

16DAYS_ ECO & ADVENTURE TOUR THROUGH VIETNAM

VIETNAM (Ha Noi – Sapa – Fansipan peak – Ha Long – Hanoi – Hoi An – My Son – Bach Ma peak – Cat Tien national park – Ho Chi Minh – Cai Be – Chau Doc – Tra Su forest – Ho Chi Minh)

Trekking + Boat trip + National parks (Easy + Moderate + Difficult grade)

1. OVERVIEW:

Do you know that our eco adventure through Vietnam is ideal for outdoor enthusiasts who are avid for active adventures while still experiencing the Vietnamese rich culture on the way. This 16-day package sets out to explore spectacular natures, from conquering the “roof of Indochina” to trekking through forested trails inside jungle in the national parks, from kayaking on the calm water of Halong Bay to bird watching and photo hunting in a bird sanctuary. With different grades of adventure combined with several historical sites and charming colonial sightseeing, let the journey set the tone as you soak up the experience and discover the country where hospitality comes as second nature.

2. ITINERARY IN BRIEF

DAY 1: HANOI – ARRIVAL
DAY 2: HANOI CITY TOUR - TRAIN TO LAO CAI
DAY 3: LAO CAI – SAPA – FANSIPAN MOUNTAIN
DAY 4: FANSIPAN PEAK – SAPA – HANOI
DAY 5: HANOI – HA LONG
DAY 6: HALONG – HANOI – HUE
DAY 7: HUE – BACH MA NATIONAL PARK – HUE
DAY 8: HUE - HOI AN
DAY 9: HOI AN – MY SON – HOI AN
DAY 10: HOI AN – DA NANG – HO CHI MINH CITY
DAY 11: HO CHI MINH – NAM CAT TIEN NATIONAL PARK
DAY 12: NAM CAT TIEN NATIONAL PARK – HO CHI MINH CITY
DAY 13: HO CHI MINH – CUCHI TUNNELS
DAY 14: HO CHI MINH – CAI BE – CHAU DOC
DAY 15: CHAU DOC – TRA SU – HO CHI MINH
DAY 16: HO CHI MINH – DEPARTURE

3. THE TOUR

DAY 1: HANOI – ARRIVAL

Welcome to Hanoi! Our private guide and car will pick up you to your hotel for check in. Enjoy welcome dinner with Vietnamese food at a local restaurant.

Meals: Dinner

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Ha Noi

DAY 2: HANOI CITY TOUR - TRAIN TO LAO CAI

Morning visit Ho Chi Minh complex, visiting Ba Dinh square where former President Ho Chi Minh declared the Independence of Vietnam in 1945, Ho Chi Minh stilt-house where he lived and worked during Vietnam War. Temple of Literature, the 1st national university of Vietnam. Enjoy lunch in a Colonial architecture restaurant.

Afternoon visit Vietnam Museum of Ethnology providing you with a good overview of 54 people groups including traditions of ethnic groups in Sapa. Return to your hotel to check out and refresh. Take the overnight train to Lao Cai (a shared 4-soft-berth train compartment).

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Overnight on Train to Lao Cai

DAY 3: LAO CAI – SAPA – FANSIPAN MOUNTAIN / SIC

Activities: Fansipan trek/hike-up from 1940m to 2800m

Grade: Difficult

After enjoying breakfast, 8h30 the bus will take you to Ton Station which belongs to Hoang Lien Son natural reservation center at the height of 1,800m above sea level. You will follow the forest path with small bamboo trees along to start your conquering over Fansipan peak. Stop for a picnic lunch then continue your trip. At 17h00 you will stop for camping, firing and stay overnight in small tents at the height of 2,800m.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Sapa

DAY 4: FANSIPAN PEAK – SAPA – HANOI/ Train to Hanoi.

Activities: Fansipan trek/hike-up and down from 2800m to 3143m then down to 1940m

Grade: Difficult

6h30 am: after breakfast, we will continue our trip to conquer Fansipan peak (3143m). 10h30: You will reach the top of Fansipan peak, taking photographs and celebrating your victory. After that, you will come back to the height of 2,800m for lunch.

In the afternoon, at 13h00 you will follow the bamboo path to come back to Sapa. At 16h30, the bus will take you back to Ton Station keep forward to Sapa for you nice stay in the hotel. At 18h00, you will be taken by bus to Lao Cai station. Have dinner in Lao Cai. Then you get on night train to come back Hanoi.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Hanoi

DAY 5: HANOI – HA LONG/ SIC

Activities: Half-hour kayaking

Grade: Easy

You will arrive in Hanoi in the early morning. Check in early at hotel and rest until time to go Ha long bay. Morning transfer to Ha Long bay, 2-times recognized as UNESCO World heritage. Welcome on board a traditional junk at noon time. Check in your seaview rooms and enjoy lunch while cruising around thousands of limestone rocks jutting out from the sea. Visit Sung Sot cave open to tourists since 1936. Short kayaking in the calm area nearby then return to the junk for mini cooking class and swimming. Dinner and overnight on board

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Overnight on Wooden Junk in Ha Long

DAY 6: HA LONG – HANOI – HUE

Start your day with Tai Chi exercises or a photo hunt

07h30 – 08h30 Have breakfast at sunrise.

