

## Vietnam Heritage Tour 15 days

**Destinations:** Hanoi / Ninh Binh / Ha Long Bay / Phong Nha / Hue / Hoi An / Ho Chi Minh City / Mekong Delta

For:

Group: person

**Code: B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner, G - Guide**

### Details:

#### Day 1: Hanoi Arrival (G)

Upon your arrival at Hanoi airport, your tour guide and driver will greet you and escort you to your hotel, help with your check-in. The rest of day is for your relax.

#### Day 2: Hanoi City Tour (B, G)



After breakfast, you have a full day today to explore Vietnam's charming capital. With its wide tree-lined boulevards, French colonial architecture, peaceful lakes and ancient oriental pagodas, Hanoi is an eclectic mix that offers something for everyone. Visit Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum and his personal residence, the One Pillar Pagoda and the Tran Quoc Pagoda. End the morning with a visit to the Museum of Ethnology (or Women Museum, History Museum, Hoa Lo Prison or Army

Museum). In the afternoon, visit the Temple of Literature, the first University for the sons of mandarins. Followed by a visit to Ngoc Son Temple nearby Hoan Kiem Lake. Enjoy a one-hour rickshaw sight-seeing tour around Hanoi Old Quarter for great fun. Then, watch a traditional water puppet show in the late afternoon. Back to your hotel, free at leisure and overnight in the hotel of Hanoi.

*Note: please note Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum is closed on Monday and Friday and most of museums are closed on Monday.*

#### Day 3: Hanoi – Ninh Binh (B, L, G)

After breakfast, drive to Ninh Binh (2 hour drive), the destination that is well known with the nick name "Halong Bay on land". On the way, stop at Hoa Lu, the ancient royal capital of Vietnam to visit temples dedicated to the Dinh and Le Kings. Continue your trip to the World Heritage site Trang An and board a small sampan for a spectacular 3-hour trip through caves, waterways and beautiful rural landscape consisting of limestone cliffs and rice paddies.



In the late afternoon, drive back to Hanoi.

#### **Day 4: Hanoi – Halong Bay (B, L, D, G)**



After breakfast, we start a 4 hour drive through the Red River Delta, which offers plenty of chances for taking photos of Vietnamese farmers tilling the vast green paddy fields. Stop at half way for taking a short break. Arrive at Halong City, check in and board your junk, enjoy approximately 24 hours journey in the amazing bay: a natural wonderland composed of jutting limestone islands and sparkling turquoise waters. Savor a gourmet lunch of fresh seafood onboard as we sail out into the

mystical bay. In the afternoon, enjoy some activities in the bay, or just spend some time relaxing on board (Possibility to swim in the bay if weather permits). Dinner is served on board.

*Note: Visits or activities will be slightly different depending on each junk's itinerary. Your tour guide will be replaced by a local guide on board during your cruise.*

#### **Day 5: Halong Bay - Hanoi (B, L, G)**

Awake early and participate in Tai Chi on the top deck or simply relax and enjoy the sunrise over the bay's towering islands. Enjoy a morning cup of coffee or tea, and a light breakfast before setting out to explore nearby islands by rowboat. Return to the junk then take advantage of the sundeck and admire the amazing rock formations of Bai Tu Long Bay as we navigate back to Halong City. Have brunch on board the boat before returning to Halong pier. Our guide and driver will meet you at the pier then drive back to Hanoi for overnight. The rest of day is for your relax.

#### **Day 6: Hanoi – Dong Hoi, Quang Binh (B, G)**

Be free in the morning till it is time to take the flight to Dong Hoi, Quang Binh. Upon arrival, picked up by your tour guide and driver then transfer to your hotel for check in. Free at leisure in the evening.

