

Vietnam Classic Tour - 12 days

(Hanoi – Halong – Hoian – Hue – Saigon – Mekong Cruise)

Note*: This tour is daily departure from Hanoi or Saigon

Itinerary Overview

| Day | Destination | Meals |
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| Day 1 | HANOI ARRIVAL | - |
| Day 2 | HANOI HALF DAY CITY TOUR | B |
| Day 3 | HANOI - HALONG BAY - NIGHT ON BOARD | B/L/D |
| Day 4 | HALONG BAY - HANOI - FIGHT TO DANANG | B/L |
| Day 5 | HOIAN - FREE AND EASY DAY | B |
| Day 6 | HOIAN - MY SON TOWERS TOUR | B/L |
| Day 7 | HOIAN - HUE SCENIC TRAIN JOURNEY | B |
| Day 8 | HUE CITY TOUR - FLIGHT TO SAIGON | B/L |
| Day 9 | SAIGON CITY + CU CHI TUNNELS TOUR | B/L |
| OPTION 1 : MEKONG 2 DAYS WITH 1 NIGHT ON BOARD | | |
| Day 10 | SAIGON - PANORAMA MEKONG RIVER CRUISE | B/L/D |
| Day 11 | CAIBE/CAI RANG FLOATING MARKET – SAIGON | B |
| OPTION 2: MEKONG FULL DAY + FREE DAY | | |
| Day 10 | SAIGON – MEKONG ADVENTURE | B/L |
| Day 11 | SAIGON – FREE AND EASY | B |
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| Day 12 | SAIGON DEPARTURE | B |

Note*: B: Breakfast / L: Lunch / D: Dinner

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 HANOI ARRIVAL

Arrive in Hanoi. Greeted by your driver at the airport. Transfer to your hotel in the city centre for

check-in and at leisure in the rest of the day.

Note*:

- The hotel room will be available at 2:00pm, and in case that you would like to secure an early-check in, an additional charge will be applied.
- Please be advised that both international and domestic might be crowded at sometimes during the day, so in case that you arrive and cannot find our representatives, please be presented at Pole **No.16** outside lobby A2 (International) or Lobby of domestic arrival (Domestic flight) and contact us, so we could easily search for you.

Meals: N/A

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 2 HANOI HALF DAY CITY TOUR

Pickup at 08:00. We will spend a half day to visit the city. We start with visit to President Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum (Outside). We also visit the famous One Pillar Pagoda nearby. Leaving the President's complex, we continue to visit the Temple of Literature (Van Mieu). Although several Van Mieu can be found throughout Vietnam, the most prominent and famous is that situated in the city of Hanoi, and was functioned as Vietnam's first university. The day ends with visit to Hoa Lo Prison.

Free in the afternoon to explore Hanoi.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 3 HANOI - HALONG BAY - NIGHT ON BOARD

08h00: Pick up from your hotel in Hanoi. Drive to Halong City through the paddy fields in the Red River Delta.

10h00: Stopover on the way for a refreshment break

12h00: Arrive at Tuan Chau wharf – Break and photography time

12h30: Board the Cruise for departure. Welcome drink will be served

13h00: Lunch is served while cruising through the bay

15h30: Visit exciting Cua Van fishing village. The village is free of busy roads and streets, electric lights, houses and high rise buildings. Instead, there are only herds of little boats and rafts. You will have the chance to discover the traditional culture and customs of the fishermen.

16h30: Enjoy kayaking or swimming (if the weather permits).

17h00: Back on board and continue cruising.

19h00: Dinner is served.

21h00: Take some leisure time to enjoy chatting at the bar or enjoy some night fishing.

Note*: the itinerary and activities on board would vary depending on the boat you choose. Please see the choice of boat in Hotel Inclusions.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Sleep on board

Day 4

HALONG BAY - HANOI - FIGHT TO DANANG

07.00: Coffee and tea will be served

08.00: Continue cruising

08h15: Visit splendid Sung Sot Cave

09h00: Check out and enjoy a fantastic cruise on the bay, passing Dinh Huong Island, fishing villages, Ga Choi Island, Dog Island and Sail Island.

09.30: Buffet brunch (breakfast/lunch) while cruising back through Halong Bay to the pier

11h30: Arrive at the pier. Time to say goodbye to the crew.

12.00: Return from Halong to Hanoi. Arrive Hanoi at about 17pm.

Airport transfer for late flight to Danang. Transfer to the hotel in Hoian upon arrival.

