

VIETNAM ESCAPE TOUR



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Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City Guided Tour & Flights

Duration: 10 days

Stay: 8 nights hotels

Travel style: Escorted tour with flights from Australia

Booking code: VTNAV10M

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10 Days Vietnam Escorted Tour & Flights

About the holiday

From Hanoi in the north to Ho Chi Minh City in the south, discover Vietnam's vibrant cities, natural wonders, UNESCO-listed sites and thriving culture.

This tour starts in the capital city of Hanoi, with its fascinating blend of East and West. Then leave the bustle of the city behind to view the thousands of limestone islands rising out of the sea during the Halong Bay excursion and day cruise. Make the most of your time with a short flight to Danang, where you'll be transferred to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed town of Hoi An for a wonderful 2-night stay.

Another internal flight to Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon) is included. In addition to an orientation tour that helps you learn about the local history and sights, there's leisure time to enjoy exploring the city with its magnificent French colonial architecture. During the free time there's the option to tour the Mekong Delta and before the flight home you'll get to experience the remarkable Cu Chi Tunnels.

Why you'll love this trip...

It's great value, with the ideal balance of free time and included activities

Enjoy the comforts of 3-star & 4-star hotels with daily buffet breakfasts

English-speaking local guides are with you for in-depth sightseeing

Two domestic flights are included in the itinerary, as well as airfares from Australia

Travel dates

2024 - Select dates from February to October*

**Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date. Please contact us for current dates, rates and travel options.*

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Tour package includes:

- **Returned International flights included from Melbourne or Sydney to Vietnam**
- Domestic flights in Vietnam - Hanoi to Danang & Danang to Ho Chi Minh City
- Comfortable group experience with no more than 30 persons
- Airport transfers included on the first and last day of tour
- 8 nights in 3-star or 4-star hotel accommodation
- Halong Bay Day Cruise
- Dedicated transportation in comfortable, air-conditioned vehicles
- Daily Breakfast Buffet, 1 lunch
- Fully escorted by English-speaking local guides
- In-depth sightseeing and all entry fees as per the itinerary

Package excludes:

Visa fees

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc.

Gratuities for tour managers & drivers

Video & camera permits

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

***Subject to confirmation by airlines, hotels, tour company & local operators.
Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.***

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Itinerary:

Day 1: ✈️ *Hanoi Arrival*

Today, depart Australia for Hanoi - the Capital of Vietnam.

Upon arrival to the airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel for check-in

Accommodation: Chalcedony Hotel 4* or similar

Note: Sydney might departure one day earlier. The hotel is not included and you might pre-book with the extra cost (AUD110/room/night)

Day 2: *Hanoi City tour* 🚌 *Halong* 🚢

After breakfast, at 10AM, you will have a bustling day to visit a city tour of Hanoi and will explore attractions such as the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university, Ho Chi Minh Complex (Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, One Pillar Pagoda) and Tran Quoc Pagoda, one of the oldest pagodas in Vietnam. In the afternoon, leave the bustle of the big city and drive to Halong Bay. On arrive in Tuan Chau Island, check in your hotel and free time at leisure or you might buy an optional tour such as Dinner on Halong Bay Cruise Tour.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Paradise Suites Hotel 4* or similar

Optional Dinner on Halong Bay Cruise Tour

In the evening, you will enjoy a classy and sophisticated buffet dining experience with more than 100 European - Asian delicacies and fresh seafood in the heritage bay. The unique experience is elevated to the next level with top-notch entertainment with an exclusive spectacle and state-of-the-art visual effects.

Day 03: *Halong Bay Cruise* 🚌 *Hanoi*

Today enjoy a day cruise on Halong Bay: a UNESCO World Heritage Site and natural wonderland composed of jutting limestone islands and sparkling turquoise waters, located in the Gulf of Tonkin. After breakfast at the hotel, drive to the Halong harbor to board your private junk cruise for a 4-hour journey. Cruise along the calm waters, between looming, limestone outcrops to visit Dau Go Cave, where in 1288 one of Vietnam's most famous generals, Tran Hung Dao, stored hundreds of stakes before battling the invading Mongolian army. A short walk away, visit the newly discovered Thien Cung, famous for its stalagmites and stalactites. Savour a fresh seafood lunch, served on board before sailing back to Tuan Chau harbour, where your transport will be waiting to take you back to Hanoi. This evening, you are free or can book a Street Tour optional with us.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Chalcedony Hotel 4* or similar

Optional Hanoi Street Food (Dinner included)

Enjoy a walk around the Old Quarter in the afternoon and appreciate the local lifestyles as you wind through Hanoi's streets. You will have a taste of Northern Vietnamese delicacies such as: Stuffed pancake, banh my, stuffed sticky rice balls, the unique egg coffee and many more.

