

Vietnam Nature and Culture — 19 Days from Pu Luong to Phu Quoc

19 days · Tailor-made itinerary



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Your journey. Your pace. Your experiences.

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

From USD 2,104 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 cooking class and market visit
- Trang An and Mua Cave viewpoint day trip
- Pu Luong bamboo rafting and Easy Rider excursion
- Halong Bay cruise
- Hoi An's Old Town and floating lanterns
- Hue's Imperial City and Saigon street food

Route & highlights · continued

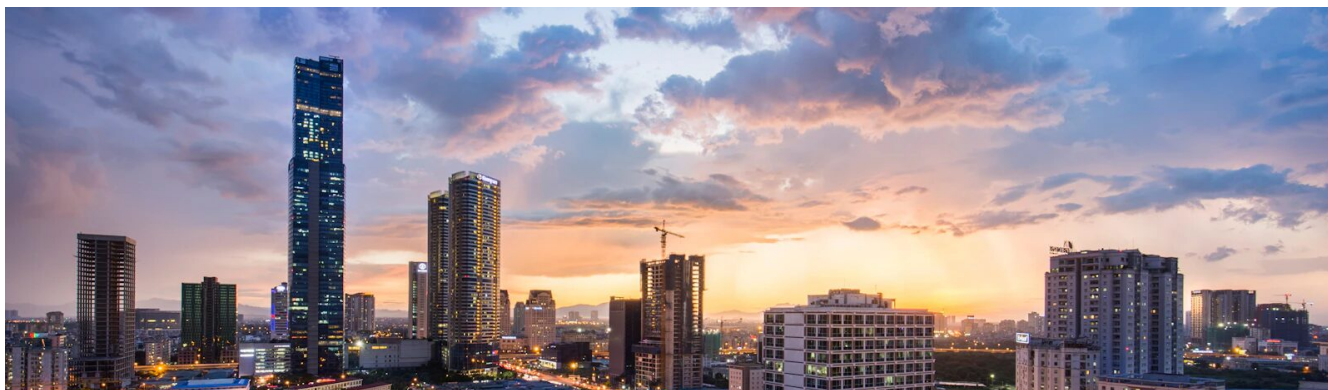
- Three nights on Phu Quoc

DAY 1**Arrive in Hanoi**

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Your driver waits in the arrivals hall at Noi Bai Airport with a name board. If you cannot see them, ask the information desk for help finding the meeting point. Take your private transfer to the hotel, check in and spend the rest of the day settling in.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 2**Vietnamese cooking class in Hanoi (L)**

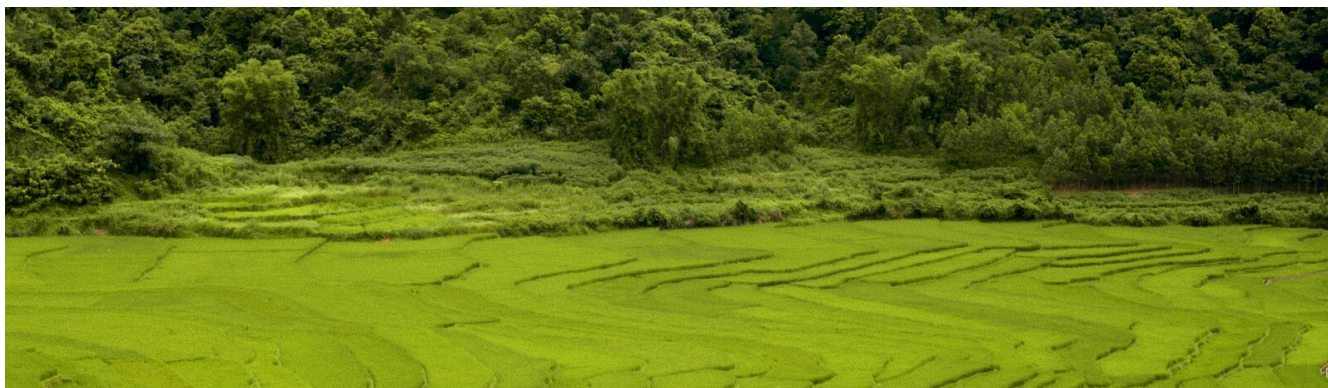
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You are collected from your hotel for a market visit to choose fresh ingredients. At a traditional villa, a professional chef guides you through four Vietnamese dishes: banana blossom salad, bun cha — sometimes nicknamed ‘Obama noodles’ — fried spring rolls, and egg coffee or another dessert. Vegan, vegetarian and alternative menus are available on request. Enjoy your creations and additional dishes from the chef with local wines, then transfer back to the hotel. Choose a morning class from 9 am–1:30 pm or an afternoon class from 3–7:30 pm.