#### **Day 7: Paradise Cave and Phong Nha Cave (B, L, G)**

After breakfast, our car and tour guide will pick you up and transfer to visit Paradise Cave. Arrive Paradise cave, golf car will take you to the cave entrance (located in the park's core zone). Paradise Cave discovered by scientists of the British Caving Research Association in 2005, has the length of 31km, the longest dry cave in Asia. With naturally primitive features, Thien Duong Cave looks like a landscape painting, making it very attractive to visitors. According to spelunkers, the deeper one journeys into the cave, the more one feels the wells of heavenly clarity all around. There are a series of white crystal stalactites resembling glass pillars and many other spectacular formations.



Go back to Phong Nha village for having lunch. After lunch, on boat to go to Phong Nha cave which is not only a natural legacy of the world or a wonder of the country Vietnam, but also a relic system of the historic street Ho Chi Minh which collaborates with Xuan Son Ferry in order to create a route supporting for the battleground of the South Vietnam during US War. Today, this place has become the first section of Ho Chi Minh trails. Therefore, coming to Phong Nha means you are visiting this legendary trails. In the late afternoon, go back to Dong Hoi City for overnight.

### **Day 8: Dong Hoi – DMZ - Hue (B, G)**



We will pick you up from your hotel in Dong Hoi city to drive to Quang Tri where the DMZ located. We will get chance to visit the war relics; we stop at the frame of church; continue driving to Cua Tung beach and Vinh Moc tunnels where there are many long tunnels used as the house of the people here during the war. You will go under the tunnels to see how they are.

Then, visit the DMZ at Hien Luong bridge and Ben Hai River where was exactly the border between the North and the South of Vietnam during the war. Then, we will take transfer to Hue.

### **Day 9: Hue City Tour (B, D, G)**

After breakfast, spend an entire day touring the Vietnam's former ancient capital. Start the day with a visit to the Imperial Citadel, home to the Imperial City and Forbidden Purple City – once the Emperor's private residence. The Imperial Citadel gives you a better understanding of the beauty of Vietnamese Royal architecture and culture. Then we will take a beautiful dragon boat trip along Perfume River and visit to Thien Mu Pagoda – one of the most popular attractions in Hue. In the afternoon, continue on your tour with the visit to King Ming Mang and King Khai Dinh tombs which are the most beautiful works of royal architecture of the Nguyen dynasty. In the evening, enjoy a special Royal Dinner. Be King and Queen in Royal Dinner with Royal long dresses!



### **Day 10: Hue – Danang – Hoi An (B, G)**

After breakfast, drive to Hoi An - highlight of any tour to Vietnam - is an exceptionally well-preserved example of a South-East Asian trading port dating from the 15th to the 19th century. Its buildings and its street plan reflect the influences, both indigenous and foreign, that have combined to produce this unique heritage site. This scenic drive passes through the fishing village of Lang Co before climbing over the Hai Van Pass (Pass of Ocean Clouds). On the way, stop in Danang to visit the Cham Museum, which contains the finest collection of Cham sculptures in the world and Marble Mountain - a well-known pilgrimage site with peaks, caves, tunnels and temples.

Upon arrival in Hoi An, free to take walking tour of the Hoi An ancient town center.

### Day 11: Hoi An City Tour (B, G)



After breakfast, Visit to My Son Holy land in the morning, once the spiritual capital of Champa Kingdom that dominated South East Asia for nearly a thousand years and occupied most of the central parts of Vietnam from 2nd century to 16th century with very rich in history and culture. In the afternoon, drive back to Hoi An with visit the former merchants' homes, the 400 year-old Japanese Covered Bridge, Phuc Kien Pagoda and the colourful riverside market.

Then enjoy some leisure time in the ancient town.

### Day 12: Hoi An – Ho Chi Minh City (B, G)

Free at leisure until we pick you up and transfer to Danang airport for flight to Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Sai Gon), the city that is famous with modern office skyscrapers, oriental style pagodas and food stalls along the street.

Upon your arrival at Tan Son Nhat airport, pick up and transfer to your hotel for check-in. The rest of the day is on your own.

