

## **Fascinating Vietnam in 12 days 11 nights**

**No of traveler/s:** 3 persons  
**Trip Duration:** 12 Days  
**Intended Group Date:** 16 March 2015  
**Proposal date:** 27 March 2015

**Tour Category:** Superior and First Class – 4 star hotels

**Guide services:** Excellent Local English speaking guide

### **Detailed Itinerary**

#### **Day 1 - 16 March 2015: Arrive Hanoi (D)**



You will be warmly welcomed upon arrival Hanoi airport and transferred to your hotel. In the afternoon you will take a private walking city tour to visit local markets and Hanoi's Old Quarter, known for its 36 streets and former craft guilds. In the evening you will enjoy a water puppet performance before a welcome dinner at a local restaurant and an overnight stay in Hanoi.

#### **Day 2 – 17 March 2015: Hanoi (B/L)**

The post-colonial capital city of Hanoi is a unique Asian city with tree-lined boulevards, French colonial architecture, numerous lakes, pagodas and temples. This full day tour takes you around Hanoi's most interesting sights, including the Ho Chi Minh Complex, Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum and his Stilt House, the Presidential Palace and the One Pillar Pagoda nearby. Also on the tour

will be the Lake of the Restored Sword, Ngoc Son Temple, the Temple of Literature, peaceful West Lake “with “lovers' street” Thanh Nien), the sedate Tran Quoc Pagoda, Quan Thanh Temple and one of the city's museums, either the History Museum or the Ethnology Museum. Free shopping in Hanoi. You will stay overnight in Hanoi.

**Day 3 – 18 March 2015: Hanoi - Halong Bay (B/L/D) – Shuttle Bus**



Today you leave Hanoi for Halong Bay (a World Natural Heritage site) via the Red River Delta. Upon arrival, you will set out on a junk cruise on the bay while lunch is served. You will pass through the magical bay, where thousands of sculpted limestone islands rise from the waves like dragons' teeth. After lunch, you will take a short trek to a nearby summit for a panoramic view of the bay, swimming on a quiet beach or sunbathing on the sundeck.

In the late afternoon, you will visit an interesting fishing village with an opportunity to interact with fishermen who have been living in the bay for almost three generations. At sunset, you can kayak or simply take a bamboo row boat to discover a water tunnel with many coral reefs in a scenic lagoon. Back on board, you can enjoy watching the peaceful sunset and later unwind at a restaurant. You will stay overnight onboard.

**Day 4 – 19 March 2015: Halong Bay - Hanoi (B) – Shuttle Bus**

You'll wake up on the bay to the sounds of waves and birds welcoming the new day. You will have an opportunity to view the sunrise over the bay and after breakfast, visit a beautiful limestone grotto. You will have a walk back to the boat for a final glimpse of Halong Bay while cruising back to the dock. Then you will drive back to Hanoi and stay overnight.

**Day 5 – 20 March 2015: Hanoi - Hue (B/L)**

You will transfer to the airport for your noon flight to Hue. Upon arrival at Phu Bai Airport you will be transferred directly to your hotel. In the afternoon you will embark on a tour of the city, including the Citadel and the Forbidden Purple City, the Imperial Museum and Dong Ba market. You will stay overnight in Hue.



#### **Day 6 – 21 March 2015: Hue - Danang- Hoi An (B/L)**

Rising up in the ancient land, enjoy your breakfast in the hotel. Then, board a private boat for cruising the romantic Perfume River, visit Lady Pagoda (Thien Mu Pagoda), the ornate Minh Mang's tomb. We will enjoy lunch at local restaurant. Leave the UNESCO-designated World Heritage Hue for Hoi An. We will travel over the Hai Van pass, stop in Danang for a visit to the Cham Museum and handicraft villages on the foot of Marble Mountain before arriving in Hoi An. Once in Hoi An, we will check into our hotel and have some free time to explore the town. Overnight in Hoi An.

#### **Day 7 – 22 March 2015: Hoi An (B/L)**

From the 16th to 18th centuries, Hoi An was a thriving international commercial port for Chinese, Dutch, French, Japanese, Portuguese and Arab traders. These people came primarily to trade in the high grade silk, which is still produced in the area, as well as ceramics. Today, Hoi An is a quaint riverside town, popular with tourists for its eclectic architecture, tailors shops, and numerous cafes. Some of the buildings in the narrow streets have remained unchanged for more than a century. We enjoy a half-day walking tour through the narrow winding streets of the Ancient Quarter visiting Chua Ong Pagoda, Chinese Assembly Halls, the 200- year old Tam Ky ancestral house, and the Japanese Bridge. Following the tour there will be free time to shop or relax. Overnight in Hoi An.

