

Classic Vietnam — 15 Days from Sapa to the Mekong Delta

15 days · Tailor-made itinerary



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Your journey. Your pace. Your experiences.

Hanoi - Sapa - Ta Van - Halong Bay - Ninh Binh - Hue - Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Can Tho

From USD 1,549 per person

Indicative price · international arrival and departure flights excluded

A tour idea we can personalise together.

Your journey at a glance

Destinations: Vietnam

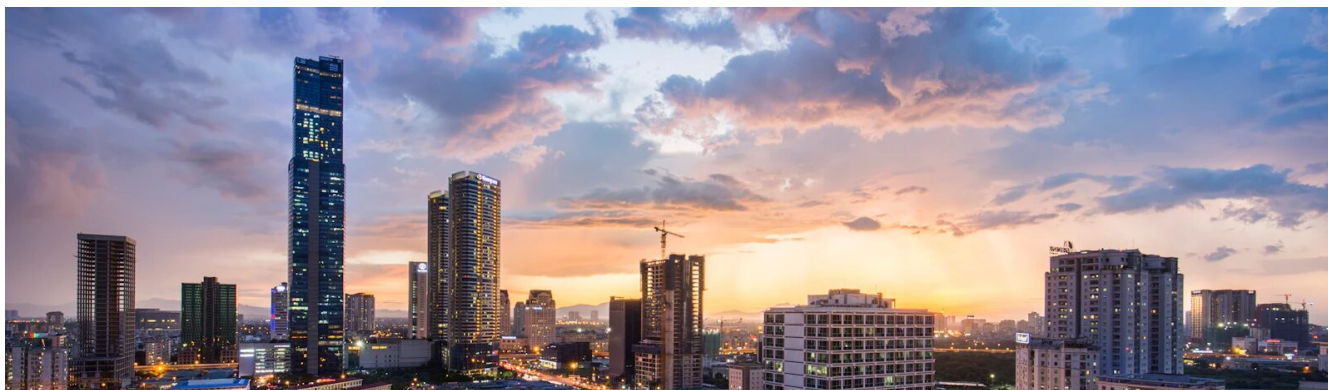


— Itinerary - - - Arrival & departure

Connections are schematic. Flights depend on your travel arrangements.
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What makes this journey special

- Sapa's rice terraces and a Ta Van homestay
- Halong Bay cruise
- Hoa Lu and Tam Coc day trip
- Hue's imperial heritage and crafts
- Free time in Hoi An
- My Tho, Ben Tre and Can Tho
- Cai Rang Floating Market

DAY 1**Welcome to Hanoi**

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Your private driver will meet you at Noi Bai Airport and take you to your hotel in central Hanoi, near the Old Quarter. After check-in, rest after your flight or explore the neighbourhood at your own pace.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 2**Hanoi to Sapa by limousine bus (B)**

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After an early breakfast, check out and travel around six hours to Sapa by limousine bus. Transfer to your hotel, then spend the afternoon and evening exploring the mountain town at your own pace.

Overnight in Sapa.

DAY 3**Walk from Sapa through Y Linh Ho and Lao Chai to Ta Van (B, L)**

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After breakfast, meet your guide at around 9:30 am for a walk of approximately 12 kilometres through rice terraces and mountain scenery. Visit the Hmong villages of Y Linh Ho and Lao Chai, stopping for lunch beside the river in Lao Chai. Continue to Ta Van, where you stay with a Dzay family and learn about their daily life.

DAY 4**Giang Ta Chai and Su Pan, then return to Hanoi (B, L)**

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After breakfast, walk to the Red Dao village of Giang Ta Chai. The route passes through bamboo woodland in Hoang Lien National Park, past a waterfall and a rattan bridge. After lunch, continue through Su Pan and return to Sapa by vehicle. Travel back to Hanoi by limousine bus.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 5**Halong Bay — overnight shared cruise (B, L, D)**

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After breakfast and check-out, your transfer collects you between 8:00 and 9:00 am. Arrive at the pier around midday and board your cruise. After a welcome and check-in, enjoy lunch as you sail between limestone islands. Afternoon activities may include swimming, kayaking or a cave visit, depending on the cruise programme, or you can relax on deck. The boat anchors in a scenic spot around sunset, followed by dinner.

Overnight on board a shared cruise.

DAY 6**Halong Bay to Hanoi (B, L)**

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Enjoy sunrise views over breakfast on board as the boat returns towards the harbour. Have an early lunch before disembarking and taking the bus back to Hanoi. The afternoon and evening are yours to explore.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 7**Hoa Lu and Tam Coc day trip (B, L)**

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Your guide collects you between 7:30 and 8:30 am for the roughly 120-kilometre journey to Ninh Binh, with a short break en route. Visit the temples of Kings Dinh and Le at Hoa Lu, then enjoy a buffet lunch with goat meat, fried rice and vegetarian options. Take a bamboo-boat trip of around 1.5 hours through Tam Coc's caves, followed by a 45-minute bicycle ride through nearby villages. You can relax instead of cycling if you prefer. Return to Hanoi at around 6:30 pm.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 8

Fly to Hue (B)

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Enjoy the morning in Hanoi before your private driver takes you to the airport for your domestic flight to Hue. On arrival, meet your driver and transfer to your central hotel. The rest of the day is free.

Overnight in Hue.