Day 4: Hanoi ✈️ Flight to Danang 🚗 Hoi An Ancient Town

Enjoy your free time in the morning before you will leave Hanoi for flight to Danang. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to the UNESCO World Heritage listed town of Hoi An. After that, you will explore Hoi An on foot, visiting an old merchant's home, Hoi An Market, a local Chinese temple and the Japanese Covered Bridge. The bridge was first constructed here in the 1590s by the Japanese community to link them with the Chinese quarters. Over the centuries the ornamentation has remained relatively faithful to the original Japanese design. The French flattened out the roadway for cars, but the original arched shape was restored in 1986.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hoi An Rosemary Boutique Hotel 4* or similar

Day 05: Hoi An

Today you can enjoy a day of leisure to explore Hoi An or join our optional tours to Golden Bridge in Ba Na Hills.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hoi An Rosemary Boutique Hotel 4* or similar

Optional Golden Bridge Tour

The trip starts when our guide & car driver pick you up for the transfer. On arrival at the Ba Na mountain foot, we'll travel by cable car up to the Marseille station. Get out and take a short walk to the Golden Bridge - a break point of the trip - to feel like walking on the clouds. Just newly opened to the public in early June 2018 the bridge which was built in the midst of the forest stands out in yellow. Noteworthy, this unique architecture with the bridge image supported by grey hands, creates a beautiful scenery surprised. Time for taking photos and enjoying the easy breeze, breathtaking view and afterwards, we'll walk further to a romantic flower garden - Le Jardin D'Amour. The 9 gardens are 9 interesting stories in 9 unique architectural styles. These create a poetic and colourful space. Next, walk to visit Linh Ung Pagoda to admire its sophisticated architecture together with a 27m high Shakyamuni statue which brings us peaceful feeling as visiting this place. Finally, we'll catch the cable car downhill and then transfer to Hoi An.

Optional Hoi An Memories Show

Featuring 500 performers with superb choreography, this open-air theatrical extravaganza tells a story about Hoi An throughout 400 years of history while shining the spotlight on Ao Dai and the hidden charming beauty of Vietnamese women.

Day 06: Hoi An

Today, you are free or you can buy optional tours we suggest below:

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hoi An Rosemary Boutique Hotel 4* or similar

Optional My Son Sanctuary and Thanh Ha Village Tour

My Son sanctuary, a great sample of ancient Champa civilization situated in the southern region of Vietnam. Stand astounded by a great number of exquisite stone sculptures, temples and towers nestled in a tropical jungle.

Day 07: Hoi An Da Nang Flight to Ho Chi Minh City

After breakfast, you will have your free time before transferred to the airport for the flight to Ho Chi Minh City.

Upon arrival, enjoy an orientation tour through Ho Chi Minh City's bustling streets en route to the hotel. Have lunch at your own and visit the War Remnants Museum, learn about Vietnam's recent history at Reunification Palace, visit the nearby neo-Romanesque Notre Dame Cathedral and the City's Centre Post Office before passing by the ornate Opera Theatre and the City Hall. Finally, end up at the Ben Thanh Market, where vendors display a vast array of goods and handicrafts.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Aristo Saigon Hotel 3* or similar

Optional Dinner on Saigon River Cruise

Dinner on Saigon River Cruise offers an opportunity to witness another side of Saigon. The city is not only a bustling metropolis but also a romantic land. Hop on a huge wooden barge and sail down the river. Feel the gentle breeze caressing your skin and enjoy a lovely dinner accompanied by the traditional music and dance performances.

Day 08: Ho Chi Minh City Optional tour to Mekong Delta

You are free day today or you buy an optional tour to Mekong Delta.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Aristo Saigon Hotel 3* or similar

Optional Mekong visit the locals

Embark on a cruise to Ben Tre river and visit brickwork, coconut processing workshop, a local village making sleep mattresses. Continue taking a motor cart (xe lô) or cycling through the green rice fields and vegetable plains. Lunch is served at the restaurant riverside. In the afternoon, sail through water palm creek by rowboat and get back to Hung Vuong Pier for departing to Saigon.

Optional Vespa Adventure - Saigon After Dark Tour

Discover Saigon's nightlife on the back of a vintage Vespa scooter. Enjoy your amazing night by whisking away the city and stop by some shops to taste Saigon's best authentic local food.

Day 09: Ho Chi Minh City Cu Chi Tunnels - Departure Australia

You are free at leisure in the morning.

Check out at your hotel and then visit Cu Chi Tunnels in the afternoon. Explore Cu Chi tunnels. During the Vietnam War, guerrilla fighters built a labyrinth of narrow tunnels, using them to hide in during bombing raids and to stage surprise attacks.

Today, the remaining tunnels have become a major tourist attraction, giving visitors a unique understanding of what life was like during the Vietnam War.

Late afternoon, we drive you to the airport for flight back home. Overnight on Plane.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: On Plane

Day 10: Home Arrival

Arrive home today.

Please note: The day-by-day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

Tour information:

Physical Requirements

A reasonable level of fitness is required, but it's more about spending time on your feet rather than covering large distances. You'll be getting on and off coaches and boats, walking around the sights and climbing some steps.

Tipping

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. Please be advised that tipping for tour guides, drivers and bellmen are required and will be collected by your travel consultant 7 days before you depart. A gratuity of 10AUD per person/day can make a big difference to locals employed in the tourism industry as they have done an impeccable job to serve you through your holiday.

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

Single Supplement

A single supplement is required in addition to the twin share price. Pairing with other solo travellers is not an option on this tour.

Group size:

15-30 pax

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected. We have partnered with Nib Travel Insurance to offer you competitive rates for your travel insurance. You can book comprehensive or budget cover simply to arrange your policy.

Visa & Passport information

A visa is required for travel to Vietnam and eVisa can be obtained online. It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport and necessary documentation to enter Vietnam. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return and must have more than 2 blank pages.

Children

Children must be 2 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are the same price as adults.

Tour Length

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule, please refer to the day-by-day itinerary for the time spent on land.

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