### Day 13: Ho Chi Minh City Tour – Cu Chi Tunnels (B, G)

In the morning, drive outside of Ho Chi Minh City to visit the incredible Cu Chi Tunnels. The Cu Chi Tunnels are an underground labyrinth of passageways, used by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War (or “American War” as it’s referred to here) as protection against American air raids. Those inclined are invited to crawl through selections of the tunnels to better understand what life was like for the Vietnamese soldiers during wartime.



In the afternoon, back to Sai Gon for a visit to the 19th century ‘Notre-Dame’ Cathedral, the beautiful Central Post Office which are fine examples of classical French colonial architecture. Continue with a tour of the former Presidential Palace (Reunification Palace), now preserved as a museum. After that, we finish the day by visiting the War Remnants Museum and the bustling Ben Thanh Market.

### Day 14: Ho Chi Minh City – Mekong Delta (B, L, G)



Today we will start our exploration of the Mekong Delta, a major rice producing area. This must be one of the most fascinating riverine deltas in the world. On arrival, enjoy a boat cruise on the Mekong river through the Long, Lan, Qui and Phung Islands. Stop on the way to visit a fish farm, My Tho’s Floating Market and then continue the cruise on through the Xep Canal. Disembark and see a traditional local house made

of coconut wood and leaves. Enjoy delicious, fresh, local fruit and traditional live music. Then

visit the local coconut candy workshop where you can see the local people produce coconut candy – one of special local products.

After lunch, drive back to Ho Chi Minh City. On the way, visit Vinh Trang pagoda, a unique pagoda in Vietnam mixture of Vietnamese, Chinese and Cambodian architecture.

### **Day 15: Ho Chi Minh Departure (B, G)**

Free time at leisure for you to wrap up your memorable Vietnam Holiday until our tour guide escorts you to the airport for your departure flight. Goodbye and see you again.

**END OF SERVICE!**

### **INCLUSION:**

- Private English – speaking guide.
- Accommodation at selected hotels.
- Private transportations with A/C
- Meals as mentioned: (B) for breakfast, (L) for lunch, (D) for dinner.
- All entrance fees, performances, boat trips, excursions mentioned in itinerary
- 02 mineral water bottles/person daily
- Domestic flights: **Hanoi – Dong Hoi; Danang – Ho Chi Minh City**

### **EXCLUSION:**

- Flights are not mentioned in itinerary
- Travel insurance
- Visas
- Drinks, laundry or other personal expenses
- Gala Dinner on 24th and 31st December
- Gratuities for guide/driver etc

### **PRICE IN USD PER PERSON**

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Number of pax</b>	<b>Price per person</b>
3 star		
4 star		
5 star		

*Note: Valid from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 until 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018*

### **LIST OF 3 STAR HOTELS WILL BE USED**

<b>City</b>	<b>Hotel</b>
Hanoi	L'Heritage/Deluxe
Halong	Oriental Sails/Deluxe

Dong Hoi	Muong Thanh Quang Binh/Superior
Hue	Asia/Deluxe
Hoian	Hoian River Beach/Superior
Ho Chi Minh City	Le Duy/Deluxe

**LIST OF 4 STAR HOTELS WILL BE USED**

City	Hotel
Hanoi	Lan Vien/Deluxe
Halong	Signature Cruise/Superior
Dong Hoi	Muong Thanh Quang Binh/Deluxe
Hue	Moonlight/Deluxe
Hoian	Hoian River Beach/Deluxe
Ho Chi Minh City	Royal Kim Do/Deluxe

**LIST OF 5 STAR HOTELS WILL BE USED**

City	Hotel
Hanoi	Hilton Hanoi Opera/Deluxe
Halong	Signature Cruise/Deluxe
Dong Hoi	Sun Spa Resort/Superior
Hue	Pilgrimage/Deluxe
Hoian	Palm Garden Resort/Superior
Ho Chi Minh City	New World/Deluxe

*Note: In case hotel is fully booked, the similar class hotel will be booked.*