



**INSIGHT OF VIETNAM PROGRAMS**

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## INSIGHT OF VIETNAM

### 11 DAYS/10 NIGHTS

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#### DAY 1: ARRIVAL – HANOI

Upon your arrival, meet and greet by a tour guide on arrival and transfer to your hotel in center of the town. Check in and enjoy your restful night at the hotel. Overnight in Hanoi.

#### DAY 2: HANOI – HALONG

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

At 07:30 - 08:00 am, the tour guide will pick you up at the hotel, leave for Halong Bay (3.5 hour drive) and board the boat at noon time. The magical bay is home to thousands of limestone islands rising from the waves like dragons' teeth. Later in the afternoon, you will visit an interesting fishing village with opportunity to interact with fishermen who have been living in the bay for almost three generations. Back on board, you'll enjoy cocktails or cooking classes while watching the sunset, before indulging in a lavish dinner on board. Afterward, you can choose to do anything from joining movie night, playing board games, or relaxing at the beauty spa (own expense) before retiring for the evening.

#### Remarks:

- Return transfers Hanoi – Halong – Hanoi by the cruise's shuttle bus with pick up & drop off at your hotel,
- It is recommend bringing a small bag of valuable things & necessary travel items for 2 day use on board, you can leave the main luggage at the hotel and will get back upon return,
- Kayaking is not included and only serves upon request at additional cost,
- The cruise itinerary is subject to change upon the weather conditions.

#### DAY 3: HALONG – HANOI

(Brunch)

You'll start the day with a morning Tai Chi exercise and an opportunity to view the sunrise over the bay. After breakfast, you will be taken to a beautiful limestone grotto before returning to the junk for a final glimpse of Halong Bay while cruising back to the dock. Check out at noon time and board on the waiting vehicle for the transfer back to your hotel in Hanoi. Overnight in Hanoi.

#### DAY 4: STORY OF HANOI

(Breakfast, Lunch)

The full day tour takes you around Hanoi's highlights sites including the Ho Chi Minh Complex: Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (outside) and his stilt house, Presidential Palace and the One Pillar Pagoda. You also have chance to visit historic University – The Temple of Literature, that dates back to the 11th century; learn about Buddhist practices in a serene lakeside pagoda. Visit The History Museum, a rich collection of exhibits from Vietnam's prehistory; Vietnamese civilizations; the Dong Son Civilization; the kingdom of Champa; the Khmer kingdoms; various Vietnamese dynasties and their resistance to Chinese attempts at domination; the struggle against the French; and the history of the Communist Party.. Visit Hoa Lo Prison was a prison used by the French colonists in French Indochina for political prisoners, and later by North Vietnam for U.S. prisoners of war during the Vietnam War. During this later period it was known to American POWs as the Hanoi Hilton. The prison was demolished during the 1990s, although the gatehouse remains as a museum.

Back to the Old Quarter to walk through the narrow streets that were famous for its specialized craft making guilds, the guild streets are named for their product or location and still bear such names nowadays.

Transfer to Noi Bai Airport for a flight to Danang @VN185 HANDAD 1800 1920. Meet on arrival and transfer to your hotel in Hoian. Overnight in Hoi An.

#### DAY 5: MY SON & HOI AN ANCIENT TOWN

(Breakfast, Lunch)

My Son, is the former capital of the Kingdom of Champa and the site of Vietnam's most important Cham ruins. Your day will begin with an early morning drive from Danang through 60 kilometres of rolling countryside, passing through small towns with markets. The towers there date from the 9th through the 13th century. There were over 70 classic Cham monuments at My Son. Most of the temples in My Son were dedicated to Cham Kings and also served as a burial place for Cham monarchs. It is considered on the level of Angkor in Cambodia, Bagan in Myanmar, and Ayuthaya in Thailand

After Lunch at local restaurant, discover the ancient town of Hoian. During a leisurely discovery tour on foot you will visit some of the historic merchant and community houses, pagodas and places of worship, famous

Japanese Covered Bridge, and the market. Wander around Hoi An's back streets and you will become aware of a soft, clattering hum. It's the sound of sewing machines. This little town is also home to literally hundreds of tailor shops. Nobody will be able to tell you exactly when, how or why Hoi An became sewing central. Many of the buildings have souvenir shops at the front, but a few have been opened to visitors and still retain all their original features, furniture and ceramics. The same family has occupied some of the houses for generations. Overnight in Hoi An.

