

Flavours of Vietnam — 12 Days of Culinary Discovery

12 days · Tailor-made itinerary



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Your journey. Your pace. Your experiences.

Hanoi - Ninh Binh - Halong Bay - Hoi An - Ba Na Hills - Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta

From USD 1,346 per person

Indicative price · international arrival and departure flights excluded

A tour idea we can personalise together.

Your journey at a glance

Destinations: Vietnam



- 1 Hanoi
- 2 Ninh Binh
- 3 Halong Bay
- 4 Hoi An
- 5 Ba Na Hills
- 6 Ho Chi Minh City
- 7 Mekong Delta

— Itinerary - - - Arrival & departure

Connections are schematic. Flights depend on your travel arrangements.

Map data: Natural Earth.

What makes this journey special

- Shared Hanoi cooking class and market visit
- Hoa Lu, Tam Coc and Mua Cave viewpoint day trip
- Overnight Halong Bay cruise
- Hoi An's specialities and floating lanterns
- Golden Bridge and Ba Na Hills
- Saigon street food by scooter
- Mekong Delta coconut candy and honey tea

DAY 1**Arrive in Hanoi**

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Your private driver meets you at the airport and takes you to your hotel. After check-in, explore Hanoi's Old Quarter, colonial architecture and historic streets at your own pace, or rest ahead of the days to come.

Overnight in Hanoi.

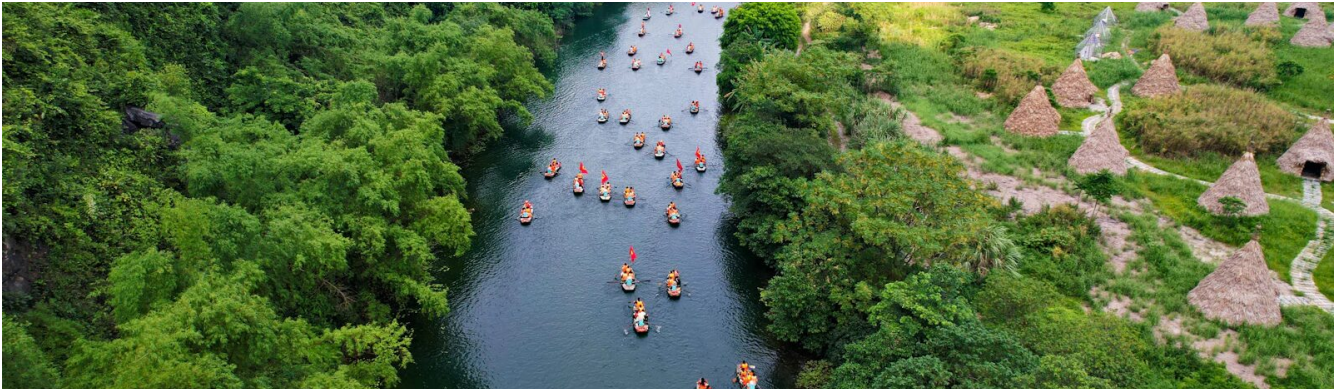
DAY 2**Market visit and shared cooking class (B/L)**

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Your shared cooking class begins with a walk through a local market to choose fresh ingredients. Learn a few Vietnamese phrases and hear about the traditions and beliefs surrounding food and cooking.

At a garden villa, enjoy a herbal welcome drink before preparing and presenting traditional Vietnamese dishes. Sit down to enjoy your creations with local wine. Finish with group photos and a certificate to remember the experience.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 3**Hoa Lu, Tam Coc and the Mua Cave viewpoint (B/L)**

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Spend the day exploring Ninh Binh. Begin at Hoa Lu, Vietnam's ancient capital, and learn about its imperial history before cycling through the surrounding villages.

Enjoy a buffet at Ninh Binh Excursion Restaurant, with dishes such as goat, spring rolls, fish, chicken, fried rice and salad; vegetarian options are available. Take a bamboo boat through Tam Coc for around 1.5 hours, then climb almost 500 steps to the Dragon Peak viewpoint at Mua Cave for sweeping views. Return to Hanoi.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 4**Halong Bay: shared overnight cruise (B/L/D)**

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After check-out, travel by bus through the Red River Delta's rice fields to Halong Bay. Board your boat and cruise among limestone formations and caves. Enjoy a seafood lunch, followed by time on the sundeck.

