

**“JOURNEY THROUGH THE WORLD
HERITAGE SITES IN VIETNAM”**



HA NOI- HA LONG- DONG HOI- HUE- DANANG - HOI AN- HO CHI MINH
JANUARY – OCTOBER 2022
GROUP: 2 – 14 PAX / 11 DAYS – 10 NIGHTS

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES EVERY WEEK ON SATURDAY

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INTRODUCTION

- Our tour invites you to experience the spectacular scenery in Vietnam where you can visit the world heritage site – Phong Nha Ke Bang, Hue citadel, Ha Long Bay and Hoi An ancient town, experience the local life and get yourselves involve in making the handicraft as a souvenir for your beloved ones.
- Starting to discover Hanoi with historical sites and political centre of Vietnam
- Experience privileged moments for your souls and hearts in the middle of the legendary and mystic beauty in Ha Long Bay
- Exploring Phong Nha Ke Bang, one of the UNESCO listed heritage site with spectacular scenery and caves
- Getting involve to Vietnam authentic scenes of the countryside, households producing objects for offerings like votive paper, incense sticks, roasted kernels in Hue the old capital of Vietnam
- Having fun with basket boat and catching the special Purple Crabs in Hoi An
- End of the trip in Ho Chi Minh city with the “A Sensual Vietnamese” where offers a unique cultural experience. Live Vietnamese cultural shows with sophisticated lighting and mesmerizing live music played from 20 traditional Vietnamese instruments!



DRAFT ITINERARY

DAY 1/SATURDAY: HA NOI ARRIVAL	[-/-/-]
DAY 2/SUNDAY: HA NOI- HA LONG	[B/L/D]
DAY 3/MONDAY: HA LONG- HA NOI	[B/Br/-]
DAY 4/TUESDAY: HA NOI- DONG HOI	[B/L/D]
DAY 5/WEDNESDAY: DONG HOI- PARADISE CAVE- HUE	[B/L/-]
DAY 6/THURSDAY: HUE ARTS & HANDICRAFTS FOR WELLNESS	[B/L/-]
DAY 7/FRIDAY: HUE- DA NANG- HOI AN	[B/L/-]
DAY 8/SATURDAY: HOI AN- RICE, HERB, AND FISH TALKS TOUR	[B/L/-]
DAY 9/SUNDAY: HOI AN- DA NANG- HO CHI MINH	[B/-/D]
DAY 10/MONDAY: HO CHI MINH- CU CHI TUNNELS	[B/-/D]
DAY 11/TUESDAY: HO CHI MINH DEPARTURE	[B/-/-]

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GUARANTEED DEPARTURES: 2022			
SATURDAY	29.1.2022	TUESDAY	8.2.2022
SATURDAY	5.2.2022	TUESDAY	15.2.2022
SATURDAY	12.2.2022	TUESDAY	22.2.2022
SATURDAY	19.2.2022	TUESDAY	1.3.2022
SATURDAY	26.2.2022	TUESDAY	8.3.2022
SATURDAY	5.3.2022	TUESDAY	15.3.2022
SATURDAY	12.3.2022	TUESDAY	22.3.2022
SATURDAY	19.3.2022	TUESDAY	29.3.2022
SATURDAY	26.3.2022	TUESDAY	5.4.2022
SATURDAY	2.4.2022	TUESDAY	12.4.2022
SATURDAY	9.4.2022	TUESDAY	19.4.2022
SATURDAY	16.4.2022	TUESDAY	26.4.2022
SATURDAY	23.4.2022	TUESDAY	3.5.2022
SATURDAY	30.4.2022	TUESDAY	10.5.2022
SATURDAY	7.5.2022	TUESDAY	17.5.2022
SATURDAY	14.5.2022	TUESDAY	24.5.2022
SATURDAY	21.5.2022	TUESDAY	31.5.2022
SATURDAY	28.5.2022	TUESDAY	7.6.2022
SATURDAY	4.6.2022	TUESDAY	14.6.2022
SATURDAY	11.6.2022	TUESDAY	21.6.2022
SATURDAY	18.6.2022	TUESDAY	28.6.2022
SATURDAY	25.6.2022	TUESDAY	5.7.2022
SATURDAY	2.7.2022	TUESDAY	12.7.2022
SATURDAY	9.7.2022	TUESDAY	19.7.2022
SATURDAY	16.7.2022	TUESDAY	26.7.2022
SATURDAY	23.7.2022	TUESDAY	2.8.2022
SATURDAY	30.7.2022	TUESDAY	9.8.2022
SATURDAY	6.8.2022	TUESDAY	16.8.2022
SATURDAY	13.8.2022	TUESDAY	23.8.2022
SATURDAY	20.8.2022	TUESDAY	30.8.2022

