

# 14 DAYS - VIETNAM FAMILY TOUR

**VIETNAM (Hanoi – Ha Long – Hue – Da Nang – Hoi An – Nha Trang – Da Lat – Ho Chi Minh – Vinh Long – Ho Chi Minh)**

## **1. OVERVIEW:**

*Start the odyssey in the one thousand year history capital with its rich cultural layers then head to South to Ho Chi Minh, a metropolis on the move always at its most dizzying. Get on a traditional wooden junk and set sail through thousands of karst islands and islets in Ha Long Bay or get lost in the charming ancient town of Hoi An to the walled citadel and decadent emperor tombs of Hue. Unwind on sandy beaches of Nha Trang or enjoy real summer retreat in the romantic European-styled city of Da Lat. Discover the regional contrast and immerse in the sights, sounds and flavors of this diverse country while taking this tour along with a variety of activities, your family and kids hardly miss anything worth seeing.*

## **2. ITINERARY IN BRIEF**

DAY 1: HANOI ARRIVAL  
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## **3. THE TOUR**

### **DAY 1: HANOI – 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.

### **Accommodation: overnight at Golden Silk hotel in Hanoi (3\*)**

**GOLDEN SILK HOTEL:** with only few steps walk to Hoan Kiem Lake, Water Puppet Theatre, Night market, St Josephs Cathedral, Trang Tien Plaza shopping, Hanoi Post Office, center, Golden Silk Boutique Hotel is located in the heart of city center and surrounded by 36 old

streets. You will be impressed with luxury and boutique design, international standard service. You can enjoy a stunning view of Hanoi's old quarter from room balcony. Oriental Restaurant serving Asian & Western Cuisines, Rendezvous Piano Bar with live Pianist Friday from 19.30 – 21.30, Souvenir shop with a wide variety of traditional gifts, Spa with Steam, Sauna & Jacuzzi rooms plus foot & body massage all that facilities will make your fancy a lot.

## **DAY 2: HANOI – FULL DAY CITY TOUR**

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Morning, take 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 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, come to the **West Lake**, the largest lake of Hanoi and visit **Tran Quoc Pagoda**, the oldest pagoda of Hanoi, built in the 6th Century and located on an islet in the lake. Take **a cyclo tour** through Hanoi's downtown to sightsee the Old Quarter of 36 ancient streets, the **Trang Tien Plaza** shopping center, **the colonial French-built Opera House**, an elegant architectural landmark of Hanoi modeled after the Palais Garnier opera house in Paris and visit an antique Vietnamese-style house at 87 Ma May Street. End the tour by relaxing over a cup of coffee at a rooftop café and enjoying the full panoramic view of the legendary **Hoan Kiem Lake** (The Returned Sword Lake whose name comes from a legend of a sacred sword) at sunset. Evening at leisure. Dinner at HOME restaurant

**Meal: Breakfast, Dinner**

**Accommodation: overnight at Golden Silk hotel in Hanoi (3\*)**

## **DAY 3: HANOI – HA LONG - UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE**

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Morning pickup at 8:00 AM from your hotel for transfer to Ha Long Bay, which is about 160 km or 3 hour drive away. On the way, 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. Stop half way to visit a handicraft workshop of fine clothes and embroidered paintings.

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 the welcome drink is served, start cruising while having lunch on board and enjoy the mighty bay view. 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>. The bay cruise will continue with up close sighting of **Dinh Huong Island, Ga Choi Island, Dog Island, Sail Island**, a visit to **Sung Sot Cave** and swimming stop at Titov Beach. Relax to enjoy the bay view at sunset, have dinner after, go fishing at 09:00 PM and spend a night on board.

**Meals: Breakfast/ Lunch/ Dinner****Accommodation: overnight on Victory Cruise in Ha Long Bay**

**VICTORY CRUISE:** Inspired from traditional junk manufacturing, Victory Cruise is the symbol of Ha Long Bay's legendary beauty. This luxurious cruise offers first-class accommodation where you can expect professional service and uncompromised comfort amidst the tranquil blue waters and clear open sky. You also can savor the spectacular views and take the cruise destinations or opt for try at kayaking in the bay. The ship is designed and decorated to reflect class and style, while the guest's cabins are equipped to provide you with the maximum level of comfort for your family. We've received very good comments from our worldwide guests.

