



## ITINERARY

### VIETNAM

#### **HANOI – HA LONG BAY – HOCHIMINH CITY**

*08 Days & 07 Nights*

#### Itinerary:

##### DAY 1: DEPART HOME

Depart Honolulu for Hanoi

##### DAY 2: ARRIVAL HANOI

(No meal)

Welcome to Vietnam. Upon arrival, you will be met at the airport by your guide for private transfer to your hotel (approx 45mins) for check-in. Please note standard check-in time is 14:00.

Depending on your available time, take a short panoramic tour seeing **Long Bien bridge, Hanoi Ceramic Mosaic Mural, West Lake, Tran Quoc pagoda.**

**Overnight in Hanoi.**

##### DAY 3: FULL DAY HANOI CITY TOUR

(B – L)

#### HANOI

*“Ancient traditions and modern life harmoniously coexist in Hanoi, the capital city of Vietnam. Culture, leisure, gastronomy: Hanoi offers countless exciting experiences and immerses you into the Vietnamese heritage. Walk through the bustling shopping streets of the famous Old Quarter and enjoy typical Vietnamese cuisine. Make sure to visit the peaceful and enchanting Hoan Kiem Lake and the Ho Chi Minh Complex, a strong symbol of Vietnam’s fight for independence.”*

Breakfast at hotel.

Start your tour this morning at the mausoleum of the historic figure and father of modern Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh (viewed from the outside). Then it’s on to a wooden ethnic minority style house which was his temporary residence from 1954 to 1969.

In the same complex you will see **the One Pillar Pagoda**, founded by King Ly Thai To in 1049 which has become an important symbol for the people of Hanoi. According to legend, the pagoda’s shape was inspired by the lotus flower, and this structure has become an important symbol for the people of Hanoi.

Your next stop is **the Temple of Literature**, Vietnam’s first university. Constructed in 1070, the gardens and well-preserved architecture offer a glimpse into Vietnam’s past.

#### **Lunch at local restaurant**

In the afternoon, visit your choice of the Ethnology **Or** Vietnamese Women **Or** National Fine Arts Museums **Or** **Hoa Lo**. Time only allows one to be visited so please decide which one you would most like to see.

Transfer past **The Opera House** to the wonderful **Hoan Kiem Lake** and walk across the famous red wooden bridge to visit **Ngoc Son Temple** set on a tiny island. This is the perfect opportunity for a memorable photograph.



At the end of the day, take a walking tour of **Hanoi's Old Quarter**, also known as the '36 Streets'. This bustling area of narrow streets and alleys is home to literally thousands of small businesses and shopkeepers. It's a great place to explore with plenty of photo opportunities all around you.

#### Overnight in Hanoi.

#### DAY 4: FULL DAY NINH BINH (HOA LU – TAM COC)

(B – L)

*"The ancient capital Hoa Lu is a destination which will take you back to the medieval eras in Vietnam's past. This region called Ninh Binh is known for its landscape and outstanding natural beauty, with huge limestone rocks emerging from the ground surrounded by paddy fields. This is why Hoa Lu & Trang An are considered as Halong Bay on land, and whose splendour is often said to surpass that of Halong Bay."*

At 8:00am you will be picked up at your hotel by your guide and driver and depart for Hoa Lu, 2-hour drive through picturesque countryside.

Upon arrival visit the historic capital of Vietnam, **Hoa Lu** and the famous ancient temples of Le and the Dinh Dynasties, the two heroes who built this citadel in the 10th century. The architecture here is unique and well worth taking your time admiring.

Visit to **Tam Coc** (Three Caves). Embarkation for a **sampan boat trip** to visit **Tam Coc** to see the beauty of the geological formations. With Halong Bay type views of majestic limestone cliffs and mysterious caves, as well as countryside landscape like peaceful streams, rice paddies and deserted green fields, Tam Coc has earned the reputation of being called 'Halong on Land'.

Transfer back to Hanoi.

#### Overnight in Hanoi.

#### DAY 5: HANOI – HA LONG BAY/LAN HA BAY, TRANSFER BY CRUISE'S SHUTTLE BUS

(B – L – D)

*A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Ha Long Bay is one of the most magnificent scenic spots in all of Vietnam. Washed by water for hundreds of thousands of years, the bay features thousands of limestone karsts and isles in various sizes and shapes, each topped with thick jungle vegetation, rising spectacularly from the ocean. Several of the islands are hollow, with enormous caves.*

Breakfast at hotel and check-out.

