

## EXPLORE CLASSIC VIETNAM FOR 7DAYS

(Ho Chi Minh - Cu Chi - Mekong Delta - Hanoi - Ninh Binh - Halong - Hanoi)

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### Itinerary Overview

You will experience Vietnam at its best during this brief adventure with this group travel. Travel through a variety of Vietnam's most fascinating sights as you make your way from the exciting and lively Ho Chi Minh City to the charming Hanoi with its aging colonial architecture and national landmarks. See what adventures are in store for you during these seven stunning days.

Day	Destination	Meals
Day 1	HO CHI MINH ARRIVAL	--
Day 2	HO CHI MINH – CITY & CU CHI TUNNELS TOUR	B/L
Day 3	HO CHI MINH – MEKONG DELTA ADVENTURE	B/L
Day 4	HO CHI MINH – FLY TO HANOI	B
Day 5	HANOI – BAI DINH PAGODA & TRANG AN BOATING – HANOI	B/L
Day 6	HANOI – HALONG BAY DAY TRIP – HANOI	B, L
Day 7	HANOI – CITY TOUR – DEPARTURE	B

**Note\*:** B: Breakfast / L: Lunch / D: Dinner

#### Day 1 HO CHI MINH ARRIVAL

Arrive in Ho Chi Minh. Greeted by your driver at the airport. Transfer to your hotel in the city center for check-in and at leisure for the rest of the day.

**Note\*:**

- The hotel room will be available at 2:00pm, and in case you would like to secure an early check-in, an additional charge will be applied.

- Please be advised that both international and domestic might be crowded at sometimes during the day, so in case you arrive and cannot find our representatives, please contact us, so we could easily search for you.

## Inclusions

- Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh
- Transfer: Private car

## Day 2 HO CHI MINH – CITY & CU CHI TUNNELS TOUR(B, L)

Take the morning trip to visit Independence Palace, also known as the Reunification palace, was built on the site of the former Norodom palace. The Independence palace is a widely known landmark of Ho Chi Minh City and was designed by the architect Ngo Viet Thu. Continue seeing the beautiful structures from the French Colonial times such as the Notre Dame Cathedral, the historic Central Post Office. Followed by the remarkable site of the War Remnants Museum the museum has a vast display of the both the Indochina wars.

Have lunch at local restaurant.

Depart for Cu Chi tunnel, the trip will take approximately one and a half hours bus driving. Upon arrival, before exploring the tunnels, you will have some short introduction followed by introductory video about how the tunnels were constructed and how the people survived in the harsh conditions of the war time. Then, spend your time to explore the remaining area and tunnel systems which included the special constructed living areas with kitchens, bedrooms side by side with other martial facilities like storage, weapons factories, field hospitals, and command centers helping whoever lives inside the tunnels meet their basic needs. Besides, there are also many hidden trap doors and dangerous traps within the maze-like tunnels for security purpose during the war. Afterward, special tea and cassava (guerilla's food during the war) will be served.

Break time for relax or time for those who want to try the real shooting gun.

Return to Ho Chi Minh.

## Inclusions

- Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh
- Entrance fees
- Meals: Breakfast at the hotel, Lunch with local food
- Transfer: Group transfer

- Tour guide: English Speaking guide for the group tour

### Day 3

### HO CHI MINH – MEKONG DELTA ADVENTURE (B, L)

Leaving the hustle and bustle of Ho Chi Minh City and starting your trip to depart for My Tho, the town lies on the left side of the Mekong River. Upon arrival, visit Vinh Trang pagoda which sated back to the late 19th century. Then boarding the sampan and cruising down the river around the four beautiful islands known as Dragon, Unicorn, Phoenix, and Tortoise islands.

Stop over at Unicorn Island, go walking around the country lane and see orchards, and enjoy tropical fruits, and folk song music performed by the local people. Visit the fruit plantation.

Ride a hand-rowed sampan through the Thoi Son canal and treat yourself to the beauty of the countryside, visit the family business, visit the honey-bee farm, and enjoy the honey tea and coconut candy workshop.

Have lunch at a local restaurant. Break time.

