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## **BEST OF VIETNAM 18 DAYS - 17 NIGHTS**

18 days of exploring the S-shaped strip of land with us, you go along the country to set foot on all the famous landmarks, beat into the ordinary everyday life to learn about culture and customs there, discovering the famous landscapes, relics that have gone into the history of the nation. Along with interesting experiences such as sleeping on the cruise on Ha Long, exploring Dong Hoi by bike, surprise in Heaven Cave, and cyclo in Hue, make your own Hoi An lantern, floating on the boat on the Mekong River.

### **Included Holiday Highlights:**

- See a traditional Water Puppet Show
- Discovery life style of Ethnic people in Sapa
- Visiting Trang An, Mua Cave in Ninh Binh
- Overnight cruise through Halong Bay
- Bike Ride in Quang Binh
- Sightseeing tour of Hue
- Boat trip along the Perfume River
- Drive along the scenic Hai Van Pass
- Hoi An tour + DIY Lantern in Hoi An
- Visit the amazing Cu Chi Tunnels
- Boat trip in Mekong Delta

## **TOUR ITINERARY:**

### **DAY 1: HANOI ARRIVAL (-)**

Upon arrival, we will transfer you to your centrally located hotel in the old quarter. Free time at your leisure then.

### **DAY 2: HANOI CITY TOUR (B)**

Breakfast at hotel before you will spend full-day exploring this city. Your sightseeing in Hanoi begins at the **mausoleum** where Ho Chi Minh, the president who was known as "Uncle Ho" lies in the state guarded by silent sentries. You will also visit the Presidential Palace and the House-on-Stilts. We will then head to the **Temple of Literature** considered as the first university in Vietnam built in 1070 dedicated to Confucius.

You will go to the **Museum of Ethnology**. This museum is widely recognized as the best in the country and has an extensive exhibition dedicated to the 54 cultural groups of Vietnam. There are even traditional houses reconstructed. You have a traditional experience to look forward to next - a **water puppet show**.

### **DAY 3: HANOI - SAPA (B, L)**

Breakfast at hotel. We depart to **Lao Cai (245km)**. It takes about 5 hours traveling the new highway to Lao Cai. You have the opportunity to admire the beautiful scenery of the region along the way. Arrive in Sapa, check in hotel & relax. Lunch at the restaurant.

In the afternoon, we take a walking tour of Sapa for a visit to the busy market where Red Dao, Black H'mong and other ethnic minority people converge from the surrounding countryside to sell their embroidery, silverware and handicrafts, and to buy provisions. Take souvenir photos at **Sapa Stone Church**, Sapa lake...etc..

After dinner (*at your own expense*), discover the charm of Sapa by night, enjoy grilled corn, grilled egg in the mountains and weathered charcoal fire. Especially on Saturday night you can attend sessions of Sapa Market - a traditional culture of ethnic Mong, Dao.

Overnight in Sapa.

### **DAY 4: SAPA – TAVAN – LAO CHAI VILLAGE (B)**

Wake up and enjoy the fresh air and atmosphere of Sapa. Breakfast at hotel. In the morning, trek to visit **Lao Chai – Ta Van village**, exploring the local ethnic minorities life, admire the spectacular natural scenery with the terraced rice fields. Return to Sapa town. Free time at your leisure then.

**Optional:** Dinner with Salmon Hotpot (+\$15/pax)

Overnight in Sapa

#### **DAY 5: SA PA – HA NOI (B)**

Breakfast at hotel. Free time at your leisure then back to Hanoi in late evening.

Overnight in Hanoi.

#### **DAY 6: HA NOI – TRANG AN – MUA CAVE (B)**

Breakfast at hotel and then transfer to the **Trang An** - the first mixed world heritage in Vietnam. We will take a boat to travel along the stream visiting Trang An ecological tourist site: the limestone, valleys and rivers gather together constituting a mysterious and amazing scene. Visit caves with stalactites of all shapes and colors, after lunch (at your own expense), back to Hanoi. Visit **Mua Cave** (Mua means Dance) with 500 step up to the Top of Mua Mountain. On the Top, you can overview all the nice senses of Hoa Lu.

Back to Hanoi. Overnight in Hanoi.