DAY 9**Hue's imperial city, royal tombs and crafts (B, L)**

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Begin your full-day city tour between 8:00 and 8:30 am. A dragon-boat ride of around 30 minutes along the Perfume River takes you to Thien Mu Pagoda. Visit the Imperial Citadel and Dong Ba Market, then have lunch featuring Hue specialities. In the afternoon, explore the tombs of Khai Dinh and Minh Mang. A herbal foot bath and hands-on introductions to conical-hat and incense-making round off the day. Return between 4:00 and 5:00 pm.

Overnight in Hue.

DAY 10**Cross Hai Van Pass to Hoi An (B)**

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After breakfast, travel by private vehicle to Hoi An over the winding Hai Van Pass, also known as the Pass of the Clouds. Enjoy views of green hills, sandy beaches and the sea. On arrival, transfer to your hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight in Hoi An.

DAY 11**Hoi An at leisure (B)**

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Explore Hoi An your way. You might hire a bicycle at your hotel and ride to the river or beach, go swimming or enjoy a fruit drink in a small café. You can also arrange optional tailoring for clothes, bags or shoes.

In the evening, stroll through the Ancient Town as the shops light their lanterns. You may also see street performances. Independent activities and purchases are not automatically included in your tour price.

Overnight in Hoi An.

DAY 12**Fly to Ho Chi Minh City (B)**

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Enjoy your remaining time in Hoi An before your private driver takes you to Da Nang Airport for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City. A driver will meet you at Tan Son Nhat Airport and transfer you to your accommodation. Spend the rest of the day relaxing or exploring the neighbourhood.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 13

My Tho and Ben Tre, then on to Can Tho (B, L)

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Travel from your hotel to My Tho and visit the 19th-century Vinh Trang Pagoda. Take a sampan past Dragon, Unicorn, Phoenix and Tortoise islands. On Unicorn Island, walk through orchards and village lanes, sample tropical fruit and listen to traditional music. A small sampan takes you along Thoi Son Canal to a family beekeeping farm for honey tea and a visit to a coconut-sweet workshop. After lunch, cycle through Tan Thach or relax in a hammock. Continue to Can Tho afterwards.

Overnight in Can Tho.

DAY 14**Cai Rang, a Khmer pagoda and Con Son (B, L)**

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After breakfast, take a boat through branches of the lower Mekong and Bassac rivers to Cai Rang Floating Market. Visit a local noodle workshop and Munir Ansay Pagoda, known for its Khmer architecture.

Travel by boat to Con Son, where you visit orchards and sample seasonal fruit. After lunch, return to Ho Chi Minh City.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 15**Departure from Ho Chi Minh City (B)**

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After breakfast, check out. Depending on your flight time, you may have time to browse local markets for souvenirs before your private driver takes you to the airport for your flight home.

Your journey comes to an end.

Included services

- Domestic flight from Hanoi to Hue with 20 kg of baggage as listed in the proposal.
- Domestic flight from Da Nang to Ho Chi Minh City with 20 kg of baggage as listed in the proposal.
- 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 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.
- Air-conditioned vehicles for the planned excursions and transfers.
- 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.
- Return limousine-bus transfers between Hanoi and Sapa.
- Private transfer from Hue to Hoi An.
- Return air-conditioned bus transfers between Hanoi and Halong.

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, other flights not listed, and departure taxes.
- Travel insurance.
- Drinks, personal expenses and tips.
- Early check-in and late check-out unless listed.
- Compulsory gala dinners on 24 and 31 December and during Tet, where applicable. The festival date will be confirmed when you book.
- Holiday surcharges at Christmas, New Year and Tet, where applicable.
- Airport-transfer surcharges between midnight and 5 am.
- Vietnam visa fees: the proposal lists USD 25 per person.
- Applicable fees and entry procedures will be confirmed for your travel dates.
- Services not expressly included.

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

Carefully selected accommodation

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

Hanoi

3 stars**Mina Hotel or similar****4 stars****Tirant Hotel or similar****5 stars****Apricot Hotel or similar**

Sapa

3 stars**The View Sapa Hotel or similar****4 stars****Amazing Hotel Sapa or similar****5 stars****Silk Path Grand Resort and Spa or similar**

Ta Van

3 stars**Local homestay****4 stars****Local homestay****5 stars****Local homestay**

Halong Bay

3 stars**Le Journey Cruise or similar****4 stars****La Pandora Cruise Halong or similar****5 stars****Doris Cruise or similar**

Hue

3 stars**Cherish Hue Hotel or similar****4 stars****Eldora Hotel or similar****5 stars****Silk Path Grand Hue Hotel and Spa or similar**

Hoi An

3 stars**Kim An Hotel Hoi An or similar****4 stars****Silkotel Hoi An or similar****5 stars****Palm Garden Hoi An or similar**

Ho Chi Minh City

3 stars**Prague Hotel or similar****4 stars****Alagon Sai Gon or similar****5 stars****The Myst Dong Khoi or similar**

Can Tho

3 stars**Ninh Kieu Hotel or similar****4 stars****Can Tho Ecolodge or similar****5 stars****Azerai Can Tho or similar**

Accommodation follows your selected category. The night after the Ninh Binh day trip is spent in Hanoi. The homestay night in Ta Van remains part of the itinerary in higher categories too. 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.

Turn your idea into your journey.

Discuss your route, pace, accommodation and activities with our local travel team. We will help you shape a trip around your interests, with personal advice in English.



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