

10DAYS _ PEARL OF VIETNAM

Vietnam (Hanoi, Ha Long, Ho Chi Minh City, Cu Chi Tunnels, Vinh Long, Can Tho Mekong Delta, Phu Quoc Island)

1. OVERVIEW

A holiday of arresting scenery and long-established culture, this tour has both the hustle and bustle of modern life and the tranquility of a bygone time. From the vast Mekong Delta in the south to the legendary Ha Long Bay, from the bustling metropolis of Ho Chi Minh City to Hanoi, the country's cultural heart that still bears traces of centuries of change. Freely laze your days away at unspoiled beaches and evergreen forest at Phu Quoc island. Experience the hospitality and utmost comfort in stylish hotels including two honored in the list of the 500 World's Best Hotels by Travel + Leisure.

2. ITINERARY IN BRIEF

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1	HA NOI ARRIVAL
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3	HA NOI - HA LONG OVER NIGHT ON BOAT
4	HA LONG - HA NOI - FLIGHT TO HOCHIMINH CITY (SAI GON)
5	HOCHIMINH FULL DAY CITY TOUR & CU CHI TUNNELS
6	FULL DAY CAI BE VINH LONG – CAN THO
7	CAN THO - PHU QUOC
8	FREE AND EASY
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10	HOCHIMINH DEPARTURE

3. THE TOUR

DAY 1: HA NOI ARRIVAL

Arrive at Noi Bai International Airport, meet your driver for an airport transfer with a private vehicle and English speaking guide. The driving distance is approximately 45 minutes.

Your visa should be pre-arranged, or be sure that your visa-on-arrival letter is in your carry-on luggage. Please go to custom desk as your first point of entry into the country and present these documents for visa upon arrival. Fast tract service can be arranged upon booking.

Hanoi or "River-bound City" as its name literally means is Vietnam's capital with a thousand-year-old history dating back to 1010. The city's fascinating beauty which is characterized by unique cultural relics, ancient streets of antique houses, elegant French colonial buildings, tree-lined boulevards and romantic lakes has made it one of the most charming cities of Asia.

Accommodation: Overnight at Sofitel Metropole hotel in Ha Noi (5* luxury)

SOFITEL METROPOLE: Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi is the most luxury and elegant hotel in Hanoi nowadays. It was built by French in the colonial style in the early 1900s, combines old-world charm with modern convenience. With its rich history and evocative public spaces, we easily imagine the days when Graham Greene propped up the bar and intrigue radiated from every room. Located few steps from the Opera House in Hanoi's French Quarter this legendary hotel brings guests into intimate contact with the opulence of another era. The hotel features 363 rooms and suites and a beautiful interior garden with a swimming pool and fitness center. Le Beaulieu serves fine French cuisine while Hanoi specialties are served at the Spices Garden. There are two Wings; the finest heritage accommodation of Hanoi's French Quarter in the historic Metropole Wing and The Opera Wing with the Neo Classical luxury accommodation. Luxury rooms and suites have welcomed many of the World greatest luminaries so far. Enjoy a historic setting that makes a monumental impact and the beautiful city of Hanoi is just at the doorstep, ready for you to explore its sights and sounds.

DAY 2: HA NOI FULL DAY CITY TOUR

The city tour begins with a visit to the Ho Chi Minh Complex which features the life of Ho Chi Minh, the nation's founder. At the complex, visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, where the nation's founder's body is preserved (closed on Monday, Friday and through October - November), the colonial Presidential Palace, originally the French Governor Office and a fine example of French architecture in Hanoi, and the rural style Ho Chi Minh's house on stilts where Ho Chi Minh lived and worked. Stop by one of Hanoi's icons, the One Pillar Pagoda, built in the 11th Century in dedication to Bodhisattva Avalokiteshvara or Buddha of Compassion and reminiscent of a lotus blossom rising from a pond. Continue to the Temple of Literature, known as the first university of Vietnam built in 1070 by the Ly Dynasty to honor Confucius, sages and outstanding Vietnamese scholars.