DAY 3**Hoa Lu, Trang An and the Mua Cave viewpoint (L)**

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An early pick-up begins the approximately 120 km journey to Ninh Binh. In Hoa Lu, visit the seventeenth-century temples dedicated to Kings Dinh and Le. Enjoy a buffet of local dishes, including goat and fried rice, with vegetarian options. Take a boat through UNESCO-listed Trang An and caves such as Sang, Toi and Nau Ruou, then climb almost 500 steps at Mua Cave for panoramic views over Tam Coc. Return to Hanoi in the evening.

DAY 4**Hanoi to Pu Luong and a bamboo raft trip (L/D)**

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Leave your Old Quarter hotel at 7 am for the drive to Pu Luong, taking around four hours with a 15-minute break. Check in around noon, have lunch in a local restaurant and take time to rest. Then walk approximately 2.5 km to Ban Cong, cross a suspension bridge and continue to a riverside village with large waterwheels. Take a bamboo-raft ride at Chieu Lau Dam, followed by a walk of around 2 km back through rice fields. An optional cooking class is available in the evening, with dinner around 7 pm.

Overnight in Pu Luong.

DAY 5**Explore Pu Luong with an Easy Rider (B/L/D)**

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After breakfast, ride as a passenger with an experienced motorbike driver towards Kho Muong, passing Bang village and forest scenery. Explore Bat Cave, the largest cave in the area, then follow country roads to Hieu. Have lunch beside a waterfall in the nature reserve, with time to swim and learn about village life. Return to your accommodation at around 4 pm. An optional cooking class is available before dinner at around 7 pm.

Overnight in Pu Luong.

DAY 6**Don, Uoi and Lan villages, then return to Hanoi (B/L)**

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After breakfast, set out at around 8:45 am for a gentle valley walk through rice terraces to Don, past Uoi hamlet and on to Lan. See traditional brocade sewing and meet residents going about their daily activities. You can choose an optional bicycle ride through the village. Check out around 11:30 am, have lunch, then take the four- to five-hour bus journey to Hanoi, arriving at approximately 6:30 pm.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 7**Halong Bay: shared overnight 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, then fly to Hoi An (B/L)**

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's Old Town and floating lanterns (B)**

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Meet your guide at the hotel at around 2:30 pm. Visit Hoi An's lively market and Phuc Kien Assembly Hall, with its dragon figures. Historic houses such as Phung Hung and Tan Ky, together with the Museum of Folk Culture in an old Chinese merchant house, offer insights into the past. Watch a traditional arts performance, visit the Japanese Bridge, and explore craft shops, galleries and residential lanes. Finish with a river boat ride and floating flower lanterns carrying wishes for good fortune. The tour ends at around 6:30 pm.

Overnight in Hoi An.

DAY 10**Free day; optional Ba Na Hills excursion (B)**

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Enjoy Hoi An independently or book the optional full-day trip to Ba Na Hills, listed in the source offer at USD 75 per person, to be confirmed at booking. Pick-up is between 7:30 and 8 am. Ride the cable car for views of Da Nang, then visit the Golden Bridge, the nine Le Jardin d'Amour gardens and Linh Ung Pagoda. A second cable car takes you to the French Village, with music, statues, the Campanile, shrines, temples and performances. The option includes a buffet lunch. Depending on operations, attractions include the Lava Train, Helios Waterfall, Time Gate, Moon Kingdom and Fantasy Park, with Fairy Forest, Dinosaur Park, 5D Wild West, 4D Death Race, 3D Mega 360°, Underground Journey, Jurassic Park, Freefall Tower, Horror House and more than 90 games. Begin the return at 3 pm, reaching your hotel around 4:45–5:45 pm.

DAY 11**Coastal drive to Hue (B)**

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After breakfast and check-out, meet your driver for the approximately 3.5-hour coastal journey, with mountains on one side and the sea on the other. Check in to your hotel in Hue, then explore at your own pace.

Overnight in Hue.

DAY 12**Hue's imperial heritage (B/L)**

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Meet your guide in the lobby between 8 and 8:30 am. Take a dragon boat along the Perfume River to seventeenth-century Thien Mu Pagoda. Visit the Imperial Citadel and the Museum of Royal Antiquities, with objects from the Nguyen dynasty. Sample local specialities for lunch at Dong Ba Market. In the afternoon, visit Khai Dinh's tomb, with its mix of Eastern and Western architecture, and Minh Mang's tomb. Watch traditional crafts in the conical-hat and incense-making villages before returning around 4-5 pm.

