

# **VIETNAM** 13 DAYS ENCHANTING VIETNAM

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## Introduction to Vietnam

Although many westerners might still view Vietnam through the lens of history and war, in reality the country is an oasis of harmony and peace; offering captivating natural beauty and tranquil villages. Its highlands and rainforests continue to yield new species and offer an abundance of exotic wildlife. The tropical islands and beaches are among the finest in the Asia-Pacific region. Decades have passed since Vietnam was officially united and during this time the country has done a remarkable job of healing its wounds. Today, this stunningly beautiful land is an outstanding travel destination that offers something for everyone – be it history, cultural heritage, or exploring the country's abundant exotic fauna and flora.



## ITINERARY

#### Day 1: Hanoi Arrival

Upon arrival at Hanoi - Noi Bai airport, look for your tour guide holding a signboard with your name on it. Then meet with your driver for a 45-min private transfer to your hotel in the center. Hanoi is Vietnam's modern-day capital. Classic, colonial architecture, distinctive cuisine, and a millennium of history and culture give Hanoi her elegance.

#### Notes:

- The regular check-in hotel is 15:00. Early check-in is not included and subject to the availability.

Meals:NoneAccommodation:Movenpick Hanoi, Deluxe Room in Hanoi (or similar)

#### Day 2: Hanoi

Breakfast at hotel.

Visit Ba Dinh Square where silent sentries guard the marble mausoleum in which Ho Chi Minh lies in state. Subject to opening hours, the interior of the mausoleum may be visited (closed Monday & Friday weekly and all afternoons). Continue to the modest stilted wooden bungalow where Uncle Ho lived and worked, before visiting Ho Chi Minh Museum. Dedicated to the father of the country, the museum chronicles the evolution of Vietnamese independence. Continue to the One Pillar Pagoda, a Buddhist pagoda with a history steeped in folklore. Continue to explore one of the city's many interesting museums- choose from Vietnamese Women Museum or Hoa Lo Prison or Fine Arts Museum, depending on your personal interests (please discuss with your tour guide at destination). Lunch is at a local restaurant.

In the afternoon, stroll through Temple of Literature, a serene retreat from the busy streets outside. Built in 1070 and dedicated to Confucius, it became Vietnam's first university. Cap off the trip with a walk through the labyrinthine alleyways of the Old Quarters. This oldest continuously developed area of Hanoi was once an important centre of commerce where goods were sold on the street name of a particular guild. Stop at a roadside coffee shop, mingle with the locals and enjoy the daily life passing while tasting coffee.

#### Notes:

- Operates: 08.30 16.30
- The Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum is closed Monday & Friday weekly and all afternoons. Otherwise, outside visit only.

Meals:Breakfast, LunchAccommodation:Movenpick Hanoi, Deluxe Room in Hanoi (or similar)

#### Day 3: Hanoi – Halong Bay

#### Breakfast at hotel.

09:00 Take a 2.5-hour drive from Hanoi to Tuan Chau jetty for your Halong overnight trip. Enjoy the UNESCO World Heritage site with a dense concentration of limestone islands, caves and grottos, and magnificent scenery.

Ha Long Bay takes its name from legend as the place where dragons descended to protect the Vietnamese people from invasion. Thousands of limestone islands scattered across the emerald sea, covered in thick forest conceal hidden caves, and provide shelter for colourful floating fishing communities. This breathtaking geographical and cultural jewel, steeped in folklore is Vietnam's most iconic UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Upon arrival at the jetty, proceed with check-in formalities around noon before being welcomed aboard. You will be served lunch while cruising the tranquil waters and will have plenty of time to take in the magnificent seascape of Ha Long Bay. Depending on your cruise itinerary, you will be able to enjoy activities either this afternoon or the following morning to explore caves and grottos, visit pearl farms, or take in picturesque island beaches. Some cruises also include kayaking. After sunset, enjoy a Vietnamese cooking demonstration before enjoying a delicious dinner. At the end of the day set anchor for the night among the karst formations.

#### Note:

- Please note your vessels itinerary is subject to change at short notice and is dependent on weather and tidal conditions. If weather conditions are deemed unsafe, the harbour master may deny departure and you will be re-accommodated with the best alternative ground services available.

Meals:Breakfast, Lunch, DinnerAccommodation:Indochine Premium Halong, Junior Suite

#### Day 4: Halong Bay – Hanoi – Danang – Hoi An

Awaken your senses early this morning with a Tai Chi session on the sundeck or simply relax on board and take in the magnificent surroundings. Breakfast is served (brunch on some boats) while you enjoy cruising back through the bay. Upon disembarking your cruise, meet with your guide again and transfer in private vehicle to Noi Bai Airport in Hanoi for your flight to Danang.

