



# TRAILS OF INDOCHINA

Artisans of bespoke journeys to Southeast Asía & beyond

# **ITINERARY PROPOSAL CRAFTED FOR**

Carla's Request Trip x2 OLLAMI TRAVEL (IL) 03 Sep 2023 - 15 Sep 2023

Vietnam Booking Code: SGIT231861/SG0317

Prepared on 24 Feb 2023 By Lien Nguyen (Ms.), Leisure Consultant



# ABOUT US



Dear Carla,

I am delighted to submit this handcrafted itinerary proposal based on your interests. Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warm regards,

Lien Nguyen (Ms.) Leisure Consultant

# **About Trails of Indochina**

Trails of Indochina had its humble beginnings in 1999 as a boutique in-bound tour operator to three Indochina destinations, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. Though the company has since expanded to include six additional destinations, our driving passion remain the same - to create memorable, authentic experiences through connecting travelers with the people and culture of Southeast Asia.

Being a locally owned travel company based in Vietnam with regional offices throughout Southeast Asia, allows us access to first-hand knowledge of each destination. As such, we are able to cultivate personal relationships with individuals from varied backgrounds and expertise lending to unique experiences that are deeply enriching for our guests.

We invite you to experience our part of the world where we'll uncover the hidden gems and show a different perspective of Southeast Asia making each journey unique and personalized.



# ITINERARY OVERVIEW



Number of guest: 2 adults Room type: 01 Double Room Room reference: Non-smoking, nice view (where possible) Remarks: Leisure

| Dates                            | Destinations | Accommodation                  |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| In: 03 Sep 2023 Out: 05 Sep 2023 | Saigon       | Park Hyatt Saigon Hotel        |
| In: 05 Sep 2023 Out: 08 Sep 2023 | Nha Trang    | Mia Resort – Own Arrangement   |
| In: 08 Sep 2023 Out: 11 Sep 2023 | Hoian        | Anantara Hoi An Resort         |
| In: 11 Sep 2023 Out: 13 Sep 2023 | Hanoi        | Sofitel Legend Metropole Hotel |
| In: 13 Sep 2023 Out: 14 Sep 2023 | Lan Ha Bay   | Heritage Line Ginger           |
| In: 14 Sep 2023 Out: 15 Sep 2023 | Hanoi        | Sofitel Legend Metropole Hotel |

# **DISCLAIMER:**

- Please be advised that this is just primary proposal for your reference.
- Tour quotation is based on the suggested hotel/room categories. Price is subject to change due to availability and fluctuation in airfares.
- We will only proceed the reservations upon receiving your written confirmation. We recommend your early confirmation to avoid disappointment of unavailability and varying prices.



# DETAILED ITINERARY





# Day 1 - Sunday 03 Sep 2023: Saigon (Ho Chi Minh city) Arrival at 10:55 on Air New Zealand Flight #NZ3456 (Own Tickets)/ International Airport Arrival Assistance Service/ Private Airport Transfer with English Speaking Guide "ESG"

As soon as you deplane, our Immigration Officer and guide will meet you at the end of the jet bridge or at the entrance of the terminal, holding a signboard with your name(s) on it. The officer will assist you with immigration procedures. For those who already have their Vietnam visa, the estimated time to clear immigration is approximately 15-20mins per person. For those applying for a visa on arrival, the estimated wait time for the visa is usually 30mins, depending on the number of guests in the queue. (FYI, there is only one visa-on-arrival counter at Tan Son Nhat Airport.) After clearing immigration, our Immigration Officer will escort you to the baggage claim to collect your luggage and introduce you to your guide who will be waiting outside the terminal.

#### NOTE:

• This service does not include visa fees or associated visa fees.

Upon arrival **Tan Son Nhat airport**, after clearing all customs procedures, please proceed to exit gate and look for your guide who will be waiting at the lobby, holding the Trails of Indochina signboard with your name on it. If you cannot locate your guide, please come to the closest Information booth and have them call the emergency number **(+84) 9 1871 3456**. Your guide will come to meet you and transfer you to hotel.