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SATURDAY	27.8.2022	TUESDAY	6.9.2022
SATURDAY	3.9.2022	TUESDAY	13.9.2022
SATURDAY	10.9.2022	TUESDAY	20.9.2022
SATURDAY	17.9.2022	TUESDAY	27.9.2022
SATURDAY	24.9.2022	TUESDAY	4.10.2022
SATURDAY	1.10.2022	TUESDAY	11.10.2022
SATURDAY	8.10.22	TUESDAY	18.10.2022
SATURDAY	15.10.22	TUESDAY	25.10.2022
SATURDAY	22.10.22	TUESDAY	1.11.2022
SATURDAY	29.10.22	TUESDAY	8.11.2022

PREFEERED ACCOMMODATION LIST

STANDARD CLASS (3* CATEGORY)

City	Hotel	Website
Hanoi	Hanoi Chic Boutique	http://chicboutiquehotelhanoi.com/
Ha Long	Glory Legend Cruise	
Dong Hoi	Chay Lap Farm Stay	https://chaylapfarmstay.com/
Hue	Moonlight Hotel	http://www.moonlighthue.com/
Hoi An	Le Pavillon Boutique	https://lepavillonhoiangroup.com/boutique-hotel-spa/
Ho Chi Minh	The Odys Boutique	www.theodyshotel.com/

SUPERIOR CLASS (4* CATEGORY)

City	Hotel	Website
Hanoi	Le Jardin hotel	http://www.lejardinhotels.com
Ha Long	Indochina Sails Boutique	https://indochinasails.com/
Dong Hoi	Chay Lap Farm Stay	https://chaylapfarmstay.com/
Hue	Eldora Hotel	http://www.eldorahotel.com/
Hoi An	Ancient House Village	www.ancienthouserestort.com/
Ho Chi Minh	Liberty Central City Point	https://www.libertycentralsaigoncitypoint.com

DELUXE CLASS (5* CATEGORY)

City	Hotel	Website
Hanoi	Melia Hotel	https://www.melia.com/vi/hotels/vietnam/hanoi/melia-hanoi/index.htm
Ha Long	Paradise Sails	https://www.paradisecruise.com/paradise-sails
Dong Hoi	Chay Lap Farm Stay	https://chaylapfarmstay.com/
Hue	Silk Path Grand Hotel	http://silkpathhotel.com/Hue/
Hoi An	Lasiesta Resort	https://lasiestaresorts.com/
Ho Chi Minh	Mai House hotel	https://maihouse.com.vn/

ITINERARY DAY BY DAY

DAY 1/SATURDAY: ARRIVAL TO HANOI

[-/-/-]

- Arrival in Ha Noi/Noi Bai International airport by flight...
- Check in time: 14:00
- Afternoon: Start the tour by visit outside Ho Chi Minh complex including **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum** (The Mausoleum is closed in all afternoons, Mondays, Fridays, entire October and November for annual maintenance), his house-on-stilts, the One-Pillar pagoda and continue on to the Temple of Literature – the first university of Vietnam and the place dedicating to Confucian.

