

Vietnam Highlights - 8 Days

Brief Itinerary:

- Day 1: Saigon arrival
- Day 2: Saigon – Mekong delta excursion
- Day 3: Saigon – fly to Danang – Hoian
- Day 4: Hoian – Cycling to Tra Que village
- Day 5: Hoian – Danang – fly to Hanoi
- Day 6: Hanoi city tour – drive to Halong bay
- Day 7: Halong bay – Hanoi
- Day 8: Hanoi departure

Remark:

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

Tour includes:

- Accommodation based on twin/double sharing with daily breakfast (3* hotel category).
- Vietnam visa approval letter.
- Experienced English-speaking guides as indicated in the itinerary.
- Private transportation with AC.
- Flight tickets Saigon - Danang, Danang - Hanoi with Vietnam Airlines.
- 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 - Vietnam's largest and dynamic city. The driver and tour guide will pick you up and transfer to city centre. After a short break, admire Saigon's historic landmarks including the Notre Dame Cathedral, Central Post Office both designed by French architect Gustav Eiffel, then onto the former Presidential Palace, headquarters of the former Saigon Government during the war. End of the day with welcomed dinner cruise in Saigon river.

Day 2: Saigon – Mekong delta – Saigon (B, L)

Today, you will discover Mekong delta and visit the colorful floating market – Cai Be. Leave bustling Saigon for the 3 hour drive to the delta town of Cai Be. On arrival, board your boat for cruise in the Delta's waterways.

Start your journey by passing by Cai Be's floating market, cruising among local barges with full of fruits and vegetables... The cruise will then bring you to some

local home factories to discover traditional rice paste making, rice pop corn, coconut candies...

After a delicious lunch at the local ancient house, you will have chance admire the scenery and the daily life of the local villagers by rowboat passing through small sampan. Stops on the way can be made upon request for particular visits or photos marking. The excursion will end at around 3.00 pm. You will return to Saigon in the later afternoon.

Day 3: Saigon – fly to Danang – Hoian

Today you catch morning flight to Danang. Meet the tour guide and driver at Danang airport and then transfer to Hoian. On the way, visit Cham museum and Marble Mountain before arriving in Hoian. Upon arrival, take a walking tour of the ancient town centre to visit former merchants' houses, the 400 year-old Japanese Covered Bridge, a Chinese communal hall and the colorful market.

Day 4: Hoian – cycling to Tra Que village (B, L)

Today, you will have the experience of working and living with the local farmer in Tra Que village – one of famous vegetable village in Hoian. You will cycle to the village with your guide.

A short stroll will take you around the vegetable garden and then you can join the farmers in preparing the land and fertilizing it with seaweed from the local lake. Following steps are raking the ground, sowing, watering, picking vegetables and many other gardening activities. After all these activities, you will take a short rest and enjoy foot bath before getting to preparing lunch with

a local family. Your lunch will consist of many local delicacies including ‘Tam Huu’ spring roll, Banh xeo or local pancake of people in Vietnam middle region. You can join the cooking with the chef on these meals. After your morning excursions and your lunch, you will take a Vietnamese traditional post-prandial nap before learning how to harvest and wrap the vegetables.

Around 14.00: bid farewell to your host family before riding back to your hotel.

Day 5: Hoian – Danang – fly to Hanoi (B)

Fly to charming city of Hanoi. In the afternoon, enjoy a walking tour through the Old Quarter, Hoan Kiem lake and Ngoc Son temple; followed by water puppet show - a unique art which has its origin in the delta of the Red river in the tenth century.

Day 6: Hanoi – drive to Halong bay (B)

This morning, you have a half day city tour before driving to Halong bay. Start with Ho Chi Minh complex (Ho Chi Minh’s mausoleum and stilt house); the Presidential Palace, the nearby One Pillar Pagoda, then Temple of Literature – for the sons of mandarins, for an overview about Hanoian culture and ancient Vietnamese architecture. After lunch, drive about 3.5 hours to go to Halong. Check in hotel and free time to explore Halong city.

Day 7: Halong bay – Hanoi (B, L)

In the morning, you will board a private traditional junk boat for a four hour cruise of this stunning place, stopping along the way to visit one of the limestone caves in the area. A sumptuous local seafood lunch will be served when you cruise. After a 4 hour navigation, you will go back to the harbor for a drive back to your hotel in Hanoi.

Day 8: Hanoi departure (B)

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