This morning drive from Hanoi to Ha Long Bay (200km/ approx. 3 hrs).

You will be picked up and go on a pleasant overland journey to Ha Long Bay via new highway.

On arrival of Ha Long, embark and your cruise starts. Relax and enjoy. **Seafood lunch and dinner on board** (Vietnamese cuisine).

#### Overnight onboard.

##### Remarks:

**\*\* Halal/Indian food is not available on cruise. We can serve meals with No pork/ no beef or Veg.**

**\*\*In the occasion of bad weather conditions, e.g. high winds, monsoons, thunderstorms, cyclones, storms, etc., the management board has the authority to cancel all cruises to guarantee the safety of tourists. Should this happen, accommodation will be at Ha Long City Hotel instead.**

**\*\* The above itineraries are subject to change without notice based on weather conditions and following the seasons.**



*\*\*Internet connectivity is limited due to the geography of the bay.*

#### DAY 6: HA LONG BAY – HANOI, TRANSFER BY SHUTTLE BUS, HANOI – [FLY] – HOCHIMINH CITY (Brunch)

The morning starts by an early Tai Chi exercise on the upper deck of the junk, followed by a light breakfast. The cruise continues at the same time when brunch is served.

After **brunch on board**, disembarkation then **transfer back to Hanoi by shuttle bus**.

From Hanoi, transfer **with driver only** to Noi Bai airport for **flight to HCMC**.

On arrival at **Tan Son Nhat airport**, airport picks up and transfers **with driver only** to hotel. Hotel check-in and rest time.

**Overnight in HCMC.**

#### DAY 7: FULL DAY CU CHI TUNNELS – CITY TOUR (B – L)

Breakfast at hotel.

Transfer to Cu Chi district. Leaving the city behind, the scenery changes to views of rice paddies, villagers drying noodles by the side of the road and other scenes typical to southern Vietnam.

Arrive and start the visit of the famous **Cu Chi Tunnels** which consist of an incredible underground tunnel network constructed by Vietnamese resistance fighters (Viet Cong) during both the French and American wars. Start the visit with the Ben Dinh or Ben Duoc sections of the tunnel. Here you can imagine what it was like to be a guerrilla complete with Russian Carbine rifles and AK 47's.

Return to the city. **Lunch at local restaurant**

In this afternoon, you head to the **Reunification Hall** to visit the residence of the President Ngo Dinh Diem of the former South Vietnam until 1975 (1960s - Apr 1975s). here you will have the opportunity to view formal meeting rooms, private bedrooms and war situation rooms 10 meter beneath earth's level. This address today still holds many important functions in HCMC. You will learn important historical facts about this building.

Other colonial structures included in the tour are **Notre Dame Cathedral**, built in the late 1880s by French colonists, it is one of the few remaining strongholds of Catholicism in the largely Buddhist Vietnam currently being renovated we can only view from the outside, and the **General Post Office**, constructed when Vietnam was part of French Indochina in the late 19th century

Finally, the tour ends at the famous **Ben Thanh market**, where you may practice your bargaining skills and pick up some souvenirs before being returned to your hotel. **Overnight in Ho Chi Minh.**

#### DAY 8: FULL DAY MEKONG DELTA (MY THO) (B – L)

*The Mekong Delta is also known as Vietnam's 'rice basket'-- a fertile area spreading nearly 50,000 sq km. Here the mighty Mekong River ends by splitting itself into nine major tributaries. The Vietnamese name these nine tributaries "Nine Dragons."*

**AM 08:00**, Pick-up at your hotel lobby and drive to My Tho, a Mekong Delta town two hours away from Ho Chi Minh City.



On arrival in My Tho, you will first visit **Vinh Trang pagoda**. Built in 1849 in My Phong village this beautiful structure features a mixture of Chinese, Vietnamese and Angkor (Cambodian) architectural styles and consists of five buildings, two ornamental yards and 178 pillars. Feel free to stroll in the gardens and check out the intricate carvings...

