

Vietnam Honeymoon off the Beaten Track - 15 Days

15 days · Tailor-made itinerary



Tour photograph · Ninh Binh

Your journey. Your pace. Your experiences.

Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Hoi An - Hanoi - Pu Luong - Ninh Binh - Halong Bay

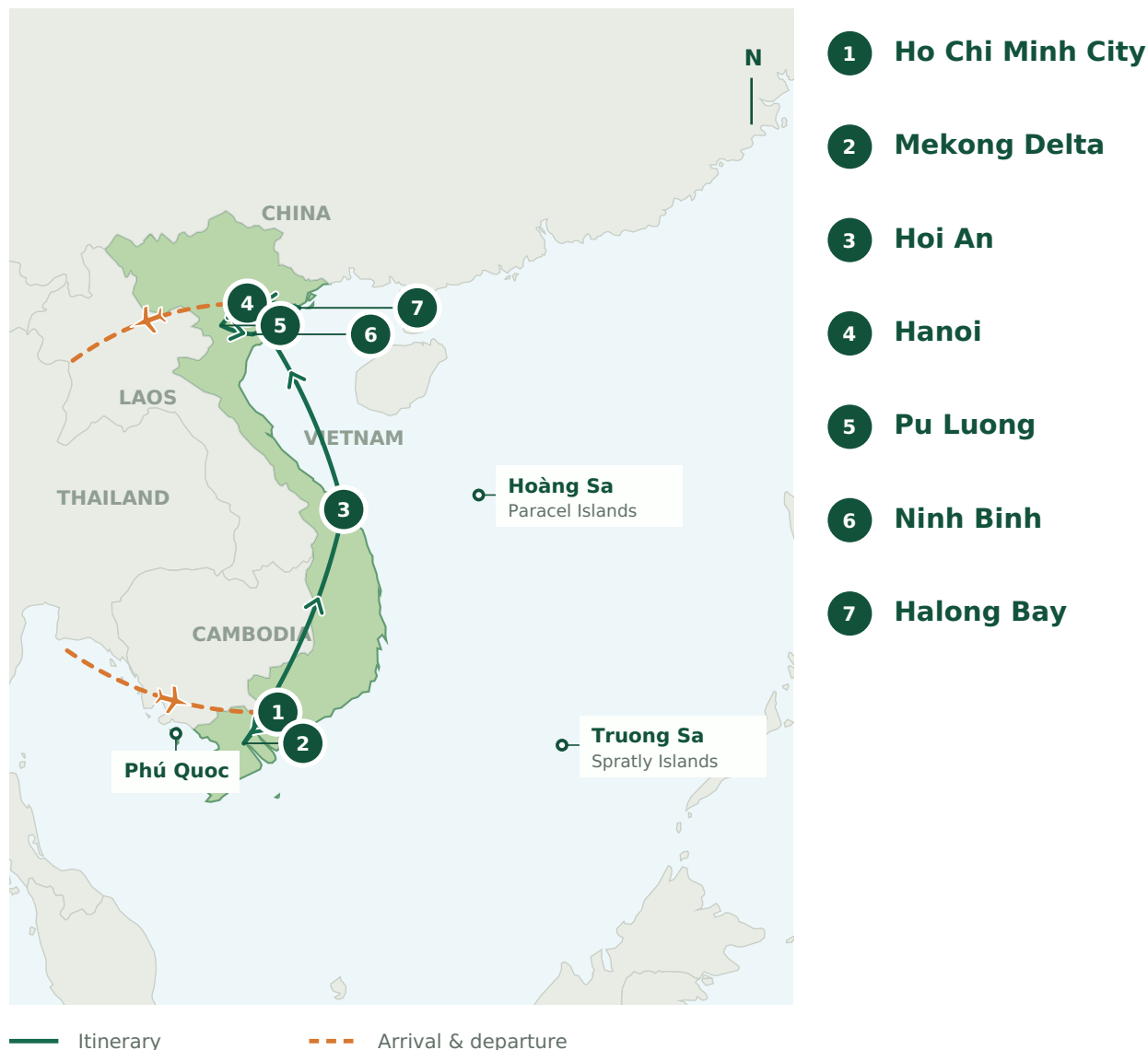
From USD 3,013 per person

Indicative price · international arrival and departure flights excluded

A tour idea we can personalise together.

