

“VIETNAM CLASSIC TOUR”



HA NOI- DUONG LAM VILLAGE- MAI CHAU/MAI HICH- PU LUONG- NINH BINH- HA LONG- HOI AN- SAI GON- CAN THO- CHAU DOC- SAI GON

JANUARY – OCTOBER 2022

GROUP: 2 – 14 PAX / 12 DAYS – 11 NIGHTS

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES EVERY WEEK ON FRIDAY

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INTRODUCTION

- Starting to discover Hanoi with historical sites, try the local street food as featured of Hanoi culture
- Discover the Duong Lam old village where you can chat with local people about their daily life and farming.
- Enjoy amazing waterfall, do the short trekking on the trails, visit caves and H'Mong tribe - the ethnic minority living in harmony with nature. Staying in private homestays with locals, learn a tea producing process, relax in beautiful gardens and scenery, coming thoroughly to your peace of mind.
- Discover the ancient capital of Vietnam in the 10th century, Ninh Binh is a venue of relics that reflect its 1000 years of history and development.
- Overnight cruise in Halong Bay in a wooden junk with visits to one of its amazing caves
- Learning fishing technique and experiencing local cultural folk music of local fishermen the take part in the "Impression Hoi An show" where you will understanding more about the Hoi An 400-year-old story with all of its grace and prosperity
- Cruise on the Mekong River to visit the boat trip to Champa Village and fishing breeding houses on the Mekong River



DRAFT ITINERARY

DAY 1/FRIDAY: HA NOI ARRIVAL	[-/-/-]
DAY 2/SATURDAY: HA NOI- KY SON & DUONG LAM VILLAGE	[B/L/-]
DAY 3/SUNDAY: HA NOI- MAI CHAU- MAI HICH	[B/L/D]
DAY 4/MONDAY: MAI HICH- PU LUONG	[B/L/D]
DAY 5/TUESDAY: PU LUONG- NINH BINH	[B/L/-]
DAY 6/WEDNESDAY: NINH BINH- HA LONG	[B/L/D]
DAY 7/THURSDAY: HA LONG- HA NOI- DA NANG- HOI AN	[B/BR/-]
DAY 8/FRIDAY: HOI AN- FISHING VILLAGE & BASKET BOAT TOUR	[B/L/-]
DAY 9/SATURDAY: HOI AN- DA NANG- HO CHI MINH	[B/L/-]
DAY 10/SUNDAY: HO CHI MINH- CAI BE- CAN THO	[B/L/-]
DAY 11/MONDAY: CAN THO- CHAU DOC	[B/L/D]
DAY 12/TUESDAY: CHAU DOC- HO CHI MINH DEPARTURE	[B/L/-]

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GUARANTEED DEPARTURES: 2022			
FRIDAY	4.2.2022	TUESDAY	15.2.2022
FRIDAY	11.2.2022	TUESDAY	22.2.2022
FRIDAY	18.2.2022	TUESDAY	1.3.2022
FRIDAY	25.2.2022	TUESDAY	8.3.2022
FRIDAY	4.3.2022	TUESDAY	15.3.2022
FRIDAY	11.3.2022	TUESDAY	22.3.2022
FRIDAY	18.3.2022	TUESDAY	29.3.2022
FRIDAY	25.3.2022	TUESDAY	5.4.2022
FRIDAY	1.4.2022	TUESDAY	12.4.2022
FRIDAY	8.4.2022	TUESDAY	19.4.2022
FRIDAY	15.4.2022	TUESDAY	26.4.2022
FRIDAY	22.4.2022	TUESDAY	3.5.2022
FRIDAY	29.4.2022	TUESDAY	10.5.2022
FRIDAY	6.5.2022	TUESDAY	17.5.2022
FRIDAY	13.5.2022	TUESDAY	24.5.2022
FRIDAY	20.5.2022	TUESDAY	31.5.2022
FRIDAY	27.5.2022	TUESDAY	7.6.2022
FRIDAY	3.6.2022	TUESDAY	14.6.2022
FRIDAY	10.6.2022	TUESDAY	21.6.2022
FRIDAY	17.6.2022	TUESDAY	28.6.2022
FRIDAY	24.6.2022	TUESDAY	5.7.2022
FRIDAY	1.7.2022	TUESDAY	12.7.2022
FRIDAY	8.7.2022	TUESDAY	19.7.2022
FRIDAY	15.7.2022	TUESDAY	26.7.2022
FRIDAY	22.7.2022	TUESDAY	2.8.2022
FRIDAY	29.7.2022	TUESDAY	9.8.2022
FRIDAY	5.8.2022	TUESDAY	16.8.2022
FRIDAY	12.8.2022	TUESDAY	23.8.2022
FRIDAY	19.8.2022	TUESDAY	30.8.2022
FRIDAY	26.8.2022	TUESDAY	6.9.2022

