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# HIGHLIGHTS OF VIETNAM

## 12 DAYS & 11 NIGHTS / PRIVATE JOURNEY

HANOI, HALONG BAY, HOI AN, HUÉ & SAIGON



Vietnam is a fascinating country, home to buzzing cities and historic towns and offers an enchanting combination of lush scenery and tropical coastlines with a collection of new world-class hotels, making it ideal for a luxurious escape. Discover the fascinating cities of Hanoi and Saigon, visit the historic pearls of Hué, Hoi An and the Cu Chi Tunnels and see the magnificent landscapes of Halong Bay and the lush, fertile Mekong Delta.



### 2012 DATES

Jan-Oct  
Single Supplement  
Internal Air

### \*PRICES FROM

\$ 4,935  
2,890  
215

Note: Upon request, your travel consultant can provide an exact price based on your specific dates of travel.

#### Day 1: Arrive Hanoi

Upon arrival in Hanoi, you will be welcomed by your Cox & Kings local representative and transferred to your hotel. *Sofitel Legend Metropole (Grand Premium)* – 2 nights

#### Day 2: Hanoi

This morning visit the Ho Chi Minh mausoleum (viewed from outside) and a stilt house which was his temporary residence from 1954-1969. In the same complex you will see the One Pillar Pagoda. Next, visit the Temple of Literature, West Lake, Tran Quoc, and the nearby Taoist temple of Quan Thanh. In the afternoon, visit the Museum of Ethnology and enjoy a walking tour of Hanoi's Old Quarter. Finish the day with a Water Puppet show. (B)

#### Day 3: To Halong Bay

Drive to magnificent Halong Bay for an overnight cruise. Set sail through the limestone cliffs and

emerald waters of Halong Bay. Lunch is served as you cruise by impressive rock formations. *Jasmine Wooden Junk (Deluxe Cabin)* – 1 night (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: To Hanoi

Enjoy a full breakfast (or brunch) as your boat weaves its way back to Halong City. Upon disembarkation, transfer to Hanoi. *Sofitel Legend Metropole (Grand Premium)* – 1 night (B)

#### Day 5: To Hoi An via Danang

Morning flight to Danang. On arrival, drive to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Hoi An. Take a walking tour of the ancient town center. *Nam Hai Resort (One Bedroom Villa)* – 2 nights (B)

#### Day 6: Hoi An

The day is at leisure. (B)

**Option:** Half day excursion to Tra Que village for a cooking class.

#### Day 7: To Hué

Journey to Hué, en route visiting the open air Cham Museum in Danang. Continue over the Hai Van pass to the fishing village of Lang Co. Arrive Hué and check in to your

### HIGHLIGHTS

- CRUISE THE EMERALD WATERS OF HALONG BAY
- EXPLORE PICTURESQUE HOI AN
- BOAT EXCURSION UP THE PERFUME RIVER
- VISIT THE AMAZING CU CHI TUNNELS
- RIVER CRUISE ON THE MEKONG DELTA

### OPTIONALS

- VISIT TRA QUE VEGETABLE VILLAGE IN HOI AN
- EXPLORE SINH VILLAGE IN HUÉ

### EXTENSIONS

- LUANG PRABANG • SIEM REAP
- BANGKOK

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Emperor Khai Dinh, Huế

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hotel. Afternoon, visit the mausoleums of former Emperor Tu Duc and Khai Dinh. *La Residence (Deluxe River View) – 2 nights (B)*

### Day 8: Huế

Morning cruise on the Perfume River. Visit the Thien Mu Pagoda, relive the grandeur of the Imperial Citadel, take a cyclo through the 'Old City' to Tinh Tam Lake and visit the Dong Ba market. **(B)**

**Option:** Half day visit to the woodblock printing village of Sinh. Visit family homes and meet the artisans to learn about their age-old techniques.



Northern Vietnam

arrange 'Uncle Nam' as a guide. Uncle Nam lived and fought in the Cu Chi tunnels for 12 years and his tours are an insightful, first-hand account of the era.

### Day 11: Saigon – Mekong Delta – Saigon

An early morning departure takes you to Cai Be, deep in the heart of the Mekong Delta. Embark on your private deluxe junk boat, the Cai Be Princess or Mekong Queen, and cruise to the colorful Cai Be floating market. Visit a local home factory and sail around the evergreen islands located in the Mekong River. Enjoy lunch before cruising to Dong Hoa Hiep and An Binh islands. Disembark at Cai Be pier and return to Saigon late in the afternoon. **(B, L)**

### Day 12: Depart Saigon

Today you will be transferred to Tan Son Nhat Airport for your international flight. **(B)**



Minh Mang Monument, Huế

### Day 9: Saigon

Fly to Saigon. Following check in, enjoy a full day city tour. Highlights include Cholon, the Cantonese Thien Hau Pagoda and the FITO Museum. Head back to the city center to visit Ben Thanh Market. In the afternoon you can either visit the War Remnants or History Museum and the former Presidential Palace. Then take a leisurely stroll to the major sights of colonial Saigon. *Park Hyatt Hotel (Park Room) – 3 nights (B)*

### Day 10: Saigon – Cu Chi Tunnels – Saigon

This morning, drive to Tay Ninh Province and visit the Cao Dai Great Temple. After lunch, visit the famous Cu Chi Tunnels. **(B, L)**

Note: As an option, and with prior notice, we can

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International air travel (USA to Asia)
- Airport departure taxes
- Flights in Vietnam
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Excess baggage fees
- Personal items and alcoholic beverages
- Gratuities to your guides, drivers, porters and hotel service

## VISA

Visas are required for US Passport holders traveling to Vietnam and this visa must be obtained here in the U.S. prior to departure.

## WEATHER

Vietnam stretches over 1,800 square kilometers from north to south with several ranges of mountains. Due to this wide range of Latitude and altitude, the weather pattern varies from region to region.

Vietnam's temperatures and rainfall vary widely. However, the best overall months are probably October to March. The rainy season for most of the country is between May and September.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- All hotel accommodations as per the itinerary
- Meals as noted in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch & D=Dinner)
- All transfers and transportation on a private basis
- Private sightseeing as described in itinerary including entrance fees and services of professional local guides