In the afternoon, time for cycling around Tan Thach village, and meeting the local villagers to experience the local daily life in the Mekong delta. Hammock relaxing and enjoying cool breeze for those who can't join the cycling trip. Return to Ho Chi Minh City. Arrive at your hotel at about 5:30 pm. Enjoy your free time.

### Inclusions

- Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh
- Meals: Breakfast at the hotel, Lunch with local food
- Transfer: Group transfer
- Tour guide: English speaking guide for the group tour

### Day 4

### HO CHI MINH – FLY TO HANOI (B)

Free on your own until our driver comes to pick you up to transfer to the airport to take a domestic flight to Hanoi.

Once arrival, you will be warmly welcomed by our driver to transfer to the hotel to check-in. The room will be at your disposal from 2 PM.

Meals on your own. Overnight at the hotel.

## Inclusions

- Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi
- Meals: Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer: Private car

## Day 5

### HANOI – BAI DINH PAGODA & TRANG AN BOATING – HANOI (B, L)

08:00 – 08:30 – Our guide will meet you at your hotel/stay and start 100km modern bus-journey through verdant landscape of countryside, short-break en route.

11:00 – Arrive Bai Dinh pagoda complex, get on electric cars to visit massive architecture: 500 stone statues of Arhats; Bell tower with 27 tons and 36 tons bronze bell; Golden statue of Goddess of Mercy, walk up summit mountain where 100 tones in weight – 10 meter in heights bronze statue of Bhudda Sakyamuni located. Amazing views, sacred atmospheres and intriguing Buddhism story presented by our insider guide, you cannot fail to enchant.

13:00 – Enjoy a lavish buffet lunch in a local restaurant.

14:00 – Embark on a 2 hours – sampan boat in Trang An – A spectacular labyrinth of mirrored waters studded with towering, jungle-clad limestone outcrops. Gently rowed down the exquisite river through numerous caves : Hang Toi, 320 meter long, Sang cave, 90 meter long, and Hang Nau Ruou, 250 meter long... Every passages bring new surprise of mystery hidden inside isolated valleys of tranquility that likely transformed to another world and time.

16:15 – Leisure cycling on rural roads alongside the extensive canal network and through small villages with backdrops of a maze of limestone mountains.

17:30 – Get on shuttle bus to return to Hanoi.

20:00 – Drop off at your hotel/ accommodation's door steps in Hanoi Old Quarter.

## Inclusions

- Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi
- Entrance fees

- Meals: Breakfast at the hotel, Lunch with local food
- Transfer: Group transfer
- Tour guide: English Speaking guide for the group tour

## Day 6 HANOI – HALONG BAY DAY TRIP – HANOI (B, L)

08:15 – 09:00: Our bus and guide pick you up from hotel / stay and follow the new high way to depart for Tuan Chau Island, Halong City, stop over for a rest on the way.

12:00: Arriving Tuan Chau Harbor, welcome aboard, and safety briefing.

The ship will take you on an over 5 hours journey via 2 day-sleeper boat cruise route which renowned for its striking, passages uninhabited islets and outcrops have been given imaginative names by the locals, due to their perceived shapes, including Cock Fighting and Thumb, while enjoy Vietnamese mouth-watering lunch on boat.

13:45: Arriving Bo Hon archipelago, you will visit Surprising Cave to see a lot of stalagmites and stalactites with different shapes of sea lives, the go kayaking or bamboo boat in Luon Cave to discovery the beautiful lagoon.

Visiting Titov Island with sandy beach adjacent to the towering limestone mountain with excellent backdrop of the Bay, and climb up Titov Peak for a panoramic view of the bay like paradise.

16:30: Returning to We Go Halong Cruise for relaxing and cruising back toward Tuan Chau harbor. There are a lot of time for sunbathing on upper deck, enjoy great fun of group touring fellows among world iconic natural scenery.

18:00: Disembarking for going back on the new high way to Hanoi.

20:00: Dropping off at your hotel / stay.