#### **DAY 7: HANOI – HALONG – OVERNIGHT ON CRUISE (B/L/D)**

Around 7:30 o'clock you will be picked up at your hotel where the 3.5 hour ride to the port of Halong Bay. The beauty of Halong bay cannot be missed and after lovely drive through green paddy fields we will reach this UNESCO listed site.

Heading to the unique overnight accommodation, we will cruise through the dramatic limestone peaks that rise from the water and you will able to watch the sun set over the bay before enjoying dinner on board.

#### **DAY 8: HALONG BAY – HANOI (B/L)**

You will wake up to the beautiful surroundings of Halong bay and watch the sun rises as coffee, tea and cookies are served on board. The rest of your morning is spent enjoying this unique destination, and may include activities such as visiting cave. Later, we will disembark the ship, make our way to Hanoi. Free time for rest of the day.

#### **DAY 9: HANOI – OVERNIGHT TRAIN TO DONG HOI (B)**

Free & easy for today.

**Optional:** Buffet Dinner at Sen Tay Ho Restaurant (+\$22/pax)

Evening we head for overnight train to Dong Hoi.

### **DAY 10: DONG HOI – THIEN DUONG CAVE (B/L)**

You arrive early in the morning in Dong Hoi. You will be picked up by our local guide and given a nice breakfast at a local restaurant before we leave for the **Thien Duong cave**. This cave was only discovered in 2005 by a local farmer. British cavers researched it further and the cave appears to be more than 35 kilometers deep, making it the deepest of Phong Nha cave. It is therefore not surprising that this cave is directly included on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

Transfer to the hotel for our overnight stay. Free at leisure then.

### **DAY 11: DONG HOI – BIKE RIDE (B)**

In the morning you make a nice bike ride of about 3 hours to explore the countryside. We cycled along farm fields and along the Son River. You come to the most special places by bike. Then we return to hotel and you can enjoy a day off.

### **DAY 12: DONG HOI – DMZ – HUE (B)**

Today we make a ride of about 200 kilometers to Hue. There are a number of stops along the way to learn some pieces of Vietnamese history at the DMZ (Demilitarized Zone), the area between the former separation of North and South Vietnam. We see the **Hien Luong bridge and Vinh Moc tunnels**. On the way we will stop for a lunch (at your own expense). In the afternoon we arrive at the hotel in Hue where we will spend the night.

### **DAY 13: HUE – CITY TOUR (B)**

After breakfast we board the **Dragon Boat** and sail over the Perfume River to the Thien Mu Pagoda. Here we visit the seven-story high tower, a symbol of Hue. After this we continue to the **Imperial Citadel**, which was meant as a copy of the forbidden city of the Chinese Emperor in Beijing. After the Ngo Mon Gate we enter the Purple Forbidden City. The Forbidden City was reserved for the royal family Nguyen from the 18th century until the middle of the 20th century. Unfortunately, in 1968, the American bomb attack in response to a communist takeover of Hue put the largest part of the city flat. We shall see here that only a few buildings survived, such as the Thai Hoa temple, the Can Thanh temple, the Mieu and Hieu Lam Cac. All remains are worth a visit.

Afternoon we visit the grave of **Emperor Tu Duc**. This is the largest and for many the most impressive Royal tomb. Return to our hotel.

**Optional:** Hue Royal Dinner (+\$20/pax)

#### **DAY 14: HUE – HOI AN (B, L)**

In the morning you will be picked up at the hotel and we drive together to Hoi An. We drive over the spectacular Han-Van-Pass and pass a picturesque **fishing village called 'Lang Co'**. Once we have arrived in Hoi An, we will have lunch at local restaurant.

In the afternoon you make a city walk to get to know this charming **Hoi An Ancient Town** that is on the World Heritage List. The narrow streets with its centuries-old houses with Chinese, Japanese, French and European influences make this a photogenic scene. You visit the 400-year-old Japanese bridge, the Phuc Kien Assembly Halls, the local fish market and if you want to visit there are numerous art galleries, tailors and small shops. Meanwhile you hear traditional music everywhere and we visit one of the most famous old houses in the city, namely the Tan Ky house.