**DAY 4: HALONG – HANOI - HUE BY FLIGHT**

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Early risers can enjoy the splendid yet tranquil view of the bay at the crack of dawn. Breathe the sea's fresh air, feel the morning breeze and hear the sounds of birds above. Have breakfast and cruise to visit Human head shaped island and Tortoise Island. Continue to cruise into Bai Tu Long Bay to discover the adjacent bay of "**The Little Dragon Bowing to His Mother**" as it is named. Check out and have lunch on board while heading to shore. Disembark and transfer back to Hanoi to catch an express train to Hue. En route, stop to visit But Thap Pagoda in Bac Ninh province whose architecture and sculpture works are rated as the finest of Vietnam's classical Buddhist art back in 17th Century.

Flight time is approximately 1hour and 15 minutes. On arrival in Hue airport, our guide and driver will pick you up then move to hotel for check in. Dinner at Vuon Y Thao restaurant

**Meals: BRUNCH, Dinner****Accommodation: overnight at Gold hotel in Hue (3\*)**

**GOLD HOTEL:** Located in the heart of center of the ancient city, the hotel have stunning views of the Perfume River, Ngu Binh Mountain and panorama of Liberty Stadium, Thanh Lam field and famous Trang Tien Bridge. Gold features 12 floors with 93 rooms including 31 Superior rooms, 44 Deluxe city view rooms, 12 Junior Suites and 6 Gold Suite, processes the lasted equipment and offers luxurious comfort. There are 4 restaurants for your choices; enjoy meals at Gold restaurant on second floor, Gold Bar on terrace, AE restaurant on 8<sup>th</sup> floor or Pool bar on 4<sup>th</sup> floor. Spa and Massage system, gym and outdoor swimming pool are well invested which will offer you special attentive service and memorable time to your family.

**DAY 5: HUE – DA NANG – HOIAN**

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Morning, start a sightseeing tour of Hue City beginning 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. Move on to Khai Dinh Tomb, the burial site of Khai Dinh, 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. Take a boat cruise along the Perfume River for sightseeing and visiting two prominent historical landmarks namely Minh Mang Tomb, where Minh Mang, the 2nd Emperor of the Nguyen dynasty was buried, and Thien Mu Pagoda, a Buddhist monastery still in use with its origin dating back to 1601.

Afternoon, you are transferred to Da Nang (110km) by car. Admire the beautiful landscape on the road through the Hai Van Pass. Enjoy a stunning headland-and-bay panoramic view from the pass, which for miles hugs the mountainside along the shoreline and overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Continue on to Hoi An for overnight. Dinner at Full Moon restaurant

**Meal: Breakfast, Dinner**

**Accommodation: overnight at Ancient House Resort in Hoi An (3\*)**

**ANCIENT HOUSE RESORT:** Hoi An Ancient House Resort & Spa was found in 2003. It is a local-family-run resort that offers Hoi An Ancient Town architectural style with its clay-tiled roof houses, small streets and water ponds. The resort really provides an utmost relaxing atmosphere in a 6,600m<sup>2</sup> garden and surrounded by an outdoor swimming pool.

Hoi An Ancient House Resort & Spa combines both a unique fusion of traditional Vietnamese style and modern luxury, between local traditions and architecture with luxury international standard services. You will find out the genuine Hoi An style, friendliness and way of life, and Ancient Town's spirit at the resort. You are also served with delicious local traditional dishes that made from 100% artisanal Vietnamese rice noodles. This is really smart choice for your family and kids to explore Hoi An.

#### **DAY 6: HOI AN ANCIENT TOWN**

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Morning, discover your Hoi An tour with your guide and bike are ready at your hotel then cycle through old streets to a lantern making family. Colorful lanterns are an unmistakable part of Hoi An's visual identity as the craft of lantern making has been passed down to present town dwellers from generations of their ancestors. You'll observe and learn how to make lanterns in the traditional way under the guidance of friendly and skilled hosts. You will practice all production steps including whittling bamboo into splints and bending them into a frame, cutting fabric to size and gluing it to the frame to complete a lantern. Next continue to a Hoi An cooking school, where you will learn to cook traditional Vietnamese food, have lunch and relax. After lunch, you will be shown how to decorate and pack your lantern and you are presented it as a souvenir in Hoi An. Say goodbye to the host and ride back to the hotel in the afternoon time. Refresh before having dinner at local restaurant

**Meal: Breakfast, Dinner**

**Accommodation: overnight at Ancient House Resort in Hoi An (3\*)**

#### **DAY 7: HOI AN – DA NANG – NHA TRANG**

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Morning, transfer to Da Nang airport. On the way, stop over at Non Nuoc village or marble village known for its stone-carving products.

Take a 45 minute flight to Nha Trang. Arrive in Nha Trang, welcome by our guide and transfer to your hotel.