DAY 13**Fly to Ho Chi Minh City (B)**

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After breakfast and free time, take your private transfer to the airport for the flight to Ho Chi Minh City. On arrival, transfer to your accommodation.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 14**Saigon's daily life and street food by scooter (B/L)**

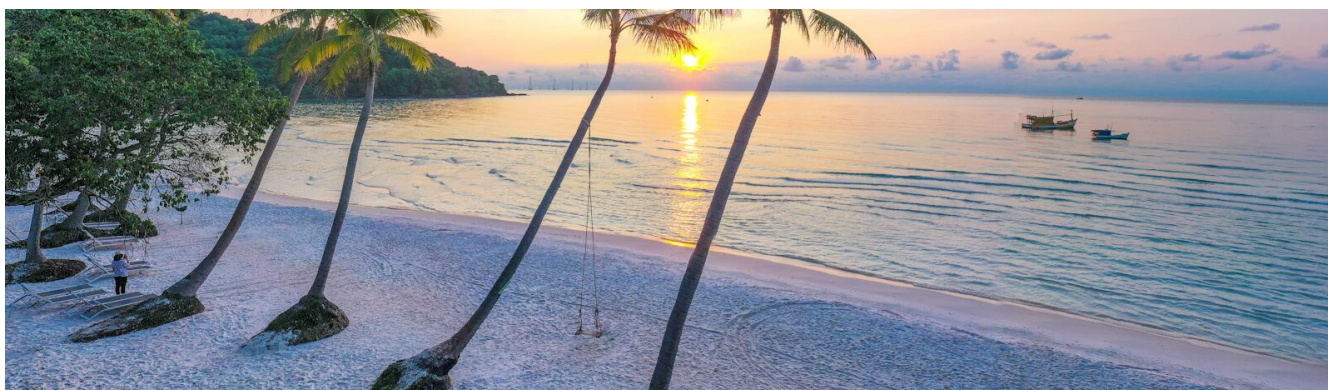
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Meet your guide at 8:30 am. After a safety briefing, explore by scooter through streets lined with 1960s buildings, guitar makers and small restaurants. Visit Nguyen Thien Thuat Street, Ban Co Market and residential areas in Districts 10 and 5. On Hai Thuong Lang Ong and Trieu Quang Phuc streets in Chinatown, discover traditional medicine clinics and herbal shops, then visit Thien Hau Temple. Try com tam, broken rice, or bun bo, beef noodle soup, for lunch. Return to your hotel in the early afternoon.

DAY 15**Mekong Delta: My Tho and Thoi Son (B/L)**

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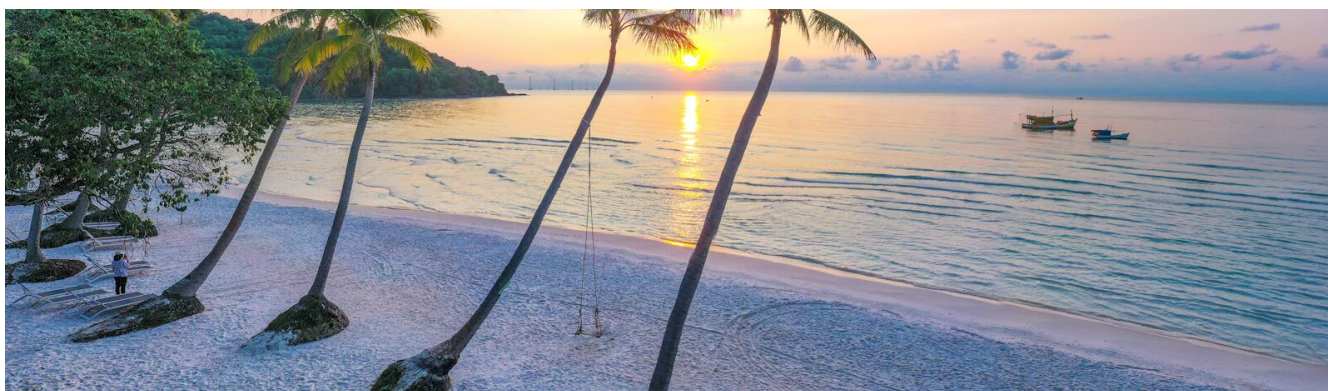
Pick-up is between 7:30 and 8 am for the shuttle-bus journey to My Tho. Visit late-nineteenth-century Vinh Trang Pagoda and cruise by sampan among the river islands. Walk through orchards, taste tropical fruit and listen to folk music. Travel along Thoi Son Canal to a coconut candy workshop and bee farm for honey tea and sweets. After lunch and a break, cycle through Tan Thanh or relax in a hammock. Return to Ho Chi Minh City at around 5:30 pm.

DAY 16**Fly to Phu Quoc Island (B)**

Tour photograph · Phu Quoc

After breakfast, enjoy time to explore or shop in Ho Chi Minh City. Transfer to the airport and fly to Phu Quoc, where you are met and taken to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day relaxing or exploring nearby.