After this the guide will take you to a **lantern making workshop**, where you will really make one yourself. What a unique experience that is! To start you taste different traditional Vietnamese tea varieties. You get the bamboo that forms the basis of your frame and beautiful silk, so you can choose a color pattern yourself. The teacher shows you how to make your own Hoi An lantern. The lanterns are easy to fold, or you can take them with you in your bag. It is super fun to take this self made souvenir home. So you always have a nice memory of Hoi An.

We bring you back to the hotel for an overnight stay in Hoi An.

#### **DAY 15: HOI AN - FREE AND EASY (B)**

This day you have plenty of time to enjoy one of the nicest towns in Vietnam, Hoi An. Stroll through the small alleys, enjoy the good coffee and the nice little galleries. Or if you prefer to go to the beach, that is also possible because Hoi An is close to the sea. If you want to see more of the surroundings, it is possible to make a nice bike ride where you get to know the countryside and its inhabitants better with the help of a guide.

#### **DAY 16: HOI AN – FLY TO HO CHI MINH CITY – CU CHI TUNNELS (B)**

After flight to Ho Chi Minh, in the afternoon we will visit the **Cu Chi Tunnels**. The Cu Chi tunnels is an attraction that should not be missed when visiting HCMC. You have undoubtedly already heard a few things about the Vietnam War the previous days. But how could it be that the larger, stronger, better-armed American army could not win from the Vietcong guerrilla troops? To

better understand this, a visit to the Cu Chi tunnels is very interesting. This place was very strategically located near a former US military base and one of the few easily accessible roads in Vietnam at the time. For those who are interested, there is even the possibility to fire rounds of an AK47 or MK16.

### **DAY 17: MEKONG DELTA RIVER (B/L)**

*The highlight of the trip is taking a sightseeing through the peaceful villages by horse cart.*

Breakfast at hotel. Depart to My Tho (2hours). On the way, we stop to visit the Cao Daism Temple.

Arrive **My Tho**, visit Vinh Trang pagoda an oldest ancient one in Southern Vietnam. Known as the largest pagoda and the most special architecture in **Mekong Delta**. It's architecture was influenced by Vietnamese culture and Khmer's culture as well as European's architecture.

The group boards a boat at the pier to begin a cruise along the Tien River, admiring the scenery of the four islets: Long, Lan, Qui, and Phung. Visit the floating fish farm village along Tan Long islet.

The boat takes you to **Ben Tre**, where you will enjoy a rowboat trip through Vam Xep Canal or 8 Nen Canal - natural, wild nipa palm waterways that are beautifully untouched and less touristy.

Visit a local village road and an eco-tourism site, where you can enjoy honey tea, seasonal tropical fruits, and a live performance of Southern Vietnamese traditional music (Don Ca Tai Tu).

Take a leisurely walk through the village paths, then ride a motorized cart or horse-drawn carriage to explore more of the rural lifestyle and daily life of the locals.

Stop by a traditional coconut candy workshop, a local specialty of Ben Tre, to know how to make delicious candies by hand.

**Lunch in the garden with specialties** (dried Ear Elephant fish).

Return to Ho Chi Minh city. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh

### **OPTIONAL DAY (ADD-IN): Ho Chi Minh City Free day (B) (+\$38/pax)**

After breakfast at hotel, free time to discovery Ho Chi Minh city at your own leisure

### **DAY 18: HO CHI MINH CITY DEPARTURE (B)**

Today is the last day of your tour in Vietnam, at the appropriate time you will be picked up and taken to the airport.



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*End of Services!!!*

**QUOTATION AND INFORMATION:**

**1. Tour Cost in USD per Pax: Validity: Dec 2026**

<b>Group size</b>	<b>01 pax</b>	<b>02 pax</b>	<b>03 pax</b>	<b>04 pax</b>	<b>05 pax</b>	<b>06 pax</b>	<b>Single Sup</b>
Rate in USD	4141	2181	1787	1549	1406	1311	585
<b>Group size</b>	<b>07 pax</b>	<b>08 pax</b>	<b>09 pax</b>	<b>10 pax</b>	<b>11 pax</b>	<b>12 pax</b>	
Rate in USD	1325	1263	1215	1177	1145	1119	
<b>Group size</b>	<b>13-14 pax</b>	<b>15 pax</b>	<b>15 pax + 01 FOC</b>	<b>20 pax + 01 FOC</b>	<b>25 pax + 01 FOC</b>	<b>30 pax + 01 FOC</b>	
Rate in USD	1086	1062	1116	1059	1012	980	

**Please note:** The listed price applies to the "cash on arrival" payment method. If paying via bank transfer, an additional banking fee will be charged.

