by warrior statues, temples and pavilions. Return to your hotel this afternoon. (B)

DAY 11: HUE – TOMBS – HANOI

Drive through the Hue countryside to visit the impressive tomb of the Emperor Tu Duc, then on to the French influenced tomb of the 12th emperor Khai Dinh. This afternoon, transfer to the airport for your flight to Hanoi (flight included). On arrival, be transferred to your hotel. Hanoi is one of South East Asia’s most beautiful and engaging cities. **Overnight: Hanoi, Sunway Hotel (Standard) or Sofitel Metropole Hotel (Deluxe) for 3 nights.** (B)

DAY 12: HANOI & WATER PUPPETS

Discover Hanoi today, Vietnam’s gracious capital. Begin your Hanoi experience at the Old Citadel, walking along beautiful tree-lined boulevards toward Ba Dinh Square, site of the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum. This morning there is time to visit the “Ho Chi Minh Quarter” and the intriguing Ho Chi Minh Museum. You will also view the Presidential Palace and One Pillar Pagoda. After lunch, visit the infamous former central prison.

Conclude the afternoon with a cyclo tour of the fascinating Old Quarter. This evening, enjoy a performance of Hanoi’s famous Water Puppets. (B)

DAY 13: HALONG BAY/CRUISE & FAREWELL DINNER

Journey to Hon Gai, the gateway to Halong Bay, passing fields of traditional rice farms. On arrival transfer to the port for a magical cruise around the Bay (approximately 4 hours). Halong Bay boasts over 3,000 islands that jut out of the sea. Time is available to stop at one of the many secluded bays for a refreshing swim (weather permitting). A fresh seafood lunch is served on board the boat. This afternoon, travel back to Hanoi for a farewell dinner celebration with the rest of your group. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: DEPART HANOI

After a leisurely breakfast, transfer to the airport to board your onward flight (flight not included). (B)

OTHER SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS IN VIETNAM

We also offer a number of unique experiences to help you discover the very best Vietnam has to offer:

- Taste of Vietnam 7 days
- North Unveiled 9 days
- Highlights of Vietnam 10 days
- A Tale of Three Cities 10 days
- Vietnam Culinary Discovery 11 days
- Vietnam Experience 15 days
- Trails of Vietnam 16 days
- The New Vietnam 18 days
- Vietnam Grand Adventure 22 days

STANDARD DEPARTURES								DELUXE DEPARTURES					
2007	Nov 4	2008	Feb 24	Apr 20	Jul 6	Sep 14	Nov 9	2007	Dec 16	2008	Mar 23	Jul 13	Nov 2
Sep 2	Nov 11	Jan 6	Mar 2	Apr 27	Jul 13	Sep 21	Nov 16	Sep 9	Dec 23	Jan 13	Apr 6	Jul 27	Nov 16
Sep 16	Nov 18	Jan 13	Mar 9	May 4	Jul 27	Sep 28	Nov 23	Sep 23	Dec 30	Jan 20	Apr 20	Aug 10	Nov 30
Sep 30	Nov 25	Jan 20	Mar 16	May 18	Aug 3	Oct 5	Nov 30	Oct 7		Jan 27	May 4	Aug 24	Dec 7
Oct 7	Dec 9	Jan 27	Mar 23	May 25	Aug 17	Oct 12	Dec 7	Oct 21		Feb 3	May 18	Sep 7	Dec 14
Oct 14	Dec 16	Feb 3	Mar 30	Jun 1	Aug 24	Oct 19	Dec 14	Nov 4		Feb 10	Jun 1	Sep 21	Dec 28
Oct 21	Dec 23	Feb 10	Apr 6	Jun 8	Aug 31	Oct 26	Dec 21	Nov 18		Feb 24	Jun 15	Oct 5	
Oct 28	Dec 30	Feb 17	Apr 13	Jun 22	Sep 7	Nov 2	Dec 28	Dec 2		Mar 9	Jun 29	Oct 19	

Departs
SUNDAYS