

# 12 DAYS VIETNAM EXCLUSIVE FOR HONEYMOON

Vietnam (Hanoi, Sapa, Ha Long, Da Nang, Hoi An, Hue, Ho Chi Minh City, Can Tho)

## 1. OVERVIEW

*If a honeymoon is meant to be a celebration of love in an intimate, unique and beautiful setting, then our honeymoon tour is the best demonstration for all of these things in Vietnam. The tour starts in Hanoi, the capital that exudes historical charm. Up north, you two will enjoy the spring-like landscapes of mountains shrouded by cloud and the colorful hill tribe minorities, then down the sea, sail through the breathtaking Halong Bay – UNESCO Heritage Site. Continue the Heritage line to the central region with the old-world charm of Hoi An and the imperial city of Hue. Return back to the modern life in Ho Chi Minh – the city that never sleeps filled with bustling streets, striking colonial architectures and shopping opportunities aplenty. Top it off with boat trip through the tangled network of canals and lively floating market in the Mekong Delta. Balancing with honeymooner’s treatments, alluring cultures, a little of adventures, blissful relaxation, this itinerary is meticulously designed to ensure that you and your loved one feel special on your sweet holiday.*

## 2. ITINERARY IN BRIEF

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## 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.

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 hotel in Ha Noi (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

## **DAY 2: HA NOI FULL DAY CITY TOUR - LAO CAI BY NIGHT TRAIN**

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.

Evening, our guide & driver will transfer you to Hanoi Railway station to take a night train to Sapa about 380 km North of Hanoi (Departure time is around at 8:20 PM)

**Meal: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: Overnight on train (air condition with 4soft berth in one cabin – supplement is US\$ 70 per pax for two ways if you want a private cabin for just two persons)**

**Note:** we can also tailor-made tour with private transfer through the new highway instead of night train

## **DAY 3: LAO CAI - SAPA**

Reach to Lao Cai in morning at around 06:30 AM, meet our guide & driver then transfer to beautiful town of Sapa. The transfer distance from Lao Cai to Sapa is approximately 1hour.

Check in hotel if room is available otherwise leave luggage, have breakfast and relax at hotel lobby

30 minutes transfer with a private vehicle and driver to the Silver Waterfall (best in the rainy season from May to November). Take a short walk to the waterfall where a great view is offered of the surrounding mountains and the lush forests of Hoang Lien National Park. Along the way, your guide will explain about this special part of Sapa, where many tree species are grown such as plum and peach trees. Continue by car up to Heaven's Gate where you can see Fansipan Mountain, 'the roof of Indochina' at the height of 3143 meters above sea level.

**Meal: Breakfast****Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Sapa (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)****DAY 4: SAPA - LAO CHAI & TA VAN VILLAGE – HANOI BY NIGHT TRAIN**

Travel out of Sa Pa town for about 20 minutes through a narrow strip of land between two mountain ranges of Hoang Lien Son and Den Thang by car to Muong Hoa valley, enjoy the magnificent view – one of the most scenic valleys in Northwestern Vietnam from your car.

Arrive at the Black H'mong village of Lao Chai, where you will experience the daily life of the community. Afterwards, walk from Lao Chai to Ta Van village, where the Zay hill tribes live. The Zai people belong to a very small minority group only found in Northern highlands of Vietnam. Here you can rest and enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by your local guide. After lunch, enjoy an afternoon of trekking through bamboo forests, followed by relaxation beside a waterfall. Continue and explore the Red Dao village of Giang Ta Chai.

Come back to town and enjoy a refreshing cup of tea before transferring to Lao Cai railway station to take an express train to Hanoi (Departure time is around at 09:00 PM)

**Meal: Breakfast****Accommodation: Overnight on train (Sapaly express train or similar)**

**Note: Victoria Express Train is 4\* standard but it serves only in-house guests of Victory Resort. In case you book Deluxe package, we will upgrade to Victoria Express train but with surcharge according to train of schedule. TO BE ADVISED UPON REQUEST**

**DAY 5: HA NOI - HA LONG OVER NIGHT ON BOAT**

Meet your driver for a train station transfer with a private vehicle and English speaking guide.

