

Discover the Charms of Vietnam 8 Days



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Detailed Itinerary



Day 1: Hanoi Arrival



Hanoi, a city that effortlessly blends modern vibrancy with its rich cultural traditions, is your first stop on this captivating journey. Here, the streets bustle with a sea of scooters, each vying for its place in the urban symphony of ceaseless horn melodies. Amidst this lively chaos, layers of history unfurl, showcasing the resilience and pride of the Hanoian people.

In every corner, you'll encounter a tantalizing array of culinary delights, vibrant markets, a burgeoning arts scene, and surprisingly affordable luxury accommodations. Get ready to immerse yourself in the local culture, delve into the city's storied past, and witness the dynamic transformation of Hanoi.

As you land in Hanoi, your private transfer will be waiting at the airport to whisk you away to your centrally located accommodation, seamlessly transitioning you into the heart of the city.

Meals: None, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

Accommodation: Hanoi hotels



Day 2: Hanoi City Tour



It is unmissable in terms of its pretty pagodas, ancient temples, enchanting French colonial quarter and cultural institutions. Just as fun, however, is darting down its winding lanes and discovering your own favourite hidden corners.

After a satisfying breakfast at your hotel, our local tour guide will pick you up to embark on an exploration of Vietnam's capital city, Hanoi. With over a thousand years of history, this city is rich with captivating cultural and historical sites. Your itinerary includes visits to the imposing **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum**, home to the preserved body of "Uncle Ho." and his House on Stilts to observe how he lived and how his life unfolded to become one of modern history's greatest names.

You'll also experience the delicate beauty of the **One Pillar Pagoda**, **Tran Quoc Temple** are a spiritual and cultural symbol of Hanoi, the capital city of Vietnam. With special features in its structure along with historical values, the temple will surely be a real eye-opener for tourists.

After lunch, continue to visit the millennia-old **Temple of Literature** and explore its role in the country's past, as both a university and a Confucius temple. Next is **Hoa Lo**, a prison used by the French colonists in Vietnam for political prisoners, and later by North Vietnam for U.S. Prisoners of War.

To cap off your day, enjoy a one-hour cyclo tour through the bustling and lively **Old Quarter**, immersing yourself in the vibrant marketplace atmosphere. Sample delicious dishes like Nom Du Du (green papaya salad), Banh Mi Pa Te (a sandwich that reflects Vietnam's culinary heritage)

Meals: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

Accommodation: Hanoi hotels



Day 3: Ninh Binh Tours - Hoa Lu – Tam Coc



Delve deeper into Vietnam's past with a day visit to picturesque Ninh Binh. Explore ancient sites as well as a relaxing sampan cruise through '**Halong Bay on Land**'.

Begin your day with a delectable breakfast at the hotel. We'll depart from Hanoi to Hoa Lu - Tam Coc, where you'll be treated to captivating rural scenery along the way.

Join the guide for an in-depth exploration of the ruins of Vietnam's first capital. Learn about the Dinh (968-980) and Le (980-1009) Dynasties and about the history of the site. See ancient tombs and the ruins of the once-imposing Citadel.

For those feeling adventurous and fit, there's an option to embark on a half-hour trek up one of the nearby limestone karst hills, providing a rewarding panoramic view. Afterward, we'll journey to **Tam Coc**, located about 10 kilometers from **Hoa Lu**, and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

Following lunch, you'll experience the enchanting Tam Coc by boarding a bamboo boat rowed by local experts along the Hoang Long River. Explore the mystical "Three Caves," which provide a refreshing break from the sun. The journey takes approximately two hours, offering glimpses of local fishermen, riverside village life, and the iconic limestone karst formations.

For the more adventurous, you can climb to **Bich Dong Pagoda**, nestled on **Ngu Nhac Mountain** and dating back to 1428. Comprising three structures (Ha, Trung, and Thuong Pagodas), the pagoda's ascent offers breathtaking views. Return by sampan to Tam Coc town before heading back to Hanoi, where you'll arrive in the late afternoon.

Meals: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

Accommodation: Ninh Binh hotels



Day 4: Ha Long Bay Cruise



Our journey embarks from Hanoi where we'll pick you up for a scenic drive through the verdant landscapes of the Red River Delta. Our destination: the world-famous **UNESCO World Heritage site, Halong Bay, Lan Ha Bay**. Here, you'll embark on a luxurious cruise for an enchanting overnight cruise.

As you relax on board, you'll be captivated by the breathtaking limestone karsts that majestically emerge from the azure waters, surrounded by thousands of jungle-clad islands seemingly suspended on the gentle waves. The turquoise waters of the Gulf of Tonkin conceal hidden grottoes and ancient caves, creating a timeless and mesmerizing world.

Enjoy a delicious seafood lunch with breathtaking views and a refreshing drink. Our next destination is a **charming fishing village**, where locals have ingeniously turned their boats into a floating community. Meet fishermen, explore a stunning lagoon by kayak or rowboat, and unwind on deck as the sun sets. Spend a delightful overnight stay on board!

Meals: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch/Dinner at local favorite restaurant

Accommodation: Halong Bay hotels



Day 5: Ha Long Bay – Hanoi – Flight to Ho Chi Minh



As the morning light bathes Ha Long Bay in its gentle embrace, you can't help but marvel at the grandeur of the karsts. Join a Tai Chi session on the deck, where each movement is a soothing balm for body and mind. The cruise continues, offering more opportunities to appreciate the awe-inspiring beauty of Ha Long Bay.

Later in the morning, you disembark and begin your journey back to Hanoi. As you traverse the road, rice fields of the Red River Delta stretch out, offering a tranquil backdrop to your travels.

