



QUOTATION

14 Days in Vietnam

Hanoi –Halong - Hue – Hoian – Saigon –

Quotation for	Ollami – Cheryl Edwards2pax
Duration	14 Days
Travel Period	Sep 2023
Destinations	Vietnam
Tour Type	Private Leisure
Reference no.	Ollami_Cheryl Edwards 2pax _VN14days_Sep23

Itinerary

DAY 01 28Sep23	Arrival Hanoi	(-, -, -)
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Welcome to Hanoi!

The Guide and driver will pick up at the airport and you will enjoy a relaxed transfer to the hotel.

With a millennium-long history, Hanoi is a city of lakes, shaded boulevards and public parks dotted with French-style buildings and historical monuments. The city centre is an architectural museum piece, retaining the air of a quaint and peaceful provincial town, contrary to the fast-paced atmosphere of Saigon.

Overnight in Hanoi

DAY 02 29Sep23	Hanoi	(B, -, -)
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Hanoi is one of the oldest and most charming cities in Asia, and apart from its traditional Vietnamese architecture, there is a French quarter with grand French colonial villas and broad boulevards lined with trees and coffee houses. On this tour you'll visit Ngoc Son Temple inside Hoan Kiem Lake, Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum (open for inside visit in mornings only, closed on Monday, Friday, and annual closure for maintenance from 15 June to 15 August), the One-Pillar Pagoda, the Museum of Ethnology (closed on Monday), the Temple of Literature, and the old quarters. You'll conclude the tour with a one-hour downtown pedicab ride.



Overnight in Hanoi

DAY 03 30Sep23	Hanoi	(B, -, -)
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(SIC) Street eats & market tour

09.00am.Meet at Hanoi Cooking Centre.

Collection can be arranged but extra charge will be made.

*enjoy a special “La Han” Vietnamese welcome tea9.10am.Go over cross Hanoi Cooking Centre to enjoy your first tasting - Pho (Beef noodle soup or Chicken noodle soup) one of typical breakfast of Hanoian

*lots of opportunities to take photos10.00am.Next stop Chau Long Market, for a tour of the market highlighting the ‘wet’ / unusual fruits / livestock / frogs.

*sample of market foods of your choice. For example tree tomatoes or green mango with chili, silkworms, pork with green rice.10.30am.Next stop Hang Ga. We will take taxi to Banh Cuon Thanh Van to sample the most famous dish in Hanoi Banh Cuon “ steam rice pancake with pork mince & mushroom inside) 11.00am.Take a short walk to Dong Xuan market to go inside Ngo Cho Dong Xuan to try one of the best Bun Cha stalls in Ha Noi, and Prawn cake (banh tom)

*enjoy Bun Cha, grilled pork patties and pork belly with sticky rice noodles; prawn cake 12.30pm.On our way back we stop at Yen Phu to visit a *traditional Ha Noi café, established in 1936.

* enjoy specialties of the café, black sticky rice or green rice with yoghurt. Coffee with yoghurt or great passionfruit with yoghurt1.00pmBack to HCC and relax in the HCC courtyard café

* receive going home gift and visit the HCC shop with Vietnamese Culinary tools / books/ spices etc available for purchase

Overnight in Hanoi

DAY 04 01Oct23	Hanoi – Halong	(B, L, D)
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Transfer from Hanoi to Halong City where a wonderful 3 days/ 2 nights cruise awaits you.

About 180km from Hanoi, Halong Bay is one of the most magnificent scenic spots in all of Vietnam and was recognized as a world natural heritage site by UNESCO in 1994. Halong is a picturesque bay with almost 2,000 islets rising from the clear emerald waters of the Gulf of Tonkin. Cruise for 3 days in the tranquility of Halong Bay.

Tung Sau Area

Surrounded by cascading mountains that jut out from the jewel-colored waters of the bay, this place is an isolated region in Ha Long Bay used for pearl farming.

Activities (on-board & off-board):

Kayak in the private Tung Sau Area

The incredibly peaceful atmosphere of Tung Sau is perfect for kayaking. Crystal clear and calm water, mesmerizing landscape, and fresh air will inspire anyone to slow down and live in the moment.

Masterchef "Halong Bay Edition"

Try your hand to create authentic Vietnamese dishes and observe the fruit carving demonstration by our chefs. Don't forget to check out the magical Halong sunset scene serving as background.