09h30 Return to the boat. Freshen up and check out of your cabin.

09h30 – 10h30 Continue your cruise exploring the Bay, passing Ba Hang fishing village, Dog Islet and more...

10h30 – 11h30 While heading back to the harbor, watch the cooking demonstration before enjoying a traditional Vietnamese lunch.

12h00 Disembark the Cruise 12h30 Transfer back to your hotel in Hanoi city center by shuttle bus.

16h30 – 17h00 See you off at the hotel in Hanoi.

You meet our driver and tour guide then private transfer from hotel to Hanoi airport for short flight to Hue. Flight time is approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes

Arrival Hue airport, you are transferred to hotel by private car & guide

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Hue

DAY 7: HUE – BACH MA NATIONAL PARK - HUE (SIC)

Grade: Moderate

Today, this is a group tours that you'll join with other foreigners

Morning, you will visit Bach Ma National Park. Bach Ma summit offers a range of unique trails for those interested in wildlife and history or who simply wish to enjoy the distinctive natural beauty of the park. Each trail can be walked in under a day and do not require any special hiking equipment. A 1-hour trek this morning through sub-tropical forest will take us to the Ngu Ho and Do Quyen Waterfalls. The Ngu Ho or Five-lake Cascade is a series of small waterfalls which crash down into pristine pools of clear water secluded under a canopy of foliage. Lunch at Morin villa

Afternoon, take a 1-hour trek from Morin villa to Hai Vong Dai summit at 1430 m, the highest view point of national park. Enjoy the splendid view of Truong Son Mountain, Pacific Ocean and Cau Hai lagoon with the cool atmosphere. Drive back hotel for relax.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Hue

DAY 8 : HUE - HOI AN

After breakfast, depart from Hue to Hoi An. Drive along the sea coast southward, climb up on the Cloudy Pass, some stops on the way for taking pictures, pass Da Nang City and visit Champa Sculpture Museum. Arrived in Hoi An, check in Hotel and Lunch break. The rest of the day is free.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Hoi An

DAY 9: HOI AN - MY SON

Activities: 2-hour trekking inside jungle and My Son towers

Grade: Easy

After breakfast, you travel about 55km from Hoi An to My Son sanctuary UNESCO World Heritage. It comprises many Champa temples, in a valley roughly two kilometers wide, surrounded by two mountain ranges. It was the site of religious ceremony of kings of the Champa dynasty, and was also a burial place of Champa royals and national heroes. In My Son, you walk around with your guide for 2 hours to see the historic and cultural ruins of the 16th century. You will be brought back to the glorious time of the Champa civilization. Then leave My Son for Cau Lau boat station. Take a motorized boat excursion to visit Kim Bong carpentry village, 3km west of Hoi An. Have a soft lunch and drink on boat. Tour finishes at Hoi An dock at 2:30 PM. Return to your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Hoi An

DAY 10: HOI AN - DA NANG – HO CHI MINH CITY TOUR

Activities: visit Ho Chi Minh City tour ½ day

Grade: Easy

After breakfast at hotel, driver and guide meet you at hotel, transfer from Hoi An to Da Nang airport for flight to Ho Chi Minh city. Arrive Ho Chi Minh city, our guide welcome you at airport and enjoy city tour. Take a half day city tour to visit War Remnants Museum, which features a comprehensive collection of the machinery; weapons; photos; and documentation of Vietnam's wars with both the French and Americans. The tour continues to the Reunification Palace, which was the former residence of the President of Southern Vietnam until end of April 1975. Afterwards, stop at Ben Thanh market for shopping. Overnight at hotel in Ho Chi Minh city.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Ho Chi Minh

DAY 11 : HO CHI MINH – NAM CAT TIEN NATIONAL PARK

Activities: 2-hour trekking inside Cat Tien national park. Night safari by jeep

Grade: Moderate

Pick up in Saigon and head north by vehicle to Cat Tien National Park, about 150 kilometers or a 3.5 hour drive. Check into the park and have lunch at Cat Tien National Park Restaurant. Afternoon, jungle trek (8 kilometers) or bird watching option will be offered for your choice. The best bird watching guide in Southern Vietnam works at Cat Tien. Today you will enjoy a night spotting by jeep with an opportunity to see nocturnal animals of the park including deer, civet, snakes, and feral cats. Overnight in Jungle Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel In Jungle Lodge

DAY 12: NAM CAT TIEN NATIONAL PARK

Activities: 4-hour trekking inside Cat Tien national park

Grade: Moderate

Morning you will trek to Bau Sau (crocodile lake) and back (about 10km). After lunch in the park, return Ho Chi Minh city. Drop you at hotel, and free at leisure your time. Overnight at hotel in Ho Chi Minh city.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Ho Chi Minh City

DAY 13: HO CHI MINH – CUCHI TUNNELS

Morning: 8.00 am 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.