### Inclusions

- Entrance fees
- Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi
- Meals: Breakfast at the hotel, Lunch with local food
- Transfer: Group transfer
- Tour guide: English speaking guide for the group tour

**Day 7 HANOI - CITY TOUR - DEPARTURE (B)**

Today, we will spend a half day visiting the city. We start with a visit to President Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum (Outside). We also visit the famous One Pillar Pagoda nearby. Leaving the President's complex, we continue to visit the Temple of Literature (Van Mieu). Although several Van Mieu can be found throughout Vietnam, the most prominent and famous is that situated in the city of Hanoi and functioned as Vietnam's first university.

After the tour, transfer to a local restaurant to have lunch and then move to the airport for your departure flight. It's time to say goodbye, we thank you for traveling with us and warmly welcome you to come again.

**Note\*:** late checkout is not included.

**Inclusions**

- Accommodation: None
- Meals: Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer: Private car
- Tour guide: Private English speaking guide

**Low Season from May to Sept**

Hotel category	Price in INR/person (small group – 12 pax max)			
	2 - 3 pax	4-5 pax	6-7 pax	Single supplement
3* Hotels	31,928	31,061	29,205	11,137
4* Hotels	36,680	35,813	33,957	15,889
5* Hotels	<b>Contact us (book the tour)</b>			

**High Season from Oct to Apr**

Hotel category	Price in INR/person
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	(small group – 12 pax max)			
	<b>2 - 3 pax</b>	<b>4-5 pax</b>	<b>6-7 pax</b>	<b>Single supplement</b>
3* Hotels	34,155	33,289	31,433	13,365
4* Hotels	38,759	37,892	36,036	17,968
5* Hotels	<b>Contact us (book the tour)</b>			

**Note\*:**

- If you want a private tour, or your group size is from 8pax up, or if you want price for 5\* hotels, please contact us. Please book the tour and note details in our booking form.
- The rate is not applied for peak season as New Year, National holiday, Tet Holiday (Lunar New Year), Christmas. If travelling during these periods, please contact us for price.

## Inclusions & Exclusions

**Inclusions:**

- Accommodation with daily breakfast
- Tours and transfers as mentioned by air-conditioned vehicle
- Boat trips as mentioned in the itinerary
- Local English speaking guides
- Meals where mentioned (B: breakfast; L: lunch; D: dinner)
- Entrance fees
- Government taxes and service charges

**Exclusions:**

- Vietnam visa fee
- Single supplement for a single room
- Personal expenses (laundry, telephone, drinks, tip...)
- Travel insurance
- Tips for guide and driver 3 USD/pax/day
- International airfares
- Internal flights in economy class as mentioned in the itinerary: Ho Chi Minh – Hanoi
- Surcharge for early check in

## Cancellation Policy

- Cancellation received 60 days or more before arrival date: 15% of total rate

- Cancellation received from 30 days to 59 days prior arrival date: 25% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 15 days to 29 days prior arrival date: 50% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 7 days to 14 days prior arrival date: 70% of total rate
- Cancellation received less than 7 days prior arrival date or No show: 100% of total rate

## Children Policy

- For infant (<02 years old): FOC
- 02 – 6 years old without bed: 35% adult rate
- 06 – 10 years old with extra bed: 85% adult rate
- from 11 years old: 100% adult rate

## Important Information

### Emergency Contact

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call the travel consultant whom you deal with and then our hot line contacts. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please send us a detailed message and contact information by email to the agent and to [info@indochinatreks.com](mailto:info@indochinatreks.com), we may check and return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

Our all travel consultants use WhatApps. Please ensure that you have the contact number. It's best to buy a local sim-card upon arrival. Most hotels offer free wifi. So it's very easy to contact in urgent case.

Emergency contact numbers

Mr. Kelvin Do: +84 986759655

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### Accommodation

We would use different hotel categories and you can select any basing on your budget. So your travel companions would not stay at your hotel. A Hotel Voucher will be provided once your tour is confirmed with all hotel details.

### Packing List

Conservative Dress

- Modest clothing that covers knees and shoulders (Long pants, long skirts, shirts that cover shoulders)



- Shawl or scarf (for temple visits)

**Note\*:** Please pack clothing for the season in which you will be travelling. From Dec-Feb weather can be cold, so please pack warm clothing. From May-Nov it is the wet season, so please bring waterproof clothing.