**DAY 6: HOI AN – HUE (Breakfast)**

Depart from the hotel for Marble Mountain. Climb Thuy Son (Water) by the stone stairs and enjoy the panoramic view of the nearby countryside, and visit Huyen Khong cave before entering Tam Thai and Linh Ung pagodas. Rest at the foot of the mountain, where you can visit Non Nuoc stone village, where the local skilful sculptors create many marble products which are exported to many countries worldwide. Visit the Cham museum. Vietnam's fourth largest city, Danang, houses the world's finest collection of Cham sculpture. The Cham Museum was founded in 1915 by the Ecole Francaise d'Extreme Orient, and is worth visiting for the statues, which date from the 7th to 15th centuries.

Driving through the scenic Ocean Clouds Mountain Pass (Hai Van Pass), you will arrive to Hue- the ancient city dated back since 1802. Check in hotel and balance of the day is at leisure time. Overnight in Hue.

**DAY 7: HUE- THE PAST GLORY (Breakfast, Lunch)**

You will depart to Khai Dinh's Tomb; the spectacular entryway with its dragon pillars is the highlight of the Tomb. The architecture is in a modern style with a blend of European and Eastern design. Inside the main hall are colorful glass mosaic frescoes and a life-size bronze statue of Khai Dinh. Next stop will be Tu Duc's Tomb; a peaceful resting place enclosed by walls, it features pine woods and a lakeside pavilion with lotus blossoms where the emperor once fished, listened to music, and wrote poetry. The tomb was more of a pleasure garden than a tomb: the emperor used it as a second residence, where he indulged in extravagant 50-course meals of incredible delicacies. The mausoleum was constructed between 1864 and 1867 by a force of 3,000 labors. After lunch at local restaurant, you will board the boat cruise along the Perfume River to Thien Mu Pagoda. It's the oldest monastery in Hue, dating back to the 17th century. Transfer by road to visit the Royal Citadel & the Imperial City, the past glory of Hue. Emperor Gia Long modeled the Royal Citadel on the Forbidden City in Beijing, China. The Royal Citadel is composed of three walled enclosures, each within the other-a city within a city. Visit the Imperial City, which housed the palaces, pavilions, civil and religious ceremonies and official audiences with the civil mandarins. Then visit the Forbidden Purple City, located within the Imperial City, this was the royal palace used only by the imperial family and the concubines and eunuchs, who served them. This part of the Imperial City suffered the most extensive damage during the Vietnam War and little remains of the original structure-today there are just ruins. UNESCO as a World Heritage Site is presently restoring it. The last stop is to visit Dong Ba colorful market before returning to the hotel. Overnight in Hue.

**DAY 8: HUE – HO CHI MINH CITY [SAIGON] (Breakfast)**

We transfer to Airport for the flight to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) @VN1373 HUISGN 1315 1445. Upon, our local guide will welcome you and transfer to your hotel for check-in. Overnight in Saigon.

**DAY 9: CU CHI TUNNELS & HIGHLIGHT OF SAIGON (Breakfast, Lunch)**

Take a day trip that combines two of the top attractions in the vicinity of Ho Chi Minh City. Morning visit "Cu Chi" Tunnels (70 kilometers northwest of HCM City), an amazing complex of underground tunnels used during the Vietnam War. Vietnamese Lunch at "Ben Nay" restaurant.

Discover this vibrant city's landmarks with a visit to the stunning Notre Dame Cathedral and the Ho Chi Minh Central Post Office, two major French colonial landmarks. Then visit the War Museum – a stark reminder of the US-Vietnam War. Ben Thanh Market is the last stop. Overnight in Saigon.

**DAY 10: SAIGON – MEKONG DELTA RURAL LIFE (Breakfast, Lunch)**

After 2 hours driving from Saigon, you will arrive AN HÓA bridge, Ben Tre province. Walk to the workshop to see how the local people peeling-splitting-paring coconut by traditional ways. Then take the boat to visit a local factory to see many kilns to make activated charcoal from coconut hard-shell.



Crossing Mekong river, called Cửa Đại & Cửa Tiểu, 30km far from the Eastern Sea, we arrive Tam Hiệp Island. Next, the rowing boat will take you deeper into the countryside on smaller canals to enjoy the peaceful time. Come to the local family to enjoy some kinds of fruits, honey-tea. Walking / Biking on small village paths through huge orchards to arrive special farm where they are planting the creepers (called LÁ SÂM). We pick up some leaves for making & tasting this special herbal jelly.

Biking/walking to have the best lunch at Ut Trinh's home. After lunch, we back to our boat to come to visit Long Thành Communal House. This the national architectural heritage before coming back your van!

#### DAY 11: SAIGON – DEPARTURE

(Breakfast)

Free until the pick-up time to airport for your departure flight.