Kayak or swim for a closer look at the scenery. Return to the boat for an early dinner, then relax or join the evening activities on board.

Overnight on board.

DAY 5**Halong Bay to Hanoi (B/Brunch)**

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Rise early to watch the sunrise. Breakfast is served in the dining room, followed by a gentle tai chi session. Afterwards, explore a limestone cave with stalagmites and stalactites.

After check-out, enjoy brunch as the boat returns to the harbour, then transfer to your hotel in Hanoi.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 6**Fly to Da Nang and transfer to Hoi An (B)**

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After breakfast, enjoy free time until your private airport transfer. Fly from Hanoi to Da Nang, then transfer to your hotel in Hoi An. Once checked in, the rest of the day is yours to explore.

Overnight in Hoi An.

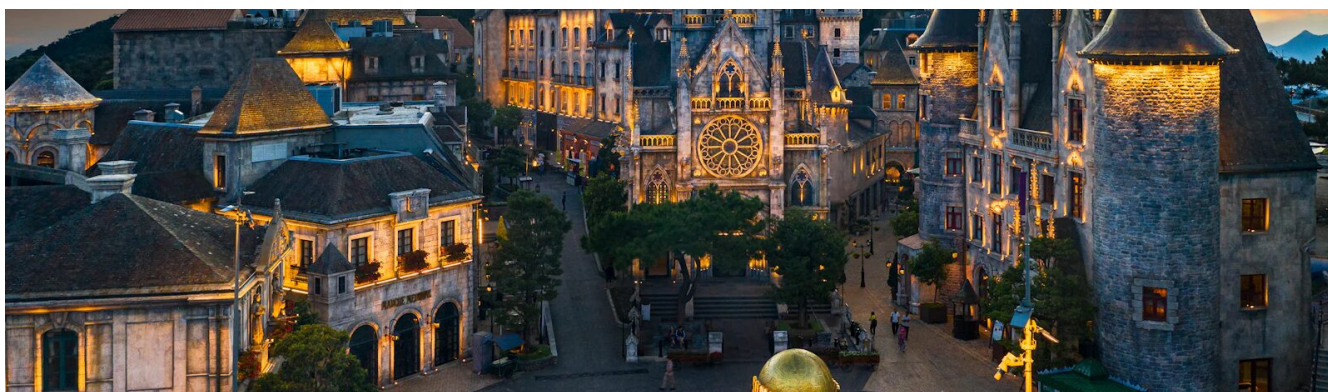
DAY 7**Hoi An's Old Town, local flavours and lanterns (L/D)**

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Meet your guide at 2:30 pm for a walking tour of Hoi An. Begin at the market and the colourful Phuc Kien Assembly Hall, where you learn about ancestor worship. Visit historic houses such as Phung Hung and Tan Ky, the Museum of Folk Culture and the traditional performing arts house.

From the roughly 400-year-old Japanese Bridge, continue through craft shops, galleries, narrow lanes and residential streets. Sample Hoi An specialities over dinner, then end the evening with a boat ride and the release of floating flower lanterns.

Overnight in Hoi An.

DAY 8**Ba Na Hills and the Golden Bridge (B/L)**

Tour photograph · Ba Na Hills

Your minivan collects you between 7:30 and 8 am for Ba Na Hills. Take the cable car to Dream Stream Station, enjoying views over Da Nang. Visit the Golden Bridge, Le Jardin d'Amour gardens and Linh Ung Pagoda.

A second cable car takes you to the French Village, with its street music and performances. After a buffet lunch, ride the Lava Train to attractions including Helios Waterfall, Time Gate and the Moon Kingdom.

Explore Fantasy Park, with attractions such as Fairy Forest, Dinosaur Park, 5D Wild West, 4D Death Race, 3D Mega 360°, Underground Journey, Jurassic Park and Freefall Tower. More than 90 games are included, subject to the offer available on the day. Return to your hotel at around 5:45 pm.

Overnight in Hoi An.

