



Itinerary

2FOR1: 10 Day Highlights of Vietnam Small Group Tour W/Flights

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this itinerary.

DAY 1: Depart Australia ~ Arrive Hanoi

Depart from either Sydney, Melbourne, *Perth or *Brisbane on your flight to Hanoi, Vietnam! Upon arrival you will be greeted at the airport by our tour representative and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free at leisure. *Note: some airline schedules may require you to depart on Day 0*

MEALS: In-flight

OVERNIGHT (3 Star): Lenid Hotel, Hanoi

OVERNIGHT (4 Star): Hanoi Pearl

DAY 2: Hanoi Free Day

Take the opportunity to discover Hanoi at your own pace or opt for our optional Hanoi City Tour to make the most of your day.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT (3 Star): Lenid Hotel, Hanoi

OVERNIGHT (4 Star): Hanoi Pearl

OPTIONAL: *Hanoi City Tour*

Embark on a full-day exploration of Hanoi, beginning with a convenient hotel pick-up at 8:00 AM. Delve into the rich history of Vietnam with a visit to the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, discovering the architectural and historical significance of Uncle Ho's final resting place. Adjacent lies Ho Chi Minh's house on stilts and the iconic One Pillar Pagoda, a symbol deeply ingrained in Hanoi's cultural fabric since its establishment by King Ly Thai To in 1049. Traverse to the serene Tran Quoc Pagoda at West Lake, one of Vietnam's oldest pagodas, before immersing yourself in the artistry of Bat Trang pottery village (available on Mon, Wed & Fri), with a sumptuous lunch awaiting at a local eatery. In the afternoon, delve into Vietnam's diverse heritage with visits to the Ethnology Museum (open on Sun, Tue, Thu & Sat), the venerable Literature Temple, and Quoc Tu Giam, the country's inaugural university established in 1070. Stroll by the tranquil Hoan Kiem Lake, beholding the serenity of its waters and the allure of Ngoc Son temple. Conclude your journey through Hanoi's historic Old Quarter, offering opportunities for shopping and further exploration, before the tour winds down around 3:30-4:00 PM. Rest overnight in Hanoi, relishing the included amenities such as transportation, an English-speaking guide, lunch, entrance fees, and refreshments.

DAY 3: Halong Bay Overnight Cruise

Pickup at 8:00am to journey through lush Vietnamese countryside to stunning Halong Bay, scattered with hundreds of limestone islets as far as the eye can see. Once on board our traditional junk boat, we tuck in to a delicious seafood lunch while we cruise the emerald waters. In the afternoon we will stop for some water based activities such as swimming, kayaking or taking a rowing boat into smaller islets looking for the local cheeky monkeys that live on the rocks. In the evening you can try your hand at some squid fishing, star gazing or making new friends over some nice cold beers. Spend the night onboard in your comfortable cabin and enjoy the peacefulness of the Bay.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT (3 Star): Le Journey Cruise 3*

OVERNIGHT (4 Star): Le Journey Cruise 4*

DAY 4: Halong Bay ~ Hanoi

This morning we continue to sail through the majestic landscape of Halong Bay stopping for a walk around the 'Amazing Cave' full of stalagmites and stalactites. Then we enjoy another buffet lunch on board as we sail back to the harbour. Drive back to Hanoi, arriving at around 5pm. Have the evening free at your leisure in Hanoi. We suggest you visit the Old Town and markets, enjoy some street food and soak up the exciting culture of the Vietnamese capital city.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT (3 Star): Lenid Hotel, Hanoi

OVERNIGHT (4 Star): Hanoi Pearl

DAY 5: Hanoi ~ Hoi An

Enjoy a time in Hanoi to explore more nooks and crannies of this amazing city before transferring to the airport for a flight to Da Nang. Upon arrival you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel in Hoi An. The remainder of the day is free at your own leisure.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT (3 Star): Sunshine Hoi An Hotel

OVERNIGHT (4 Star): Royal Riverside

DAY 6: Hoi An Free Day

Indulge in a full day of relaxation in the picturesque surroundings of Hoi An, or opt for one of our optional tours to explore either the enchanting My Son Holy Land or the iconic Ba Na Hill Golden Bridge.

Dive into the vibrant shopping scene of Hoi An, where you can acquire exquisite tailor-made clothing, or unwind with a locally crafted fresh beer by the river, taking in the tranquil rhythm of life as it flows by.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT (3 Star): Sunshine Hoi An Hotel

OVERNIGHT (4 Star): Royal Riverside

OPTIONAL: *My Son Holy Land*

Embark on an enriching journey to the ancient marvels of My Son Holy Land, a full-day excursion beginning with a prompt departure at 8:00 AM. Traverse 40 kilometers to reach this UNESCO World Heritage Site, a testament to the cultural significance of Southeast Asia akin to Bagan in Myanmar and Angkor in Cambodia. Delve into the historical tapestry of My Son, once the spiritual nexus of the Cham people spanning from the 7th to 13th centuries, as you explore its revered archaeological remnants accompanied by an insightful guide. Following the tour, indulge in a satisfying buffet lunch before returning to Hoi An, where the evening awaits you for leisurely pursuits. Revel in included conveniences such as transportation, an English-speaking guide, lunch at a local eatery, entrance fees, and refreshing amenities throughout the excursion.