Try crawling in 1 part of this 31km stunning underground system and know how Vietnamese soldiers (Viet Cong) had lived and fought against American troops during 20 years of Vietnam War. We will return Ho Chi Minh City at 13:30. Return Ho Chi Minh city and enjoy lunch at restaurant. Overnight at hotel in Ho Chi Minh City

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Ho Chi Minh

DAY 14: HO CHI MINH – CAI BE – CHAU DOC

After breakfast, you depart for Tien Giang province, visiting Cai Be floating market the 2nd largest one of Mekong delta. Take an easy bike on the island, with orchards, honey tasting, and other small villages. Enjoy lunch with "Don Ca Tai Tu" - traditional music performance. Disembark at Vinh Long town market then proceed for Chau Doc border town to Cambodia.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Chau Doc

DAY 15: CHAU DOC – TRA SU – HO CHI MINH

Activities: 4-hour bird watching and rowing sampans in Tra Su forest

Grade: Easy

After breakfast, you depart for Tra Su cajuput forest, 20km from the downtown, which plays an important role to protect the international bio-diversity of wetland in Mekong delta. Embark a 4-hour lazy boat trip along the narrow canals for bird watching. Tra Su is home to thousands of bird species, reptile and fish. It's also your chance for photo hunting. On the way back, you go boating on Bassac river to visit a fishing village of Cham people and their mosque. Lunch in Chau Doc then return to Ho Chi Minh city.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Ho Chi Minh

DAY 16: HO CHI MINH – DEPARTURE

After breakfast, you check out then private transfer to Tan Son Nhat international airport for your

departure flight. End of services.

Meals: Breakfast

4. EXTENSION TOURS:

Add-on other destination in Vietnam or tours to neighbor countries

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	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	Single Supplement
First Class	\$ 1600	\$ 1376	\$ 1196	\$ 1158	\$ 260
Superior	\$ 1832	\$ 1607	\$ 1427	\$ 1389	\$ 396
Deluxe	\$ 2258	\$ 2033	\$ 1855	\$ 1815	\$ 690

Date: 01May 2015 – 30 September 2016 (PROMOTION RATE)

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	Single Supplement
First Class	\$ 1550	\$ 1366	\$ 1186	\$ 1148	\$ 260
Superior	\$ 1822	\$ 1597	\$ 1417	\$ 1379	\$ 396
Deluxe	\$ 2248	\$ 2023	\$ 1845	\$ 1805	\$ 690

SURCHARGE FOR FLIGHT TICKET

Note: Subject to be changed without prior noticed

- From Hanoi (HAN) to Hue (HUI): US\$ 110 per person
- From Da Nang (DAN) to HCM city (HCM): US\$ 110 per person

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Private car/van/minibus throughout the tour
- Hotel accommodation and Ha Long junk overnight
- Different English speaking guides on spot
- Porters in Fansipan and Cat Tien national park who carry all luggage and also cook chef for you
- Meals as indicated: B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D= Dinner
- All entrance fees and permission
- Private boat trip in Mekong delta
- First-aid kit
- 2 bottle of mineral water per day

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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Best time to travel:

- All year round except for Dec – Feb with strong monsoon in Ha Long bay and July – August with occasional typhoons

LIST OF HOTELS USED:

Destination	First Class – 3 star	Superior packages – 4 star	Deluxe packages – 5 star
Ha Noi	DEMANDTOI 2 HOTEL – www.demantoidhotel.com/ (Superior)	GOLDEN SILK BOUTIQUE HOTEL goldensilkhotel.com/ (Superior room)	INTERCONTINENTAL HANOI WESTLAKE - www.intercontinental.com/hanoi (Superior)
Ha Long	ORIENTAL SAILS - www.orientalsails.com ; Superior	SYRENA CRUISE https://www.syrenacruises.com/ Superior room	SIGNATURE CRUISE signaturehalongcruise.com/ Deluxe (ROH)
Hue	ASIA HUE HOTEL - www.asiahotel.com.vn (Deluxe)	ELDORA HUE HOTEL – www.eldorahotel.com/ (Deluxe City View)	BEST WESTERN INDOCHINE PLACE HUE HOTEL www.bwp-indochinepalace.com - (Deluxe Palace)
Hoi An	THUY DUONG 3 HOTEL – www.thuyduonghotel-hoian.com/ (Superior)	VINH HUNG RIVER RESORT www.vinhhungresort.com (Superior)	PALM GARDEN RESORT - www.palmgardenresort.com.vn (Superior Garden View)
Ho Chi Minh	SONNET SAIGON HOTEL www.sonnetsaigonhotel.com (PREMIER DELUXE)	RAMANA HOTEL www.ramanasaigon.com/ (Deluxe Room)	MAJESTIC SAIGON HOTEL www.majesticsaigon.com.vn (Colonial 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
- 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)