

Vietnam Explorer: Sapa to Phu Quoc - 20 Days

20 days · Tailor-made itinerary



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Your journey. Your pace. Your experiences.

Hanoi - Sapa - Ta Van - Bac Ha - Ninh Binh - Halong Bay - Hoi An - Hue - Ho Chi Minh City - Cai Be - Can Tho - Phu Quoc

From USD 2,004 per person

Indicative price · international arrival and departure flights excluded

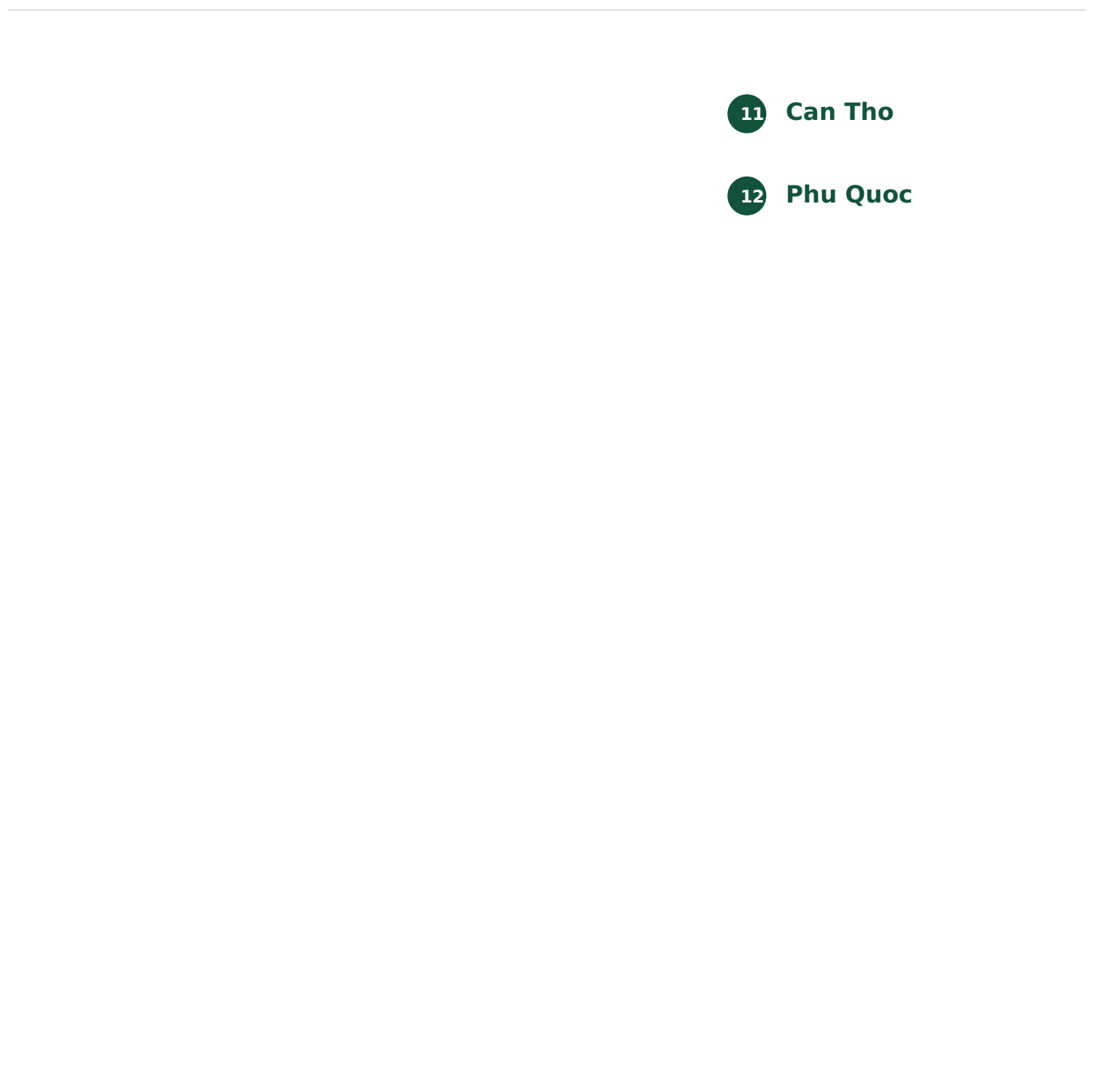
A tour idea we can personalise together.