The regular check-in time is at 14:00; early check-in is NOT included and subject to availability

Meals: None Accommodation: Park Hyatt Saigon Hotel/ Park Deluxe Address: 2 Lam Son Square, District 1 Tel: 84 28 3824 1234. Fax: 84 28 3823 7569 www.parkhyattsaigon.com

# Day 2 - Monday 04 Sep 2023: Morning Leisure/ Afternoon Hidden Secrets Of Saigon/ Evening Untold Food Stories Of Saigon With Vintage Vespa

Enjoy your morning at leisure after a long flight (No car and no guide at deposal).

Behind its glitzy, newly-built skyscrapers and modern pace of life, Saigon shelters a plethora of little known stories about its fascinating history and culture hidden away from the main districts of the city. Visit a **secret weapons chamber** which the Viet Cong used as a place to hide and store weapons during the Vietnam War. Weave through back alleys and meet some of the locals who live in narrow small houses in space-starved Saigon. Then chill out at **a coffee shop tucked away in an old French colonial-era apartment block**. Meander across a local market to meet a street artist who has spent half of his life **making souvenir carvings**. Finally, visit a hidden restaurant accessed through an antique elevator before returning to your hotel.

#### NOTES:

- Availability: Afternoon.
- Suggested departure time: 14:00.
- Tour duration: 04 hours.

The darker the night gets, the more vivid Saigon becomes! Get ready for a fascinating ride by vintage Vespa tonight to discover the busy Saigon after dark, together with beautiful street foods tasting in the most authentic local restaurants. Make your first stop at a small yet popular Vietnamese bread stall, line up to get fresh bread roll before heading to a local coffee shop for briefing. Keep on riding to a hidden boutique seafood restaurant to taste the freshest local seafood courses. Then continue to zig zag through the hustle bustle streets, wander around an old apartment complex which becomes extremely lively at night with hundreds of food and drinks stalls. Take a break at a 50-year-old desserts shop to try different hand-made sweet soups. End up your night at a cozy bar room tucked away in a quiet alley to taste some local beer and have a chat with people here. Take a walk or catch a taxi to get back

## NOTES:

- Available time: Evening only
- Duration: 4.0 hours
- Starting time: 18:30.
- The stops can be modified depending on availability and on client's dietary.
- This tour is a street food adventure; some stops are not as tidy as in formal restaurants. Yet we have inspected and chosen the best shops with acceptable hygiene, to make sure you can experience the best local street food possible.
- Remark about traffic in Saigon:

If you have never visited Saigon - the city on the move, then it is a good idea to discover this city by motorcycles. Get well prepared that the traffic moves in a different way that at home. The roads are always busy with motorbikes, cars and buses. But take it easy, Saigonese knows how to handle all the turns. You will sit behind experienced drivers who understand their vespa and the traffic like the back of their hands. Only by sitting on a motorcycle that you can zig zag through the narrow alleys, bustling residential area to capture the real night life of Saigonese.

## Meals: Breakfast, Dinner Accommodation: Park Hyatt Saigon Hotel/ Park Deluxe



Day 3 - Tuesday 05 Sep 2023: Saigon Private Airport Transfer with ESG/ Flight Saigon - Nha Trang on Vietjet Air Flight #VJ606 @11:55 – 13:05 (Own Tickets)/ Cam Ranh Private Airport Transfer with ESG

After check out hotel, your guide and driver will transfer from your accommodation to the airport for your flight to Nha Trang.

Upon arrival Cam Ranh airport, after collecting your luggage, walk to the main exit gate, you may be met by our regional partner who may not be wearing the Trails of Indochina uniform or have the Trails of Indochina signboard. However, the representative will still have your name printed on a sheet of paper. Transfer from Cam Ranh airport to your Nha Trang City Hotel.

#### Meals: Breakfast Accommodation: Mia Resort – Own Arrangement

#### Day 4 - Wednesday 06 Sep 2023 & Day 5 Thursday 07 Sep 2023: Own Arrangement

Enjoy your days on your own arrangement (No car and no guide at deposal).