From a wilderness part of the Cham Empire before 1653, Nha Trang was transformed into a town during the colonial French rule and became the metropolitan capital of Khanh Hoa Province in 1937. The coastal city is well-known for its long pristine sandy beaches on the turquoise sea, which are ranked among the world's best as well as scenic islands and coral reefs.

Afternoon, take a short city tour to visit the **Por Nagar Temple**, which is a vestige of the ancient Cham culture, the Oceanography Institute, which showcases the local marine life's

diversity and the Hon Chong Promontory, which offers a unique view of the sea and the boulder-stacked shore. The tour ends with a visit to Dam market.

**Meal: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: overnight at Novotel hotel in Nha Trang (4\*)**

#### **DAY 8: NHA TRANG - DISCOVER ISLAND**

Morning, transfer to **Cau Da Jetty** to board a boat visit Nha Trang Bay, one of 29 world's most beautiful bays by Travel and Leisure, and cruise to **Tam Island and Mun Island**, the two off-shore locations with clear water, beautiful corals and rich marine life ideal for water sports and recreations. Continue the boat trip to Mot Island, Bai Tranh, enjoy snorkeling and sunbathing there or take some of available optional activities, which include scuba diving, jet skiing, windsurfing and parasailing. The underwater sight of marine biodiversity will open before your eyes with colorful corals and fishes up close. Boat trip to Tri Nguyen Aquarium will be made. Lunch included. Finish the trip at around 17:50pm.

**Meal: Breakfast, Lunch**

**Accommodation: overnight at Novotel hotel in Nha Trang (4\*)**

**NOVOTEL HOTEL:** Located conveniently near the best Nha Trang sea coast, Novotel feature innovative room design and modern amenities, free WiFi, rain showers and sea view balconies in every room which is ready to accommodate every need. You can experience restaurant with premier fusion buffets, swim at a private beach area and stop by the fitness center and spa. We highly recommend Novotel Nha Trang as we know that it will certainly satisfy your family.

#### **DAY 9: NHA TRANG – DA LAT**

Morning, transfer to Da Lat, the capital of **Lam Dong Province**. On the way, enjoy the landscape of highlands and take photos of countryside life. Lunch at a restaurant en route

Arrive in Da Lat, transfer to you hotel and spend time at leisure. Built back in the early 1900s as a colonial French resort 1,500 m above sea level, Da Lat City boasts a pleasing temperate climate and an exquisite European appearance with elegant French-style villas, churches, boulevards, parks and flower gardens among pine hills. The city's surrounding is notably marked with scenic waterfalls.

**Meal: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: overnight at Ngoc Lan hotel in Da Lat (4\*)**

**NGOC LAN HOTEL:** Perfectly located in the heart of Da Lat with stunning views of the picturesque Xuan Huong Lake, Ngoc Lan hotel has been a favourite amongst travelers to Da Lat. You can enjoy the completely new and luxurious hotel with the warm hospitality brought by the attentive and friendly staff. The services are always ready and well equipped to cater to your need. Staying at a nice hotel, wonderful climate and famous natural beauty spots, we believe you will have a wonderful vacation in this city with Ngoc Lan hotel

#### **DAY 10: DA LAT**

Morning, start a full day city tour to visit **Truc Lam Zen Monastery**, which recreates the spirit of Zen Buddhism in the **Tran dynasty, Paradise Lake**, a 350 ha water expanse between pine hills, the Chicken Village inhabited by Co Ho ethnic minorities, flower gardens representing the prominent local trade of flower growing, **the Bao Dai's Summer Palace**, vacation home of Vietnam's last king, the Crazy House characterized by a ghostly cave-like design and the Valley of Love featuring a romantic lake amid pine greenery.

Late afternoon and evening at leisure for sightseeing and shopping at Da Lat Market.

**Meal: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: overnight at Ngoc Lan hotel in Da Lat (4\*)**

#### **DAY 11: DA LAT – HO CHI MINH (Drive)**

Morning, at leisure until transfer 300 km South to Ho Chi Minh City. Lunch at a restaurant en route. Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City and check in 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.

Afternoon, take a half-day city tour to visit **Saigon Notre-Dame Basilica**, a neo-Roman cathedral built by the colonial French with materials entirely imported from Marseilles, Saigon Central Post Office, which was designed and constructed in the early 20th Century by the famous French architect Gustave Eiffel, **the Jade Emperor Temple** (Phuoc Hai), a rare Taoist structure in Vietnam built in 1909, 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, and the Reunification Palace the South Vietnam President's residence and symbol of the Southern Administration's reign until end of April 1975.