Afternoon, continue the tour to one of the following museums of choice namely the Museum of Fine Arts, the National Museum of Vietnamese History, the Museum of Revolution, the Museum of Military History or the Museum of Ethnology. Next, head for Hoan Kiem Lake, the center point of Hanoi whose name "The Return Sword Lake" originated from a legend of a sacred sword and home to a rare endangered giant turtle species and visit Ngoc Son Temple on the lake. Take a one-hour cycle tour of the Old Quarter of Hanoi with its ancient streets representing traditional trades from the past. Finish the tour at the Thang Long Opera Theatre with a traditional Vietnamese water puppet show.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Overnight at Sofitel Metropole hotel in Ha Noi (5* luxury)

DAY 3: HA NOI - HA LONG OVER NIGHT ON BOAT

Morning pickup at 8:00 AM from your hotel for transfer to Ha Long Bay, which is about 160 km or 3.5-hour drive away. The transfer is approximately 3 hours. You will see some rural areas of the Red River Delta with plenty of chances to take photos of Vietnamese farmers working in paddy fields and you may stop on the way to admire the local scenery.

Arrive in Ha Long City at 11:30 AM and check in aboard the booked junk right after the welcome drink is served. Start cruising while having lunch on board and enjoy the mighty bay view.

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12.30 : Welcome Drink – cruise briefing, safety instructions, check-in cabins.

Strong believers in the holistic nature of premium service, your Paradise Private Butlers are trained in all areas of service for you to take away with you priceless memories of a professional and efficient but still warm and personal service. Your heavenly journey across Halong Bay commences.

13.00: Seafood Lunch Platter. Enjoy your meal in the elegant dining-room, the private dining of your cabin or even on the balcony for a better view of the amazing landscape that unleashes before your eyes.

Paradise Cruise gives you the chance to see more undiscovered parts of the Bay- not only will you cruise through Halong Bay but you will also pass by many amazing areas. You will pass Luon Cave called the "Tunnel Cave" in English, due to its long 60 meters leading to a tranquil lake; Trong Cave, which enchanting interior is often used for gala-diner and banquet; Ho Dong Tien cave whose mouth, you will see, is right at sea level.

15:00 - 16:30: In the afternoon take to a kayak and paddle your way around while collecting trash from around the bay- you will be given all the equipment needed and staff will be ready and waiting onboard to receive what you've picked up and dispose of it properly after returning to shore.

16.30 – 18.00: Continue cruising and sightseeing on the Bay while the Afternoon Tea is served on the Sundeck: A Coffee and Tea brewing demonstration will introduce you to the traditional culture of tea and coffee in Vietnam. Nibbles include cakes and biscuits.

You can request a cooking demonstration with your butler to discover the Vietnamese cuisine. Try making the spring rolls yourself, with the assistance of your butler or the Chef.

18.00 – 19.15: Relax or book on-board Spa Services (refer to the menu in your cabin)

19.30 – 21.00: Dinner À La Carte

21.00 – 23.00: Evening Activities – relax at leisure; choose from our selection of movies to watch in the intimacy of your cabin; try Squid Fishing or book a Beauty Spa service onboard.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Overnight on Paradise Peak cruises in Ha Long Bay (5* luxury)

PARADISE PEAK CRUISE: The latest masterpiece of the Paradise fleet, Paradise Peak is Paradise Cruises' offers a luxurious floating hotel that has redefined the boundaries of five stars junk boats. All 8 grand suites are designed to deliver the ultimate comfort and cares for guests. The cruise is well-equipped with elegant facilities, and the crew composed to make sure a perfect service worthy of the most sumptuous hotels. The boat also features the complete spa facilities, the very first and only library and fitness room in Ha Long Bay. Not only offering unique traveling experience and exceptional services, Paradise Peak also allows you to dream with your eyes wide open.

DAY 4: HA LONG - HA NOI - FLIGHT TO HOCHIMINH CITY

6.30: Tai Chi session on the Sundeck at the break of dawn

7.00 – 7.30: Light breakfast: Tea, coffee and assorted pastries

7.30 – 8.30: Choose among visiting Luon Cave on a rowing bamboo boat with local people; exploring Sung Sot Cave, one of the largest and most beautiful caves in Halong Bay or swimming, kayaking and trekking at Titop Island.

8.30: Breakfast À La Carte

9.45: Cabin Check-out and bill settlement

10.30 : The boat anchors in the wharf. Time for you to go ashore from the boat and we arrange private car with guide to pick you up upon disembarking and transfer directly to Hanoi airport for flight to Ho Chi Minh. Flight time is approximately 2 hours.