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FRIDAY	2.9.2022	TUESDAY	13.9.2022
FRIDAY	9.9.2022	TUESDAY	20.9.2022
FRIDAY	16.9.2022	TUESDAY	27.9.2022
FRIDAY	23.9.2022	TUESDAY	4.10.2022
FRIDAY	30.9.2022	TUESDAY	11.10.2022
FRIDAY	7.10.22	TUESDAY	18.10.2022
FRIDAY	14.10.22	TUESDAY	25.10.2022
FRIDAY	21.10.22	TUESDAY	1.11.2022
FRIDAY	28.10.22	TUESDAY	8.11.2022

PREFERRED ACCOMMODATION LIST

STANDARD CLASS (3* CATEGORY)

City	Hotel	Website
Hanoi	Hanoi Chic Boutique	http://chicboutiquehotelhanoi.com/
Mai Chau/Mai Hich	Homestay/Stilt House	
Pu Luong	Valley Home	https://puluongretreat.com/hong-ly-homestay/
Ninh Binh	Lalita Hotel	https://lalitahotel.com
Ha Long	Glory Legend Cruise	
Hoi An	Le Pavillon Boutique	https://lepavillonhoiangroup.com/boutique-hotel-spa
Ho Chi Minh	The Odys Boutique	www.theodyshotel.com
Can Tho	Kim Tho Hotel	http://kimthohotel.vn/
Chau Doc	Chau Pho Hotel	http://chauphohotel.com/

SUPERIOR CLASS (4* CATEGORY)

City	Hotel	Website
Hanoi	Le Jardin hotel	http://www.lejardinhotels.com
Mai Chau/Mai Hich	Homestay/Stilt House	
Pu Luong	Valley Home	https://puluongretreat.com/hong-ly-homestay/
Ninh Binh	Ninh Binh Hidden Charm	http://hiddencharmresort.com/
a Long	Indochina Sails Boutique	https://indochinasails.com/
Hoi An	Ancient House Village	www.ancienthouseressort.com/
Ho Chi Minh	Liberty Central City Point	https://www.libertycentralsaigoncitypoint.com
Can Tho	Victoria	https://www.victoriahotels.asia/en/hotels-resorts/cantho
Chau Doc	Victoria	https://www.victoriahotels.asia/en/hotels-resorts/chaudoc

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DELUXE CLASS (5* CATEGORY)

City	Hotel	Website
Hanoi	Melia Hotel	https://www.melia.com/vi/hotels/vietnam/hanoi/melia-hanoi/index.htm
Mai Chau/Mai Hich	Homestay/Stilt House	
Pu Luong	Valley Home	https://puluongretreat.com/hong-ly-homestay/
Ninh Binh	Emeralda Resort	http://hiddencharmresort.com/
Ha Long	Paradise Sails	https://www.paradisecruise.com/paradise-sails
Hoi An	La Siesta Resort	https://lasiestaresorts.com/
Ho Chi Minh	Mai House hotel	https://maihouse.com.vn/
Can Tho	Victoria	https://www.victoriahotels.asia/en/hotels-resorts/cantho
Chau Doc	Victoria	https://www.victoriahotels.asia/en/hotels-resorts/chaudoc



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ITINERARY DAY BY DAY

DAY 1/FRIDAY: ARRIVAL TO HANOI

[-/-/-]

- Arrival in Ha Noi/Noi Bai International airport by flight...
 - Pick up and transfer to hotel to check in (Check in time: 14:00)
- Afternoon: start with **local Hanoi beer or Bia Hoi** with peanut snacks in Ta Hien street, so-called International Crossroad which is exciting with loads of locals and tourists meeting up before tasting one of the typical **Hanoi Bun Thang** at Quan Ba Duc (Madam Duc) located at Cau Go street near Hoan Kiem lake. Strolling along the side of Hoan Kiem lake before reaching Saint Joseph Cathedral and with a few more steps to sit down at Quan Goc Da to enjoy **Bánh Gỏi** (Pillow shaped crispy dumplings) which will not be delicious without the sauce. Keep walking through the Old quarter before dropping off at Cha Ca street to taste Bánh Mỳ Lăn Ông (a local baguette with pate) try out **O Mai** (Salted or Sugared Dried Fruits) in Hang Duong street with the most common fruits used to make O Mai being plum, apricot, peach, dracontomelum, star fruit, tamarind, kumquat, pineapple, and mango. You have an option to visit an old house in Ma May street before having another 5 minutes of walk to one of Hanoi's oldest cafes with the name Giảng belonging to the owner's grandfather. This cafe is nested in an old building at the end of a tiny alley and is most famous for a special kind of coffee invented in Hanoi: **the egg coffee**.