## Meals: None Accommodation: Mia Resort – Own Arrangement



Day 6 - Friday 08 Sep 2023: Private Airport Transfer with ESG/ Flight Nha Trang – Danang on Vietjet Air Flight #VJ580 @07:45 – 08:50 (Own Tickets)/ Danang Private Airport Transfer with ESG/ Hoi An Walking Tour & Making Lantern With Local Handicraftsman

After check out hotel, your guide will meet you at the lobby and transfer from your accommodation to Cam Ranh airport for your flight to Danang.

Upon arrival at Danang Airport, please proceed to exit gate and look for your guide who will be waiting at the lobby, holding the Trails of Indochina signboard with your name on it, if you cannot locate your guide, please go to the nearest Information counter and have them call the emergency number (+84) 9 1349 3398 for assistance. Your guide will come to meet you up and transfer you to hotel in Hoi An.

Between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, Hoi An known then as 'Faifo', was a prosperous trading port, attracting Chinese, Japanese, Dutch, Portuguese and Spanish ships amongst others. Today, this World Heritage ancient town is recognised for its well-preserved architecture, pedestrian-only streets and distinctive local cuisine, allowing visitors a glimpse of its illustrious past. Hoi An's narrow lanes are ideal for a guided walking tour of its many atmospheric sights including: the **old merchant houses** with influences from Chinese, Japanese and Vietnamese architecture; the 400-year-old **Japanese Covered Bridge**, first built in the 1590s by the Japanese community to link them with the Chinese quarters across the stream; the **Assembly Hall of the Chaozhou Chinese Congregation** with its intricate woodcarvings; and **the colourful market** with stalls brimming with local specialties including silk, which can be turned into fashionable garments within a day or two.

Silk lanterns, the simple yet colorful handicraft is now an essential part of Hoi An culture. The lantern is inspired and hand-made by local artisans and is meant to bring good fortune. It has really made a comeback thanks to experienced men who were born in traditional lantern making families. Chat with a local handicraftsman for a brief introduction to the history, shape, and color of the lanterns as well as the stages of production. Try creating your own lantern and take it home as a souvenir.

#### NOTES:

- Availability: Morning, Afternoon.
- Suggested departure time: 09:00, 14:00.
- Tour duration: 03 hours.

• The Hoi An entrance ticket is valid for entry to 5 sightseeing spots in Hoi An including merchant houses, the Japanese Covered Bridge, museums, pagodas and assembly halls for 24 hours. It also provides entry into Hoi An Ancient Town for as long as you are in Hoi An. Please keep the entrance ticket with you at all times should you independently visit Hoi An later in the evening or on another day.

The regular check-in time is at 14:00; early check-in is NOT included and subject to availability

#### Meals: None

Accommodation: Anantara Hoi An Resort/ Deluxe Balcony \*\*Early Bird Offer: book 50 days before Address: 1 Pham Hong Thai Street Tel: 84 235 3914 555. Fax: 84 235 3814 515 www.anantara.com

# Day 7 - Saturday 09 Sep 2023: Buffalo Cart & Fishing Life Tour/ Private Evening Sidewalk Food Tour

The flat, quiet roads around Hoi An's countryside are ideal for exploring by **traditional buffalo cart**. In Vietnam, farmers and buffalo working the fields have become a symbol of countryside life, with the buffalo being the most valuable possession of poor farmers, and therefore treated almost as a member of the family. Enjoy a scenic **buffalo cart ride** passing by rice paddies, shrimp ponds, and vegetable farms with excellent photo opportunities. At the dock, **board a local river boat** and start cruising down the Hoi An River. The boat will stop along the shore where you can try your hand at **casting traditional fishing nets**, a common fishing method still practiced today. Also learn the art of paddling the unique Vietnamese **round basket boats.** Return to your river boat and **enjoy light seafood dishes and a refreshing drink** as you head back up the river and return to town.

#### NOTES:

- Availability: Morning
- Suggested departure time: 08:00
- Tour duration: 4.5 hours

Enjoy your afternoon at leisure until 17:00 (No car and no guide at deposal).

