



# itinerary

The Cultural Vietnam



## Day 1 Hanoi Arrival

Welcome to Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam!

Upon your arrival, welcomed by our tour guide and transferred to hotel for check in. Relax at hotel.

*Please note that check in time is 14:00 and check out time is 12:00. Early check in/ Late check out is subject to availability of the hotel.*

Overnight at Hanoi  
Meals: None

## Day 2 Hanoi - City tour

Have breakfast at hotel. In the morning, start our visit Tran Quoc pagoda, located on Westlake, one of the oldest pagodas in Hanoi and continuing to visit Quan Thanh Temple, with its spacious and charming landscape helps highlight the ancient and romantic beauty of this area. Next stop is Temple of Literature, known as the first university of Vietnam built in 1070 by the Ly Dynasty to honor Confucius, sages and outstanding Vietnamese scholars.

In the afternoon, visit the Vietnam Museum of Ethnology (closed on Monday), which focuses on the 54 officially recognized ethnic groups in Vietnam. Let's have an overall view of the capital by a "cyclo" visit, which will start around the Old Quarter of Hanoi, stop at Ngoc Son Temple located on the Hoan Kiem Lake (the "Sword" Lake). Late afternoon we will enjoy a unique fascinating show of Water Puppetry, a traditional stage art of Northern Vietnam.

*Please note that Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum is closed on Monday and Friday, as well as in the afternoon. During the visit of the Mausoleum, visitors are required to wear proper attire, covering shoulders and knees (no short, miniskirt or short trousers).*

Overnight at Hanoi  
Meals: Breakfast



## Day 3

## Hanoi - Ha Long - Overnight on board

Breakfast at hotel and check out. From Hanoi, at 7:30AM, pick up at hotel and head East for more than 3 hours to Halong Bay, the pride of the Gulf of Tonkin, a Natural World Heritage as designated by UNESCO in 1994, with the green paddyfields and rural villages shown along the road. Upon your arrival in Tuan Chau pier, check in the cruise and have your lunch. Our cruise passes by Dog Head and Swan Islands before reaching to Luon cave area, the perfect combination of lime-stone mountains and jade-green sea by bamboo boat with local people. Later, visit the Titop Island around one hour for swimming, sun-bathing or getting a panoramic view on island peak. As the sun sets over the bay, we head back to our cruise and relax. Dinner will be served with local seafood. After dinner you may choose to enjoy drinks from the bar or experience squid fishing. Overnight on board.

*Please note that only international and local food is available on boat. The program will be little varied upon your chosen cruise.*

Overnight at board

Melas: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



## Day 4

## Ha Long - Hanoi - Flight to Saigon

Breakfast on cruise. Enjoy the morning view of the beautiful landscape with a cup of coffee or tea. You will visit the impressive Cave of Ha Long Bay Surprising Cave (Sừng Sốt), a truly awesome and amazing cave to experience. On the way back to the marina while serving lunch, you can take amazing pictures of Mother Nature showing full of typical islets in Halong Bay. Check out your cabin then cruise back to Tuan Chau pier at 11:00AM. Take your return journey and arrive in Hanoi at around 4PM. Then transfer to Noi Bai airport for a flight to Saigon (now known as Ho Chi Minh City) the most hectic and business city of Vietnam. Upon arrival at airport, welcomed and transfer to city center to check in hotel.

Overnight at Saigon

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



## Day 5

## Saigon - Cu Chi tunnels - City tour - Saigon

Breakfast at hotel. Morning, from 8:00AM, pick up at hotel and visit Cu Chi Tunnels, one of the few remaining monuments to the fierce Vietnam War. Beneath the ground lie 200 km of tunnels, dug by hand and inhabited by the forces of the Vietnamese guerillas during the conflict. At its peak, prior to the Tet Offensive in 1968, the tunnel complex was base to almost 10,000 troops. To this day, it remains one of the most impressive examples of how fierce the war used to be. Return to Saigon.

In the afternoon, visit the Reunification Palace, the witness of the fierce Vietnam War ended in 1975. The grand building today is a Museum and Hall of official receptions. Nearby the Palace are the colonial-styled Central Post Office, one of the city's major landmarks. Walk on Dong Khoi street to take the photos of the Opera House and the Ho Chi Minh Committee (outside). Last stop is Ben Thanh market, where you can experience the daily life of local people.

