

Amazing Vietnam - 19 Days

Brief Itinerary:

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- Day 19: Hanoi departure (B)

Remark:

B= Breakfast, **L** = Lunch, **D** = Dinner

Tour includes:

- Accommodation based on **double/twin sharing room** with daily breakfast
- Vietnam visa approval letter
- Experienced English-speaking guides as indicated in the itinerary
- Private transportation with AC
- Return train ticket Hanoi – Lao Cai - Hanoi
- Flight tickets Hanoi – Hue, Danang – Saigon
- All sightseeing tickets
- Lunches and dinners as indicated in the itinerary
- Taxes and services charges

Tour excludes:

- International flight tickets and airport tax
- Visa stamping fee
- Early check in and late check out
- Drinks, gratuities and personal expenses
- Insurance

Detail itinerary:

Day 1: Saigon arrival (D)

Welcome to Saigon – today’s Ho Chi Minh city – the country’s commercial centre. The city never sleeps with over nine million inhabitants and five million motorbikes. The drive and tour guide will pick you up and then transfer to city

centre. You have free time after flight and then enjoy welcome dinner at the local restaurant.

Day 2: Saigon city tour and Cu Chi tunnels (B)

This morning, you will visit the famous Cu Chi tunnels, an incredible underground tunnel network constructed by Vietnamese resistance fighters during the long struggle for independence.

The network included innumerable trap doors, specially constructed living areas, storage facilities, weapons factories, field hospitals, command centers and kitchens.

Back to Saigon for half day city tour, including The Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral and Old Post Office, Remnant War Museum and Ben Thanh market.

Day 3: Saigon – Mekong delta – Can Tho (B, L)

Leave Saigon for Cai Be in Vinh Long province. On arrival you embark to discover Mekong delta. Along the way you visit the many fascinating local cottages industries including rice paper makers, sweet factory, bonsai nurseries. After a huge lunch at an orchard you weave your way through the intricate network of canals which are the lifeblood of the Mekong Delta, to Vinh Long. At this small town you meet up with your vehicle for a short drive to Can Tho. Check in hotel and free time.

Day 4: Can Tho – Saigon (B)

Wake up in early morning to take the boat trip to Cai Rang Floating Market - one of the most bustling floating markets in Mekong Delta with hundreds of small boats barging.

The trading way is unique; each boat usually sells one particular item, whether it is pumpkin, pineapple, sugar cane. After sampling local fruits, the guide will escort you back the hotel through myriad canals. Back to Saigon in the late afternoon. Check in hotel and free time.

Day 5: Saigon – fly to Nha Trang (B)

Today, you catch morning flight to Nha Trang for some beach holiday. Pick up and transfer to your resort. Enjoy your free time for sunbathing in Nha Trang beach – one of most beautiful beaches in Vietnam.

Day 6, 7: Nha Trang relaxing (B)

There are many activities around the city and surrounding area for you to do and see on these days. Swimming in cool water or snorkel and dive among the coral reefs in crystal blue waters, hike nature trails...

You also have fun at Vinpearl Amusement park or experience some interesting places like the ancient Po Ngar Cham towers or the French built Nha Tho Nui Cathedral. Other sites of interest include the Long Son Pagoda and the National Oceanographic Museum of Vietnam ..

Also make time to take advantage of the massage and spa facilities in the resort, to enjoy the sea breeze through your room window or go for a swim at either the resort pool or the adjacent beach.

Day 8: Nha Trang – drive to Dalat (B)

This morning, you leave Nha Trang for Dalat - known as the City of Eternal Spring by plane. Upon arrival in Da Lat, you will be transferred to hotel. In the afternoon, spend your time visiting Crazy House, the XQ Silk Embroidery Village and the Dalat Center market.

Day 9: Dalat – countryside tour – fly to Danang (B)

Begin your journey to the less visited area 12km north of Dalat. Your destination for the morning is Langbian Mountain, the highest summit in the south of Vietnam (2,169 m above sea level). On the way you will take a break at Dankia Lakes and Golden Valley at the foot of the mountain. You have a jeep available, but let your guide know if you would prefer to trek part of the way up (about 1.5 to 2 hrs, 350 m). A specialty alcohol to the area is Can Wine, sample if you wish. At the summit, Rada Peak, you have a 360 degree vista of the surrounding countryside and great photo opportunities. Take a rest to admire the view before descending to visit Lat village (wooden church, furnishings and clothes woven by hand).

After the tour, transfer to the airport for your flight to Danang. Pick up and transfer to your hotel in Hoian. Check in hotel and free time.