The tour takes you off the beaten path to get a unique glimpse into daily life in this lovely city and discover some unforgettable cultural & historical attractions along with interesting and tasty street food. This evening, meet your guide and driver for a private transfer to the meeting point where your **tour guide** is waiting to take you on a private **walking food tour**. Stroll through zigzagging alleys to explore real neighborhoods and indulge in Hoi An's best foods at places which have been making these delicacies for generations. We'll try foods such as white rose,bread, and banana sweet soup and coconut pancakes. Next, go to the local **Hoi An market** and roam around the food stalls where you can find amazing "Cao Lau" noodle sand much more. Finally, gather at a local house for a **home-hosted dinner**. Then walk to the heart of Hoi An ancient town, **sit ona local boat** cruising along Hoai River and enjoy the view of Hoi An at night while **floating lanterns are released**.

#### NOTES:

- Availability: Evening only
- Suggested time: 17:00
- Duration: 4 hours

## Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Accommodation: Anantara Hoi An Resort/ Deluxe Balcony

# Day 8 - Sunday 10 Sep 2023: Biking Tra Nhieu Village/ Private Red Bridge Cooking School Experience

Depart Hoi An on a 3km (2mi) leisurely **boat ride** along the Thu Bon River to **Cam Kim Island**. Exchange boat for bicycle and **start cycling 10km (6mi)** through winding village roads while enjoying the idyllic countryside scenery. Visit the peaceful **village of Tra Nhieu** which has retained many typical features of Vietnamese livelihoods including farming, fishing, poultry and livestock breeding and mat weaving. Learn about the diversity of local plants and herbs and visit the homes of some local families to observe how they **make rice wine, rice noodles and rice paper**. Continue to a scenic water coconut forest and try your hand at **rowing the unique Vietnamese round bamboo basket boats**. Conclude the trip at a local restaurant where you may choose to pamper yourself with a 30min foot massage (optional) before savouring lunch. Transfer back to Hoi An.

#### NOTES:

- Availability: Morning
- Suggested departure time: 08:00
- Tour duration: 05 hours.
- This tour is subject to weather conditions from November to January.

Set in three acres of lush tropical gardens, Red Bridge cooking school is one of the highlights of the culinary scene in Hoi An. **Meet up with your chef** at Hai Café in the old town for a brief introduction and a welcome drink. Meander through **Hoi An's central market** with your chef to enjoy the sights, sounds and aromas. This is your chance to learn about how to select fresh produce and ingredients essential for Vietnamese cuisine. **Embark on a 20 minutes boat trip** to the school. Get your camera ready as the cruise offers glimpses of local river life. Upon arrival visit the school's herb garden before **enjoying a private hands-on cooking class**. After the lesson, **sit down and eat** what you have created in the lovely restaurant overlooking the river.

## NOTES:

- Availability: Afternoon only.
- Suggested time: 14:30, 15:30.
- Duration: 4 hours.

#### Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Accommodation: Anantara Hoi An Resort/ Deluxe Balcony



Day 9 - Monday 11 Sep 2023: Private Airport Transfer With ESG/ Flight Danang – Hanoi on Vietjet Air Flight #VJ516 @13:35 – 14:55 (Own Tickets)/ Hanoi Private Airport Transfer With ESG

After check out hotel, your guide and driver will transfer from your Hoi An hotel to Danang airport for your flight to Hanoi.

Upon arrival at Noi Bai Airport, either Domestic or International arrival, after collecting luggage's, please proceed to exit gate and look for your guide who will be waiting at the lobby, holding the Trails of Indochina signboard with your name on it, if you cannot locate your guide, please go to the Airport Information counter

situated in the middle of Domestic and International arrival lobby (inside the terminal) and call the emergency numbers (+84) 9 1323 7040 for assistance. Your guide will come to meet you up and transfer you to hotel.

Meals: Breakfast Accommodation: Sofitel Legend Metropole Hotel/ Premium Room Address: 15 Ngo Quyen Street, Hoan Kiem District Tel: 84 24 3826 6919. Fax: 84 24 3826 6920 www.sofitel-legend-metropole-hanoi.com

# Day 10 - Tuesday 12 Sep 2023: A Day In The Life Of A Hanoian/ City Highlights With Old Quarter Cyclo Ride

Today's tour guide will take you to the "**standing newspaper**" where your guide will tell a fascinating story of a time when newspapers were considered a luxury in Hanoi. Next, stop at a **local coffee shop to observe the rush of daily life in the Old Quarter**, before transferring to **Gioi Market – the corner where thousands of trade goods are sold**. From kitchenware to motorcycle parts, this market has everything! Continue your exploration by driving to the rail station in a **Hanoi suburb and catch a local train back to the city centre**. After a 10-minute train ride that passes over the first French bridge built on the Red River, finish the tour by having lunch at a vintage Vietnamese restaurant decked out in 70's décor that will take you back in time to a recently liberated Hanoi.

