

Vietnam Family Vacation - 12 Days

Brief Itinerary:

Day 1: Saigon arrival (D)

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

Day 3: Saigon – fly to Nha Trang (B)

Day 4: Nha Trang free time (B)

Day 5: Nha Trang – fly to Danang – Hoian (B)

Day 6: Hoian cooking class and ancient town tour (B, L)

Day 7: Hoian – fly to Hanoi (B)

Day 8: Hanoi city tour – night train to Lao Cai (B)

Day 9: Lao Cai – Sapa (B, L)

Day 10: Sapa – Lao Cai – night train to Hanoi (B, L)

Day 11: Hanoi – Halong bay (B, L, D)

Day 12: Halong bay – Hanoi departure (B)

Remark:

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

Tour includes:

- Accommodation based on twin/double sharing with daily breakfast
- Vietnam visa approval letter
- Experienced English-speaking guides as indicated in the itinerary
- Private transportation with AC
- Flight tickets Saigon – Nha Trang, Nha Trang – Danang, Danang - Hanoi with Vietnam Airlines

- Round trip train ticket Hanoi – Lao Cai – Hanoi
- All entry and sightseeing fees if any
- 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 – fly to Nha Trang

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 4: Nha Trang relaxing (B)

There are many activities around the city and surrounding area for you to do and see today. 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 5: Nha Trang – fly to Danang – Hoian (B)

Today you will catch flight to Danang. Upon arrival, pick up and transfer to your hotel in Hoian. Visit the fascinating Cham Museum and Marble Mountain en route to charming Hoi An. You have free time in the afternoon to explore the ancient town of Hoian.

Day 6: Hoian – cooking class and ancient town (B, L)

This morning, you will join in a cooking class at Red Bridge Cooking School. Visit Hoi An's colourful market, and experience the amazing sights, sounds and aromas of this busy market. You will have the opportunity to interact with the local sellers and learn about all the ingredients to be used in the cooking lesson later.

After that, board the Red Bridge boat for a leisurely cruise (25 minutes) along the Hoi An River to the Red Bridge Cooking School. On arrival, you explore the cooking school's herb and vegetable garden, before learning about some of Hoi An's and Vietnam's well-known dishes. The cooking lesson runs for about 2 hours – each dish is first demonstrated by the Red Bridge chef's, before you prepare the same dish yourself. Included in the class is a brief introduction to Vietnamese food carving (plate decoration). After the lesson, you can enjoy what you have cooked.

In the afternoon, enjoy a walking tour of the ancient town, including the 200 year-old Tan Ky house, Phuc Kien Pagoda, the Assembly Hall, the former merchants' houses, the 400 year-old Japanese Covered Bridge. Free time for shopping and tailor made suits.

Day 7: Hoian – Danang – fly to Hanoi (B)

Leave Hoian for the flight to Hanoi – the charming capital of Vietnam. The tour guide will pick you up and then transfer to the city centre. After a short break, you will have walking tour to the old quarter of Hanoi, Hoan Kiem lake and Ngoc Son temple. Enjoy water puppet show in the later afternoon.

Day 8: 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 until be transferred to the station for night train to Lao Cai.

Day 9: 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 Dzao 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 10: 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, 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 11: 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 12: Halong Bay – Hanoi – Hanoi departure (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 your departure flight. End of your tour. Cảm ơn và chào tạm biệt.