#### **Day 8 - 23 March 2015: Hoi An - HCM City (B/L)**



You will then leave Hoi An for Danang Airport to take a one hour flight to Ho Chi Minh City. In the afternoon you will embark on a city tour of HCMC (Saigon) including the Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Old Post Office and bustling Ben Thanh Market. You will stay overnight in HCMC.

#### **Day 9 – 24 March 2015: Cu Chi tunnels (B)**

In the morning, you will drive to the Cu Chi Tunnels, which consist of more than 200km of underground tunnels. This main axis system has many branches connecting to underground hideouts, shelters, and entrances to other tunnels. The network included innumerable trap doors, specially constructed living areas, storage facilities, weapons factories, field hospitals, command centers and kitchens. Today the remaining tunnels have become a major tourist attraction giving the visitor a unique experience and a feel of what underground life was like during the U.S.-Vietnam War. Free shopping in Saigon. Overnight in Saigon.

#### **Day 10 – 25 March 2015: HCM City - My Tho – Ho Chi Minh (B/L)**

You will leave HCMC to lush My Tho where you'll cruise on a private boat through the green vegetation of the canals to an orchard, where you are treated to a delicious lunch in a local restaurant in the heart of the Mekong, complete with tropical fruits. You will also visit the snake farm Dong Tam that breeds snakes for, among other things, snake wine and visit VinhTrang pagoda. You then head to Ho Chi Minh City. Overnight in Saigon.

#### **Day 11 – 26 March 2015: Free and Easy in Ho Chi Minh (B)**

You will be free and easy all day to have free shopping in the busiest city of Vietnam. Overnight in Saigon.

#### **Day 12 – 27 March 2015: Depart Vietnam (B)**

There is no activity planned for today so you are free to enjoy your free time souvenir shopping until transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

**Package price Includes:**

- + Private door-to-door pick-up & drop-off services
- + All private transportation
- + Accommodation shared in Triple with daily breakfast.
- + Experienced English speaking guide
- + Meals as stated in the itinerary (B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner)
- + All sightseeing tickets
- + Tissues and water on coach
- + Services charges and government tax
- + Exclusive and personalized single agent/single customer service
- + No extra charge after services confirmation
- + 24/7 hotline support guaranteed

**Services Excluded:**

- + International flights & departure taxes
- + Visa On Arrival guaranteed letter
- + Personal expenses, tips and gratuities
- + Travel insurance
- + Peak season or Public holidays surcharge if any
- + Other services not mentioned above

Cities	Hotel Name	Room Type
<b>First Class Category - 4 star hotel</b>		
Hanoi	<b>Golden Silk Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.goldensilkhotel.com/">http://www.goldensilkhotel.com/</a>	Luxury
Halong	<b>Victory Cruise Halong</b> <a href="http://www.victoryhalong.com/vn/">http://www.victoryhalong.com/vn/</a>	Superior Cabin Triple
Hue	<b>Muong Thanh Hue Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.muongthanh.vn/">http://www.muongthanh.vn/</a>	Deluxe City View
Hoi An	<b>Green Heaven Hoi An Resort</b> <a href="http://hoiangreenheavenresort.com/">http://hoiangreenheavenresort.com/</a>	Superior
Ho Chi Minh	<b>Harmony Saigon Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.harmonysaigonhotel.com/">http://www.harmonysaigonhotel.com/</a>	Premier Deluxe
<b>Superior Category - 3 star hotel</b>		
Hanoi	<b>Essence Palace</b> <a href="http://essencehanoihotel.com/essence-palace-hotel">http://essencehanoihotel.com/essence-palace-hotel</a>	Superior
Halong	<b>V Sprit Cruise</b> <a href="http://www.vspiritcruises.com/">http://www.vspiritcruises.com/</a>	Deluxe Triple
Hue	<b>Asia Hue Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.asiahotel.com.vn/">http://www.asiahotel.com.vn/</a>	Deluxe
Hoi An	<b>Vinh Hung 3 Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.vinhhung3hotel.com/">http://www.vinhhung3hotel.com/</a>	Deluxe
Ho Chi Minh	<b>Hoang Hai Long South Hotel</b> <a href="http://hoanghailonghotel.com/">http://hoanghailonghotel.com/</a>	Superior

<b>Tour Category</b>	<b>Special Offer base on group of 3 pax (Valid from 16 - 27 March 2015)</b>
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	<b>Price per person in USD Triple Shared</b>	<b>Single Supplement</b>
<b>First Class</b>	<b>US \$ 1009</b>	<b>US \$ 456</b>
<b>Superior</b>	<b>US \$ 879</b>	<b>US \$ 541</b>
<b>Surcharge for private car &amp; guide Hanoi - Halong - Hanoi: 98 USD per person</b>		
<b>Surcharge for flight Hanoi - Hui by Vietnam Airlines: 124 USD per way per person</b>		
<b>Surcharge for flight Da Nang - Ho Chi Minh by Vietnam Airlines: 124 USD per way per person</b>		