If you request refreshment service at 3star hotel near railway station for a shower & breakfast, extra charge is 15US\$ per person. Room is used from 5:30 AM to 8:00 AM

In the morning, transfer from Hanoi to Ha Long Bay. The transfer is approximately 3 hours. 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 when your journey across Ha Long Bay starts. Ha Long Bay meaning Descending Dragon Bay in Vietnamese as legend has it that it was where a holly dragon landed down from sky. The bay, famous as one of the world's wonders and heritage sites whose formation dates back 500 million years, consists of around 2,000 karst islands and islets scattered over an area of 1,553 km<sup>2</sup>.

After lunch, take a short trek to a nearby summit for a panoramic view of the bay dotted with golden sails, go swimming on a quiet beach or sunbath on the sundeck. Later in the afternoon, you will visit an interesting fishing village with an opportunity to interact with local people who have been living in the bay for almost three generations. An optional kayaking trip is available weather permitting. Back onboard enjoy a lavish dinner and enjoy the bay view at sunset. Spend a night on board.

**Meal: Lunch, Dinner****Accommodation: Overnight on cruises in Ha Long Bay (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

## DAY 6: HA LONG - HA NOI - DA NANG - HOI AN

In the morning, refresh your body and mind with a Tai Chi exercise on the sundeck at the break of dawn. Have tea and coffee onboard and continue exploring Ha Long Bay sailing across its 2000 islets and visiting some of its major highlights. Normally, check out at 09:30, have a buffet brunch while cruising back to shore. Disembark at 11:00 AM to transfer to Hanoi capital.

Free at leisure until meet our guide then transfer to airport for flight to Da Nang. Flight time is approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes

Arrival Da Nang airport, you are transferred to Hoi An ancient town by private car & guide. The transfer from Da Nang to Hoi An is approximately 40 minutes.

**Meal: Brunch**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Hoi An (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

## DAY 7: HOI AN FULL DAY ANCIENT TOWN

Morning, city tour to discover the charm of Hoi An as a renowned World Heritage Site. Once a bustling maritime commercial port of Asia between 15th and 19th centuries, Hoi An is now a peaceful town of exceptionally well-preserved architecture, lifestyles and traditions. After receiving a brief introduction to the history, shape, and color of traditional lanterns, start a walking tour around the town to see its highlight sightseeing include the town's iconic 400-year-old Covered Bridge with a small temple attached to one side as a prominent example of Japanese architecture, the Museum of Trade Ceramics which is an elegant Vietnamese style wooden house built in 1858 showcasing antique ceramic artifacts, the 200-year-old Tan Ky House typifying an ancient Chinese merchant residence, the Ong Temple built in 1653 by Chinese settlers to worship Guan Yu, an ancient Chinese general whose character stands for loyalty, bravery and justice and the local market vibrant with colors and activities.

Afternoon, take a boat cruise on the Thu Bon River to enjoy the countryside landscapes and land on Kim Bong village where carpentry has been practiced since the 16th Century as the village's trademark to visit some old-fashioned boatyards using timber as the main material. Afterwards, move on to Thanh Ha village to see its traditional ceramic production trade still alive and thriving despite the 500-year passage of time. Return to hotel.

**Meal: Breakfast,**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Hoi An (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

**Note: Hoi An is famous for speed tailor-made clothes with 4 to 24hours for tourist.**

## DAY 8: HOI AN - HUE - HALF DAY CITY TOUR

Morning, transfer from Hoi An to Hue with a private car and guide. The transfer is approximately 2.5 hours

Hue city is the former Imperial Capital of Vietnam for the 1802-1945 period and the last refuge of Vietnamese feudalism. The city's beauty is characterized by a natural scenic landscape and an extensive variety of historical relics. Begin with Hue Citadel, a well-known UNESCO-recognized World Heritage Site which is a 520 ha fortress-like grand complex built

in the early 1800s and featuring three enclosures separated by heavy ramparts namely Kinh Thanh Hue (Civic City) as the outer, Hoang Thanh (Royal City) as the middle and Tu Cam Thanh (Forbidden City) as the inner.