DAY 9**Fly to Ho Chi Minh City (B)**

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After breakfast, enjoy free time until your transfer to Da Nang Airport. Fly to Ho Chi Minh City and transfer to your hotel. Spend the evening settling in or exploring the neighbourhood.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 10**Saigon street food by scooter (B/Tastings)**

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Your English-speaking guide collects you at 6 pm for a scooter tour. After a safety briefing, ride through the evening traffic to local food stalls.

Taste Vietnamese pancakes and hear the stories behind the dishes. Try noodle soups such as bun bo Hue, banh canh or mien ga, then stop at a tucked-away café to discover traditional Vietnamese filter coffee and how it is made. Finish your evening tastings with Vietnamese desserts before returning to the hotel at around 9:30 pm.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 11**Mekong Delta: My Tho and Thoi Son (B/L)**

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You are collected at 7:20 am for your Mekong Delta excursion. In My Tho, board a sampan and cruise past Dragon, Unicorn, Phoenix and Tortoise islands. On Unicorn Island, walk through the countryside, visit orchards and orchid gardens, and taste tropical fruit accompanied by traditional folk music.

Take a hand-rowed sampan along Thoi Son Canal. Visit a family-run bee farm to taste honey tea and learn how coconut candy is made. After lunch at a local restaurant, cycle through Tan Thach village and meet its residents, or relax in a hammock instead. Return to the city afterwards.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 12**Depart from Ho Chi Minh City (B)**

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Enjoy breakfast and check out on your final day. If your flight schedule allows, browse local markets for souvenirs before your driver takes you to the airport for your journey home.

Your journey comes to an end.

Included services

- Domestic flight from Hanoi to Da Nang with 20 kg of baggage.
- Domestic flight from Da Nang to Ho Chi Minh City with 20 kg of baggage.
- Child airfares follow the airline's conditions at booking; please request a personalised quote if travelling with more than one child.
- Experienced English-speaking guide.
- German-, French-, Spanish- or Dutch-speaking guides are available on request for a supplement.
- Meals and tastings as listed in the daily itinerary.
- B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner.
- Vegetarian and vegan meals available on request.
- Private door-to-door collection and drop-off.
- Return air-conditioned bus transfers between Hanoi and Halong.
- Transfers and vehicles for the planned excursions.
- Sightseeing and admission tickets as listed in the daily itinerary.
- Tissues and drinking water in the vehicle.
- Service charges and government taxes.
- Assistance through our 24/7 hotline.

Your personal proposal will set out the included services. Any changes and availability will be confirmed before you book.

Additional costs

- International arrival and departure flights.
- Travel insurance.
- Drinks beyond the agreed tastings, personal expenses and tips.
- Early check-in and late check-out unless listed.
- Compulsory gala dinners on 24 and 31 December, where applicable.
- Holiday surcharges at Christmas, New Year and Tet in Vietnam, where applicable.
- Airport-transfer surcharges between midnight and 5 am.
- Vietnam e-visa, where required.
- Other activities and services not expressly listed.

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Carefully selected accommodation

Suggested hotels by destination and category. Your personal proposal will confirm room types and availability.

Hanoi

3 stars**Chalcedony Hotel or similar****4 stars****Le Jardin Haute Couture or similar****5 stars****Apricot Hotel or similar**

Halong Bay

3 stars**Le Journey Cruise or similar****4 stars****Milalux Cruise or similar****5 stars****Amanda Luxury Cruise or similar**

Hoi An

3 stars**Hoi An Riverside Villas & Apartments or similar****4 stars****The Saga Hoi An or similar****5 stars****Palm Garden Hoi An or similar**

Ho Chi Minh City

3 stars**Acnos Hotel or similar****4 stars****Paragon Saigon Hotel or similar****5 stars****The Myst Dong Khoi Hotel or similar**

Hotels follow the accommodation categories in your proposal; differing examples in individual days are not used in this table. Check-in is from 2 pm and check-out is by noon, unless your itinerary specifies otherwise. The final selection is confirmed when you book.

These hotels are suggestions, not reservations. If unavailable, a comparable alternative will be offered. Columns show the trip categories; some lodges, homestays and cruises may be the same across categories.

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