OPTIONAL: *Ba Na Hills Golden Hand Bridge*

Embark on a full-day adventure to Bana Hill and the iconic Golden Bridge, commencing with a prompt hotel pick-up at 8:00 AM. Begin your ascent to Bana Hill by cable car, marveling at the vast expanse of the forest below, immersing yourself in the pristine ecological wonders of Ba Na Mountain. Explore the historical Le Jardin and remnants of old wineries, echoes of French colonial villas, before ascending further to Gare Debay via the second cable car station. Delight in the exhilarating thrills of the Fantasy Park, the third largest indoor amusement park globally, with select complimentary games as per Ba Na policy, followed by a delectable buffet lunch at a local restaurant. Conquer the summit of Chua Mountain at a breathtaking altitude of 1,487m, relishing panoramic vistas of Da Nang from atop Ba Na Hills before beholding the architectural marvel of the Golden Bridge. Conclude your adventure with a return cable car journey and transfer to Hoi An, cherishing included amenities such as transportation, an English-speaking guide, lunch, cable car tickets, entrance fees, and refreshing refreshments throughout the day.

DAY 7: Hoi An ~ Ho Chi Minh City

Spend your last morning in Hoi An before transferring to the airport for your short flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Upon arrival you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT (3 Star): California Hotel Saigon

OVERNIGHT (4 Star): Central Palace

DAY 8: Ho Chi Minh City Free Day

Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of the modern city at your own rhythm, or enhance your experience with one of our optional tours, such as a mesmerizing Mekong Delta cruise.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT (3 Star): California Hotel Saigon

OVERNIGHT (4 Star): Central Palace

OPTIONAL: Mekong Delta Full Day Cruise

Embark on a full-day adventure from 08:00 AM to 16:00, commencing with a hotel pick-up in Ho Chi Minh City between 7:30 AM and 8:00 AM. Travel by minivan to My Tho, located in the Mekong Delta, where a series of immersive activities await. Enjoy a horse-drawn cart ride amidst towering coconut trees, navigate tranquil canals by boat, and cycle through picturesque landscapes of rice fields and orchards. Experience the majesty of the Mekong River on a motorboat, passing iconic landmarks like Dragon Island and Turtle Island. Stop at Unicorn Island to visit a local bee farm and indulge in natural honey and wine tastings. Explore a coconut candy workshop and savour a Vietnamese lunch at a local restaurant surrounded by greenery. Conclude your journey with tropical fruit sampling and traditional music, followed by a visit to Vinh Trang Pagoda before returning to Ho Chi Minh City. Meals include breakfast at the hotel and lunch at a local restaurant, with dinner at your own expense. Transportation, English-speaking guide services, entrance fees, and amenities like water and towels are all included.

OPTIONAL: Cu Chi Tunnels Half Day Tour

Embark on an immersive journey to Southern Vietnam, where the tranquility of rural landscapes meets the historic significance of the Cu Chi Tunnels. Depart from your hotel with a seamless pickup arranged by your guide, transitioning from the bustling cityscape to serene countryside vistas along the way. Traverse past rice paddies, charming roadside stalls, and verdant greenery, soaking in the peaceful ambiance. Upon arrival at Cu Chi, delve into a guided tour of the renowned tunnel network, an intricate labyrinth that once sheltered Viet Cong fighters during the war. Explore the narrow passageways, bunkers, meeting rooms, and hospitals, gaining insight into the ingenuity and resilience of those who lived here. Witness the remarkable engineering that allowed these tunnels to withstand the weight of tanks and bomb blasts. Engage in a thought-provoking film presentation before venturing into trapdoors and subterranean chambers. Visit sites including bomb craters, souvenir shops, and a museum showcasing improvised weaponry. Experience the adrenaline rush of firing historic rifles at the National Defense Sports Shooting Range, culminating in a taste of authentic Vietnamese cuisine with Pho and local tapioca delicacies. Conclude your day with a comfortable return journey to your Ho Chi Minh hotel by approximately 2:30 PM. Meals are not provided, and the package includes transportation via a mini-van, the expertise of an English-speaking tour guide, all entrance fees, as well as complimentary cool water and towels.

DAY 9: End of Tour ~ Departure

This morning will be free at your own leisure until it is time to transfer back to Ho Chi Minh International airport for your return flight home. If you have an evening flight you will have time to take an optional morning tour before transferring to the airport.

MEALS: Breakfast, In-Flight

OVERNIGHT: In-Flight

DAY 10: Arrive Australia

This morning you will arrive back to Australia. Your holiday to Vietnam is now at an end, thank you for travelling with MyHoliday2!

MEALS: In-Flight