**2. Hotel Informations:**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Accomodation (or similar)</b>
	<b>Hotel/Cruise</b>
Hanoi	Flower Garden Hotel
Sapa	Hotel Cat Cat Galerie d'Art
Halong Bay Cruise	La Regina Royal cruise
Dong Hoi (Quang Binh)	Muong Thanh Luxury Nhat Le hotel
Hue	Moonlight Hue hotel
Hoi An	Belle Maison Hadana Hoi An (Hadana Boutique Resort Hoi An)
Ho Chi Minh City	Saigon Palace hotel

**\*\*As for now, we haven't held any rooms for hotel, at the time booking confirmed we will check hotel availability.**

### 3. Inclusions and Exclusions:

INCLUSION	EXCLUSION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Overnight train Hanoi – Dong Hoi (Shared 04 berth per cabin)</li> <li>● Accommodation (Shared TWN/DBL/TRP) at hotel with daily breakfast (17 nights)</li> <li>● All Private transfers &amp; transportations in tour</li> <li>● Halong Bay: Excursion 2days/1 night on the shared cruise (01night)</li> <li>● Check in time is 2:00 PM and check out time is 12:00 PM. Early or late service is subject to availability with surcharge</li> <li>● Meals as mentioned</li> <li>● Porterage</li> <li>● English speaking guide (not accompanied on Halong cruise, train, plane)</li> <li>● Tours and transfers as mentioned by air conditioned vehicle</li> <li>● Sightseeing fees and permits during guide time</li> <li>● Boat cruised mentioned (group join in for Halong – Mekong)</li> <li>● Mineral water on bus during the trip (02 bottles x 500ml per person per day)</li> <li>● Service charge and current government VAT tax</li> <li>● <b>FOC based on shared DBL/TWN room (land services only, domestic flight excluded)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● International flights (into &amp; out of Vietnam), Domestic flight Danang – Saigon</li> <li>● Visa Vietnam must be arranged for non ASEAN citizens</li> <li>● Please make sure you have 06 months' passport validity.</li> <li>● Visa stamp fee at the arrival airports</li> <li>● Early / late check in/ out service at hotels (surcharge if request)</li> <li>● Services and meals if not mentioned in itinerary</li> <li>● All drinks at meals</li> <li>● Laundry, telephone calls and expenditure of personal nature</li> <li>● Travel insurance (Compulsory)</li> <li>● <b>Compulsory Tip and Gratuities (USD 3-5/pax/day)</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Hotel surcharge in Peak Season or holidays:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chinese New Year</li> <li>● The Dead Anniversary of Hung Kings (the 10th of March lunar month).</li> <li>● Saigon Liberation Day (30 April),</li> <li>● International Worker's Day (1 May),</li> <li>● Vietnamese National Day (September 2),</li> <li>● Gala Dinner on X'Mas (24 Dec) &amp; New Year 31 Dec</li> </ul>

#### Child Policy:

- Child under 11 years old sharing with 01 adult: 90% of adult fare.
- Child under 11 years old sharing with 02 adults with extra bed: 75% of adult fare.
- Child under 11 years old sharing with 02 adults without extra bed: 50% of adult fare.
- Child under 02 years old sharing with 02 adults without bed: FOC.

#### Remark:



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- Prices quoted in USD and subject to change without prior notice.
- Please be informed that the quotation does not imply or constitute availability.
- In case if the hotel listed is unavailable, other similar class hotel shall be provided.
- Compulsory Gala Dinner will be applied during Christmas Eve and New Year Eve.

### **Cancellation Policy:**

- All cancellation must be made in writing.
- Any cancellation at 30 Days prior to arrival date: No charge.
- Any cancellation between 29 Days – 15 Days prior to arrival date: 50% of tour fare charge.
- Any cancellation between 14 Days – 10 Days prior to arrival date: 75% of tour fare charge.
- Any cancellation less than 3 Days: 100% of tour fare charge.