Your journey at a glance

Destinations: Vietnam



- 1 Hanoi
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 Itinerary

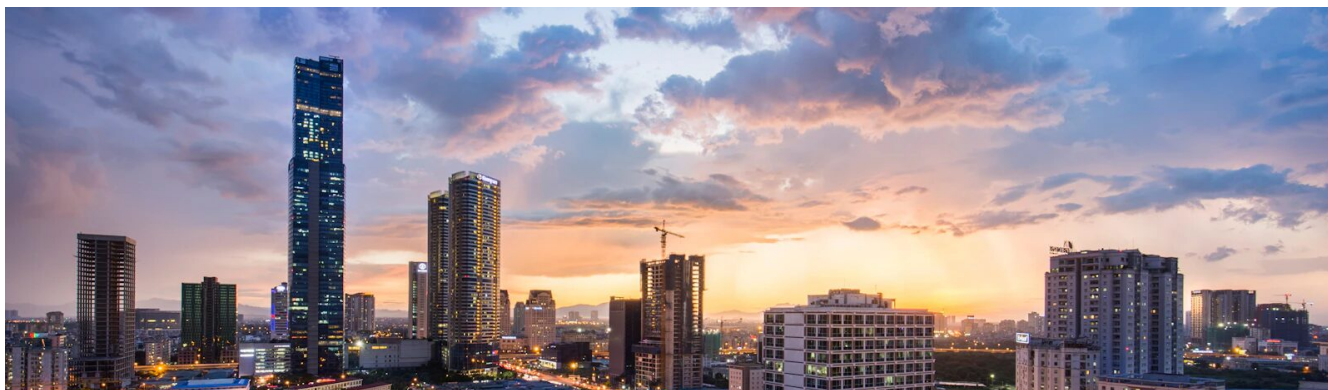
 Arrival & departure

Connections are schematic. Flights depend on your travel arrangements.

Map data: Natural Earth.

What makes this journey special

- Sapa walks and a Ta Van homestay
- Bac Ha and local markets, according to the day of the week
- Hoa Lu and Tam Coc day trip
- Overnight Halong Bay cruise
- Hoi An and Hue's Imperial City
- Mekong Delta with Can Tho
- Three nights on Phu Quoc

DAY 1**Arrive in Hanoi**

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Your private driver welcomes you at the airport and takes you to your central hotel, close to the Old Quarter's narrow lanes and small shops. Explore the surroundings at your own pace or rest after your flight.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 2**Limousine bus to Sapa (B)**

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After an early breakfast and check-out, travel by limousine bus to Sapa. The roughly six-hour journey passes varied mountain scenery. Transfer to your accommodation on arrival, then enjoy a walk around the mountain town in your free time.

Overnight in Sapa.

DAY 3**Y Linh Ho, Lao Chai and Ta Van (B/L/D)**

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Walk approximately 12 km through the countryside to Y Linh Ho and Lao Chai, home to Hmong families. Have lunch with a local family in Lao Chai before continuing to Ta Van. Spend the night with a Dzay family and learn about their daily life and traditions.

Overnight at a local homestay in Ta Van.

DAY 4**Giang Ta Chai, Su Pan and Sapa (B/L/D)**

Tour photograph · Sapa

Today's walk covers around 8 km through valleys and forest. Visit Giang Ta Chai and Su Pan, home to Red Dzao and Hmong communities. See a waterfall and a rattan bridge, and walk through bamboo groves before a vehicle takes you back to Sapa.

Overnight in Sapa.

DAY 5**Bac Ha, the Hmong Palace and return to Hanoi (B/L/D)**

Tour photograph · Bac Ha

Travel approximately 110 km to Bac Ha. The Sunday market runs from 9 am to 2 pm and draws people from at least eight ethnic groups. Visit the Hmong King's Palace, then take an easy walk to Ban Pho, a Flower Hmong village. Local hosts offer green tea and corn wine.

Begin the return journey to Hanoi in the late afternoon. Your rail or road connection will be confirmed during planning. The market visit depends on the day of the week.

DAY 6**Hanoi at your own pace**

Tour photograph · Hanoi

Today is yours. After your mountain activities, relax at the hotel, stroll through Hanoi's neighbourhoods, pause in cafés or visit museums at your own pace.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 7**Hoa Lu and Tam Coc: Ninh Binh day trip (B/L)**

Tour photograph · Ninh Binh

You are collected between 7:30 and 8:30 am for the journey to Ninh Binh, approximately 120 km south of Hanoi. Visit the temples of Kings Dinh and Le in Hoa Lu and learn about the ancient capital.

