VIETNAM TOUR FUN

TAILOR-MADE TRAVEL. PERSONALLY PLANNED.

Sustainable Vietnam: Villages and Local Life - 12 Days

12 days · Tailor-made itinerary



Tour photograph · Mekong Delta

Your journey. Your pace. Your experiences.

Hanoi - Son Tay - Ninh Binh - Halong Bay - Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta

From USD 2,170 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. **Son Tay**
3. **Ninh Binh**
4. **Halong Bay**
5. **Hoi An**
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

- Visiting Duong Lam's centuries-old houses
- Cycling through Cam Thanh and to Thanh Dong Organic Farm
- An overnight cruise in Halong Bay
- Experiencing the Mekong Delta around Coco Riverside Lodge

DAY 1

Arrival in Hanoi



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After arriving at Noi Bai Airport and completing the entry formalities, make your way to the arrivals exit. Your driver will be waiting with a sign showing your name. If you cannot find your driver, go to the information desk between the domestic and international arrivals halls and call your emergency contact number. Transfer to your hotel, check in and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

After dinner at your own expense, unwind with a foot bath of ginger, salt and mugwort before bed.

Overnight in Son Tay.

DAY 2

Duong Lam's historic village and 300-year-old houses (B/L)



Tour photograph · Duong Lam

After breakfast, visit Duong Lam, a historic village in the Red River Delta with well-preserved architecture and almost 1,000 old homes. The Doai tour introduces you to its history, traditions and distinctive shadow theatre.

Enjoy a traditional lunch at Duong Lam Village Kitchen, followed by an herbal salt bath and a creative activity such as painting a brick or making chè lam, a local sweet.

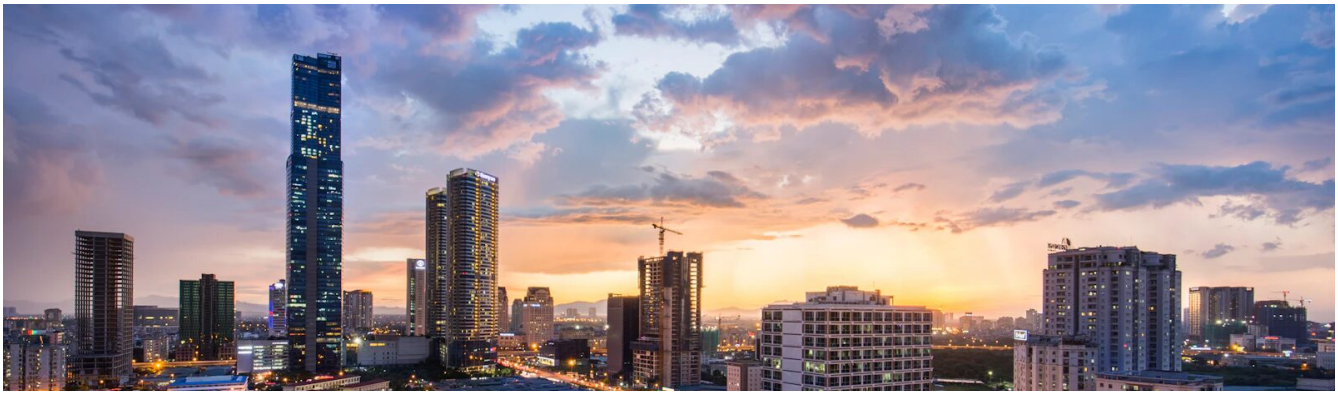
Return to your hotel in the afternoon for free time. In the evening, enjoy another relaxing foot bath.

Overnight in Son Tay.

Departure: 8:00 am · Duration: approximately 7 hours

DAY 3

Duong Lam to Hanoi and a city tour (B/L)



Tour photograph · Hanoi

After breakfast, relax in the garden, take photographs in traditional clothing or explore Ky Son village. Continue to Hanoi, known for its colonial architecture and scenic lakes.

Visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, the One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university. In the afternoon, explore the Museum of Ethnology, which is closed on Mondays, and walk through the Old Quarter's historic craft streets.

Return to your hotel and enjoy some free time.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 4

Hanoi, Tho Ha village and Galaxy Grotto to Ninh Binh (B/L)



Tour photograph · Ninh Binh

Travel approximately two hours to Tho Ha and set off on an easy cycle ride of 5–15 km through scenic villages. At Dong Tam, take part in traditional farming activities. Join a local family to prepare sweet potato cakes and grilled fish, then enjoy lunch together.

Next, explore the 900-metre-long Galaxy Grotto by rowing boat, with its striking stalactites and a colony of bats.

Transfer to your hotel, check in and enjoy some free time.

Overnight in Ninh Binh.

Departure: 8:00 am · Duration: approximately 9 hours

DAY 5

Ninh Binh to Halong Bay (B/L/D)



Tour photograph · Halong Bay

After breakfast, travel to Halong Bay, where thousands of limestone islands rise from emerald waters. An overnight cruise gives you time to enjoy this remarkable landscape.

After a drive of around three hours, arrive at the pier in Halong City and board your vessel. Enjoy lunch as you cruise into the bay. In the afternoon, explore the sights, go kayaking or simply relax.

The boat anchors for the evening. After dinner, you can visit the bar or try karaoke at your own expense.

Overnight on board.

Suggested departure: 8:00 am

DAY 6

Halong Bay to Hoi An (B/Br)



Tour photograph · Hoi An

Begin the morning with sunrise over Halong Bay. Breakfast, or brunch on some vessels, is served as the boat makes its way back towards the harbour.

After disembarking, transfer to Hanoi Airport for your flight to Da Nang. You will be welcomed on arrival and taken to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

Overnight in Hoi An.

DAY 7

A half-day walking tour of Hoi An (B)



Tour photograph · Hoi An

After breakfast, explore Hoi An, once a thriving trading port. Today, its World Heritage-listed Ancient Town is known for its well-preserved architecture, traffic-free streets and distinctive cuisine.

On a guided walk, discover old trading houses with Chinese, Japanese and Vietnamese influences, the Japanese Covered Bridge dating back more than 400 years, the ornately decorated Chaozhou Assembly Hall and the lively market, where you can browse local products including silk.

Overnight in Hoi An.

Departure: 8:00 am · Duration: approximately 3 hours

DAY 8

Cycling in Cam Thanh and Thanh Dong Organic Farm (B/L)



Tour photograph · Hoi An

After breakfast, take an electric vehicle to Vong Nhi, collect your bicycles and cycle around 6 km through villages, water-coconut groves, shrimp farms and rice fields.

At Thanh Dong Organic Farm, learn about organic herb growing and lend a hand in the garden. Then take a basket-boat ride along the Do River to The Field Restaurant, enjoying the scenery along the way. Join a short cooking class and enjoy a Vietnamese family-style lunch before returning to your hotel.

Overnight in Hoi An.

Departure: 8:00 am · Duration: approximately 4 hours

DAY 9

Hoi An to Ho Chi Minh City and an afternoon city tour (B)



Tour photograph · Ho Chi Minh City

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City. On arrival, continue to your hotel and take some time to rest.

At 1:00 pm, visit the Central Post Office, a landmark of French architecture associated with Saigon's tradition of handwritten correspondence. Walk to Gia Long Palace, now the Ho Chi Minh City Museum, and continue to Le Loi Street to visit a traditional engraver.

Explore the old central market and a colonial residential building dating from 1886, now home to stylish boutiques and cafés. Finish at the former Banque de l'Indochine, built in the 1920s, before returning to your hotel.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

Departure: 1:00 pm · Duration: approximately 3.5 hours

Please note: Monday closures may affect this city tour. We will confirm the visiting schedule for your travel dates.

DAY 10

Ho Chi Minh City to Coco Riverside in the Mekong Delta (B/L/D)



Tour photograph · Mekong Delta

After breakfast, transfer to Coco Riverside Lodge, a journey of approximately 3–3.5 hours. Receive a warm welcome, check in and enjoy lunch.