**Meal: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: overnight at Lavender Hotel in Ho Chi Minh (3\*)**

**LAVENDER HOTEL:** Lavender Central Hotel is 3-star boutique style hotel, right located in the heart of Ho Chi Minh City and just behind Ben Thanh market (the biggest wholesale market). It is also very near the Business, shopping, office buildings and Consulates, Entertainment District as well as restaurant, Bars, Dancing clubs. We recommend rooms with window with blending sophisticate design, decoration and the latest modern comforts. Although it is 3star hotel but features a Fitness Center on the first floor, First class qualified Western & Asian Cuisines. Graceful & professional staff together elegant, cosy service that surely bring your family a valued experience.

#### **DAY 12: HO CHI MINH – 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. Dinner at Saigon boat cruise

**Meal: Breakfast, Dinner**

**Accommodation: overnight at Lavender Hotel in Ho Chi Minh (3\*)**

#### **DAY 13: HO CHI MINH – VINH LONG**

Morning, pickup at your hotel to transfer about 136 km to Vinh Long, a riverside town in the vast Mekong Delta, the world's largest delta. Take 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. Lunch at family house with traditional local food

Afternoon, transfer to back to Ho Chi Minh for leisure time

**Meal: Breakfast, Lunch**

**Accommodation: overnight at Lavender Hotel in Ho Chi Minh (3\*)**

#### **DAY 14: HO CHI MINH – DEPARTURE**

Free at leisure until transfer back to Ho Chi Minh City or extend your tour by taking a morning speed boat to Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

#### **4. EXTENSION TOURS:**

Add-on beach relaxation or tours to neighbor countries; Laos, Vietnam & 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	3 pax	4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	Single Supp
Value	1,459	1,348	1,272	1,231	\$ 647

**Date: 01 May 2015 – 30 Sept 2016**

Description	3 pax	4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	Single Supp
Value	1,487	1,368	1,287	1,266	\$ 667

**Date: 01 Oct 2016 – 31 Dec 2016**

Description	3 pax	4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	Single Supp
Value	1,464	1,350	1,278	1,245	\$ 654

#### **SURCHARGE FOR FLIGHT TICKET**

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

**- From Da Nang (DAN) to Nha Trang (CRX): US\$ 106 per person**

## **CHILDREN'S POLICY**

- Infant below 2 years old sharing same room with parents is free of charge.
- Child below 12 yrs old sharing same room with parents with extra bed: is charged for 75%.
- Child below 12 yrs old sharing same room with parents without extra bed: is charged for 55%.

## **WHAT IS INCLUDED**

- Accommodation in a twin or double room with daily breakfast
- Lunch or dinner as specified in the itinerary
- One night cruise on a wooden junk in Ha Long Bay
- Cooking class fees
- 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
- Optional tour
- 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>Valued – 3 &amp; 4 star</b>
<b>Ha Noi</b>	<b>GOLDEN SILK HOTEL</b> – <a href="http://www.goldensilkhotel.com">www.goldensilkhotel.com</a> (Luxury room)
<b>Ha Long</b>	<b>VICTORY CRUISE</b> - <a href="http://www.victoryhalong.com">www.victoryhalong.com</a> (Deluxe Cabin)
<b>Hue</b>	<b>GOLD HUE HOTEL</b> - <a href="http://www.goldhotelhue.com">www.goldhotelhue.com</a> (Deluxe city view)
<b>Hoi An</b>	<b>ANCIENT HOUSE RESORT</b> - <a href="http://www.ancienthouseressort.com">www.ancienthouseressort.com</a> ( Ancient house garden view)
<b>Nha Trang</b>	<b>NOVOTEL HOTEL</b> - <a href="http://www.novotelnhatrang.com">www.novotelnhatrang.com</a> (Superior room)
<b>Da Lat</b>	<b>NGOC LAN HOTEL</b> - <a href="http://www.ngoclanhotel.vn">www.ngoclanhotel.vn</a> (Superior city view)
<b>Ho Chi Minh</b>	<b>LAVENDER HOTEL</b> - <a href="http://www.lavenderhotel.com.vn">www.lavenderhotel.com.vn</a> (Deluxe)

## **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

- All prices are quoted in USD/ per person, based on Double/Twin occupancy

- We only quote necessary meal in case you want to book extra, supplement for standard Vietnamese menu meals: US\$ 14 for lunch & US\$ 18 for dinner
- Private services & daily departure
- 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 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)