Flight: Vietnam Airlines VN169 / Hanoi – Danang / 16:45 – 18:15 (Economy class)

Upon arrival at Danang airport, look for your tour guide holding a signboard with your name on it. Then meet with your driver for a 45-min private transfer to the hotel in Hoi An, the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Town of the ancient port. This sublime riverside town is a feast for the eyes.

Meals:BrunchAccommodation:Hotel Royal Hoi An, Deluxe Room in Hoi An.

## Day 5: Hoi An

#### Breakfast at hotel.

Located 30 km south of Danang, the sublime riverside town of Hoi An is a feast for the eyes. Without most forms of motorized transport, the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Town of this ancient port is perfect for exploring on foot. Explore beautifully preserved old merchant houses, atmospheric temples, and lively markets as you stroll through the back streets of this enchanting destination. You'll visit the iconic 400-year-old Japanese Bridge and the busy waterfront, where colourful fishing boats bob up and down on the Thu Bon River. During the walk, make a stop at a market to taste well-known local green leaf cakes in Hoi An. Optional take a brief local boat ride along the Thu Bon River to see the ancient trading port from a different perspective. Wrap up the tour by visiting a Tea House that supports disadvantaged youth. The majority of the staff are hearing impaired, making for a unique experience as you communicate your order or tea or coffee or home-made cookies by writing it down or using wooden blocks with words.

## Note:

- Operates: 08.00 - 12.00.

- Tour pickup from hotels located in Hoi An area. The Tea House's closure time at 17.00 on Sats & Suns - one unit/portion of tea or coffee or home-made cookies per person.

Meals:	Breakfast
Accommodation:	<u>Hotel Royal Hoi An</u> , Deluxe Room in Hoi An.

## Day 6: Hoi An – Danang – Quy Nhon

Breakfast at hotel.

This morning you are transferred to Danang railway station for a fun train ride to Quy Nhon SE21/Dep 08:00 - arrival 14:03. Train ride by Reunification Express (local train)

Upon arrival, you will be picked up by Maia Quy Nhon's representative and transferred to the resort by shuttle minivan.



Remaining of the day is at leisure for relaxation.

#### Meals: Breakfast

& Nightly turn-down service, Welcome fruit & artisanal amenities, Complimentary minibar (replenished daily)

Accommodation: Maia Quy Nhon, Garden View Pool Villa in Quy Nhon

## Day 7 - 12: Quy Nhon

Time is yours to enjoy the pool and beach.

Meals:BreakfastAccommodation:Maia Quy Nhon, Garden View Pool Villa in Quy Nhon



Exclusive Inclusions at Maia Quy Nhon Resort;

- Daily Breakfast for two persons at Vi Restaurant
- Optional daily individual treatment at Vẽla Spa *or* the choice of a family style lunch or dinner at Vi Restaurant
- Four pieces of laundry per person per day (dry cleaning is not available)
- One-time complimentary couple/ family activity per stay from below options: Family cooking class, Half-day cultural visit, One-time complimentary upgrade of a daily half-board inclusion to a Signature Culinary Experience as listed above per stay: Once Upon a Table, Curated Dining Experience

*Or* One personalized Wellness Journey with the choice of two treatments listed below: Infrared sauna therapy session, Body Rejuvenation, Healing Therapy, Anti-ageing facial care

## Day 13: Quy Nhon – Hanoi Departure

Meals:

Breakfast.

Upon scheduled pickup time, meet your guide at hotel's lobby for the transfer by resort's shuttle minivan to Phu Cat airport, catch your internal flight to Hanoi or Saigon and connect the outbound flight back home.

**Notes:** - The regular check-out hotel is 12:00. Late check-out is not included and subjected to the availability.

CITY	5-STAR HOTELS
Hanoi – 2 nights	<u>Movenpick Hanoi</u> , Deluxe Room
Halong Bay – 1 night	Indochine Premium Halong, Junior Suite
Hoi An – 2 nights	<u>Hotel Royal Hoi An</u> , Deluxe Room
Quy Nhon – 7 nights	<u>Maia Quy Nhon</u> , Garden View Pool Villa

## SERVICES INCLUDED

- Accommodation as per above itinerary in twin share/double rooms with daily BF included.
- Private transfers and tours as specified including entry fees in air-conditioned vehicles with exception to Quy Nhon area: shared transfer by Maia Quy Nhon resort.
- > Shared train compartment, air-conditioned soft seat tickets.
- Services of a Local English-Speaking Guide for all included sightseeing in the language stated in the service description.
- > Meals as specified in the itinerary (drinks are not included).
- ➢ Government tax and service charge.
- Bottled water provided on transfers and sightseeing tours.

## (\*) Black-out dates /dates possible with additional costs:

- Christmas (24 December 2024),
- New Year (31 December 2024),
- Lunar New Year (Tet) (25 January 2025 02 February 2025),
- International New Year (01 Jan 2025),
- Hung Kings Festival (07 April 2025),
- Liberation Day & Labor Day (30 April 2025 01 May 2025),
- Independence Day (02 03 September 2025)

