

Vietnam in Depth — 13 Days from Sapa to Saigon

13 days · Tailor-made itinerary



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Your journey. Your pace. Your experiences.

Hanoi - Sapa - Ta Van - Ninh Binh - Halong Bay - Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City -
Cu Chi - Mekong Delta

From USD 1,327 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.
Map data: Natural Earth.

What makes this journey special

- Hanoi's museums and temples
- Sapa walks of 12 km and 8 km
- Homestay in Ta Van
- Hoa Lu and Tam Coc day trip
- Halong Bay cruise and Hoi An
- Saigon's history and Cu Chi

Route & highlights · continued

- Mekong Delta and Vinh Trang

DAY 1**Welcome to 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**Hanoi's cultural landmarks — shared excursion (B, L)**

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Visit Tran Quoc Pagoda on Golden Fish Island, the Ho Chi Minh memorial complex with its Mausoleum and historic residences, and the One Pillar Pagoda. Enjoy a Vietnamese lunch with vegetarian options. Continue to the Museum of Ethnology, or the Women's Museum on Mondays, the Temple of Literature and Hoa Lo Prison Museum. Return to your hotel in the early evening.

DAY 3**Hanoi to Sapa (B)**

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Travel from Hanoi to Sapa by comfortable shuttle bus. Watch the scenery change to hills, green valleys and terraced rice fields. After a short break en route, arrive in the mountain town in the early afternoon. Spend the rest of the day resting or exploring.

Overnight in Sapa.

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

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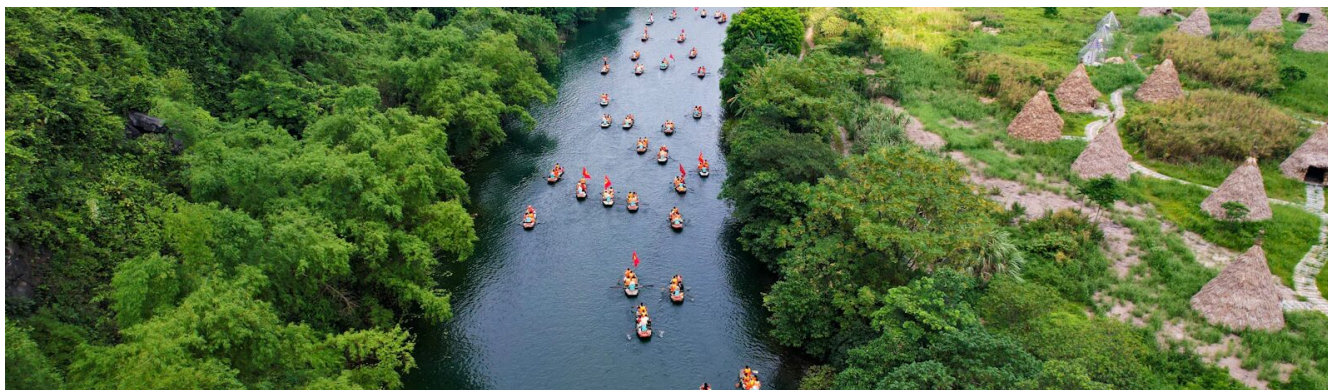
After breakfast, meet your guide at 9:30 am for a walk of around 12 kilometres. Follow the route through Y Linh Ho and Lao Chai, Hmong villages surrounded by rice terraces and mountain views. Have lunch with a family in Lao Chai or at a riverside café, then continue to Ta Van. Stay with a Dzay host family and learn about their daily life and traditions.

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

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After breakfast at your homestay, start walking at around 9:30 am. The roughly eight-kilometre route visits Giang Ta Chai and Su Pan, home to Red Dao and Hmong communities, passing a waterfall, a rattan bridge, valley viewpoints and bamboo woodland. Return to Sapa by bus in the afternoon. After some time in town, take a limousine bus to Hanoi at around 3:00 pm.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 6**Hoa Lu and Tam Coc day trip (B, L)**

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Your guide collects you at 7:30 am for the roughly 120-kilometre journey to Ninh Binh, with a 20-minute break along the way. Visit the temples of Kings Dinh and Le at Hoa Lu, then have a buffet lunch with regional dishes, including goat meat and fried rice, and vegetarian choices. Take a bamboo-boat ride of around 1.5 hours through Tam Coc's rice-field and limestone scenery, followed by a 45-minute village cycle ride. Return to Hanoi at around 6:30 pm.

