

Vietnam Discovery: Culture, Villages and Landscapes - 14 Days

14 days · Tailor-made itinerary



Tour photograph · Ninh Binh

Your journey. Your pace. Your experiences.

Hanoi - Ba Vi - Mai Hich - Ninh Binh - Halong Bay - Hue - Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Can Tho

From USD 2,119 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.

Map data: Natural Earth.

What makes this journey special

- Tea and a cooking class in Ba Vi
- Village walks and bamboo rafting in Mai Hich
- Van Long by sampan
- Halong Bay cruise
- Hue's Imperial City and Royal Tombs
- Hoi An and Saigon's history
- The Mekong Delta and Cai Rang

DAY 1**Arrival in Hanoi**

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Your private driver will meet you at the airport with a name sign and take you to your centrally located hotel near the Old Quarter. Rest after your flight or explore the neighbourhood at your own pace.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 2**Ba Vi — tea, cooking and village life (B/L)**

Tour photograph · Ba Vi

After breakfast, travel to Ba Vi with your English-speaking guide. In Ri village, meet a Vietnam War veteran who runs a tea farm. Learn how to pick tea leaves and follow the processing steps in his workshop.

In Moc village, prepare traditional dishes with your host and enjoy lunch in a tropical garden. In the afternoon, visit local families and see crafts such as tofu and conical-hat making. Cycle through rice fields, then finish with a traditional herbal foot bath before returning to Hanoi.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 3**Hanoi to Mai Hich and a homestay (B/D)**

Tour photograph · Mai Chau

Leave Hanoi at around 8 am for Mai Hich in the Mai Chau Valley, surrounded by green mountains. Stop along the way for photographs of valleys, rice fields and limestone peaks. Your hosts will welcome you to the homestay.

In the afternoon, explore nearby villages on foot or by bicycle. You may choose to help farmers plant rice or try local rice wine.

Overnight in Mai Hich, in accommodation matching your booked category.

DAY 4**Walking and bamboo rafting on the Xia River
(B/L/D)**

Tour photograph · Mai Chau

An easy walk follows the Xia River through natural forest towards Ban Buoc. Pass villages such as Den, Ngo and Xum and learn about the cultures of the Thai and Muong communities.

Return to Mai Hich on a bamboo raft along the Xia River, passing rice and maize fields and glimpses of village life. Back at the homestay, relax with a cool drink and enjoy the sunset. Lunch and dinner are included.

Overnight in Mai Hich, in accommodation matching your booked category.

DAY 5**Mai Hich, Van Long and Ninh Binh (B)**

Tour photograph · Ninh Binh

Travel through scenic countryside from Mai Chau to Ninh Binh, with time for photographs of valleys, sugar-cane fields and rice paddies. At Van Long, take a sampan through a landscape of striking limestone formations.

Overnight in Ninh Binh.

DAY 6**Ninh Binh to Halong Bay for a cruise (B/L/D)**

Tour photograph · Halong Bay

After breakfast, travel by private vehicle from Ninh Binh to Halong Bay. Board your cruise and take in limestone cliffs and karst caves. Enjoy a seafood lunch on board, followed by time to relax on the sun deck.

At a suitable stop, you will have an opportunity to kayak or swim. After an early dinner, spend the evening relaxing or joining optional activities on board.

Overnight on board a shared cruise.

DAY 7**Halong Bay and flight to Hue (B/L)**

Tour photograph · Hue

Rise early for sunrise and breakfast in the dining room. Tai chi is offered on the sun deck. Visit a limestone cave with stalagmites and stalactites, then check out and enjoy brunch as the boat returns to the harbour.

Transfer from the harbour to Hanoi Airport for the flight to Hue, taking around 1.5 hours. Meet your driver on arrival and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

Overnight in Hue.

DAY 8**Hue's Imperial City and Royal Tombs (B/L)**

Tour photograph · Hue

Your guide will meet you at the hotel between 8 and 8:30 am. Take a boat along the Perfume River to Thien Mu Pagoda, then visit the Nguyen dynasty's Imperial Citadel, the Museum of Royal Antiquities and lively Dong Ba Market.

After a Vietnamese lunch, visit Khai Dinh's tomb, which combines Vietnamese and European influences, and Minh Mang's tomb, with its Confucian-inspired architecture. The drive also takes you through villages known for making conical hats and incense. Return to your hotel between 4 and 5 pm.

Overnight in Hue.

DAY 9**Cross the Hai Van Pass to Hoi An (B)**

Tour photograph · Hoi An

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 10**Hoi An at leisure (B)**

Tour photograph · Hoi An

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 11**Fly to Ho Chi Minh City and explore the city (B)**

Tour photograph · Ho Chi Minh City

After breakfast and some free time, fly from Da Nang to Ho Chi Minh City, a journey of around 1.5 hours. Transfer to your centrally located hotel.