In the afternoon, cycle through the village. Visit Mr Cong to see how popped rice is made, try harvesting and weaving water-coconut leaves, and learn about livestock farming and biogas production. Continue through rice fields and a dragon-fruit plantation.

Return to the lodge around sunset, meet war veteran Mr Hai Luong and enjoy traditional music. Join a cooking class to make Vietnamese pancakes, followed by dinner.

Overnight at Coco Riverside Lodge.

Departure: 8:00 am · Duration: approximately 8.5 hours

DAY 11

Coco Riverside Lodge to Ho Chi Minh City (B/L)



Tour photograph · Ho Chi Minh City

After breakfast, take a motorboat to the local market for a glimpse of the region's lively daily life. Visit a Cao Dai temple and a riverside coconut workshop, where coconut fibre is made into ropes and mats, much of it for export to Korea.

Return to the lodge to relax or enjoy a short swim, then check out and drive back to Ho Chi Minh City. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

Please note: The programme may be adjusted to suit tides or weather conditions.

DAY 12

Ho Chi Minh City and departure (B)



Tour photograph · Ho Chi Minh City

After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy free time for shopping before your transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Included services

Accommodation

- Accommodation type and room or cabin depend on the selected travel package.

Flights

- Domestic flights according to the itinerary: Hanoi – Da Nang; Da Nang – Ho Chi Minh City.

Guide

- Guiding for the guided sightseeing specified in the itinerary; German-speaking guides available on request.

Meals

- Meals as specified in the itinerary (B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner).

Transport

- Pick-up service and transfers as described in the itinerary.
- Boat trips and activities as specified in the itinerary.
- Drinking water during transport.

Other included

- Private tour following the itinerary described.
- Admission tickets for the sightseeing included in the itinerary.
- Service charges and VAT.
- 24/7 assistance hotline.
- No additional charge for confirmed services after the service confirmation.

Final inclusions and availability will be confirmed in your personal proposal.

Excluded Services

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- International arrival and departure flights and any applicable airport departure taxes.
- Early check-in and late check-out unless expressly agreed.
- Travel insurance.
- Drinks, personal expenses and tips.
- Visas and any applicable visa fees.
- Holiday surcharges, where applicable.
- Mandatory gala events on 24 or 31 December, where applicable.
- Bank charges associated with payment.
- Meals and optional activities not listed as included in the itinerary.
- Any taxi or airport-transfer surcharges between midnight and 05:00.
- Other services not listed in the confirmed travel proposal.

The items above are excluded from the tour price unless specifically stated in your personal proposal.

Carefully selected accommodation

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

Hanoi

3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
MK Premier Boutique Hotel Deluxe city view	**Anatole Hotel** Grand Deluxe	**The Orientel Jade Hotel** Diamond Church View

Son Tay

3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
Moon Garden Guava House	**Moon Garden** Guava House	**Moon Garden** Mango/Pomelo House

Ninh Binh

3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
Lalita Boutique Hotel & Spa Ninh Binh Executive	**Tam Coc Retreat** Deluxe Garden	**Tam Coc Garden** Premium Tonkin Garden Bungalow

Halong

3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
Milalux Cruises Junior with Balcony	**Peony Cruise** Deluxe Balcony	**Capella Cruise** Oasis Suite

Hoi An

3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
Hoi An Coco River Resort & Spa Deluxe Garden view	**Little Hoi An** Little Deluxe	**La Siesta Hoi An Resorts & Spa** Premium Suite Terrace

Ho-Chi-Minh

3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
Acnos Grand Hotel Junior	**The Odys Premium** Odys Premium	**The Myst Dong Khoi** Verdant Calm Room

Mekong Delta

3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
Coco Riverside Lodge Bungalow	**Coco Riverside Lodge** Bungalow	**Coco Riverside Lodge** Bungalow

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.

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