Arrival Ho Chi Minh international airport, you are transferred to town by private car & guide. The transfer from airport to hotel is approximately 30 minutes. Check in & relax

Meal: Brunch

Accommodation: Overnight at Park Hyatt hotel in Ho Chi Minh (5* luxury)

PARK HYATT HOTEL: The Park Hyatt is ideally located within short walk to the business centers, shopping malls, entertainment and some main tourist attractions in the downtown of Ho Chi Minh City. It boasts colonial style rooms with wooden floors, white marble baths, luxurious walk-in rain shower and stunning pool view. Guests can enjoy the view of Lam Son Square while dining at the casual yet contemporary Morocco Restaurant or at Square One which offer authentic Vietnamese and Western dishes. For a sheer relaxation, the Xuan Spa is a tranquil place tucked away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Let's indulge yourself, refresh your senses and spirit in the luxurious setting and spa treatments.

DAY 5: HOCHIMINH & CU CHI TUNNELS – STORY OF WAR

Morning, meet your guide and transfer about 75 km North-west of downtown Ho Chi Minh City. Discover the famous Cu Chi Tunnels, which were once a major underground hideout and resistance base of Viet Cong forces during the two wars against the French and the Americans. The tunnels, entirely hand-dug, formed a highly intricate network of interlinked multilevel passageways at times stretched as far as the Cambodian border and totaling over 120 km in length. Its complexity was beyond imagination containing meeting rooms, kitchens, wells, clinics, schools, depots, trenches and emergency exits all aimed for guerrilla warfare. The tunnels were deep and strong enough to withstand destructive bombings and self-contained enough to outlast prolonged sieges. Return to the city at noon time for a rest

Afternoon, tour in the city starting with Saigon Notre-Dame Basilica, a neo-Roman cathedral built over 130 years ago by the colonial French with materials entirely imported from Marseilles and stained-glass windows from Chartres. Next, visit Sai Gon Post Office, a fine colonial building which was designed and built in the early 20th Century by the famous French architect Gustave Eiffel. Move on to Cho Lon or the city's China Town where you will visit the Jade Emperor Temple (Phuoc Hai), a rare Taoist structure in Vietnam built in 1909 in dedication to the Lord of Heaven. It's filled with smoky incense and fantastic carved figurines and still buzzing with worshipers, many lounging in the front gardens.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Overnight at Park Hyatt hotel in Ho Chi Minh (5* luxury)

DAY 6: FULL DAY CAI BE VINH LONG – CAN THO

Today, meet with your hotel to transfer about 136 km to Vinh Long, a riverside town in the vast Mekong Delta, the world's largest delta. Embark a boat cruise to lively Cai Be floating market where sellers and buyers bargain and exchange goods from their boats. Proceed through a fascinating maze of shady canals to Hoa Binh Phuoc Island. Beautiful landscape of zigzag canals, lush vegetation, peaceful villages and activities of rural life will make you a delightful sight. There on the island, visit some local farmers' homes, interact with warm-hearted hosts and learn about their trades of bonsai gardening, tile and ceramic production and rice paper and coconut candy making. After tour, we drive to Can Tho & check in and free at leisure.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Overnight at Victoria Can Tho resort in Can Tho (5* luxury)

VICTORIA CAN THO RESORT: Victoria Can Tho resort is the most luxurious hotel in Can Tho – the largest city in Mekong delta. Located in the banks of Hau river, there are many attractions for travelers to explore in the hotel's surroundings such as visiting floating markets. The hotel features its colonial-style architecture, 92 spacious rooms equipped with modern amenities. It also owns Spices restaurant overlooking the Hau river; Cuu Long bar; Spa center with fitness equipment, sauna and steam bath; the large meeting room. Victoria Can Tho resort and Mekong delta surely give you the exciting travel experience.

DAY 7: CAN THO - PHU QUOC

After breakfast, meet our guide and transfer to the airport for an hour flight to Phu Quoc. Arrival at the airport, meet our guide and transfer about 12km to the city centre.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Overnight at La Veranda Resort in Phu Quoc (5* luxury)

LAVENRADA RESORT PHU QUOC: La Veranda Resort located within 4 km from Phu Quoc Airport, offer a free parking. Set among the tropical gardens on the Phu Quoc Island, La Veranda Resort is built like a French castle on the coast. It features a day spa service, Wi-Fi and airport shuttle service free. The spacious rooms with décor of French colonial architecture, such as dark wood, luxury bed linens and mosaic tiles, each room has a balcony or private terrace overlooking the garden or beach. With sweeping views of the sea, The Pepper Tree Restaurant serves international dishes while guests can enjoy a pizza oven at the restaurant Le Jardin. You can go fishing or snorkelling or swim few laps in the outdoor pool. Bicycle rental services are also provided here. We ensure you would love this resort so much.