Upon arrival in Hanoi, you'll head to **Noi Bai Airport** for a flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Once you land in Ho Chi Minh City, our driver will greet you and transfer you to your hotel. The remainder of the day is yours to explore and dine as you please. Enjoy your overnight stay in Ho Chi Minh City.

Meals: Breakfast at the dining lounge, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

Accommodation: Ho Chi Minh hotels



Day 6: Ho Chi Minh City Tour – Cu Chi Tunnel



Today you'll take a deep dive into Vietnamese history and explore the famous **Cu Chi Tunnels**, used as a shelter for Vietnamese soldiers during the war. Learn about why the tunnels were constructed and how they helped people survive in harsh wartime conditions.

Wander the remaining tunnel systems, which include the living areas, kitchens, and martial facilities, as well as hidden doors and dangerous traps. Finish the tour with Try some of the main food of the Viet Cong Soldiers with a cassava tasting served with tangy tea.

In the afternoon, return to the city to visit **Independence Palace**, also known as the Reunification Palace, built on the sight of the former Norodom Palace. The Independence Palace is a widely known landmark of Ho Chi Minh City and was designed by the architect Ngo Viet Thu. Continue exploring the beautiful buildings from French Colonial times, such as the **Notre Dame Cathedral**. **Then visit Ben Thanh Market**, one of the largest markets in Ho Chi Minh, to see the local life here. After the tour, return to your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

Accommodation: Ho Chi Minh hotels



Day 7: Day Trip To Mekong Delta



Ben Tre is one the best area of the **Mekong Delta** that seems to retain the feeling of being a complete backwater, to fascinatingly invite tourists to the untouched and natural landscapes to discover its rustic local life, beautiful canals and traditional activities

After breakfast, your private guide and driver will take you out of Ho Chi Minh City in a private vehicle and onto some beautiful country roads to Ben Tre Town in the Mekong Delta, **famous for its vast rice fields, numerous waterways, and beautiful landscapes**. Known as the 'rice bowl' of Vietnam, this region produces most of Vietnam's fruit, rice, sugar cane, and coconuts.

After the two-hour drive through the lush farming land, you will arrive in Ben Tre where you will set out on a motorized boat trip on narrow channels winding through the coconut forest. During the boat ride, you will stop at the local cottage industries to see how the local people make bricks and weave sleeping mats by hand. Learn about their craft handed down through generations.

Take a leisure walk along the village lanes, visiting the local homes to try fresh fruits, taste delicious honey tea while enjoying a local **Tai Tu music** show. Continue to visit another workshop where the local delicacy of coconut candy is produced and a wide range of coconut husk and fiber products are skillfully handcrafted.

Next, take a small sampan through palm-fringed back canals, gliding peacefully along the hidden waterways surrounded by an immense variety of tropical plants. The quiet, rural setting is a welcome and restorative retreat to the frenetic buzz of Ho Chi Minh City which seems far, far away.

Enjoy sitting in the back a **Motor Cart** (xe lô) passing local hamlets, rice fields, coconut groves, and lush orchard farms while meeting with local people.

After finishing your sightseeing tour your guide will take you to a riverside restaurant for lunch with local specialties then return to the pier and drive back to Ho Chi Minh City.

This evening you will be free to visit the night market to discover the authentic local cuisine .Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City

Meals: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

Accommodation: Ben Tre hotels



Day 8: Ho Chi Minh Departure



Today, your time in Vietnam is your own until your private car and driver (without a guide) arrive to transfer you to the airport for your onward flight. As you bid farewell to Vietnam, reflect on the unforgettable experiences you've had during your journey with AsiaTouradvisor.com. Until we meet again, safe travels, and see you next time! If the above itinerary does not align with your expectations, AsiaTouradvisor.com is pleased to arrange customized trips to suit your preferences.

Meals: Breakfast at hotel, Lunch at local favorite restaurant

Accommodation: Ho Chi Minh hotels

Booking Policy

What's Included

- ✓ Private airport transfers
- ✓ Double/twin room at accommodation or homestay
- ✓ Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B = Breakfast// L = Lunch// D = Dinner)
- ✓ English speaking local guides
- ✓ All entrance fees as indicated in itinerary.
- ✓ Boat trips as mentioned in the itinerary
- ✓ Shuttle bus Hanoi – Ha Long bay – Hanoi
- ✓ Cruise in Halong Bay
- ✓ Swimming/kayaking in Halong bay (if weather permits)
- ✓ Towel, water during tours
- ✓ Visa Approval Letter (Please kindly contact us about your nationality because the Visa Letter is not included for all nationalities)

What's Excluded

- ✗ Visa stamping on arrival
- ✗ International air ticket and all taxes
- ✗ Internal Air tickets Hai Phong – Ho Chi Minh
- ✗ Other meal, drink, Tip to guide and driver, personal expenses
- ✗ Supplement for French, Spanish, Italian and German speaking guide

Cancellation by Customer

- ✗ Cancellation received before 60 days: FREE of charge
- ✗ Cancellation received from 30 days to 59 days prior arrival date: 10% of total rate
- ✗ Cancellation received from 15 days to 29 days prior arrival date: 30% of total rate
- ✗ Cancellation received from 7 days to 14 days prior arrival date: 50% of total rate
- ✗ Cancellation received less than 7 days prior arrival date or No show: 100% of total rate



Children Policy

- The rate for children applicable for one child sharing a twin or double cabin with two adults
- For infant (<04 years old): FOC except domestic ticket cost
- 04 - 11 years old without bed: 50% adult rate
- 04 - 11 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate
- 04 - 11 years old in twin share: 90% adult rate

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