Squid-fishing like a Local

One of the most bonding activities onboard is squid-fishing, and this is when the whole group can try out the technique like a local to get the squids from the ocean while having a wonderful time together.



Overnight on board

Remark: Only in-house tour guide is available on board.

***** Note for cruise in Halong Bay:** Join cruise, private cabin; kayak offered free or surcharged depends on cruise

DAY 05
02Oct23

Halong

(B, L, D)

Luon Cave

A water cave that requires guests to visit by traditional rowing boats, Luon Cave is filled with delightful details of karsts and limestone structures.

Cua Van Floating Village

Cua Van Floating Village is exceptional as it is home to generations of fisherman families. Lots of these residents never depart. This is an opportunity for guests to enjoy rowing boats driven by the locals around the village while watching how they live in their floating houses.

Trinh Nu Area

Trinh Nu Area includes Trinh Nu Cave, which is the finest sunlight-filled cave, and a stunning private beach surrounded by Ha Long Bay's crystal water. This is where visitors will have a chance to unwind in a quieter neighborhood and be in touch with raw nature.

Activities (on-board & off-board):

Hop on a rowing boat to Luon Cave

To sense the true beauty of Luon Cave, guests will need to embark on the rowing boat experience. See how the light is playing with your vision and listen to the ancient folklore about this small but significant cave of Ha Long Bay.

Try the local rowing boat in Cua Van Floating Village

Soak up the stunning views of the floating village while leisurely moving along the incredible tranquil emerald-colored sea. It is the chance to experience moments in the life of the local fishermen who were born in the water area.

Kayak around the private beach in Trinh Nu Area

Take in the stunning views of Trinh Nu Area by kayaking in the jade-colored water. This activity is highly recommended to all guests. Or sunbathe on a private beach nestled behind Trinh Nu Cave.

Rejoice at Happy Hour - Buy 1 Get 1

Taste our most exquisite drinks varied vastly in the selection, while enjoying the scenic panorama view of Halong Bay during Happy hour, time to rejoice with the buy 1 get 1 promotion.

Have fun with the fruit-carving demonstration

Have you ever seen how an artist turns the fruit into lively shapes of animals or aesthetic patterns? To learn more about this handicraft, joining a demonstration onboard will be a new experience for you.

*On this day, passengers will transfer to a Bhaya Spirit wooden junk to enjoy the day's excursions & return to the Bhaya boat at around 3-4pm.

DAY 06
03Oct23

Ha Long – Hanoi - Hue

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Sung Sot Cave

The most popular and largest cave in Ha Long Bay, Sung Sot Cave keeps up to its reputation by constantly wowing any visitor, regardless of new or old. Its marvelous structure tells an incredible history that you don't want to miss.

Activities (on-board & off-board):

Tai Chi on Sundeck

Rejuvenating the body and spirit with a refreshing Tai Chi lesson as the sun rises over the acclaimed UNESCO Heritage Site is one of the most relaxing experiences that passengers have. Practicing this beautiful art regularly can help treat a number of human ailments.

Be amazed by Sung Sot Cave's beauty

Paying a visit to the largest and most renowned cave will definitely awe you with many good surprises. Behold the impeccable creation by Nature and use your imagination to connect with ancient folklore.

Check-out: 10:30 AM

Watch a fabulous sunrise. The cruise then sails again through the breathtaking scenery of Halong Bay heading for the shore. Check out of your cabin after breakfast/brunch. Cruise back to port for disembarkation, before drive back to Hanoi by Shuttle bus

Pick up at cruise meeting point and transfer to Hanoi airport for your flight to Hue .
Arrival Hue, pick up and transfer to hotel

Overnight in Hue

DAY 07
04Oct23

Hue

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You board a traditional 'Dragon Boat' for a 40 minutes ride on the Perfume River to the Thien Mu Pagoda. The Pagoda has two sections. The front of the Pagoda houses the seven-storey octagonal Phuoc Duyen tower, which has become the symbol of Hue. The other section of the pagoda is its rear portion, where the monks of the temple live and practice Buddhism. The Pagoda was the center of Buddhism in central Vietnam. In 1963, in an act of defiance against the Diem regime, Thich Quang Duc torched himself in downtown Saigon. Then you drive to visit the Citadel at the Imperial Palace. It was completed in 1833 and from here the emperors of the Nguyen Dynasty ruled Vietnam till 1945. Entering the citadel via a stone bridge you can see the Thai Hoa Palace. The ostentatious columns supporting the roof are lacquered and inlaid with gold.

