



## HANOI – HALONG – PHU QUOC – HO CHI MINH - Overview

**Duration:** 8N/9D

**Destination:** Vietnam

**Group Size:** 2-20

**Transportation:** Car

**Best Season:** all Season

**Accommodation:** 3 Star and Above

**Meals:** Breakfast

Experience the Best of Vietnam – Heritage, Nature, Beach & City Life

Discover the perfect blend of culture, natural beauty, tropical relaxation, and vibrant city energy with this exciting Vietnam journey.

### Hanoi – The Cultural Heart of Vietnam

Explore the charming capital city known for its centuries-old architecture and rich history. Walk through the Old Quarter, visit peaceful lakes, historic temples, and experience authentic Vietnamese street food and local lifestyle.

### Ha Long Bay – UNESCO Natural Wonder

Cruise through the breathtaking limestone karsts and emerald waters of this world-famous bay. Enjoy kayaking, cave visits, and stunning sunset views on an unforgettable overnight cruise experience.

### Phu Quoc – Tropical Island Paradise

Relax on white sandy beaches and crystal-clear waters. Perfect for leisure lovers, Phu Quoc offers island hopping, snorkeling, sunset views, and vibrant night markets for a complete beach escape.

### Ho Chi Minh City – Dynamic Southern Metropolis

Experience the modern energy of Vietnam's largest city. Discover historical landmarks, bustling markets, war history sites, and enjoy exciting nightlife and shopping experiences.

## Itinerary

### Day 1: HANOI ARRIVAL - CITY TOUR (PRIVATE TOUR)

Welcome to Hanoi - Vietnam!

Upon arrival, you will be collected by our local guide at Noi Bai Airport and transfer to the hotel, then check-in as per hotel's standard check-in time.

Afternoon, start with a visit to the Ho Chi Minh Complex, including the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (outside only since it's closed on Mondays, Fridays and all afternoon), Presidential Palace, Ho Chi Minh's Stilt House, and the One Pillar Pagoda.

Following that, a walking tour in the Old Quarter will allow you to explore the bustling streets, traditional shops, and colonial architecture.

The tour concludes with a drop-off at your hotel.

Overnight at hotel in Hanoi.

## **Day 2: ANOI - HALONG BAY - TRANSFERRED BY SHUTTLE BUS - OVERNIGHT ON CRUISE (SHARED BOAT) (B/L/D)**

After breakfast at the hotel and check-out, transfer to Ha Long Bay by the cruise's shuttle bus.

Upon arrival, board the cruise and begin your journey through the stunning Ha Long Bay while enjoying a lunch of local cuisine on board. Ha Long Bay, meaning "Descending Dragon Bay" in Vietnamese, is steeped in legend as the place where a sacred dragon descended from the sky. The bay, recognized as one of the world's wonders and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, boasts around 2,000 karst islands and islets spread over 1,553 km<sup>2</sup>, with a geological history dating back 500 million years.

After lunch, participate in a guided tour of a grotto, where you'll marvel at the fascinating formations of stalactites and stalagmites. Continue with a visit to a nearby island, where you can relax on the beach or take a short hike to a viewpoint for a panoramic view of the bay.

As the day winds down, return to the cruise to unwind and take in the breathtaking bay view at sunset. Then, join a cooking class where you can learn to make traditional Vietnamese dishes and later enjoy a dinner featuring local specialties on board.

In the evening, join in on optional activities such as squid fishing.

Overnight on the cruise.

**Note: The cruise itinerary may vary based on your chosen cruise. A stationed English-speaking guide will be available on board.**

## **Day 3: HALONG - HANOI - TRANSFERRED BY SHUTTLE BUS (B/BR)**

In the morning, start your day with a refreshing Tai Chi session on the sundeck at dawn, taking in the serene beauty of Ha Long Bay. Enjoy tea and coffee on board as you continue exploring the bay's stunning 2,000 islets and some of its major highlights.

Later, you have the option to go kayaking or take a bamboo boat ride to explore hidden lagoons and get up close to the towering limestone cliffs.

Around 9:00, check out of your cabin and savor a brunch (local food) while cruising back toward the shore.

As you approach the mainland, enjoy some final moments on the deck, taking in the last views of the magnificent bay. Disembark at around 11:00 AM and transfer back to Hanoi by shuttle bus. Check in your hotel.

Overnight at hotel in Hanoi.

#### Day 4: HANOI – FLIGHT TO PHU QUOC (B)

Breakfast at hotel and check out

Free at leisure until transfer with driver (no guide) to the airport for your flight to Phu Quoc (air tickets excluded)

Upon arrival, picked up and transferred (no guide) to your hotel. Check-in as per hotel's standard check-in time.

Time at leisure.

Overnight at hotel in Phu Quoc

#### Day 5: PHU QUOC - VIN WONDERS AND VIN SAFARI (PRIVATE TOUR WITHOUT GUIDE) (B)

Breakfast at hotel.

