

Vietnam Explorer: Mountains to Phu Quoc - 18 Days

18 days · Tailor-made itinerary



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Your journey. Your pace. Your experiences.

Hanoi - Ba Vi - Sapa - Ta Van - Halong Bay - Hoi An - Hue - Ho Chi Minh City
- Cai Be - Can Tho - Phu Quoc

From USD 2,022 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 Ba Vi
- 3 Sapa
- 4 Ta Van
- 5 Halong Bay
- 6 Hoi An
- 7 Hue
- 8 Ho Chi Minh City
- 9 Cai Be
- 10 Can Tho

11 Phu Quoc

 Itinerary  Arrival & departure

Connections are schematic. Flights depend on your travel arrangements.
Map data: Natural Earth.

What makes this journey special

- Tea and cooking in Ba Vi
- Sapa and a Ta Van homestay
- Halong Bay cruise
- Hoi An and Hue
- Cai Be, Tan Phong and Cai Rang
- Three nights on Phu Quoc

DAY 1**Arrival in 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**Ba Vi — tea, village cooking and local encounters (B/L)**

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After breakfast, travel to rural Ba Vi. Meet a Vietnam War veteran on his tea farm in Ri village and learn about harvesting and processing tea. Continue to Moc village to prepare Vietnamese dishes with a local host, then enjoy your homemade lunch in a tropical garden.

Walk through the village and visit local families, then cycle past rice fields for a closer look at rural life. End with a traditional herbal foot bath before returning to Hanoi.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 3**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 4**Y Linh Ho, Lao Chai and Ta Van (B/L/D)**

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After breakfast, meet your guide at around 9:30 am for a walk of approximately 12 km. Follow paths through the Hmong villages of Y Linh Ho and Lao Chai, with rice terraces and mountains along the way. Enjoy lunch beside the river in Lao Chai, then continue to the Dzay village of Ta Van. Stay overnight in a homestay and get to know local village life.

DAY 5**Giang Ta Chai, Su Pan and return to Hanoi (B/L)**

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After breakfast, walk to Giang Ta Chai, a Red Dao village. The route passes through bamboo forest in Hoang Lien National Park to a waterfall and a rattan bridge, where you can pause. Continue through Su Pan, then return to Sapa by vehicle. Travel onwards to Hanoi by limousine bus.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 6**Halong Bay — shared cruise (B/L/D)**

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After check-out, travel through the Red River Delta to Halong Bay. Board your cruise and enjoy views of limestone cliffs and caves. A seafood lunch is served, followed by time to relax on the sundeck.

Explore the bay by kayak or enjoy a swim. After an early dinner, spend the evening relaxing or joining the activities offered on board.

Overnight on board a cruise shared with other guests.

DAY 7**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 8**Fly to Da Nang and transfer to Hoi An (B)**

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Enjoy your remaining time in Hanoi before your private driver takes you to the airport for your flight to Da Nang. On arrival, transfer to your accommodation in Hoi An. The rest of the day is yours to explore.

Overnight in Hoi An.

DAY 9**Hoi An at leisure, with an optional eco-tour (B)**

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Explore Hoi An at your own pace. Hire a bicycle to follow the river or head to the beach, enjoy a swim, or relax in a café with a fresh fruit drink. You can also book an optional eco-tour: cycle through the countryside, join local fishers for a boat trip and traditional net fishing, take a bamboo basket boat through coconut-palm waterways, enjoy lunch and cycle back. The listed price is USD 38 per person, to be confirmed when booking; this excursion is not included in the base price.

Overnight in Hoi An.

DAY 10**Cross the Hai Van Pass to Hue (B)**

Tour photograph · Hue

After breakfast, travel by private vehicle from Hoi An to Hue. Cross the Hai Van Pass for views of mountains and sea. After checking in, enjoy time to explore the surrounding area independently.

Overnight in Hue.

DAY 11**Hue's Imperial City and Royal Tombs (B/L)**

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

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Enjoy your remaining time in Hue before your driver takes you to the airport for the flight to Ho Chi Minh City. On arrival at Tan Son Nhat Airport, meet your driver and transfer to your city-centre accommodation. The rest of the day is free.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 13**Cai Be, Tan Phong and Can Tho (B/L)**

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At 7:30 am, set off for Cai Be. A boat trip introduces the floating-market area on the Tien River and nearby orchards. Visit small villages with old houses and a family workshop making coconut sweets and puffed rice. Paddle through narrow canals towards Tan Phong Island, where you help prepare Vietnamese specialities for lunch in a garden. Afterwards, cycle along village lanes through orchards, meet residents and visit the historic Ba Kiet house. Return to Cai Be by boat, then travel by bus to Can Tho.

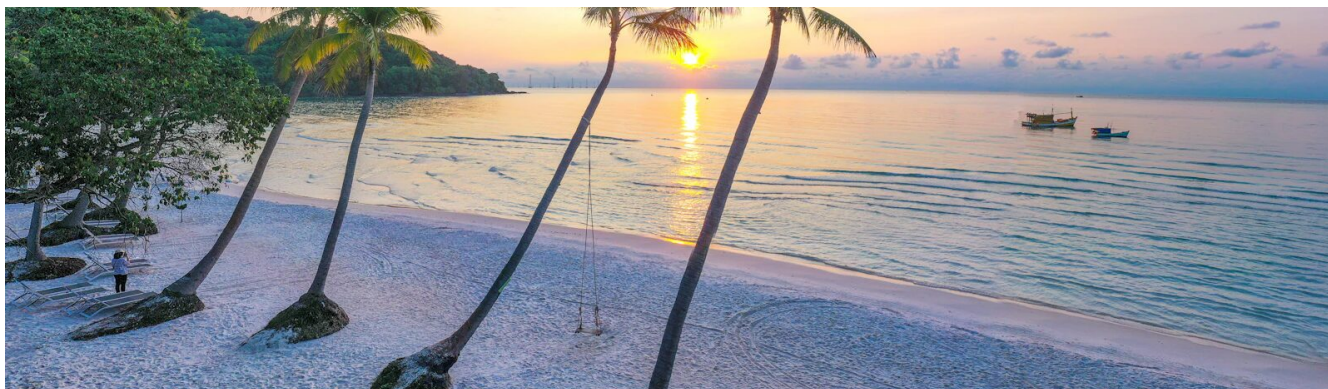
Overnight in Can Tho.

