

14 DAYS _ AUTHENTIC VIETNAM

Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh – Nha Trang – Da Nang – Hoi An – Hanoi, Ha Long)

1. OVERVIEW:

Experience the sights and sounds of Vietnam, from sailing the magical Halong Bay to the rural Mekong Delta, sharing sunrise to explore vibrant Ho Chi Minh City, and the ancient charming city of Hanoi. All are packed with the luxurious services at modern and colonial-era top-end hotels including those in the list of world's best hotels. Ride like a local by cyclo through the Old Quarter; absorb the mysterious beauty of Halong Bay studded with soaring limestone islands on an overnight cruise. Take a seaplane for fabulous aerial views of Vietnam from the sky, embark the newly-launched Emperor Cruise – an exotic way to explore the beauty of one of the world's most beautiful bays or join hands-on fishing activities of local fisherman in Hoi An, are experiences that you will never forget in this two week luxury journey.

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3. THE TOUR

Day 1: HO CHI MINH ARRIVAL

Arrive at Tan Son Nhat International Airport, welcome by our guide and transfer to your hotel. Ho Chi Minh City formerly named Saigon is the largest city and economic center of Vietnam always bustling with activities of modern life. It is where businesses converge and shoppers indulge themselves into

unlimited choices. However the city also carries with it a rich historical legacy in contrast with its dazzling glamor.

Meals: No

Accommodation: Overnight at The Intercontinental Asiana Saigon

Accommodation The Intercontinental Asiana Saigon (5*)

The InterContinental Asiana Saigon is an exciting landmark located in the heart of Ho Chi Minh City. It is within the famous colonial sights of Notre Dame Cathedral, Reunification Palace, Old Saigon Post Office, Opera House and City Hall. InterContinental Asiana Saigon Residences features discerning guests a short or long term stay in the finest and most contemporary serviced apartments in Ho Chi Minh City. You'll totally be comfortable and enjoyable in a nice room and luxury hotel we choose.

Day 2 : FULL DAY CITY TOUR

Meet our guide at your hotel and take a full city tour. Start with a visit to the War Remnants Museum, which features an extensive collection of exhibits including weaponry, photos and documentation on Vietnam's wars with the French and Americans. Continue to the Reunification Palace, which was formerly the South Vietnam President's residence and symbol of the Southern Administration's reign until end of April 1975. Next, call in Saigon Post Office, a fine colonial building which was designed and built in the early 20th Century by the famous French architect Gustave Eiffel. Stop at Saigon Notre-Dame Basilica, a neo-Roman cathedral built over 130 years ago by the colonial French with materials entirely imported from Marseilles. 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.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Overnight at The Intercontinental Asiana Saigon

Day 3 : FULL DAY MANGO CRUISE IN BEN TRE

Depart from Saigon around 8am and head south to Ben Tre province, after 2 hours for driving you will reach to Ben Tre which is famous for its coconut production and quiet, peaceful waterways. On arrival, take a Xe loi ride through the local village of Huu Dinh to enjoy the green fields and gardens, start your boat trip through small canals with beautiful tropical scenery. On board the boat, enjoy a welcome drink of fresh coconut juice and tropical fruits while cruising.

The cruise will first stop at a brick making shop, then take a sampan trip through narrow canals and enjoy the peacefulness of the region. Enjoy fresh fruits and tea at local house before heading to visit a rice noodles factory which produces *Hu Tieu* noodles, one of most popular breakfast dishes in the region. Then switch to a bicycle and ride on village roads past green gardens and local houses, and stop at another local house where they live on their traditional family business, sampan boat building. Continue your cycling trip to visit Mr. Sau Tuong, a former Vietcong soldier who survived two years fighting the Khmer Rouge in Phnom Penh. Have a chat with him and enjoy the crispy rice paper made by his wife, and see how it is made.

Enjoy a 5-course lunch of local specialties, relaxing before the boat brings you back to Ben Tre city and back to Saigon.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Overnight at The Intercontinental Asiana Saigon

Day 4: HO CHI MINH - NHA TRANG

Meet our guide & driver at the hotel lobby then transfer to Saigon airport for an hour flight to Nha Trang. Arrival Cam Ranh airport, meet our guide & driver then transfer to hotel for checking in

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Overnight at Evason Ana Mandara in Nha Trang

Accommodation: Evason Ana Mandara (4.5*)

Evason Ana Mandara Nha Trang is comprised of 17 villas containing 74 well-appointed guest rooms, located only 1 kilometer from Nha Trang town center, and 30 minutes by car from the airport. This unique resort is situated directly on a private beach and rests comfortably on 26,000 square meters of lush tropical gardens overlooking the sea. With a delicate blend of graceful atmosphere and captivating scenery, Evason Ana Mandara reflects the image of an old Vietnamese village, with its warm hospitality, rich culture and unique tastes, along with spectacular views of Nha Trang Bay.