After a buffet of local specialities, including goat and fried rice with vegetarian options, take a bamboo boat through Tam Coc and its caves for around 1.5 hours. Cycle through the villages for about 45 minutes and meet local residents. Return to Hanoi in the evening.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 8**Shared overnight cruise in Halong Bay (B/L/D)**

Tour photograph · Halong Bay

Travel through the green rice fields of the Red River Delta to Halong Bay and board a shared cruise. Enjoy a seafood lunch as you pass limestone formations and caves.

Visit a limestone cave in the afternoon. Depending on the cruise programme, kayak or swim around the floating-village area. After dinner, join onboard activities or simply relax.

Overnight on board.

DAY 9**Halong Bay to Hanoi, then fly to Hoi An (B/L)**

Tour photograph · Hoi An

After breakfast, visit a limestone cave with stalactites and stalagmites before the boat returns to the harbour. Transfer to Hanoi for a short break, then continue to the airport. Fly to Da Nang and transfer directly to your hotel in Hoi An.

Overnight in Hoi An.

DAY 10**Cam Thanh: fishing life and basket boats (B/L)**

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Meet your local guide at 9 am for the Hoi An eco tour. In Cam Thanh fishing village, meet local fishermen and travel by bamboo basket boat through the nipa palm forest. Try round nets and casting nets, learn to paddle a basket boat and join a small boat race if you wish.

Enjoy a welcome drink at a fisherman's home. Lunch is included in the programme. Return to your hotel at around 12:30 pm.

Overnight in Hoi An.

DAY 11**Free day in Hoi An (B)**

Tour photograph · Hoi An

Explore Hoi An at your own pace. Stroll through the Old Town, visit the market or relax by the hotel pool. The day is free.

Overnight in Hoi An.

DAY 12**Da Nang and the Hai Van Pass to Hue (B)**

Tour photograph · Hue

After breakfast, you are collected at around 9 am for the journey to Hue. Stop in Da Nang at the Cham Museum and the Marble Mountains, Ngu Hanh Son. Admission to these optional visits is at your own expense.

Cross the Hai Van Pass, with views towards the Son Tra Peninsula. After a break at Lang Co Beach, arrive in Hue in the afternoon. Check in and enjoy time to explore independently.

Overnight in Hue.

DAY 13**Hue's Imperial City and royal tombs (B/L)**

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Your full-day city tour begins between 8 and 8:30 am. Take a dragon boat along the Perfume River for around 30 minutes to Thien Mu Pagoda, then visit the Imperial Citadel and Dong Ba Market.

After a lunch of Hue dishes and a herbal foot bath, visit the royal tombs of Khai Dinh and Minh Mang. Explore the conical-hat and incense-making villages for a closer look at these crafts. Return to your hotel between 4 and 5 pm.

Overnight in Hue.

DAY 14**Fly to Ho Chi Minh City (B)**

Tour photograph · Ho Chi Minh City

After breakfast, explore Hue independently until your airport transfer. Fly to Ho Chi Minh City, where you are met and taken to your hotel. The rest of the day is free to relax or discover the city.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 15**Cai Be and Tan Phong, then continue to Can Tho (B/L)**

Tour photograph · Can Tho

You are collected at 7:30 am for the drive to Cai Be on the Tien River. A boat trip introduces local trading and fruit orchards. Visit small villages and family businesses making coconut candy and crisp puffed rice, taste fresh fruit and listen to southern Vietnamese folk music.

Paddle through narrow canals and visit Tan Phong Island. Cycle through orchards and meet island residents, then visit the historic Ba Kiet House. Local hosts prepare lunch in their garden. Return by boat to Cai Be and continue by bus to Can Tho.

Overnight in Can Tho.