DAY 7**Halong Bay — overnight shared cruise (B, L, D)**

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After breakfast and check-out, your transfer collects you between 8:00 and 9:00 am. Arrive at the pier around midday and board your cruise. After a welcome and check-in, enjoy lunch as you sail between limestone islands. Afternoon activities may include swimming, kayaking or a cave visit, depending on the cruise programme, or you can relax on deck. The boat anchors in a scenic spot around sunset, followed by dinner.

Overnight on board a shared cruise.

DAY 8**Halong Bay, flight to Da Nang and transfer to Hoi An (B, brunch)**

Tour photograph · Hoi An

Enjoy sunrise views over breakfast as the boat returns to the harbour. An early lunch or brunch is served before disembarking. Transfer to Hanoi Airport for your flight to Da Nang, where your driver will meet you and take you to Hoi An. Check in and enjoy a relaxed afternoon and evening.

Overnight in Hoi An.

DAY 9**Hoi An at leisure (B)**

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

Tour photograph · Ho Chi Minh City

Enjoy your remaining time in Hoi An before your private driver takes you to Da Nang Airport for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City. A driver will meet you at Tan Son Nhat Airport and transfer you to your accommodation. Spend the rest of the day relaxing or exploring the neighbourhood.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 11**Saigon's history and the Cu Chi Tunnels (B, L)**

Tour photograph · Cu Chi

In the morning, visit the Reunification Palace, designed by Ngo Viet Thu. See Notre-Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office, then explore the War Remnants Museum's exhibitions on the Indochina wars. After lunch at a local restaurant, travel around 1.5 hours to Cu Chi. Watch a film about the tunnels before exploring their living areas, kitchens, stores, weapons workshops, field hospitals and command centres, as well as concealed entrances and defensive traps. Finish with tea and cassava before returning to your hotel. Use of the shooting range is optional and is not included.

DAY 12**Mekong Delta with Vinh Trang and My Tho (B, L)**

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In My Tho, visit the 19th-century Vinh Trang Pagoda. Take a sampan past Dragon, Unicorn, Phoenix and Tortoise islands. Walk through Unicorn Island's orchards and village lanes, sample tropical fruit and listen to traditional music. A hand-rowed sampan takes you along Thoi Son Canal to family workshops, beekeeping farms and coconut-sweet makers. After lunch, cycle through Tan Thach village and meet residents, or relax in a hammock. Return to Ho Chi Minh City afterwards.

DAY 13**Departure from Ho Chi Minh City (B)**

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After breakfast, check out. Depending on your flight time, you may have time to browse local markets for souvenirs before your private driver takes you to the airport for your flight home.

Your journey comes to an end.

Included services

- Domestic flight from Hanoi to Da Nang with 20 kg of baggage.
- Domestic flight from Da Nang to Ho Chi Minh City with 20 kg of baggage.
- 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 and tastings 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.
- Transfers and vehicles for the planned excursions.
- Sightseeing and admission tickets as listed in the daily itinerary.
- Tissues and drinking water in the vehicle.
- Service charges and government taxes.
- Assistance through our 24/7 hotline.
- Overland transfers between Hanoi and Sapa as listed in the daily itinerary.

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.
- Travel insurance.
- Drinks beyond the agreed tastings, personal expenses and tips.
- Early check-in and late check-out unless listed.
- Compulsory gala dinners on 24 and 31 December, where applicable.
- Holiday surcharges at Christmas, New Year and Tet in Vietnam, where applicable.
- Airport-transfer surcharges between midnight and 5 am.
- Vietnam e-visa, where required.
- Other activities and services not expressly listed.
- Optional visit to the shooting range at Cu Chi.

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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 Hotel Sapa or similar**

Ta Van

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

Halong Bay

3 stars**Le Journey 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**

Ho Chi Minh City

3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
Queen Ann Hotel or similar	Alagon Sai Gon Hotel or similar	The Myst Dong Khoi or similar

Accommodation follows the categories in your proposal and includes a homestay night in Ta Van. The final selection is confirmed when you book. Check-in is from 2 pm and check-out is by noon, unless your itinerary specifies otherwise.

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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