Your journey at a glance

Destinations: Vietnam



Connections are schematic. Flights depend on your travel arrangements.

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What makes this journey special

- A sunset boat trip in Ho Chi Minh City
- A romantic dinner among rice fields near Hoi An
- Walking and cycling in Pu Luong Nature Reserve
- Sunset among the islands of Halong Bay

DAY 1**Welcome to Vietnam — arrive in Ho Chi Minh City**

Tour photograph · Ho Chi Minh City

On arrival at Tan Son Nhat Airport, clear immigration and customs and make your way to the arrivals exit. Your guide and driver will meet you and take you to your hotel in the city centre. The rest of the day is yours to relax or explore.

Overnight at La Siesta Premium Hotel.

Transfer: approximately 1 hour by private car.

DAY 2**Discover Saigon and enjoy a sunset cruise**

Tour photograph · Ho Chi Minh City

Explore Ho Chi Minh City, still widely known as Saigon, where modern city life sits alongside historic landmarks. Visit the red-brick Notre-Dame Cathedral, built with materials imported from France, the Central Post Office, completed in 1891, and the former Presidential Palace, which served as the headquarters of the South Vietnamese government.

In the late afternoon, set out on a Saigon sunset cruise through the city's waterways. Take in the changing skyline and its mix of architectural styles as you pass Nha Rong Wharf, the colonial-era building that now houses a Ho Chi Minh museum. Watch the city light up as evening falls and enjoy this time together on the water.

Overnight at La Siesta Premium Hotel.

City tour: approximately 4 hours | Sunset cruise: approximately 2 hours | Transport: private car and speedboat | Meals: breakfast.

Access inside Notre-Dame Cathedral depends on services and any restoration restrictions.

DAY 3**Village life beside the Mekong**

Tour photograph · Mekong Delta

Travel to Coco Riverside Lodge in Trung Ngai, Vung Liem, a journey of around 3.5 hours. On arrival, a member of the lodge team will welcome you and lead you to the riverside property for a refreshing drink and check-in.

Lunch is available at the lodge, followed by time to relax before your village cycle ride. Visit a local home to learn how puffed rice is made and hear about everyday life in the delta.

Meet another family to see how palm and water-coconut leaves are woven for house construction. Mrs Chien demonstrates the making of “Poon” torches, traditionally used after dark, while your guide explains local livestock keeping and biogas production.

Cycle along quiet lanes through rice fields. Choose a shorter route of around 5–7 kilometres or a longer ride of around 13 kilometres return to a dragon fruit plantation. Enjoy the sunset before heading back towards the lodge.

In the early evening, sample local rice spirits and other drinks while chatting with village residents. Walk back to the lodge carrying traditional torches made from dried coconut leaves. Finish with a class making Vietnamese pancakes, followed by dinner in the lodge restaurant.

Overnight at Coco Riverside Lodge.

Activities: approximately 5 hours | Transfer: approximately 3.5 hours | Transport: private car and bicycle | Meals: breakfast and dinner. Lunch arrangements will be confirmed in your personalised quote.

DAY 4**Mekong markets and crafts, then return to Saigon**

Tour photograph · Mekong Delta

After breakfast, take a motorboat to a local market for a glimpse of daily life along the river.

Visit a Cao Dai temple and a nearby riverside coconut workshop, where coconut fibres are made by hand into ropes and mats, mainly for overseas buyers, including Korea.

Return to the lodge to relax or swim before checking out. Travel back to Saigon and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight at La Siesta Premium Hotel.