DAY 8: FREE AND EASY

Free at leisure at your beach.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Overnight at La Veranda Resort in Phu Quoc (5* luxury)

DAY 9: FREE AND EASY

Free at leisure at your beach.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Overnight at La Veranda Resort in Phu Quoc (5* luxury)

DAY 10: HO CHI MINH DEPARTURE

Meet our guide & driver at the hotel lobby then transfer to airport for departure flight.

Meal: Breakfast

4. EXTENSION TOURS:

Add-on beach relaxation or tours to neighbor countries; Laos, Cambodia and Thailand or Myanmar

5. PRICE: All rates are per person sharing DBL or TWN/FB Basis, in US dollar, net and non-commissionable.

Date: 01 Oct - 31 Dec

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	Single Supp
VIP - 5* luxury	2,479	2,357	2,252	2,239	+1690

Date: 01 Oct – 30 April

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	Single Supp
VIP - 5* luxury	2,383	2,268	2,167	2,154	+1644

Date: 01 May – 30 Sep

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	Single Supp
VIP - 5* luxury	2,355	2,232	2,127	2,114	+1566

SURCHARGE FOR FLIGHT TICKET

Note: Subject to be changed without prior noticed

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| - From Hanoi (HAN) to Ho Chi Minh (SGN): | US\$ 155 per person |
| - From Can Tho (VCA) to Phu Quoc (PQC): | US\$ 75 per person |
| - From Phu Quoc (PQC) to Ho Chi Minh (SGN): | US\$ 89 per person |

SUPPLEMENT FOR BUSINESS CLASS:

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| - From Hanoi (HAN) to Ho Chi Minh (SGN): | +US\$ 30 per person |
| - From Can Tho (VCA) to Phu Quoc (PQC): | +US\$ 20 per person |
| - From Phu Quoc (PQC) to Ho Chi Minh (SGN): | +US\$ 30 per person |

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Accommodation in a twin or double room with daily breakfast
- One night cruise on a Paradise PEAK in Ha Long Bay
- Lunch or dinner as specified in the itinerary
- Services of a driver and private air-conditioned vehicle during all tours and transfers.
- Experienced English-speaking guide during all tours and transfers

- Vietnam visa approval letter on arrival as complementary
- Private board for sightseeing as mentioned in the program, Entrance fees for all visits as mentioned in the itinerary
- Mineral water is available as complementary

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- International & Domestic flight tickets
- Meals, if not specified in the itinerary
- Gratuities for guides and drivers
- Visa stamping fee at the airport (45US\$ in Vietnam paid by cash at the airport)
- Travel insurance (we highly recommend that you purchase adequate insurance)
- Personal expenses, such as laundry, telephone, drinks, etc. All other services not specified in the itinerary
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LIST OF HOTELS USED:

Destination	VIP – 5*
Ha Noi	SOFITEL METROPOLE HANOI HOTEL - www.sofitel-legend.com (Premium Room)
Ha Long	PARADISE PEAK CRUISE - www.paradisecruises.vn (Junior Suite Cabin)
Ho Chi Minh	PARK HYATT HOTEL - www.saigon.park.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html (Park Room (City View))
Can Tho	VICTORIA CAN THO RESORT - www.victoriahotels.asia (Deluxe)
Phu Quoc	LA VERANDA RESORT PHU QUOC - www.laverandaresorts.com (Premier Garden)

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- All prices are quoted in USD/ per person, based on Double/Twin occupancy
- Supplement for standard Vietnamese menu meals: US\$ 16 for lunch & US\$ 25 for dinner
- Private services & daily departure. More or less you can send us our exact order
- Quotation is quoted based on English speaking guide: Surcharge for other guide
 - Supplement for German Speaking guide: USD 15/day per group
 - Supplement for Spanish Speaking guide: USD 20/day per group
 - Supplement for Italian Speaking guide: USD 35/day per group
- Surcharge for Compulsory dinner for Xmas and New Year Eve
- Surcharge for Peak Season at above mentioned hotels (if have)
- Surcharge for Vietnamese Lunar (TET) New Year from 6 – 14 Feb - 25% of adult prices

FREE OFFER

- Mineral water is available during transfers
- Vietnam visa approval letter on arrival (this fees isn't refundable even clients don't need)