Explore the charming city of Hanoi, often referred to as the 'Paris of the East', with its yellow ochre colonial buildings, tree-lined boulevards and scenic lakes.

Visit the historic **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum**, an imposing monument of marble and granite built to house the preserved body of beloved Vietminh leader Ho Chi Minh, affectionately known to the Vietnamese as "Uncle Ho". Visit the **One Pillar Pagoda**, a Buddhist temple built in 1049 of wood in the shape of a lotus blossom and set on a single stone pillar, considered by many to be one of Vietnam's most iconic pagodas. Proceed to **Ho Chi Minh's House** nearby, a simple wooden house in a tranquil setting where Ho Chi Minh lived and worked. Some of his belongings are on display and visitors can walk up the steps to see his bedroom.

Then take a 1hr **cyclo tour** through the famed **Old Quarter** known for its '36 streets of 36 wares' named after the original 36 artisan guilds that date as far back as the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Explore the fascinating maze of back streets, fronted by narrow houses known as "tunnel" or "tube houses", built to avoid taxes based on the width of their frontage onto the street, a wonderfully eclectic glimpse into Hanoi street life.

#### NOTES:

- Available time: Morning only
- Duration: 8 hours
- Starting time: 08:30
- The Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum is closed every Monday, Friday, and all afternoons.

#### Meals: Breakfast, Lunch Accommodation: Sofitel Legend Metropole Hotel/ Premium Room

#### Day 11 - Wednesday 13 Sep 2023: Private Airport Transfer With ESG/ Flight Hanoi – Halong on Hai Au Seaplane Flight #601 @09:20 – 10:20 (SIC – TOI Books)/ 2D1N On Heritage Line Ginger

After check out hotel, your guide and driver will transfer you to the Noi Bai airport for your seaplane Hanoi - Halong.

#### NOTE:

• Please bring your original passport for flight check-in

Upon arrival at Tuan Chau Marina, the tram will transfer you and your luggage to cruise's welcome lounge for checking-in.

After meeting at Heritage Line's welcome lounge at the Tuan Chau Marina, we take a tender boat transfer to your luxurious floating home before starting our unique journey of exploring one of the wonders of nature – Lan Ha Bay and its main island of Cat Ba. The first highlight of the cruise is lunch, which we serve in Ginger's nearly 360-degree light-flooded restaurant. Our live cooking in the open kitchen is a one of a kind experience - enjoy the culinary display along with fantastic panoramic views of the passing scenery. Relax on the terrace deck or on your private balcony and soak in the enchanting aura which emanates from the surreal seascape. While we cruise along in the early afternoon, there is time to enjoy our unique facilities on board. Take a plunge in the pool with infinity-like vistas or let us pamper you with a selection of fine treatments and massages in the beautiful Ginger Spa. As we reach the shore of a small lagoon on Cat Ba Island, we hop on bicycles (electric cart transfers are also available) for a tour along small paved roads towards Viet Hai village. Little has changed in Viet Hai since the ancestors of the 80 households settled here centuries ago. Situated in a valley within Cat Ba National Park and surrounded on all sides by forest and mountains, the locals are isolated from the island's other villages and towns. The community is self-sufficient, as the residents provide for themselves by working the farms, fishing, or collecting rain water for drinking. Here you have the unique and authentic opportunity to meet the local inhabitants, learn about the fruits and vegetables grown in the valley, have a glimpse of local households and try some homemade liquors. Back on board, our chef is prepared for an interactive cooking class in the restaurant's open kitchen. Learn about local ingredients as well as the preparation of classic Vietnamese dishes. As the sun sets, we arrive at a tranquil anchor spot for the night. In this hidden spot, you can revel in the memories of the day's adventures with a cocktail under the stars. After a delicious dinner, you may like to unwind at our bar with a digestif or watch a movie in the evening cinema which is set up in the dining area later on. Or join our team and have some fun fishing for squid before retiring to your room.

#### Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Accommodation: Heritage Line Ginger/ Signature Suite - 2D1N (Share Cruise/ Private Cabin) https://heritage-line.com/ship/ginger/

#### Day 12 - Thursday 14 Sep 2023: Lan Ha Bay – Tuan Chau/ Flight Halong – Hanoi on Hai Au Seaplane Flight #602 @13:30 – 14:30 (SIC – TOI Books)/ Evening Street Food Tour With Food Blogger

Wake up early and join our Tai Chi session on the terrace deck to ease your mind and muscles with the first rays of the sun touching the water. Coffee, tea and breakfast pastries await you in the dining room to start the new day. It is time for Ginger to lift her anchors and cruise to Frog Lake, a secluded spot which is perfect for our morning excursion. Go for a refreshing "bay swim" or explore this captivating marine landscape via kayak. The cliffs stretch vertically out of the water and you feel a sense of freedom while meandering through this green medley of water and tree-topped islets. Back on board, we serve a hearty breakfast while cruising back to our mid-bay anchoring spot, from where we will transfer you back to the welcome lounge at the pier. Savour the last moments of this unique journey while relaxing on comfy sun beds on the terrace deck.

## NOTE:

• All mentioned times are approximate. Although it is our intention to operate the proposed itinerary as outlined above, we cannot be held responsible for any changes of the program and activities that might be necessary due to operational factors.

At the pier, the tram will transfer you to Tuan Chau Marina for your seaplane back to Hanoi.

Upon arrival at Noi Bai Airport, your guide will come to meet you up and transfer you to hotel.

Take a **street food tour** of Hanoi's best culinary spots with a **food blogger - Mr. Van Cong Tu**. His blog is where he started to document his enormous passion for food and culture since 2005. Today, stroll through the **Old Quarter** past the old east gate to **Thanh Ha market**. Along the way, try local delicacies and listen to his

explanation of Vietnamese food practices. This busy, eclectic market is alive with the sights and sounds of Hanoi and is the essence of Vietnamese culture. Continue through the streets of the Old Quarter to **Dong Xuan market** to sample some local treats such as pho tiu and bun dau. See dried goods and aromatics, the essentials of Vietnamese cuisine. Stroll up a 'food alley' to see other interesting dishes on offer. Walk down to **Hang Than Street** to view ceremonial cake stalls and taste a special French influenced dessert. An explanation on traditions and food gifts for celebrations will be given. Continue back into the Old Quarter via **Hang Cot Street** - check specially treated fruit which are dependable on the seasons and a common snack in Vietnam. Walk along **Phung Hung Street** through temporary market stalls where you can see the changing market scene in Hanoi and how modernization is shaping tradition. At the end of the tour, stop at one of the Old Quarter busiest (yet smallest) **coffee shops** for a well-earned sit down and coffee before transferring back to your hotel.

#### NOTES:

- Availability: Afternoon.
- Suggested time: 16:00 19:00.
- Duration: 3 hours.
- The tour will be mostly conducted on foot so be sure that you are wearing comfortable walking shoes.
- Keep your wallet in a front pocket or, preferably, in one that buttons shut or carry your purse with the strap around your neck and the clasp against your body.

#### Meals: Breakfast, Dinner Accommodation: Sofitel Legend Metropole Hotel/ Premium Room

Day 13 - Friday 15 Sep 2023: Private Airport Transfer With ESG/ Departure on Air New Zealand Flight #NZ3459 at 12:35 (Own Tickets)

After check out hotel, your guide will transfer from your accommodation to the airport for your flight back home.