Excursion: approximately 3 hours | Transfer: approximately 3.5 hours by private car | Meals: breakfast. The programme may change according to tides and weather.

DAY 5**Fly to Da Nang and continue to Hoi An**

Tour photograph · Hoi An

After breakfast, enjoy some free time before checking out. Your driver will take you to the airport for your flight to Da Nang. On arrival, meet your local team and transfer to your hotel in Hoi An. The rest of the day is free.

Overnight at La Siesta Hoi An Resort.

Transfers: approximately 1 hour at each end | Flight: approximately 1.5 hours |
Transport: private car and plane | Meals: breakfast.

DAY 6**Hoi An's Ancient Town and a romantic dinner among the rice fields**

Tour photograph · Hoi An

Between the 15th and 19th centuries, Hoi An, then known as Faifo, was a thriving port welcoming Chinese, Japanese and European traders. Today, its UNESCO-listed Ancient Town invites you to explore well-preserved architecture, pedestrian lanes and distinctive local food. Walk through the narrow streets to discover old merchants' houses, the historic Japanese Covered Bridge, the Chaozhou Assembly Hall and a colourful market filled with local specialities.

In the late afternoon, travel to Cam Thanh village, known for its coconut groves and rice fields. Take a bamboo basket-boat ride on the Co Co River as the sun sets, then arrive at a bamboo lookout beside the rice fields. A sheltered dinner table awaits in a cosy tent by the river. Enjoy a barbecue prepared with fresh local ingredients and vegetables, with the peaceful fields and water all around you.

Overnight at La Siesta Hoi An Resort.

Walking tour: approximately 3 hours, starting at 8:30 am | Dinner experience: approximately 3 hours, starting at 4:30 pm | Transport: private car, walking and basket boat | Meals: breakfast and dinner.

DAY 7**Cam Thanh cycling and Thanh Dong Organic Farm**

Tour photograph · Hoi An

Travel to Vong Nhi village in the morning and collect your bicycle. Ride past water-coconut groves, shrimp and fish farms, and rice fields to Thanh Dong Organic Farm, a 10,000-square-metre garden supporting ten local families.

Walk through the vegetable plots, learn about organic growing and join the farmers in seasonal tasks. Take a basket boat along the Do River to The Field Restaurant, where you can enjoy the scenery or try fishing with local residents. Before returning to your hotel, take part in a short cooking class and share a Vietnamese family-style lunch. The afternoon is free.

Overnight at La Siesta Hoi An Resort.

Tour: approximately 5 hours | Cycling: 6 km | Transport: private car, bicycle and basket boat | Meals: breakfast and lunch.