#### END OF SERVICES

#### ACCOMMODATION

Destination	4*	5*
Hanoi	Thang Long Opera Hotel, Superior room	Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi, Premium room (Contemporary Opera Wing)
Halong	Emeraude Classic Cruise, Superior room	Violet Cruise, Junior Suite Cabin
Hoian	Hoian Historic Hotel, Superior room	Palm Garden Resort, Deluxe Garden View room
Hue	Hotel Saigon Morin, Colonial Deluxe room	Pilgrimage Village Boutique Resort & Spa, Superior room
Saigon	Hotel Continental Saigon, Superior room	Rex Hotel, Executive Premium room (Executive Wing)

*\* In the event that there is no availability in a hotel of the selected, a similar alternative will be sought.*

#### PACKAGE RATES

Package rates per person sharing twin/double room. Rates are NET and in **US dollars\***

Travel Period	Hotel Cat.	2 pax	3 pax	4 pax	5 pax	6 pax	Single Supplement
May - Sep	4*	1,614	1,480	1,378	1,316	1,276	496
	5*	2,350	2,216	2,116	2,052	2,012	1,126
Jan – Apr & Oct - Dec	4*	1,658	1,526	1,422	1,360	1,320	538
	5*	2,598	2,466	2,362	2,300	2,260	1,320

#### PEAK SEASON SURCHARGES

- Supplement for travelling on X'mas & New Year (from 18 Dec'19 – 6 Jan'20) or Lunar New Year (20 – 31 Jan'20) will be advised case by case.

#### INCLUDED

- Transportation in private air-conditional vehicle with experienced local English-speaking guide; otherwise it is clearly stated,
- Accommodation shared in Single or Twin/Double room with daily breakfast,
- Meals as stated in itinerary (food only),
- Boat trips as itinerary,
- All sightseeing admission fees,
- Water and tissues on coach,
- Services charges and government tax.

## EXCLUDED

- Domestic and International flights & departures taxes,
- Beverage,
- Travel insurance,
- Personal expenses, tips and gratuities,
- Vietnam visa stamping fee on arrival at airport,
- Others not mentioned above,
- Compulsory dinner and peak season surcharges at hotel.

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Latest notification: 30 days before departure, upon available
- Transfers are provided by air-conditioned coach with selected English/French/Spanish/German/Italian speaking guide
- Rate quoted is net amount that will be invoiced to you. There is no commission on the rate offered, please mark up the profit from your side
- Rates for sharing triple room are equal as those mentioned for the sharing twin/double room
- Our proposal offer is in US Dollar which applied the currency exchange on the date of proposal issue, we reserve right to adjust the rate if there is fluctuation on the currency exchange during the time of confirmation and payment require.
- Hotel's early check-in (before noon), late check-out (after noon), connecting rooms and adjoining rooms, specific bed type are not guaranteed
- Itinerary, activities and pick up time as above mentioned are subject to change depending on road, weather conditions, river water levels, local condition.
- No refund for unused services, splitting of package is not allowed
- Airfares are subject to change without prior notice
- Please note that local conditions prevalent at the time of travel may result in modifications to the tour contents
- All the above is only quotation no any prior booking have been made
- Supplement for travelling on X'mas & New Year (from 18 Dec'19 – 6 Jan'20) or Lunar New Year (20 – 31 Jan'20) may apply and to be advised.
- POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT TAX SURCHARGES: Rate offer is inclusive of government tax, in the event of changes to government taxes (+/-), rates will be adjusted according to reflect any changes. The adjustment will be based on the official effective dates

## CHILDREN POLICY

Ages	Land service	Airfare
Infants (under 2 years old)	Free of charge	10% of the public fare
Children (2 to 6 yrs) sharing parent room without extra bed	50% of the adult fare	90% of the adult fare
Children (2 to 11.99 yrs) sharing parent room with an extra bed	75% of the adult fare	
Children from 12 yrs & above	100% of the adult fare	100% of the adult fare
One CHD travelling with one adult	Will be charged as 2 adults	

## CANCELLATION POLICY

- Up to 30 days before departure: 30% of total amount taxes included
- Between 30 and 15 days before departure: 55% of total amount taxes included
- Between 15 and 7 days before departure: 75% of total amount taxes included

- Less than 7 days before departure and later: 100% of total amount taxes included

#### **OPTIONAL EXTRAS**

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A wide range of optional excursions and pre and post-programme extensions are available on request. Please ask tour designer for rates and conditions.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Comfortable and light clothing is the most suitable for travelling in Vietnam. Visitors should not wear sleeveless shirts, shorts, short skirts or skimpy clothing when visiting temples, religious or official buildings. Sun protection, sun glasses, a hat and mosquito repellent can be very useful during your stay.