OVERNIGHT IN HANOI



DAY 2/SUNDAY: HA NOI- HA LONG

[B/L/D]

- **Breakfast at the hotel.**
- In the morning, drive to **Halong Bay** – a glamorous natural wonder. Sail onboard a private junk for two days, experience privileged moments for only two souls and hearts in the middle of the legendary and mystic beauty.
- Cruise through thousands of limestone cliffs, islands, visit mysterious caves, go kayaking and swim in the emerald water. Then relaxing with spa treatment for couple on cruise. Enjoy a cocktail on the deck while admiring the sunset over breathtaking scenery, followed by a gourmet dinner with fresh seafood.

OVERNIGHT ON CRUISE IN HALONG

DAY 3/MONDAY: HA LONG- HA NOI

[B/Brunch/-]

- Start the day with a **Taichi exercise program** then **breakfast** is served at your preferred time. Relax on your private boat and continue exploring the bay until it's time to return to the marina.
- On the way back to Hanoi, visit **But Thap ancient pagoda**.
- The rest time is leisure

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OVERNIGHT IN HANOI

DAY 4/TUESDAY: HA NOI- DONG HOI

[B/L/D]

- **Breakfast at the accommodation.**
- Pick up at hotel and transfer to Ha Noi airport for flight to Dong Hoi.
- Meet our guide at airport and transfer to Phong Nha National Park. Take a boat trip on the Son River to visit Phong Nha cave.
- **Lunch at local restaurant.**
- Transfer to Chay Lap. Time at leisure to enjoy and explore the surrounding.
- **Dinner in the accommodation.**

OVERNIGHT IN CHAY LAP



DAY 5/WEDNESDAY: DONG HOI- PARADISE CAVE- HUE

[B/L/-]

- **Breakfast then check-out.**
- Continue by car to visit the longest dry cave in the world, the **Paradise Cave**.
- **Lunch at local restaurant.**
- Proceed to **Hue**, on the way stop at Hien Luong Bridge, a witness of Vietnam division from 1954 to 1975.
- Arrive in Hue in late afternoon.

OVERNIGHT IN HUE

DAY 6/THURSDAY: HUE ARTS & HANDICRAFTS FOR WELLNESS

[B/L/-]

- **Breakfast at hotel.**
- After a short drive from your hotel, take a leisurely stroll around **Bao Vinh town** with its lively market selling typical commodities, its charming merchant houses inviting you over for a local-style tea break. Join the old ladies with palm leaf conical hats and aromatic vegetable baskets on a ferry ride to reach the handicraft villages, where you will cycle along the flower and rice fields. Visit a **local artisan making colorful Thanh Tien paper flowers**.

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- After learning about the aesthetic and ritual aspects, try your hands crafting one and keep it for souvenir. Your exploration is prolonged through authentic scenes of the countryside, households producing objects for offerings like votive paper, incense sticks, roasted kernels, etc. Arrive at a home workshop, where Mr. Ky heartily shares his whole-life journey preserving the art of xylographic printings, the nature-based coloring that Sinh village paintings are famous for. The last stop at a centuries-old village pagoda completes the insight into the local spiritual path for wellness. Beside their worshipping practices, almost everyone needs to reside in Buddha's teachings and blessings to gain a healthy life and to extricate from unpropitious fates. A **dragon boat** is waiting to slowly ride you back to modern life. The rest time is leisure.
- Lunch at hotel
- Dinner on your own account.

OVERNIGHT IN HUE

DAY 7/FRIDAY: HUE- DA NANG- HOI AN

[B/L/-]

- **Breakfast at hotel.**
- Visit the Imperial Citadel where Nguyen Dynasty ruled between 1802 and 1945 and drive to Hoi An from Hue via Hai Van pass (If the weather permit).
- **Lunch at local restaurant.**
- Visit the Cham Museum, Marble mountain and Non Nuoc Beach before process to Hoi An
- Check in at hotel, free at leisure and discover Hoi An Ancient Town by yourself

OVERNIGHT IN HO IAN



DAY 8/SATURDAY: HOI AN- RICE, HERB AND FISH TALKS TOUR

[B/L/-]

- **Breakfast at hotel.**
- Drive to the docks on the **Co Co River** where your day's adventure will start. Board our boat to take you onto the river and head downstream towards our **first fishing destination**. You will have a

chance to learn how to lift the big fishing net out of the water and how to spread the unique fishing net named "RO" into a professional circle to catch fish and others daily activities of the local fisherman.