A one hour pedicab ride gives you a chance to assess the size of the citadel. In the afternoon you visit the tomb of Tu Duc, which is one of the most beautiful works of royal architecture of the Nguyen dynasty. In a sprawling lush pine forest 8 km (5 miles) from Hue, this tomb is the final resting place of Emperor Tu Duc (1848-83) who enjoyed the longest reign of any monarch of the Nguyen dynasty. The construction of the tomb started in December 1864 and was completed in 1867. Your trip to Hue will be completed by a visit to the tomb of Khai Dinh, Emperor of Vietnam from 1916 to 1925. The tomb represents a fusion of traditional Vietnamese style and modern influence. The construction of the tomb began in 1920 and lasted 11 years. On the way back to your hotel you stop at a village that is well-known for its production of typical Vietnamese conical hats.



Overnight in Hue

DAY 08
05Oct23

Hue - Hoian

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Transfer to Hoi An via **Hai Van Pass**. Hai Van Pass is located along the Hai Van mountain side, between Thua Thien-Hue and Da Nang city. It is the highest and the most beautiful pass in Vietnam (about 500 meters above sea level), and it is the final mountain belonging to Truong Son. In the top of the Pass, the trail of ancestors still retains, You can amazing sightseeing that is so good for taking photos.

On the way to Hoi An you can visit Mable Mountain and Cham Museum

Arrival Hoi An, free time at leisure

Overnight in Hoian

DAY 9
06Oct23

Hoian

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Half day Tra Que vegetable village (Lunch included)

Tra Que is a charming little village on the edge of Hoi An named after the sweet scented vegetables that spice up the every day meals of the Pho Hoi people.

Depart from your hotel and ride bicycle in 30 minutes to Tra Que herb village. Take a short stroll around the vegetable garden and listen to the history of the village. Then join gardening activities in preparing the land, fertilizing with seaweed, raking the ground, sowing, watering, picking vegetables... Enjoy foot soak (optional) before getting to preparing lunch with a local family. Join cooking some “Tam Huu” spring roll, “Banh Xeo” - a local speciality pancake of central Vietnam... After your morning excursions and lunch, you learn how to harvest and wrap the vegetables. Bid farewell to your host family before riding back to your hotel. End the tour.

Continue with a visit of Hoi An's old quarter including the History Museum, Chinese Assembly Hall, Japanese covered bridge and historic old house (walking tour)

We start the walking tour at the Culture and History Museum where you will learn about the history of this charming and peaceful town before you walk around the small market. Walk along the main street to the Chinese Assembly Hall of Fujien Chinese community. The hall, built in 1697, has been used as the worshipping place to dedicate to Thien Hau (the Goddess of the Sea or Holy Mother). Continue to the river bank along narrow streets - on both sides are old houses transformed into beautifully decorated shops with colorful lanterns in different shapes. Next we'll stop to see the Japanese covered bridge built in the early 17th century by Japanese traders who settled in the town. The special pagoda-shaped bridge is now the official symbol of Hoi An. We finish with a visit to a historic old house of this UNESCO-recognized town.



Overnight in Hoian

DAY10
07Oct23

Hoian

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Free at leisure

Overnight in Hoian

DAY 11
08Oct23

Hoian – Danang - Saigon

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After breakfast, take a short drive to Danang airport for your flight to Saigon. Upon arrival in Saigon, transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is free at leisure.

Overnight in Saigon

DAY 12
09Oct23

Saigon- Cu Chi

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In the morning guests will be picked up at their hotel and transferred to Cu Chi Tunnels, an immense network of connecting underground tunnels. These tunnels were used by Vietnamese soldiers during the war to hide against American forces. They were also used as communication and supply routes, hospitals, food and weapon caches, and living quarters. Then drive back to Saigon and have lunch in a typical restaurant.

In the afternoon, guests will enjoy a city tour around Vietnam's busiest and most bustling city — from Saigon downtown to Chinatown. They'll learn about Saigon's history and culture with stops at Thien Hau Temple, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Central Post Office, and the Reunification Palace. There will be time for shopping in the afternoon at the famous Ben Thanh market before returning to the hotel.