Arrival Hue, begin with a biking tour along the Perfume River. You will have chance to see how the local people live in Vy Da village and enjoy the Hue tea or coffee while learning more about ancient architecture. Continue to Khai Dinh Tomb, the burial site of Vietnam's second-to-last king, and the most elaborate compared to other kings' tombs. The tomb shows a vivid European influence in architecture despite its Asian style. Next, visit Tu Duc Tomb, one of the Nguyen Dynasty's finest architectural works nested in a pine forest where the 4th emperor of the Nguyen family was laid to rest. Last, stop for shopping at Dong Ba market, which is the city's traditional commercial center

**Meal: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Hue (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

#### **DAY 9: HUE – HOCHIMINH (SAI GON) - HALF DAY CITY TOUR**

Morning, transfer to Hue airport for flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Flight time is approximately 1.5 hours.

Meet your driver for an airport transfer with a private vehicle and guide. The transfer distance is approximately 30 minutes

Start the tour with a visit to the Notre Dame Cathedral, a neo-Romanesque cathedral constructed between 1877 and 1883 using bricks from Marseilles and stained-glass windows from Chartres. Continue on to the Old Saigon Post Office, former US Embassy and Cholon, the Chinatown with its Quan Am Pagoda and the Emperor Jade Pagoda (Phuoc Hai), one of the most interesting pagodas in Vietnam. It was built in 1909 by the Cantonese community. It's filled with smoky incense and fantastic carved figurines and still buzzing with worshippers, many lounging in the front gardens.

**Meal: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Ho Chi Minh City (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

#### **DAY10: HOCHIMINH - FULL DAY VINH LONG – CAN THO**

Today, pick up at your hotel and transfer about 136km to Vinh Long, a riverside town located in the Mekong Delta. Embark on 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 families, interact with warm-hearted hosts and learn the secrets of their bonsai gardening, tile and ceramic production, rice paper and coconut candy making. Have a typical Southern Vietnamese rural style lunch at a local home.

Afternoon, transfer to Can Tho, check in your hotel and spend time at leisure.

**Meal: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Can Tho (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

## DAY 11: CAN THO CAI RANG FLOATING MARKET – HO CHI MINH

Morning, depart Ninh Kieu wharf by shuttle-boat, you can see bustling activities along Can Tho riverbanks. Particularly, you may know how local people go fishing with plenty of fish traps and how they transport passengers as well as products by the waterway. Approaching Cai Rang floating market, you witness the trading activities in the past using a traditional "offering pole" exchanging consumer goods hanging on the pole for Mekong fruit and vegetables with local sellers. Keep cruising and moving into the small canals called Rach Nho for more sightseeing and close observation of the Southern countryside lifestyle. Return to Ninh Kieu Quay.

Afternoon, go back to Ho Chi Minh City and spend time at leisure.

### Meal: Breakfast

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Ho Chi Minh City (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

## DAY 12: HO CHI MINH - DEPARTURE

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

### 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 2015 – 30 Apr 2016

Description	2 pax
First Class	1,116
Superior packages	1,344
Deluxe packages	1,759

### Date: 01 May 2016 - 12 May 2016

Description	2 pax
First Class	1,190
Superior packages	1,401
Deluxe packages	1,704

### Date: 01 Oct 2016 – 31 Dec 2016

Description	2 pax
First Class	1,199
Superior packages	1,441
Deluxe packages	1,843

### SURCHARGE FOR FLIGHT TICKET

**Note:** Subject to be changed without prior noticed

- From Hanoi (HAN) to Da Nang (DAN): US\$ 115 per person
- From Hue (HUI) to Ho Chi Minh (SGN): US\$ 115 per person

### **WHAT IS INCLUDED**

- Accommodation in a double or DOUBLE room with daily breakfast
- One night cruise on a wooden junk in Ha Long Bay
- **Return train ticket from Hanoi to Lao Cai (air-con cabin)**
- 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:**