Day 5 : THE EMPEROR CRUISES - DAY CRUISES (JOINING GROUP)

08h30-08h45: Pick-up from your hotel and transfer to Nha Trang Port to board the Emperor Cruises Junk.

08h45-09h30: Arrival at the port and welcome drinks accompanied by the Experience Manager. After hear the introduction of Nha Trang Bay, the locals, the food, the culture, the emperor, safety precautions, and the Emperor Cruises Junk, start cruising and enjoy the spectacular landscape of Nha Trang Bay.

09h30-10h30: Head out to Mieu Island for trekking and visiting the local fishing villages. Learn about the way of living off the mainland and interact with the friendly locals while discovering the daily lives of the villagers. Spend a few minutes exploring the beautiful landscape by basket boats.

10h30-12h00: Continue the journey to cruising across the Tam, Mot, and Mun Islands before heading out for water activities such as scuba diving, snorkeling, or swimming in the clear blue waters of Nha Trang Bay.

12h00-13h30: Enjoy the views of Nha Trang Bay and stopover at Dam Bay for a sumptuous set lunch served onboard as the boat anchors nearby Tre Island where a tranquil lagoon with fishing farms await.

13h30-15h30: After lunch, you will have the choice of either going trekking across Tre Island for a short nature trip or cruise along the coast to see the other side of the biggest island in Nha Trang Bay. Both options will lead you to a wild stretch of tropical paradise that is Tru Beach for more water activities such as swimming, sunbathing, and kayaking.

15h30-16h30: Cruise through Vinpearl Land and catch a glimpse of the Bao Dai Villas on the way back to Nha Trang Port before returning to the mainland and transfer back to your resort.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Overnight at Evason Ana Mandara in Nha Trang

Day 6 : FREE AND EASY

Morning, have breakfast at hotel then free and easy at your hotel.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Overnight at Evason Ana Mandara in Nha Trang

Day 7 : NHA TRANG - DA NANG - HOI AN

Free at leisure until transfer to airport for an hour flight to Da Nang. Arrival Da Nang airport, you are transferred to Hoi An ancient town taking 45 minutes by private car & guide.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Overnight at The Nam Hai resort in Hoi An

Accommodation: The Nam Hai (5*)

The Nam Hai sits along a seemingly infinite stretch of sand, amidst Vietnam's richest cultural heritage, a strand of sophisticated, visually striking villas lines the dramatic beachfront. Inspired by 2,500 years of history, The Nam Hai's architecture and interior design presents a dramatic play on wind and water inspired by ancient feng shui philosophy and the grandeur of the Tu Duc royal tombs of Hue. The Nam Hai features 60 One-Bedroom Villas and 40 Pool Villas, all offering views of the South China Sea and feature large bedrooms and living spaces, en-suite bathtubs, walk-in closets and luxurious bathrooms.

Day 8 : HOI AN HALF DAY CITY TOUR - CAM THANH WATER COCONUT VILLAGE

Morning, have breakfast at hotel and today we will bring you to real farmer life to get unforgettable experience

08h00: local guide pick up at hotel by coach. Transfer to a local fishing village. Learn about the daily life of Vietnamese fishermen, their families and their community. Board on boat and commence cruising on the Cua Dai River. Join local fisherman on the river and enjoy hands-on experience of round net or cast net. Learn how to paddle the Vietnamese unique bamboo basket boat. Explore the now tranquil coconut - palm flanked water ways of a past war and hear of the extreme conditions endured by soldiers of both sides. Back on - board, enjoy a Complimentary Traditional Fisherman's Lunch prepared by our chef. Around 13.00 return back to hotel by coach

Afternoon, continue transfer out for a half day city tour. Once a bustling maritime commercial port of Asia between 15th and 19th centuries, Hoi An, recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site, is now a peaceful town of exceptionally well-preserved architecture, lifestyles and traditions. The town exemplifies a fascinating fusion of cultures between Vietnam and the outside world including China, Japan, Thailand and the Philippines. Your sightseeing will include the 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.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Overnight at The Nam Hai resort in Hoi An

Day 9 : FREE AND EASY

Morning, have breakfast at hotel then free and easy at your hotel

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Overnight at The Nam Hai resort in Hoi An

Day 10 : HOI AN - DA NANG - HANOI

Free at leisure until transfer to Da Nang international airport for an hour flight to Hanoi. Arrive at Hanoi airport, warm welcomed by our guide & driver then transfer to the city taking 45 minutes.