Overnight in Saigon

DAY 13
10Oct23

Saigon – Ben Tre – Saigon

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At 8.00am, depart for a 1.5 hour drive from Saigon to Ben Tre, one of the country's southern provinces, situated in the Delta of the Mekong River. Take in the highway as you leave behind the busy city. Pass Rach Mieu bridge before reaching Huu Dinh hamlet. Get on a tri-motor cycle (xe loi) ride to enjoy the lush surroundings of rice paddies and fruit farms alongside the narrow village roads.

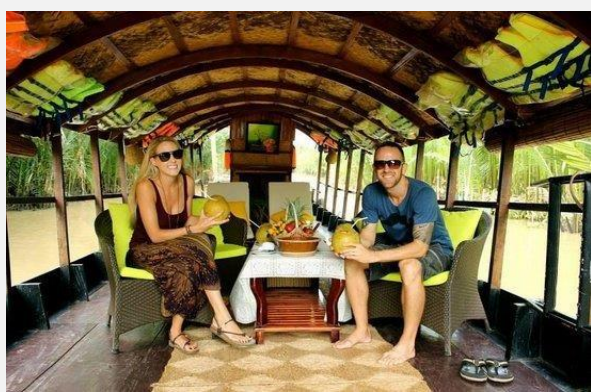
Arrive at the waterfront, board the charming Mango Cruise for a glimpse at the Delta scenery while enjoying coconut juice. Make a first stop at a small brick workshop where the locals still use centuries-old traditional methods to make the bricks by hand.

Then you will head back to your boat to cross the An Hoa River, where you will start a Bicycle trip around Phong Nam village (around 4kms. On the way stop for a visit at the local house where they live on coconuts processing. Continue the bike ride through gardens and stop at the a rice noodles factory "hu tieu", one of most popular breakfast dishes in the region. Walk about 3 minutes to visit at Mrs. Huong's home. Her family lives from fishing shrimps and farming. Enjoy some tropical fruits and honey tea in her garden before you move on to your rowing sampan.

Your personalized rowers already await you and take you on a trip to discover the maze of small canals in the Mekong Delta.

After rowing you back to the mango boat, you will head to Mango home restaurant. Here you will enjoy your 5 course lunch and freshen up before you switch to a bicycle again and ride 500m (about 4 minutes / or 7-10 minutes walk) on village roads past green gardens and local houses. Then stop at the local house of Mr Sau Tuong, a former Vietcong soldier who survived two years fighting the Khmer Rouge in Phnom Penh. Now he and his wife live on making rice paper which is the most famous specialty of My Long village. Have a chat with him, enjoy the crispy rice paper made by his wife, and see how it is made.

After the visit, the boat will be waiting for you at the pier nearby to bring you back to Ben Tre city where your bus will be ready to take you back to Saigon.



Overnight in Saigon

DAY 14
11Oct23

Saigon – Departure

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It is now time to say goodbye, but just think of all the wonderful stories you will take home. A transfer will take you to the airport for your onward travels

ABBREVIATIONS:

B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner

****Small program changes might occur due to unexpected flight schedule changes, traffic and weather conditions****

End of services

Accommodation

City Name	Hotels
Hanoi	Acoustic hotel Hanoi Deluxe balcony
Halong	Bhaya cruise Bhaya Classic : Deluxe 3D2N
Hue	Pilgrimage Village Boutique Resort & Spa Superior
Hoian	Cozy Savvy Boutique Hoian Cozy Deluxe
Saigon	The Odys Boutique hotel Deluxe

Accommodation in hotels is subject to availability. If the listed hotel is fully booked, alternate accommodation will be booked within the same hotel category without surcharge/reduction. If no hotel in same category available, we preserve the right to apply a surcharge for any higher category or a reduction for any lower category.

Services

Included	Excluded
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English speaking local guides by Refine Asia as per program (except guides on board in Halong arranged by the cruise) Quality private air-conditioned vehicle Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B= Breakfast, L= Lunch, D= Dinner) Air tickets Hanoi – Hue, Danang-Saigon (Economy class) All excursions and activities mentioned including entrance fees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International & other domestic air tickets Airport departure tax not mentioned Other meals not mentioned All early check-in & late check-out Drinks during meals not mentioned Visa Shopping & Spa Personal expenses Services other than mentioned Any travel insurance

- Mineral water in car during the excursion
- Accommodation including breakfast as per program
- Tips