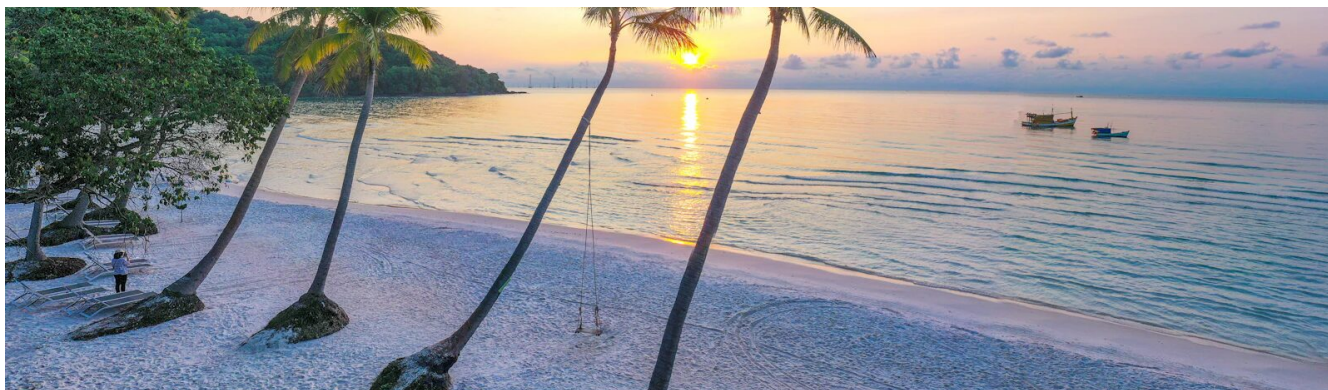
DAY 16**Cai Rang, a Khmer pagoda and Con Son (B/L)**

Tour photograph · Can Tho

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.

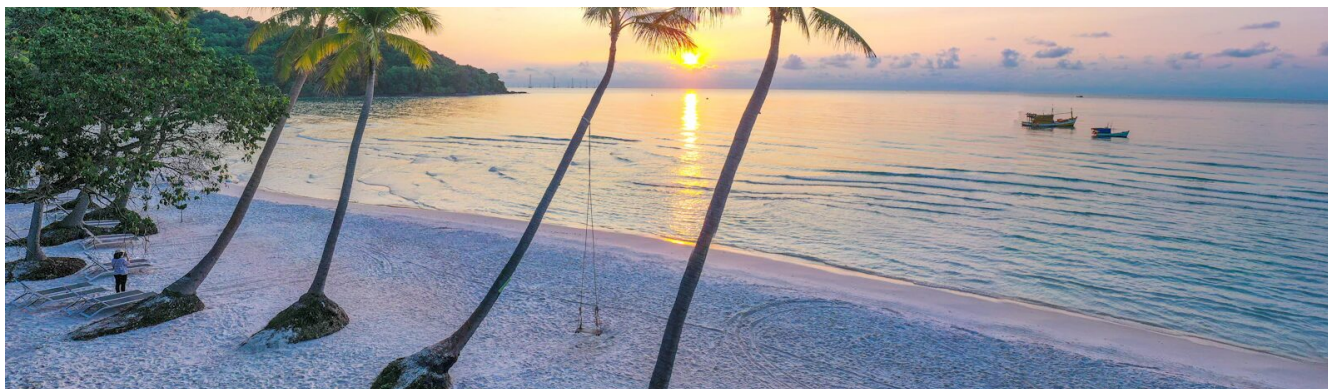
Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 17**Fly to Phu Quoc Island (B)**

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After breakfast, enjoy time to explore or shop in Ho Chi Minh City. Transfer to the airport and fly to Phu Quoc, where you are met and taken to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day relaxing or exploring nearby.

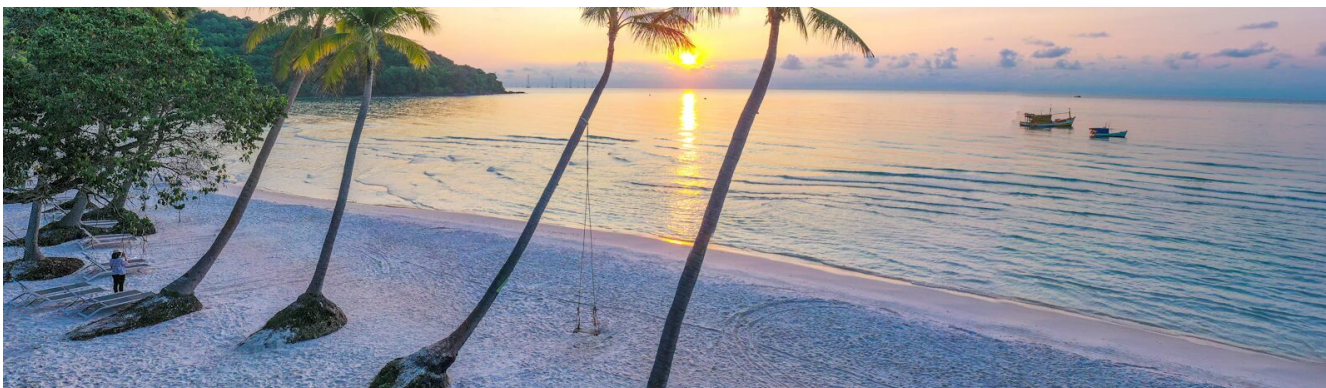
Overnight on Phu Quoc.