Morning, start your day with a visit to Vinpearl Safari Phu Quoc, a vast semi-wild zoo. Our driver will pick you up from your hotel and transfer you to the safari. Spend 2-4 hours exploring the various zones of the park, where you can observe a wide range of animals in their natural habitats. Arriving early allows you to see the animals at their most active, perfect for taking memorable photos amidst the beautiful morning scenery. **Note: bus service at the zoo area is excluded.**

Afternoon, hop back into the car and head to VinWonders Phu Quoc, Vietnam's largest theme park. Enjoy a thrilling afternoon filled with a wide variety of rides, games, and attractions that cater to all ages. From adrenaline-pumping roller coasters to immersive-themed zones, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

After a day full of excitement, return to your hotel.

Overnight at hotel in Phu Quoc.

#### Day 6: PHU QUOC - ISLANDS HOPPING TOUR BY SPEEDBOAT WITH A CABLE CAR RIDE (SIC TOUR) (B/L)

Breakfast at hotel.

**Pick-up time: ~ 08:30 / Drop-off time: ~ 17:00**

Morning, pick up from your hotel.

Arrive at the harbor and board the speed boat.

Visit 4 islands in the south:

- Gam Ghi Island: Snorkeling at the coral reef and enjoy the beach.
- Xuong Island (Mong Tay Island): Snorkeling at the coral reef.
- May Rut Island: Relax on the white sand lagoon and chill out.

Lunch: Enjoy a meal (local food) on the island.

Sea Walker Experience (optional, self-paid): Walk under the ocean among schools of fish and colorful coral reefs.

- Thom Island: Enjoy the water park with over 20 modern games from the world's leading manufacturers.

Cable Car Ride: Return to the mainland with a scenic 25-minute cable car ride, enjoying the sunset and panoramic views of the islands.

Return to your hotel.

#### **Day 7: PHU QUOC – FLIGHT TO HO CHI MINH (B)**

Breakfast at hotel and check out

Free at leisure until transfer with driver (no guide) to the airport for your flight to Ho Chi Minh (air tickets excluded)

Upon arrival, picked up and transferred to your hotel. Check-in as per hotel's standard check-in time.

Time at leisure.

Overnight at hotel in Ho Chi Minh

#### **Day 8: HO CHI MINH - CITY TOUR - CU CHI TUNNELS (SIC TOUR) (B/L)**

Breakfast at hotel.

**Pick-up time: ~ 07:30 / Drop-off time: ~ 19:00**

In the morning, start with a visit to the Independence Palace, also known as the Reunification Palace. Built on the site of the former Norodom Palace, it stands as a prominent landmark of Ho Chi Minh City, designed by architect Ngo Viet Thu.

Next, see some beautiful examples of French Colonial architecture, including the Notre Dame Cathedral (viewed from the outside due to ongoing construction) and the historic Central Post Office.

Continue to the War Remnants Museum, which offers a comprehensive display of both the Indochina wars, providing deep insights into the wartime history and its impact.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

In the afternoon, depart for the Cu Chi Tunnels, a journey of approximately one and a half hours by bus. Upon arrival, receive a brief introduction and watch an introductory video about the construction of the tunnels and how people survived under wartime conditions. Explore the extensive tunnel systems, including specially constructed living areas with kitchens, bedrooms, and other facilities like storage rooms, weapons factories, field hospitals, and command centers. Discover hidden trap doors and dangerous traps that were used for security during the war.

After your exploration, enjoy special tea and cassava, a staple food of the guerrillas during the war. There will also be time for relaxation or an optional opportunity to try shooting real guns (at your own expense).

Return to your hotel in the late afternoon.

Overnight at hotel in Ho Chi Minh

## Day 9: HO CHI MINH DEPARTURE (B)

Breakfast at hotel and check out

Free at leisure until transfer with driver (no guide) to the airport for your departure flight.

## Inclusion & Exclusion

### Inclusion

- Round trip Air fare on Economy Class with inter city flights included
- E Visa Charges
- Accommodations based on twin/double occupancy (Standard check-in time: ~14:00 – 15:00, standard check-out time: ~11:00 – 12:00 noon)
- Cruise based on twin/double occupancy on a shared boat (Check-in/check-out time: as per cruise's standard)
- Meals mentioned in the itinerary: B=Breakfast, Br=Brunch, L=Lunch, D=Dinner.
- Tours and sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Transfers by vehicles with A/C

- Private airport transfers
- Private vehicle(s) for private tour(s)
- Shared bus for SIC tours
- Boat trip(s) as mentioned in the itinerary
- Tour guide(s) escort as per the itinerary (English-speaking guides – different guides in different cities and SIC tours)
- Bottles of water on vehicles for tour days and transfers:
- 2 bottles per person per full day
- 1 bottle per person per half day or airport transfer

## Exclusion

- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Single Supplement. Early check-in and late check-out charges. Room upgrades.
- Personal expenses (laundry, beverages, and tips for SIC tours' staff, hotels' staff, restaurants' staff, boatmen...)
- Services not mentioned in the itinerary
- Compulsory tipping for tour guides and drivers if having private tours:
- USD 3 per person per full-day tour
- USD 1.5 per person per half-day tour or airport transfer

## Visa Documents

### 1. Vietnam Visa

Scan Copy of passport - front and last page

Passport size photo scan

Visa processing time 5-7 working days as per Vietnam holidays calander

## FAQs

No FAQs available.

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