OVERNIGHT IN HANOI



DAY 2/SATURDAY: HA NOI- KY SON & DUONG LAM VILLAGE (OP3)

[B/L/-]

- **Breakfast at the hotel.**
- Drive 55km (around 1 hour) to the north of Hanoi where the ancient village of **Duong Lam** is located. Arrive at Moon Garden Homestay in Ky Son village. Welcome drink with local fresh green tea. Free time for discovering Moon garden Homestay and Ky Son village by yourself (local market, kinder garden)
- **Have lunch at Moon Garden home-stay**
- Then take a **bicycle ride** to discover the Ky Son, Tam Son, Van Minh, and Cham farming communities to and stop at any home you like for a cup of tea. Visit the kindergarden (if open).

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- Chat with local people about their daily life and farming. Or walking in the village, (if required) you can help with plowing or transplanting seedlings, harvesting rice (or cassava, corn, sweet potatoes, cucumber...) depending on the harvest season.
- Return to the Moon Garden and enjoy our local drink and taste some of the local products such as traditional dessert, maize, sweet potato, cassava, peanuts, etc, depending on season.
- Drive back to Ha Noi and free at leisure.

OVERNIGHT IN HANOI

DAY 3/SUNDAY: HA NOI- MAI CHAU- MAI HICH

[B/L/D]

- **Breakfast at hotel.**
- Pick up from hotel and drive 135 km southwest of Hanoi to **Mai Chau** (3.5 hours), this is a scenic road and there will be a plenty of photo opportunities on the way.
- We recommend you to take time strolling around the **exciting villages** like Lac, Poom Coong. Then travel further to Mai Hich village.
- **Lunch at the homestay.**
- In the afternoon, take a short trek until Buoc village, inhabited by Thai people.
- **Dinner in the accommodation.**

OVERNIGHT IN A CHARMING STILT HOUSE



DAY 4/MONDAY: MAI HICH- KHO MUONG VILLAGE

[B/L/D]

- **Breakfast at the accommodation.**
- After 1.5 hours by car from Mai Hich, start the **first trek through Pu Luong**.
- Nature Reserve, passing by Thai and Muong ethnic villages, get up close to their living and stop any time for a chitchatting. You can also enjoy the very local villages of minority people, with picturesque leaf-roof houses and terraced padding fields
- **Enjoy lunch at homestay.**
- **Dinner in the accommodation.**

OVERNIGHT AT HOMESTAY/STILTS HOUSE IN PU LUONG

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DAY 5/TUESDAY: PU LUONG- NINH BINH

[B/L/-]

- **Breakfast.**
- After breakfast, go for the last stage on foot. You will meander along the beautiful valley, passing by peaceful villages painted with brown thatched roofs “floating” in the infinity of rice terraces.
- **Lunch at local restaurant.**
- Then visit the famous **Tam Coc Caves** (110 km south). Tam Coc (means three caves) is considered as “**Ha Long Bay on the land**” because of its beauty and charmand, row a sampan along the limestone rocks lying on rice fields and forming a landscape similar to that in Guilin, China. Continue to visit Bich Dong pagoda. Visit the ancient capital of **Hoa Lu** with temples of Dinh and Le dynasties.
- The rest time is leisure.

OVERNIGHT IN NINH BINH



DAY 6/WEDNESDAY: NINH BINH- HA LONG

[B/L/D]

- **Breakfast at hotel.**
- Drive to Ha Long from Ninh Binh.
- Upon arrival in Ha Long Bay, **board your boat for an unforgettable cruise.**
- **Welcome lunch on board.**
- Cruise in Ha Long bay visiting some islands and caves. Possibility of kayaking (optional) around some nice beaches.
- Late afternoon, admire the sunset over the bay, enjoy happy hour on the bar deck or attend a cooking demonstration.
- **Dinner will be served on board.**

OVERNIGHT ON CRUISE IN HA LONG

DAY 7/THURSDAY: HA LONG- HA NOI- DA NANG- HOI AN

[B/Brunch/-]

- Start the day with a **Tai Chi class** on sundeck.
- Continue cruising the bay, visiting some other highlights.
- Have a **brunch** before disembarkation.