DAY 18**Phu Quoc at your own pace (B)**

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Enjoy Phu Quoc at your own pace. Relax on the beach, swim, sunbathe or simply take in the island atmosphere.

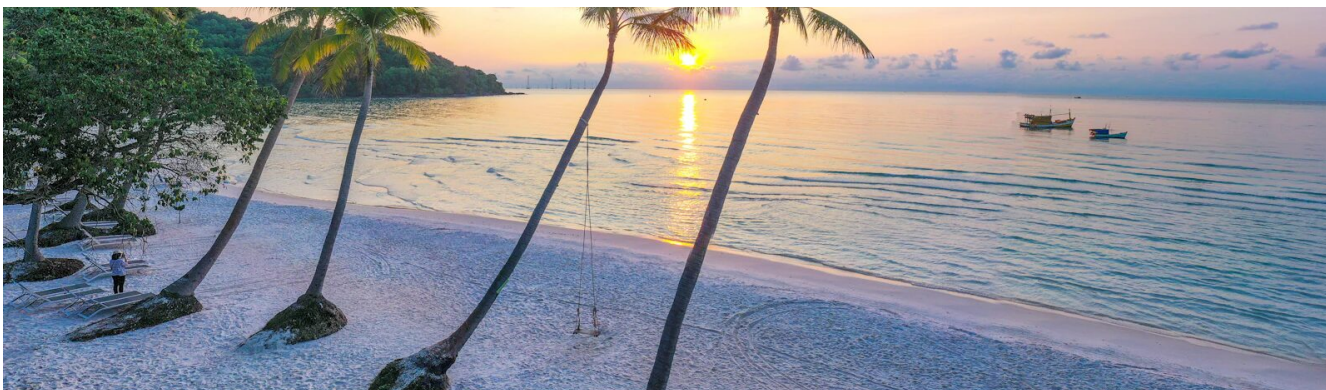
Overnight on Phu Quoc.

DAY 19**Another beach day in Phu Quoc (B)**

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Another free day gives you time for the beach and sea. Swim, sunbathe or explore the island as you wish.

Overnight on Phu Quoc.

DAY 20**Depart from Phu Quoc (B)**

Tour photograph · Phu Quoc

After breakfast, check out. Depending on your flight time, you may have time to visit a local market and shop for souvenirs. Then transfer to Phu Quoc Airport for departure.

Your journey comes to an end.

Included services

- Domestic flight from Hanoi to Da Nang with 20 kg of baggage per person.
- Domestic flight from Hue to Ho Chi Minh City with at least 20 kg of baggage, as specified in your booking confirmation.
- Domestic flight from Ho Chi Minh City to Phu Quoc with 20 kg of baggage per person.
- Child airfares follow the airline's conditions at booking; please request a quote if travelling with more than one child.
- Experienced English-speaking guide for the planned excursions.
- 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.
- Return air-conditioned bus transfers between Hanoi and Halong Bay.
- Air-conditioned buses or private vehicles for excursions.
- All sightseeing and admission tickets listed in the itinerary, except visits expressly marked as payable separately.
- 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, 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.
- Admission to the Cham Museum and Ngu Hanh Son Marble Mountains for the optional visits on Day 12.

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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**

Sapa

3 stars**The View Sapa or similar****4 stars****Aliana Boutique Sapa or similar****5 stars****Silk Path Sapa Hotel or similar**

Ta Van

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

Halong Bay

3 stars**Le Journey Premium 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**

Hue

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

Can Tho

3 stars**Ninh Kieu Riverside Hotel or similar****4 stars****TTC Can Tho or similar****5 stars****Sheraton Can Tho or similar**

Phu Quoc

3 stars**Sea Stars Resort or similar****4 stars****Famiana Resort or similar****5 stars****The Shells Resort and Spa or similar**

Accommodation follows the categories in your proposal. The itinerary includes a homestay night in Ta Van. Check-in is from 2 pm and check-out is by noon, unless your itinerary specifies otherwise. Final hotels are 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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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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