<b>Destination</b>	<b>First Class – 3 star</b>	<b>Superior packages – 4 star</b>	<b>Deluxe packages – 5 star</b>
<b>Ha Noi</b>	<b>LAROSA HOTEL</b> - <a href="http://www.hanoilarosahotel.com">www.hanoilarosahotel.com</a> (Superior)	<b>THE ANN HOTEL</b> - <a href="http://www.theann.com.vn">www.theann.com.vn</a> (Deluxe)	<b>INTERCONTINENTAL HANOI WESTLAKE</b> - <a href="http://www.intercontinental.com/hanoi">www.intercontinental.com/hanoi</a> (Superior)
<b>Sapa</b>	<b>BAMBOO SAPA HOTEL</b> <a href="http://www.bamboosapahotel.com.vn">www.bamboosapahotel.com.vn</a> (Standard)	<b>U SAPA HOTEL</b> <a href="http://www.uhotelsresorts.com">www.uhotelsresorts.com</a> (Superior room)	<b>VICTORIA SAPA RESORT &amp; SPA</b> <a href="http://www.victoriahotel.asia">www.victoriahotel.asia</a> (Superior)
<b>Ha Long</b>	<b>ORIENTAL SAILS</b> - <a href="http://www.orientalsails.com">www.orientalsails.com</a> (Superior)	<b>PELICAN CRUISE</b> - <a href="http://www.pelicancruise.com">www.pelicancruise.com</a> (Deluxe Ocean View)	<b>PARADISE CRUISE</b> - <a href="http://www.paradisecruises.vn">www.paradisecruises.vn</a> (Deluxe (ROH))
<b>Hoi An</b>	<b>LOTUS HOI AN</b> - <a href="http://www.hoianlotushotel.com">www.hoianlotushotel.com</a> (Superior)	<b>HOI AN TRAILS HOTEL</b> <a href="http://www.hoiantrailsresort.com.vn">www.hoiantrailsresort.com.vn</a> (Superior)	<b>PALM GARDEN RESORT</b> <a href="http://www.palmgardenresort.com.vn">www.palmgardenresort.com.vn</a> (Superior Garden View)
<b>Hue</b>	<b>ASIA HUE HOTEL</b> - <a href="http://www.asiahotel.com.vn">www.asiahotel.com.vn</a> (Deluxe)	<b>MUONG THANH HUE</b> <a href="http://www.hue.muongthanh.vn">www.hue.muongthanh.vn</a> (Deluxe City View)	<b>PILGRIMAGE VILLAGE</b> - <a href="http://www.pilgrimagevillage.com">www.pilgrimagevillage.com</a> (Deluxe)
<b>Ho Chi Minh</b>	<b>SONNET SAIGON HOTEL</b> <a href="http://www.sonnetsaigonhotel.com">www.sonnetsaigonhotel.com</a> (Deluxe)	<b>EDEN SAIGON HOTEL</b> - <a href="http://www.edensaigonhotel.com">www.edensaigonhotel.com</a> (Deluxe Room)	<b>MAJESTIC SAIGON HOTEL</b> - <a href="http://www.majesticsaigon.com.vn">www.majesticsaigon.com.vn</a> (Colonial Superior)
<b>Can Tho</b>	<b>VAN PHAT FORTUNELAND</b> <a href="http://www.fortunelandhotel.vn">www.fortunelandhotel.vn</a> (Superior)	<b>VAN PHAT FORTUNELAND</b> <a href="http://www.fortunelandhotel.vn">www.fortunelandhotel.vn</a> (Superior)	<b>VICTORIA CAN THO RESORT</b> - <a href="http://www.victoriahotels.asia">www.victoriahotels.asia</a> (Superior)

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

- All prices are quoted in USD/ per person, based on Double/Twin occupancy
- Supplement for standard Vietnamese menu meals: US\$ 14 for lunch & US\$ 18 for dinner
- Private services & daily departure
- 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 2016 - 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)
- Special treatment for honeymoon