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.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Overnight at Sofitel Metropole in Ha Noi

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 11 : FULL DAY CITY TOUR

Morning, start a full day city tour beginning with Ho Chi Minh Complex which features the life of Ho Chi Minh, the nation’s founder. At the complex, visit Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum where the nation’s founder’s body is preserved (closed on Monday, Friday and through October - November) and the rural style 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. Go to 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. Next, 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 in Ha Noi

Day 12 : HANOI - HALONG BY SEAPLANE AND ENJOY A 15 MINUTES SCENIC TO HALONG (JOINING GROUP) - OVERNIGHT ON BOAT

Finish your breakfast around 9:00 AM, say farewell to Hanoi as you depart from the Noi Bai Airport by seaplane to the coastal port town of Halong Bay. Enjoy fabulous aerial views over the countryside and experience the thrill of a water landing at the Tuan Chau Island Marina. It takes about 1 hour for the flight with 15minutes of scenic.

11h00: Landing at Tuan Chau Marina, Halong Bay and then wait until 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.

12h15: Boarding time

12h30: Welcome Drink – cruise briefing, safety instructions, and 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.

13h00: 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.

15h00 – 16h30: 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.

16h30 – 18h00: 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.

18h00 – 19h15: Relax or book on-board Spa Services (refer to the menu in your cabin)

19h30 – 21h00: Dinner À La Carte

21h00 – 23h00: 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 at Paradise Peak cruise in Ha Long

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 13: HA LONG - HA NOI BY PRIVATE TRANSFER

6h30: Tai Chi session on the Sundeck at the break of dawn

7h00 – 7h30: Light breakfast: Tea, coffee and assorted pastries

7h30 – 8h30: 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.

8h30: Breakfast À La Carte

9h45: Cabin Check-out and bill settlement

10h30: The boat anchors in the wharf. Time to go ashore from the boat. We arrange private car with guide to pick you up upon disembarking and transfer back to Hanoi.

Meal: Brunch

Accommodation: Overnight at Sofitel Metropole in Ha Noi

Day 14 : HANOI DEPARTURE

Free at leisure until meet our guide then transfer to airport for flight.

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 valid: 01 Oct - 30 Apr

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-8 pax	Single Supp
Deluxe packages	5,460	5,295	5,123	5,100	+3609

Date valid: 01 May - 30 Sep

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-8 pax	Single Supp
Deluxe packages	5,365	5,209	5,044	5,022	+3556

Date valid: 01 Oct - 31 Dec

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-8 pax	Single Supp
Deluxe packages	5,512	5,348	5,175	5,152	+3616

SURCHARGE FOR FLIGHT TICKET

Note: Subject to be changed without prior noticed

- From Ho Chi Minh (SGN) to Nha Trang (NHA): US\$ 86 per person
- From Nha Trang (NHA) to Da Nang (DAD) US\$ 110 per person
- From Da Nang (DAD) to Hanoi (HAN): US\$ 115 per person

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Accommodation in a twin or double room with daily breakfast
- One night cruise on a wooden junk 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
- One way seaplane + 15 minutes scenic (JOINNING GROUP)

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

Destination	Hotel / Train / Boat
Ho Chi Minh	INTERCONTINENTAL ASIANA SAIGON - Deluxe www.intercontinental.com/saigon
Nha Trang	EVASON ANA MANDARA NHA TRANG - Garden view www.sixsenses.com
Hoi An	THE NAM HAI - One bed room villa www.thenamhaihoian.com
Hanoi	SOFITEL METROPOLE HANOI HOTEL - Premium Room www.sofitel-legend.com
Ha Long	PARADISE PEAK CRUISE - Junior Suite ; Night Cabin www.paradisecruises.vn

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)