Note*: the itinerary and activities on board would vary depending on the boat you choose. Please see the choice of boat in Hotel Inclusions.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoian

Day 5

HOIAN - FREE AND EASY DAY

Free and easy day to explore Hoian town or swim at nearby beach.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoian

Day 6

HOIAN - MY SON TOWERS TOUR

Pickup at the hotel at 7:50 am, we drive to visit My Son. The My Son temple complex is regarded one of the foremost Hindu temple complexes in Southeast Asia and is the foremost heritage site of this nature in Vietnam. It is often compared with other historical temple complexes in Southeast Asia, such as Borobodur of Java in Indonesia, Angkor Wat of Cambodia, Bagan of Myanmar and Ayutthaya of

Thailand. Although badly damaged by bombing raids in the 1960s, the site still has more than 20 structures and was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1999.

Leaving My Son for boat station and taking a boat trip on Thu Bon river. You could visit the living of the local people and feeling the fresh air. Enjoy the beautiful views along the river. Arrive Hoian in early afternoon. Free time to shop or explore Hoian ancient town.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoian

Day 7

HOIAN - HUE SCENIC TRAIN JOURNEY about 2.5 hours

Free in the morning.

In the afternoon, transfer to the station for day train to Hue. Enjoy scenic view of Hai Van Pass on the way. Arrive Hue in late afternoon. Transfer to the hotel for checkin and enjoy free time.

Note*: Train journeys are part of a great local experience. Restrooms at either end of the carriages.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hue

Day 8

HUE CITY TOUR - FLIGHT TO SAIGON

08:00 – 08:20: Pickup at the hotel.

Today, we will spend a full day touring Hue city.

In the morning: visit Old Imperial City, Flag Tower, Thien Mu Pagoda and Dong Ba bustling market. Lunch at the local restaurant.

In the afternoon: visit Royal Tombs of Minh Mang and Khai Dinh. We will also visit a Conical hat village and incense stick village

Then airport transfer for late afternoon flight to Saigon. Transfer to your hotel for checkin upon arrival.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Saigon

Day 9

SAIGON CITY + CU CHI TUNNELS TOUR

Pickup at the hotel at 7:40, we head out of town to visit the Cu Chi Tunnels, which is an extensive underground network of approximately 200 kilometers of tunnels dug initially by the Viet Minh and then expanded by the Viet Cong. Here contains hospitals, plus accommodation and schools, and were used extensively for refuge and storage and also utilized as a military base for the Viet Cong close to Saigon.

In late afternoon, transfer to Saigon for half day city tour. Our city tour will help you to see the best of Saigon. We visit the historic Reunification palace and War Remnants Museum, followed by the architectural treats of French colonial Notre Dame Cathedral and the post Office. Free time at leisure or shopping at Ben Thanh Market nearby.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Saigon

OPTION 1: MEKONG 2 DAYS WITH 1 NIGHT ON BOARD

Day 10

SAIGON - PANORAMA MEKONG RIVER CRUISE

Note*: depending on the cruise availability, you would do the Caibe – Can Tho or Can Tho – Caibe itinerary. We will keep you updated.

07:10 – 07:30: Pickup at the hotel for Cantho – Caibe itinerary

08:00 – 08:20: Pickup at the hotel for Caibe – Can Tho Itinerary.

11:30: Arrive the pier. You board your comfortable wooden Mekong Eyes cruise vessel. After a refreshing welcome drink we show you our on-board facilities and your cosy cabin. As lunch is served, the Mekong Eyes Cruise starts cruising. Sit back and watch the fantastic scenery and the daily life of the Mekong people.

In the afternoon you can disembark for a guided leisurely stroll through a village and the surrounding fruit orchards or rice fields. Meet the friendly locals and taste the local produce and fruits.

Get back on board and enjoy a drink at the bar or relax on deck as the sun sets over the magnificent water landscape of the Mekong river. The Mekong Eyes Cruise will anchor for the night. The day ends with a delicious on-board dinner. You stay overnight on board your floating hotel in the Mekong Delta.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Sleep on board

Day 11

CAIBE/CAI RANG FLOATING MARKET - SAIGON

Wake up well rested to the sound of the river and get ready for another exciting day of sightseeing in the Mekong Delta. At 6.30h the Mekong Eyes cruise vessel sets off for a sunrise cruise. Watch the locals

go about their daily work drying exotic fruits and building ships on the wooden yards while enjoying an early breakfast.

After breakfast, we will board a sampan boat to Cai Be or Cai Rang floating market, the region's busiest and most lively markets. Marvel at the sheer abundance of exotic fruits, vegetables and skilfully handcrafted regional products. We will pull up to the boats for talking and bargaining with the merchants. We will also visit some of the local candy and cake making factories or boat through the green water landscape to see local houses, verdant orchards and ship-building yards.