Overnight at Saigon

Meals: Breakfast



## Day 6

### Saigon - Mekong delta - Saigon

Have breakfast at hotel. From 8:00AM, picked up and join SIC tour to My Tho, the homeland of coconut and family factories with local products like coconut candy, rice paper, Upon arrival, embark on the boat cruising on the mighty Mekong River viewing the life to the local people live along the banks. We stop at one of 4 islands in the area for sightseeing. Enjoy the fresh tropical fruits served in the heart of the garden accompanied by traditional southern Vietnamese folk music at the plantation. After that you will embark on the small boats rowed the the local people thru the small cannels with water coconut tree to visit the local factories. There you will taste the honey tea and see the local people produce the coconut candy milk and of course you also can try it or stroll in the garden where the locals feed honeybee. After that enjoy the horse-cart trip through the tranquil road of the village. We continue getting on the big boat to visit the vast area. Afternoon, transfer back with a stop to visit Vinh Trang pagoda, a famous pogoda in the area that its architecture is a mix of Chinese, Cambodian, and French culture.

*Please note that only local food is available in Mekong delta.*

Overnight at Saigon

Meals: Breakfast



## Day 7

### Saigon departure

Breakfast at hotel and check out. You are free until transfer to the airport for departure flight.

Meals: Breakfast

## 2021 - Dates & Rates

(All prices are per person in USD.)

Month	Dates	Twin/Double/Triple Sharing	Single Supplement
January 2021	19	\$1199	\$649
February 2021	17	\$1199	\$649
March 2021	23	\$1199	\$649
April 2021	22	\$1199	\$649
May 2021	20	\$1199	\$649
June 2021	24	\$1199	\$649
July 2021	22	\$1199	\$649
August 2021	26	\$1199	\$649
September 2021	06	<i>\$1199 with free Malaysia trip</i> (Limited spaces available, first come first served)	<u>\$649</u>
October 2021	26	\$1199	\$649
November 2021	26	\$1199	\$649
December 2021	26	\$1199	\$649

**Additional cost** - Airfare: Hanoi - Saigon: US\$ 180 per person (Subject to change).



## 2022 - Dates & Rates

(All prices are per person in USD.)

Month	Dates	Twin/Double/Triple Sharing	Single Supplement
January 2022	16	\$1199	\$649
February 2022	20	\$1199	\$649
March 2022	20	\$1199	\$649
April 2022	24	\$1199	\$649
May 2022	15	\$1199	\$649
June 2022	26	\$1199	\$649
July 2022	24	\$1199	\$649
August 2022	28	\$1199	\$649
September 2022	25	\$1199	\$649
October 2022	23	\$1199	\$649
November 2022	27	\$1199	\$649
December 2022	11	\$1199	\$649

**Additional cost** - Airfare: Hanoi - Saigon: US\$ 180 per person (Subject to change).

## What you'll get

### Includes:

- ✓ Accommodation in sharing twin/ double with daily breakfast.
- ✓ All entrance fees and sightseeing as mentioned in the program.
- ✓ Transportation by vehicle with A/C.
- ✓ Meals as mentioned in the program.
- ✓ Cyclo trip for one hour in Hanoi.
- ✓ Water Puppet show in Hanoi.
- ✓ Private cabin on shared cruise in Ha Long Bay.
- ✓ Waters during tour day.
- ✓ Local English-speaking guide(s) in Vietnam. Station guide on board in Ha Long.

### Does not include:

- ✗ Airfare
- ✗ Vietnam Approval Visa Letter.
- ✗ Vietnam Visa Stamp fee: USD 25/person (one-month, single entry, paid directly at Immigration office at arrival airport).
- ✗ International and domestic flight, as well as all taxes.
- ✗ Early check-in and late check-out.
- ✗ Hotel/Room upgrade.
- ✗ Drinks, personal expenses and others.
- ✗ Meals as not mentioned in program.
- ✗ Compulsory tips for driver and guide: USD 5/pax/day.
- ✗ Any service not clearly mentioned in the program.



## Where you'll Stay

City	Nights	Hotels
Hanoi	2	Thang Long Opera Hotel or similar
Ha Long	1	Gray Line Cruise or Similar
Saigon	3	Aristo Hotel or similar
	<b>06 Nights</b>	



# Thanks

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