DAY 8

Hoi An at your own pace

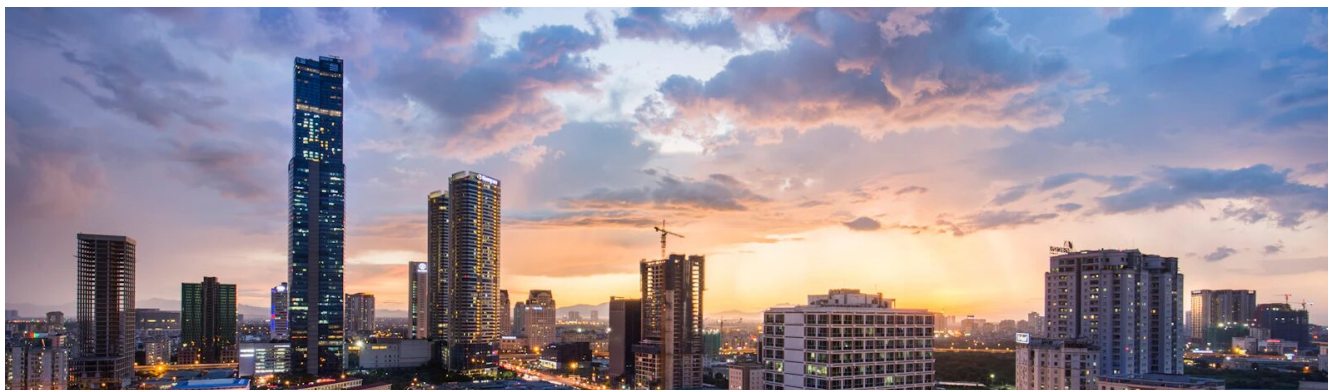


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Enjoy a free day together in Hoi An. You might like to hire bicycles at your hotel and ride to the beach for a swim or a relaxing afternoon under the palms. In the evening, wander through the Ancient Town as the shops light their lanterns.

Overnight at La Siesta Hoi An Resort.

Meals: breakfast.

DAY 9**Fly to Hanoi and explore the Old Quarter**

Tour photograph · Hanoi

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Hanoi. On arrival, travel to your hotel and take some time to freshen up and relax.

At around 4:30 pm, your guide will collect you for a one-hour cycle tour through the Old Quarter. Discover its famous “36 streets”, named after the trades and craft guilds once based here, and the narrow-fronted tube houses along its lanes. Finish with a water puppet show, a northern Vietnamese tradition that began in the flooded rice fields of the Red River Delta. Colourful wooden puppets act out scenes of rural life and traditional stories to a musical accompaniment.

Overnight at La Siesta Hang Be Hotel.

Tour: approximately 2 hours | Transfers: approximately 1 hour at each end | Flight: approximately 1.5 hours | Transport: private car, plane and bicycle | Meals: breakfast.

DAY 10**Everyday Hanoi and time to unwind**

Tour photograph · Hanoi

Explore less-visited corners of Hanoi with your guide. Begin at the “standing newspaper”, a public reading spot from a time when buying a newspaper was beyond many people’s means. Pause at a local café to take in the sounds of the Old Quarter, then visit Gioi Market, where small traders sell everything from nails and batteries to engines and refrigeration equipment.

Continue through narrow streets where railway tracks pass close to house entrances. Your route also passes a funeral house, where you may see mourners wearing traditional white headbands. Head towards Long Bien Station, cross the bridge and descend to a river island to visit its orchards. Rejoin local passengers for a train ride in a hard-seat carriage, ending at Long Bien on weekdays or Hanoi Station at weekends. Complete the day with a relaxing massage.

Overnight at La Siesta Hang Be Hotel.

Tour: approximately 4 hours | Transport: private car, train and walking | Meals: breakfast.

DAY 11**Hanoi to Pu Luong Nature Reserve**

Tour photograph · Pu Luong

After breakfast, travel along a scenic route to Pu Luong Nature Reserve. Enjoy a local lunch on arrival, then take time to settle into your retreat and enjoy its valley views and peaceful surroundings. In the afternoon, walk through fields and villages in the hills above the retreat, meet residents and learn about local life.

Overnight at Pu Luong Retreat.

Excursion: approximately 3 hours | Difficulty: easy | Transfer: approximately 4.5 hours by private car | Meals: breakfast and lunch.

DAY 12**Walk and cycle through Pu Luong**

Tour photograph · Pu Luong

At around 9:00 am, begin descending into a valley of rice terraces. Follow narrow, leafy paths towards Uoi village at the foot of a steep mountain, taking in the views along the way.

Continue to a local home, where you collect bicycles to explore Lan village, known for embroidery. Ride past streams, rice fields and small villages. Stop for lunch at a local house or beside the river, overlooking a waterwheel. Finish in Hieu village, where you can see Hieu Waterfall.

Overnight at Pu Luong Retreat.

Tour: approximately 7.5 hours | Transport: bicycle and walking | Difficulty: easy | Meals: breakfast and lunch.