The regular check-out time is at 12:00; late check out is NOT included and subject to availability

## Meals: Breakfast

# **END OF SERVICES!**



# PRICING



| Tour Price                 | 02 persons on double share |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Price per person           | US\$ 4,360.00              |
| TOTAL price for 02 persons | US\$ 8,720.00              |

## TOUR INCLUSIONS:

| Inclusions:                                      | Non-inclusions:                                  |
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| • Overnight accommodation including daily        | Airport Assistance Service                       |
| breakfast, hotels tax and service charges        | Separate luggage truck                           |
| • 2 days 1 night Heritage Line Ginger (Shared    | • Visa   |
| cruise/private cabin)                            | Airfares   |
| Private transfers and transportation on tour     | • Other meals where not mentioned in the program |
| • Sightseeing with local English-Speaking guides | • Drinks/water at included lunches and dinners   |
| (one guide in each city)                         | • Other flights & airport taxes                  |
| Entrance fees and boat rides                     | Hotel early check in/ Late check-out             |

| • Meals as specified (meals only, no drinks/ water) | • Overweight luggage                            |
|---|---|
| • Seaplane roundtrip Hanoi – Halong with 15 min     | s • Personal expenses                           |
| scenic in Halong (Join-In Seaplane)                 | Travel insurance                                |
| • Cold towels and water on sightseeing days         | • Tips & gratuities                             |
| • International Airport Arrival Assistance in       | • Other services not listed in inclusive column |

• International Airport Arrival Assistance Saigon

# NOTES:

- All flight times are local.
- Flight times and the daily order of sightseeing are subject to change.
- Vietnam Airlines allow for advance seat assignment on some domestic and regional flights (those departing Hanoi/Danang/Saigon airports only) with advance seat assignment within 24 hours before departure by check-in online.
- Transfer times are approximate and subject to local conditions at the time of travel.
- Please refer to the pre-departure guide which has been provided with this proposal.

# **OPTIONAL ADD-ONS**

Click on the link to find out more experiences to add to your itinerary:

# Airport Fast Track Service

# Tailored\_Experience\_VIETNAM Collection

# **GENERAL BOOKING CONDITIONS**

## PAYMENT

- 20% of the total tour cost to be deposited upon commitment of the tour. This deposit is non-refundable.
- 80% of the total tour cost to be paid 46 days prior to arrival date.

- 100% of the total tour is required 45 days prior departure or within 24 hours of confirmation if travelling within 45 days from departure.

CANCELLATION: Any cancellations must be made in witting.

- Non-refundable deposit 20% for all confirmed booking.
- 21 15 days prior to arrival date: 50% of the total tour cost
- 14 8 days prior to arrival date: 75% of the total tour cost
- 7 days or less prior to arrival date: 100% of the total tour cost

<u>Special conditions</u>: Depending on airlines, hotels, cruises' cancellation policies, the above conditions may be modified.



# TRAVEL INFORMATION



# PRE-DEPARTURE GUIDES

Please refer to the links below for your pre-departure guides:

Vietnam Predeparture Guides

COUNTRY OVERVIEW

# Vietnam Country Overview

# VISAS

## VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR ARRIVAL BY AIR

Please ensure your passport is valid more than 6 months from the date of return for every country you are visiting. Please also ensure there is sufficient space in your passport to allow for all immigration procedures, taking note that some South East Asian countries take up a full page for the visa sticker and need yet more space on a separate page for entry & exist stamps.

Kindly note that visa service is not included in our proposal. Please contact Trails of Indochina for any visa service or guidance. Please note the following general information is subject to change concerning visas from our part of the world.

**Vietnam:** Visa on arrival has been suspended (until further notice). You must apply e-visa via: <u>https://evisa.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn/web/guest/khai-thi-thuc-dien-tu/cap-thi-thuc-dien-tu</u> It is recommended to apply e-visa 7 to 14 days before departure.

#### TRIP AND TRAVEL INSURANCE

The tour price does not include personal insurance. Travelers are highly recommended to purchase Trip Insurance and Travel Insurance upon commitment of the booking in case of force majeure. Trip Insurance covers the cost of your trip should you be forced to cancel your trip before you start the trip. Travel Insurance covers such costs as emergency and medical evacuation, hospital fees, property loss, etc which could possibly happen during the trip. If you would like Trails of Indochina to have a copy of your Trip Insurance & Travel Insurance information in case of emergency, please forward these details to your agent who will in turn forward to our office.