DAY 14**Cai Rang and return to Ho Chi Minh City (B/L)**

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After breakfast, take a boat along the smaller branches of the lower Mekong and Bassac River to visit Cai Rang Floating Market. Afterwards, return to Ho Chi Minh City, check in and take time to relax.

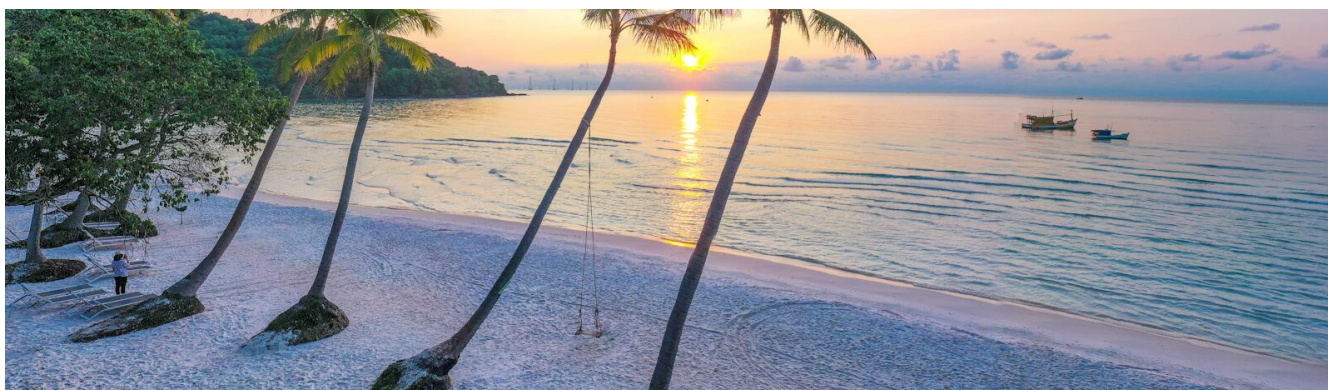
Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 15**Fly to Phu Quoc (B/L)**

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After breakfast, enjoy free time before your private transfer to Ho Chi Minh City's airport. Fly to Phu Quoc, where you will be met and taken to your island accommodation. Lunch is included.

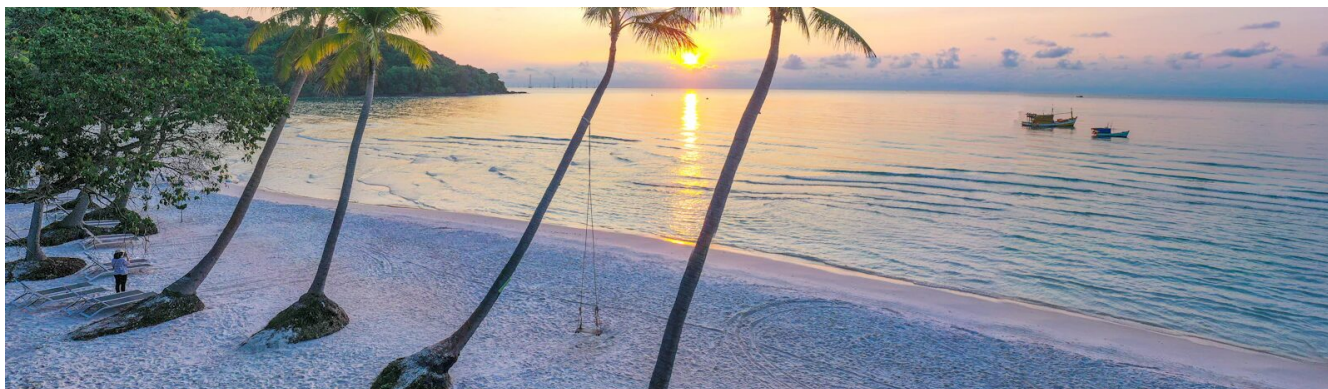
Overnight on Phu Quoc.

DAY 16**Phu Quoc at leisure (B)**

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Discover the island at your own pace. You may choose to go snorkelling or diving, or simply relax beside white-sand beaches and clear water. Independently arranged water sports are not included in the base price.

Overnight on Phu Quoc.

DAY 17**A free day on Phu Quoc's beaches (B)**

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Another free day gives you time to sunbathe, swim or choose optional water sports. Enjoy the tropical island your way.

Overnight on Phu Quoc.

DAY 18**Departure from Phu Quoc (B)**

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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.
- Return limousine-bus transfers between Hanoi and Sapa.

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.
- Optional Hoi An eco-tour, listed at USD 38 per person; the price will be confirmed when you book.

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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**Panorama Sapa Hotel 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**

Phu Quoc

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

Can Tho

3 stars**Can Tho Ecolodge****4 stars****Can Tho Ecolodge****5 stars****Can Tho Ecolodge**

Hotels follow the accommodation categories in your proposal. The itinerary includes a homestay night in Ta Van. Can Tho Ecolodge is planned for every category. 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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