### **Documents**

- All tickets (required)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Required visas
- Hotel & Tour Vouchers
- Meeting sign (with your names and flight details that we will use for transfers)

### **Train Travel**

Train travel in Vietnam is very basic and train cleanliness is often not a priority for train staff. Sleeper trains normally have 4 seats per compartment, which convert into sleeping bunks (two upper and two lower). A sheet, pillow and blanket are provided, although many people prefer to bring their own sleeping sheet. At times, passengers of different genders may be required to share a sleeper train berth and/or share a compartment with people not travelling in your group. For short distance - 3 hours (as Hue to Danang or vv), you will do the trip on soft/hard seat carriage.

Simple food is available on the train but many people like to stock up on freshly baked bread, cheese and fruit prior to departure. Water should also be bought before the journey.

Train journeys in Vietnam are an experience and allow you to get a real taste of Vietnam.

### **Airport transfers**

All airport transfers are included in the tour price. You should provide us your arrival/departure flight details and we will arrange things basing on the information. A meeting sign with your name and all flight details will be sent to you. Please be ready at the lobby at pointed time for pickup.

Driver/guide should always be present at the airport before your arrival time. If you could not find the driver, please contact your travel consultant who you deal with. For any reason that airport transfer could not be arranged, please take the taxi to the hotel. We will refund the money then.

### **Travel insurance**

Travel insurance is not included in our tour price. When travelling with us, you are suggested to buy insurance that covers all medical coverage, cancellation, personal liability, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects.

### **Trip Specific Safety**

We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage.

Be aware that petty theft can be an issue in some towns and cities especially late at night. A common tactic is opportunists on motorbikes that drive by and snatch bags. Please always leave valuables and passports etc in your hotel in safety boxes if available and only carry with you enough cash to spend for the day. Bags should always be carried over the neck and not left to sit on your shoulder.

## **Warming**

Please do not buy gems unless you know what you are doing. Even if genuine you should not expect to be able to sell them at home. If you fall victim to a gem scam, we are unable to assist you.

## **Visas and Entry Requirements**

Please note that visas for Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos are the responsibility of the individual traveler. The visa requirements for your trip vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. For the most up to date information please check your Governments Foreign Ministry website or with you travel agent as rules do change.

**CAMBODIA** - Visas can be obtained at the Cambodian border or Siem Reap Airport for approx. \$35 USD very easily. Please have *\*at least\** 2 passport photos with you as well.

**VIETNAM** - As of March 2017, a select 80 nationalities are now eligible to enter Vietnam with an E-Visa. Please contact your Foreign Ministry or Vietnamese consulate to see if your nationality is eligible. Please note that you should **ONLY** apply for a Vietnam E-Visa if you are entering Vietnam by international airport - either Noi Bai International Airport (Hanoi) or Tan Son Nhat International Airport (Ho Chi Minh City).

If you are entering Vietnam by land border, please apply for a regular visa for Vietnam. Many of the land borders we travel through do not accept the Vietnam E-Visa. Please view this link to apply E-Visa: <https://evisa.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn/web/guest/trang-chu-ttdt>

**LAOS** - Visas are issued upon arrival in Laos. You will need two passport size photographs and approx \$35. Tourists are generally admitted to Laos for 15 days with a visa on arrival or for 30 days with a visa issued at a Lao embassy. Please bring visa photos with you.

Please be aware that you will require four clean pages (minimum) in your passport and at least six months validity.

## **Tipping**

It is customary in Asia to tip service providers such as waiters, at approximately 10%, depending on the service. Tipping is expected - though not compulsory - and shows an expression of satisfaction with the people who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides or drivers we use.

Recommendations for tipping drivers and local guides would range from \$3-\$5 USD per person per day depending on the quality and length of the service.

### **Electricity**

Indochina Countries use 220V, and a mixture of flat 2-pin, round 2-pin or 3 pin plugs. It is recommended to bring a universal plug adapter.