DAY 13**Ninh Binh's waterways and limestone peaks**

Tour photograph · Ninh Binh

After breakfast and check-out, continue to the UNESCO-listed Trang An landscape area in Ninh Binh Province. Travel on to Tam Coc, often called “Halong Bay on land”, for a leisurely two-hour boat ride along winding waterways. Your rower takes you between limestone formations and through natural caves beneath the hills.

After the boat trip, walk to Mua Mountain and climb its zigzagging stone steps, decorated with dragon and phoenix motifs. Take in the views and discover the small shrine dedicated to Quan Am, the Goddess of Mercy, before transferring to your hotel in Ninh Binh.

Overnight at Tam Coc Retreat Resort.

Tour: approximately 4 hours | Transfer: approximately 3 hours | Transport: private car and boat | Meals: breakfast and lunch.

DAY 14**An overnight cruise on Halong Bay**

Tour photograph · Halong Bay

Leave Ninh Binh early for Halong Bay. At the pier, board your cruise and check in. Lunch is served as you sail between the bay's limestone formations. In the afternoon, join the activities arranged by the cruise or simply relax on board. Towards evening, the boat anchors among the islands and dinner is served.

Overnight on Peony Cruise.

Transfer: approximately 3.5 hours | Transport: private car and shared cruise | Meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner. Cruise activities and routing may change according to weather conditions.

DAY 15**Return to Hanoi and farewell to Vietnam**

Tour photograph · Hanoi

Wake to the morning light over the bay and enjoy breakfast, or brunch on some boats, as you sail back towards the harbour. Disembark and transfer to Hanoi for your onward flight home.

Transfer: approximately 3.5 hours by private car | Meals: breakfast and brunch, according to the cruise schedule.

Included services

- Private tour following the itinerary described.
- Pick-up service and transfers as described in the itinerary.
- Domestic flights according to the itinerary: Ho Chi Minh City – Da Nang; Da Nang – Hanoi.
- Accommodation and room or cabin category according to your selected proposal.
- Meals as specified in the itinerary (F = breakfast, M = lunch, A = dinner).
- Guiding for the guided sightseeing specified in the itinerary; German-speaking guides available on request.
- Boat trips and activities as specified in the itinerary.
- Admission tickets for the sightseeing included in the itinerary.
- Drinking water during transport.
- Service charges and VAT.
- 24/7 assistance hotline.
- No additional charge for confirmed services after the service confirmation.

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 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.

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Carefully selected accommodation

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

Ho Chi Minh City

3 stars**Gk Central Hotel**

Premier Deluxe

4 stars**La Siesta Premium Sai Gon**

Deluxe

5 stars**Hôtel Des Arts Saigon Mgallery**

Grand Deluxe Room

Mekong Delta

3 stars**Coco Riverside Lodge**

Bungalow

4 stars**Coco Riverside Lodge**

Bungalow

5 stars**Coco Riverside Lodge**

Bungalow

Hoi An

3 stars**La Charm Hoi An Hotel & Spa**

Premium with River View & Balcony

4 stars**La Siesta Hoi An Resort & Spa**

Deluxe Balcony

5 stars**Palm Garden Resort - Hoi An**

Bungalow Beach Front

Pu Luong

3 stars**Puluong Luna Resort**

Junior Suite

4 stars**Pu Luong Retreat**

Deluxe

5 stars**Pu Luong Retreat**

Valley View Suite

Ninh Binh

3 stars

Le Clos Du Fil Boutique Hotel & Spa

Superior

4 stars

Tam Coc Retreat

Suite Garden Bungalow

5 stars

Tam Coc Garden ResortPremium Tonkin

Halong Bay

3 stars

Milalux Cruise

Junior With Balcony

4 stars

Peony Cruises

Deluxe Balcony

5 stars

Halong CapellacruiseOasis Suite

Hanoi

3 stars

Mk Premier Boutique Hotel

Deluxe City View

4 stars

La Siesta Hang Be Hotel

Deluxe

5 stars

Peridot Grand Luxury Boutique HotelJunior Suite

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