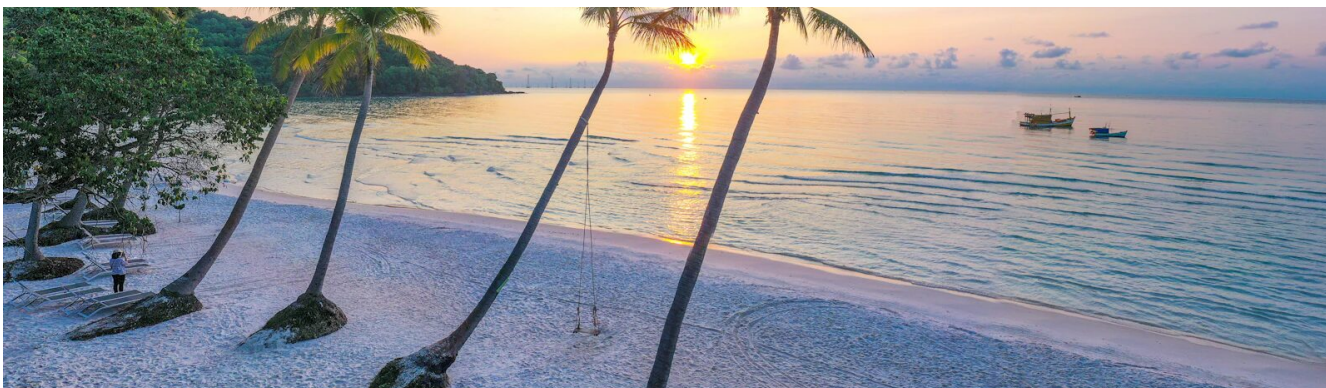
Overnight on Phu Quoc.

DAY 17**Phu Quoc at your own pace (B)**

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Enjoy Phu Quoc at your own pace. Relax on the beach, swim, sunbathe or simply take in the island atmosphere.

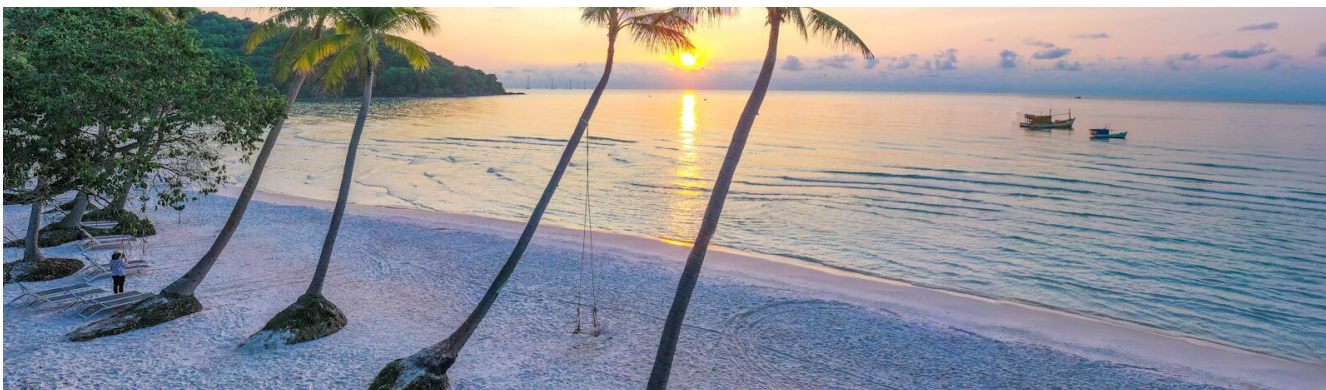
Overnight on Phu Quoc.

DAY 18**Another beach day in Phu Quoc (B)**

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Another free day gives you time for the beach and sea. Swim, sunbathe or explore the island as you wish.

Overnight on Phu Quoc.

DAY 19**Depart 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.

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 Ba Na Hills tour, listed at USD 75 per person; the price will be confirmed when you book.
- Optional cooking classes and independently arranged leisure activities, unless agreed.

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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**

Pu Luong

3 stars**Local homestay - privater Bungalow****4 stars****Pu Luong Retreat or similar****5 stars****Pu Luong Retreat or similar**

Halong Bay

3 stars**Le Journey Cruise or similar****4 stars****Milalux Cruise Halong 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 or similar**

Ho Chi Minh City

3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
Acnos Hotel or similar	Paragon Saigon Hotel or similar	The Myst Dong Khoi or similar

Phu Quoc

3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
Sea Star Resort or similar	Famiana Resort & Spa Phu Quoc or similar	The Shells Resort and Spa or similar

Hotels follow the accommodation categories in your proposal. For Pu Luong, the properties in that list apply rather than differing examples in individual days. 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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