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- Return to Ha Long wharf, disembark and transfer back to Ha Noi and drop off at Ha Noi airport for evening flight to Da Nang
- Meet at Da Nang airport and transfer to hotel in **Hoi An** for relaxing

OVERNIGHT IN HOI AN



DAY 8/FRIDAY: HOI AN- FISHING VILLAGE & BASKET BOAT TOUR (JOINT TOUR) [B/L/-]

- **Breakfast at hotel.**
- You will enjoy a wide range of experiences - from learning **traditional fishing techniques**, enjoying learning experiencing local **cultural folk music** of local fishermen to paddling the strange and unique **Vietnamese bamboo basket boats** while exploring the now tranquil coconut-palm flanked waterways of a past war.
- On this tour we provide an authentic social and cultural insight into the local Vietnamese way of life. As well you will take part in some hands-on activities that are fun, safe and interesting to people all of ages.
- **Evening: Enjoy The Impressive Hoi An show**
- The real-world performance features Vietnam's traditional Ao Dai using modern staging techniques, lighting technology and elegant audio effects. Through these, a 400-year-old story of Hoi An is represented with all its grace and prosperity.

OVERNIGHT IN HOI AN

DAY 9/SATURDAY: HOI AN- DA NANG- HO CHI MINH [B/L/-]

- **Breakfast at hotel.**
- Pick up at hotel and transfer to Da Nang airport for **flight to Sai Gon**
- Meet our guide at Sai Gon airport and transfer to hotel for leaving the luggage (Check in time: 14:00)
- Lunch at local restaurant
- **Afternoon: take a sightseeing tour including the War Remnants Museum, the Reunification (former Presidential Palace) and photo stops at Central Post Office.**
- The rest time is leisure.

OVERNIGHT IN HOHI MINH

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DAY 10/SUNDAY: HO CHI MINH- CAI BE- CAN THO

[B/L/-]

- **Breakfast at hotel.**
- **Coach trip to Cai Be**, 2.5-hour drive from Ho Chi Minh City, take a boat trip along the Mekong River to view the daily life of local people who work and play on the waterways of the Mekong Delta. The trip includes a visit to canal where the **floating market** at Cai Be takes place, and to a family-run business producing rice paper and corn flakes of Vietnamese style - a key ingredient in Vietnamese cuisine.
- **Lunch at local restaurant**
- Proceed to Can Tho. Free at leisure and discover Can Tho by yourself.

OVERNIGHT IN CAN THO



DAY 11/MONDAY: CAN THO- CHAU DOC

[B/L/D]

- **Breakfast at hotel.**
- Boat trip on **Rach Ngong River** to visit Cai Rang floating market
- **Lunch at local restaurant.**
- Visit the **temples** at the bottom of the Sam Mountain, Lady Xu Temple, Thoai Ngoc Hau Temple, Tay An Pagoda. Cruise on the Mekong River to visit the boat trip to Champa Village and fishing breeding houses on the Mekong River.

OVERNIGHT IN CHAU DOC

DAY 12/TUESDAY: CHAU DOC- HO CHI MINH DEPARTURE

[B/L/-]

- **Breakfast at hotel**
- Depart Chau Doc to Ho Chi Minh City with **lunch on route. Drop off at the airport for evening flight to next destination.**
- **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Driving time from Chau Doc to Ho Chi Minh is about 8 hours including the lunch break. During this transfer no visits or sightseeing are included.

****** END OF OUR SERVICES******

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WEATHER INFORMATION – VIETNAM



North Vietnam (Hanoi, Halong Bay, Cuc Phuong, Mai Chau & Ninh Binh)

Hanoi and North Vietnam has a distinct winter and summer season. The cool but mostly dry winter lasts from November to April when temperatures average 17-22°C with the coldest months being January - March. Summer lasts from May to October when it is hot and humid and the region experiences its highest rainfall. July to September are often the wettest months of the year. During these months severe weather can prevent junks sailing in Halong Bay although such weather is rare.

Central Vietnam (Hoi An, Danang, Hue, Dalat, Quy Nhon & Nha Trang)

Hoi An, Hue & Danang in the centre of Vietnam have hot and dry weather from mid-January to late August, with temperatures often reaching the mid-30's °C. During the winter months the rainfall increases with October and November achieving peak levels, occasionally in the form of typhoons. Hue is often cooler than Hoi An, especially early in the year. In addition, with each sitting on opposite sides of a small mountain range the weather can often differ between the two greatly on any given day. Quy Nhon is a six hour drive south of Hoi An and shares a similar weather pattern although the dry season

South Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh City, The Mekong Delta, Phu Quoc & Con Dao, Phan Thiet & Mui Ne, Ho Tram & Long Hai)

With temperatures remaining constant yearround, the climate of the south is split into two simple seasons, wet and dry. The dry season begins in November and ends in April/early May with late February to May being slightly hotter and more humid.

The wet season lasts from May until early November with the months from June, July & August receiving the highest rainfall of the year. Throughout much of the wet season rainfall is generally heavy but short lasting, often occurring in a mid-afternoon heavy downpour. The average temperatures in the south range between 25 - 35°C year round. In the far south, the islands of Phu Quoc and Con Dao can be enjoyed year-round, with high chances of sunny days, although if visiting outside dry season, afternoon downpours should be expected.

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