

Best Of Vietnam - 14 Days

Brief Itinerary:

Day 1: Hanoi arrival (D)

Day 2: Hanoi city tour – night train to Lao Cai (B)

Day 3: Lao Cai – Sapa (B, L)

Day 4: Sapa – Lao Cai – night train to Hanoi (B, L)

Day 5: Hanoi – Halong bay on cruise (B, L, D)

Day 6: Halong bay – Hanoi – fly to Hue (B)

Day 7: Hue city tour (B)

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Day 9: Hoian – My Son holy land (B)

Day 10: Hoian – Danang – fly to Saigon – Saigon city tour (B)

Day 11: Saigon – Mekong delta – Can Tho (B, L)

Day 12: Can Tho – Saigon (B)

Day 13: Saigon – Cu Chi tunnels and Cao Dai temple (B)

Day 14: Saigon 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: Hanoi arrival (D)

Upon arrival, tour guide and driver of S Vietnam Travel will welcome you. Tour briefing and transfer to your hotel. Depending on when you arrive activities can be arranged for the rest of the day.

Day 2: Hanoi city tour – night train to Lao Cai (B)

Enjoy breakfast at hotel then start a guided city tour of Hanoi. Having celebrated its 1000- year anniversary in 2010, the city has a rich and fascinating history.

Your city tour will take you to the main attractions of Hanoi, including Ho Chi Minh complex (Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum and stilt house); the Presidential Palace, the nearby One Pillar Pagoda, the Temple of Literature, West lake, Tran Quoc pagoda, Quan Thanh temple and of the city's museum (History Museum or Ethnology Museum). Late afternoon, enjoy Water puppet show and cyclo visiting the Old Quarter of Hanoi. In the evening, board an overnight sleeper train to Lao Cai

Day 3: Lao Cai – Sapa (B, L)

The train arrives at Lao Cai train station very early. There will be a vehicle waiting to transfer you to Sapa. The drive to Sapa is only 33 km but it takes around 1.5 hours.

Once to Sapa, enjoy the breakfast at the hotel. Then start your day tour by walking down to the South-west of Sapa (around 4 km) to visit Cat Cat village of the Black H'mong. Relax at the foot of the stunning waterfall and the vestige of a hydroelectric power station that was constructed by the French during the colonial time in Vietnam. Trekking next 6 km to Sin Chai, the village located at the foot of Fansipan Mountain, "the roof of Vietnam and Indochina".

In the afternoon, continue to visit Taphin village. You will have the opportunity to visit and explore the village where the Red Dao and Black H'Mong ethnic minority hill tribes live. Walking around the village to explore the custom, daily life and weaving technique of the local people. Back to the town. Check in hotel. Overnight in Sapa.

Day 4: 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, Dzao, Phu La people in their best traditional costumes go to the market for shopping and meeting friends and relatives.

Late afternoon, drive to the Chinese border gate for a short visit before driving to the railways station for night train to Hanoi.

Day 5: 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 6: Halong Bay – Hanoi – fly to Hue (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 directly to the airport for flight to Hue. Upon arrival in Hue, you will be transferred to your hotel. Check in and free time.

Day 7: Hue city tour (B)

Being the ancient capital, Hue is surrounded with ancient tombs of the past emperors, and with Orient style – those tombs almost located near the bank of Hue's river – Perfume river. In the morning, take boat trip along the scenic Perfume River for sightseeing and next stop will be the famous Thien Mu pagoda and Ming Mang Emperor's mausoleum.

Afternoon, continue to visit the Citadel, containing the Imperial City, the Forbidden Purple City and the Emperor's private residence. The Imperial City, created in the 19th century and modeled on the Forbidden City in Beijing. You also visit the vibrant Dong Ba market.

Day 8: Hue – drive to Danang – Hoian (B)

After breakfast, leave Hue for Hoian, crossing Hai Van Pass where you will have magnificent view of the sea. Stop at Lang Co to have break. Visit the fascinating Cham Museum and Marble Mountain en route to charming Hoi An. Upon arrival, you walk around this ancient town of 600-year old visiting the 200 year-old Tan Ky house, Phuc Kien Pagoda, the Assembly Hall, the former merchants' houses, the 400 year-old Japanese Covered Bridge and the colorful riverside market.

Day 9: 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 10: Hoian – Danang – fly to Saigon – Saigon city tour (B)

Leave Hoian, you will catch morning flight to Saigon, Vietnam's largest city has an exciting buzz as millions of people rush around on their daily business. The tour guide will pick you up at the airport and transfer to hotel. After a short rest, you will have a half day tour Saigon including The Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral and Old Post Office, Remnant War Museum and Ben Thanh market.

Day 11: 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 12: 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 13: Saigon – Cu Chi tunnels and Cao Dai temple (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.

After that, drive to Tay Ninh province to visit Cao Dai great temple – one of the most striking structures in Asia. This temple is the holy land of Cai Dai religion - a mixture of Buddhism, Confucius, Taoism, Hinduism, Christianity...). You will

have chance to attend the daily noon prayer. Come back Saigon in the late afternoon.

Day 14: Saigon departure (B)

You have free time until be transferred to the airport for your departure flight.
End of the tour. Cảm ơn và chào tạm biệt.