Day 10: Hoian – My Son holy land (B)

Today, you drive to My Son, a World Heritage, 50 km southwest of Hoi An. Located in a lush valley; My Son was a capital and religious center of Cham people, now remaining with red brick towers and sanctuaries. My Son, once the spiritual capital of Champa Kingdom that dominated South East Asia for nearly a thousand years and occupied most of the central parts of Vietnam from 2nd century to 16th century with very rich in history and culture. Contemplate its remarkable red brick towers and sanctuaries dating from between the 7th and 13th centuries. Come back Hoian in the afternoon. Free time for shopping or making tailor.

Day 11: Hoian free time (B)

Today is your free time in Hoian. You might like to consider the following activities for your day:

- Visit Hoi An Old Quarter with ancient households, and touches of Japanese, Chinese and Thai styles in the building designs. Historic sites of Phuc Kien Communal House, Tan Ky ancient commercial house, the iconic Japanese Bridge (featured on the 20,000 Vietnam Dong note) or Phung Hung Ancient Trading House.
- Take a bike tour or leisurely stroll along Cua Dai beach, located about 5km from the town centre.

Day 12: Hoian – Hue (B)

This morning, you leave Hoian for Hue. On the way, you will have chance to the fascinating Cham Museum and Marble Mountain en route to charming Hoi An. Upon arrival, you will visit the Citadel and the Forbidden Purple City. You also visit Tu Hieu pagoda and Imperial museum before free time for shopping at the vibrant Dong Ba market.

Day 13: Hue – fly Hanoi (B)

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel and then board a private boat for a cruise on Perfume river. You will visit Thien Mu pagoda and then take a drive to visit Minh Mang tomb before transferring to the airport for flight to Hanoi.

In the afternoon, you will walk to visit Hoan Kiem lake, local markets and Hanoi's Old Quarter, known for its 36 streets and former craft guilds. Enjoy a water puppet performance before coming to your hotel.

Day 14: Hanoi city tour – night train to Lao Cai (B)

Having breakfast at hotel then start a full day city tour in Hanoi. Start with Ho Chi Minh complex (including Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum and stilt house); the Presidential Palace, the nearby One Pillar Pagoda and Tran Quoc pagoda on West lake.

In the afternoon explore the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university and the Ethnology Museum to learn more about the diversity in ethnic communities of Vietnam.

Free time for dinner before going to Hanoi station for night train to Lao Cai.

Day 15: Lao Cai – Sapa (B, L)

An early arrival in Lao Cai station where your car will meet you for about 1 hour drive to Sapa. Enjoy breakfast and a briefing with your guide before beginning your downhill trek. You will visit the H'Mong village of Lao Chai and the Red Dzaio village of Ta Van. Here you'll have the opportunity to visit some local homes to understand more about the daily life of these tribes as well as their culture and traditions.

In the afternoon, you will be on your way to Cat Cat village where you stop by a beautiful waterfall, a hydroelectric station and a rice paddy terraces with spectacular sceneries.

Day 16: Sapa – Lao Cai – night train to Hanoi (B, L)

In this area there are some fair markets which can't be missed (Can Cau on Saturday, Bac Ha on Sunday, Coc Ly on Tuesday, Xin Cheng on Wednesday).

You will check out hotel early and leave Sapa for about 3 hours driving to the market. Join in the colorful market of the tribal people in this region. On the fair market the H'mong, Dzaio, Phu La people in their best traditional costumes go to the market for shopping and meeting friends and relatives.

Late afternoon, transfer to Lao Cai for night train to Hanoi. In Lao Cai you'll have a daily room so you can freshen up before the overnight train trip.

Day 17: Hanoi – Halong bay (B, L, D)

Arrive in Hanoi at around 5 am. A day room will be available, so you can have shower and freshen up before breakfast. At around 8 am, your driver will pick you up for the journey to Halong Bay and arrive at around midday to board a traditional junk for an overnight cruise. Halong Bay is widely considered to be one of the natural wonders of the world. Thousands of towering pillars of sea and wind-carved limestone karst make the bay an unforgettable sight. After lunch, explore some of the huge limestone caves dotted around the bay and visit a floating fishing village. Then the captain will find a secluded spot where you can swim, soak up the sun on the top deck, or try your hand at kayaking. In the evening enjoy a seafood feast for dinner.

Day 18: Halong Bay – Hanoi (B)

Enjoy an early morning swim (during the summer), followed by breakfast as you cruise through more spectacular scenery. The cruise arrives at the harbor by noon. The driver will pick you up and then transfer back Hanoi. Check in hotel and free time.

Day 19: Hanoi departure (B)

You have free time until be transferred to the airport for your departure flight. End of your tour. Thank you for using our service. See you again.