10:30: Disembark at the jetty. Bus transfer to the hotel in Saigon.

Note*: The floating markets in the Mekong Delta are no tourist markets but wholesale markets where produce of the Mekong Delta like fruits and vegetables are traded. For this reason the number of boats on the market fluctuates depending on harvesting seasons and market demand. Furthermore, modern wholesale markets are becoming more popular in Vietnam. This can result in decreasing numbers of boats being present on the markets.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Saigon

OPTION 2: MEKONG FULL DAY + FREE AND EASY DAY

Day 10

SAIGON – MEKONG ADVENTURE

07:40am - 8:10am Pick you up at your hotel and depart for Ben Tre.

After arriving at Ham Luong dock, board the boat & cruise along Ham Luong River, a tributary to the Mekong River. The cool breeze from the river and lush tropical islands along its banks will immediately get you excited to explore all the great things ahead.

Arrive and visit various local workplaces to find many wonderful examples of how local people use ageless techniques to create their crafts, including activated charcoal, dried coconut, handy coconut husk brooms, and many family businesses using coir, or coconut fiber, to create amazing art. Drive around the village roads by "Xe Lôi", the local vehicle, which is a kind of motorized rickshaw. Perfect your day with a delicious and filling lunch at a local host house.

Break time, treating yourself to a relaxing time to relish the beautiful countryside or cycling around the village. Visit the local fruit plantation, enjoy seasonal fresh fruits, and spend time relaxing while being rowed in a small boat slowly through the natural canals to get a sense of how truly beautiful this area is.

Embark on the sampan and return to the dock. Travel back to Saigon. Complete your trip. Finish tour Mekong Delta Adventure Day Tour.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Saigon

Day 11 SAIGON – FREE AND EASY

Enjoy your free day for shopping and personal activities in Saigon.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Saigon

Day 12 SAIGON DEPARTURE

Today, you are free till airport transfer for departure flight. Trip ends!

Note*: depending on your flight schedule, we will arrange airport transfer accordingly (2.5 hours for domestic flight/ 4 hours for international flights).

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: N/A

List of hotels

| Location | Hotel | | |
|-------------------|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| | 2-3* | 3-4* | 4* |
| Hanoi | Holiday Emerald Hotel | Hanoi Noble Hotel | Golden Silk boutique hotel |
| Halong Bay Cruise | A Class Cruise | Stellar Cruise | Huong Hai Sealife Cruise |
| Hoian | Hoian Trail Resort | | Edora Hotel |
| Hue | Orchid hotel | Hue Cherish Hotel | Hoian Beach Resort |
| Saigon | Saigon Beautiful 3 | Tan Hoang Long Saigon Hotel | Grand Silverland Hotel & Spa |
| Mekong Cruise | Mekong Eyes Cruise/Le CoChinchine Cruise (Tour option 1) | | |

Note*: Checkin/checkout time is 14:00pm and 12:00am respectively as per the hotel's policy. Early checkin/late checkout is subject to availability. Supplement for early checkin/late checkout (if any) is not included.

Includes & Excludes

Inclusion:

- Overnights in selected hotels or similar
- Vietnam visa approval letter
- All in-tour stationed local English speaking guide.
- Excursions as mentioned in the itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Entrance fees for sightseeing mentioned in the itinerary
- Tours and transfers as mentioned, by air-conditioned vehicles
- Halong bay 2 day Cruise package
- Mekong 2 day Cruise package (Tour option 1)
- 1 day train for Danang - Hue
- 2 Domestic flights (Hanoi - Danang, Hue - Saigon)

Exclusion:

- Meals and services other than those noted in the itinerary
- Visa stamping fees
- Laundry, telephone calls, and personal expenditures
- Gratuities for guides, drivers, porters, boat crew, and personal, non-itinerary services

Payment and Terms

Payment

- To guarantee your land tour booking, a deposit 30% must be paid in advance. The balance must be settled **either** in USD Cash on arrival **or** 1 week before arrival date via any other methods.
- We accept payments in cash, by credit card or by bank transfer and Western Union. Any charges to settle the payment must be paid by the Clients. We will recognize the amount receive only.

Cancellations

Cancellations for all or any part of the trip will not be effective until received in writing. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply:

- 65 days or more before departure: 15% of total tour cost
- Between 64 and 35 days before departure: 30% of total tour cost
- Between 34 and 15 days before departure: 50% of total tour cost
- Between 14 and 7 days before departure: 80% of total tour cost
- 6 days or less before departure / No Show: 100% of total tour cost

Full charge is applied for domestic flights

Note*: We strongly recommend for your protection that you purchase a trip cancellation insurance.