- Then arriving at **The Coconut Palm** area. Meet a local fishing family who will bring some traditional **basket boats** for us to board. You will be getting on a unique round boat (Basket Boat) or Thung Chai in Vietnamese. Learning the technique how to drive the round boat and start discovering the floristic composition with relaxing and then having fun with catching the special **Purple Crabs**.
- Go for a short drive through the local countryside we arrive at **Organic Herb Tra Que Village**, and the home of your host, Mr Tuan. Learn about the history and customs of this charming village while we walk through the organic herb gardens where hundreds of local farmers work their fields using the traditional methods of hundreds of years ago - no electrical machinery here.
- We return to the home of Mr Tuan, and this is where the real fun begins. Everyone is given farming instruments, and we set about **joining the farmers in preparing the land for sewing or planting**.
- Many of the local herbs are used by the farmers for **traditional village medicines**. You will have a chance to enjoy the **herbal foot massage** with a real farmer concept.
- Then enjoy a **lovely local lunch**.
- The rest time is leisure.

OVERNIGHT IN HOI AN

DAY 9/SUNDAY: HOI AN- DA NANG- HO CHI MINH

[B/-/D]

- **Breakfast at hotel.**
- Pick up and transfer to Da Nang airport for flight to **Sai Gon**.
- Meet at Sai Gon airport and transfer to hotel for leaving your luggage (Check in time: 14:00)
- Afternoon: Visit the **War Remnants Museum** - a place to display memorabilia during the Vietnam War. Continue to visit **Independence Palace (Reunification Palace)**, a famous architectural work in Ho Chi Minh City and ranked as a special national monument.
- Evening: A Sensual Vietnamese
- Our guide will meet you at your hotel in Saigon city center and heading to **Saigon Opera House**. Live Vietnamese cultural shows with sophisticated lighting and mesmerizing live music played from 20 traditional Vietnamese instruments! Seize the opportunity to sit back and be thoroughly captivated, letting an hour fly by unheeded as your senses are taken on a visual, aural, and inspiring journey. The evening would not complete without passing on to table at a Vietnamese contemporary dining room. Typical Vietnamese dishes from Mother's kitchen have been taken into next height with innovative fusion techniques and presentation. A feast of sights and tastes!

OVERNIGHT IN HO CHI MINH



DAY 10/MONDAY: HO CHI MINH- CU CHI TUNNELS

[B/-/D]

- **Breakfast at hotel.**
- **Cu Chi** is not only a peaceful countryside but also an iconic and heroic land. Its system of underground tunnels is the best proof of local people's resilience and intelligence that helped to win so many combats. You will drive 70 km southwest of Ho Chi Minh City passing through picturesque rice fields, gardens, rubber plantations. Upon arrival in Cu Chi and after a short introduction to the tunnel network of more than 200km, you will have a chance to crawl into a short section of the tunnels to feel the oppressive narrowness and heat inside. Documentaries and displays of bloody traps will give you a vivid idea of the life and struggle in the tunnels.
- Transfer back to Sai Gon, relaxing until enjoy **vespa tour** in the afternoon
- *Afternoon: Sai Gon after dark*
- Immerse yourself into the cosmopolitan nightlife of this busy city by night. Soak up the energy of this urban metropolis at our central city location while watching the world go by, we sip on our first drinks and try out some tasty snacks. We then ride off into the night again to experience live music at two very different venues. Firstly, the laid-back atmosphere of quieter, softly lit coffee shop before heading to a lively rock bar where a new generation of Vietnamese flaunt their style. Bring a healthy appetite and a sense of adventure as our guides show you their city by night.

OVERNIGHT IN HO CHI MINH

DAY 11/TUESDAY: HO CHI MINH- DEPARTURE

[B/-/-]

- **Breakfast at hotel.**
- Free at leisure until pick up and transfer to Sai Gon airport for departure flight to next destination.

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

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.