Following this you will board a boat for a cruise on the Mekong River, whilst sailing you will be passing through natural creeks and quiet villages and watching rural people going to work. You will see an interesting fishermen's port and the traditional stilt houses. Keep your camera handy!

Land on an island to visit a workshop making coconut candy by traditional method. Walking and dropping at peasant's house to taste of homemade honey tea. Visit an orchard to taste tropical fruits and enjoy folk music performed by the simple peasants. Return to the cruise boat by small rowing boats through a short stretch of waterways.

Return to HCMC.

**Overnight in Ho Chi Minh.**

**DAY 9: DEPARTURE (B)**

Enjoy your final breakfast at the hotel. Take a walk or get some last-minute souvenirs before your check out at midday.

**Your driver** will meet you to assist you with luggage and take you to the airport for your departure flight.

**We hope to welcome you back soon!**

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**INCLUSIVE:**

- **Accommodation** based on Twin/Double/Triple room with daily breakfast (*above mentioned hotel or similar category*).
- Land transportation by private air-conditioned vehicles or shuttle bus according to the itinerary
- Services of an **English-Speaking Local Guide** according to itinerary (**one city: one guide**).
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B: Breakfast, L: lunch, D: Dinner)
- Entrance fees according to the itinerary.
- Mineral water on tour: 1-2 Bottle of water per pax per tour day.
- Government Tax.

**EXCLUSIVE:**

- Vietnam Visa.
- **Any fee relative to Infectious Diseases such as Covid-19, Monkey pox... (Testing, quarantines...)**
- **Any Optional, Supplement charges and options on cruise** if any (kayaking, spa...)
- **Tips for guide and driver (recommended US\$ 5/pax/tour day)**
- **Surcharge for Peak season, Holiday, compulsory Gala dinner if any (TBA).**
- Travel insurance (Agent confirms that customer will have travel insurance during their stay in Vietnam).
- Personal expenses, beverage.
- Others fee not mentioned.
- Restaurants may be replaced by equivalents, depending on the situation.
- All timings are approximate.



**CHILD POLICY:**

- **Children under 2yrs sharing bed with parents:** FOC
- **Children from 2yrs – 11yrs sharing bed with parent:** 50% charge of Adult's rate
- **Children from 2yrs – 11yrs with extra bed:** 75% charge of Adult's rate
- **A child under 12yrs sharing a Twin/Double room same as an Adult:** 85% charge of Adult's rate.
- **Children from 12yrs:** same as Adult's rate.

**REMARK:**

✂ According to Vietnam tourism regulations, all foreign visitors must have valid Travel Insurance during their stay in Vietnam. Please confirm that customers have valid travel insurance for their trip upon arrival and carry it during their stay and tour in Vietnam.

✂ Large luggage (surfboards, golf bags...) need to reserve in advance and additional charges may occur

✂ Basically, 1 suitcase / per pax. Additional charges will be applied from 2nd baggage each pax

✂ Maximum waiting time at the Airport is 2 hours and surcharge may occur if waiting time is longer

✂ Hotels locate in city center

✂ Surcharge US\$ 25 for arrival flight from 21:00-07:00

✂ Surcharge US\$ 25 for departure flight from 23:00-09:00

✂ Prices are not applied for following period: New year (01 ~ 04 Jan), Tet holiday (6-15 Feb 2027), Victory Day and Labor Day (30 Apr ~ 03 May), Liberty Day (01 Sep ~ 02 Sep) & Christmas period (24 ~ 31 Dec)

**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

- **No rooms, flights or ground arrangements have been blocked, and confirmation is subject to availability**
  - *Hotel check-in time: 14:00pm. Hotel check-out time: 12:00pm (noon).*
- Rates **DO NOT** include personal incidentals i.e. telephone calls, laundry, room service and anything that is not mentioned in "Includes".

**Cancellation policy**

- Passenger cancellation Deadline: 60 Days or more to the departure date – 30% Cancellation charge of the tour fee
- Passenger Cancellation Scale: 59 - 30 Days before departure – 50% Cancellation charge of the tour fee
- Passenger Cancellation Scale: 29 - 0 Days before departure – 100% Cancellation charge of the tour fee

**Thank you.**