In the afternoon, visit the Reunification Palace, designed by architect Ngo Viet Thu. See the colonial-era Notre-Dame Cathedral and historic Central Post Office, then finish at the War Remnants Museum, with its exhibitions on the Indochina wars.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 12**Mekong Delta — My Tho and Can Tho (B/L)**

Tour photograph · Can Tho

After breakfast, meet your guide between 7:15 and 7:30 am and travel to My Tho on the Mekong. Board a sampan and cruise past Dragon, Unicorn, Phoenix and Turtle islands.

On Unicorn Island, walk through orchards and plantations, taste tropical fruit and listen to folk music. Take a hand-rowed sampan along Thoi Son Canal to family workshops and a bee farm, where you can try honey tea and coconut sweets. After a traditional lunch, cycle through Tan Thach or relax in a hammock. Continue to Can Tho afterwards.

Overnight in Can Tho.

DAY 13**Cai Rang and return to Ho Chi Minh City (B/L)**

Tour photograph · Can Tho

After an early breakfast, take a boat along the smaller branches of the lower Mekong and Bassac River. At Cai Rang Floating Market, observe trade taking place on the water.

Visit an orchard, a local noodle-making workshop, Binh Thuy communal house and Munir Ansay Pagoda, known for its distinctive Khmer architecture. After lunch, return to Ho Chi Minh City.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 14**Departure from Ho Chi Minh City (B)**

Tour photograph · Ho Chi Minh City

After breakfast, check out. Depending on your flight time, you may have time to browse local markets and pick up souvenirs for family and friends. Then transfer 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.
- Access to a 24/7 hotline.
- Private transfer from Hanoi to Mai Hich, plus the overland transfers in your final confirmed route.

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**San Premium Hotel or similar****4 stars****Tirant Hotel or similar****5 stars****Apricot Hotel or similar**

Mai Hich / Mai Chau

3 stars**Local homestay****4 stars****Local homestay****5 stars****Mai Chau Ecolodge or similar**

Ninh Binh

3 stars**Chez Hiep Ninh Binh or similar****4 stars****Le Clos Di Fil Ninh Binh or similar****5 stars****Accommodation confirmed in your personalised quote**

Halong Bay

3 stars**Le Journey Cruise or similar****4 stars****Aquamarine Cruise or similar****5 stars****Era 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****Cochin Zen Hotel or similar****5 stars****The Myst Dong Khoi or similar**

Can Tho

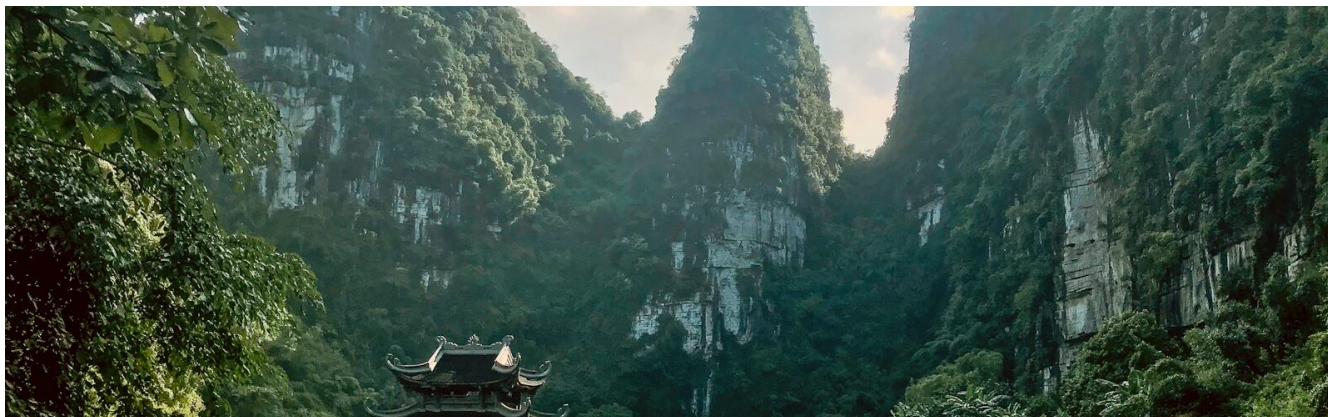
3 stars**Kim Tho or similar****4 stars****Iris Can Tho or similar****5 stars****Sheraton Can Tho or similar**

An overnight stay in Ninh Binh is planned. For the highest accommodation category, the hotel is confirmed in your personalised quote. All hotels listed are examples and may be replaced by comparable properties.

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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