

6DAYS _ VIETNAM CLASSIC TOUR

- Vietnam (Hanoi – Ha Long Bay– Ha Long – Ho Chi Minh – Cu Chi tunnels – Mekong Delta (My Tho))

1. OVERVIEW

A basic but a kaleidoscope journey of friendly people and picturesque landscapes of Vietnam. From the energetic Hanoi to the local hospitality in Mekong Delta, wander through 36 crowded streets to practice Tai Chi on a wooden junk in Halong Bay. See the interesting mix of the old and the modern in Ho Chi Minh City and appreciate the courage and creativity of Vietnamese in the war time. With 6 days, the tour is perfectly fit for who love to learn more about Vietnam's culture and history but have a budget of time.

2. ITINERARY IN BRIEF

DAY	ITINERARY
1	HANOI – ARRIVAL
2	HANOI – HALONG
3	HALONG – HANOI – HO CHI MINH
4	HO CHI MINH – CU CHI TUNNELS
5	HOCHIMINH – MYTHO (MEKONG DELTA)
6	HOCHIMINH – DEPARTURE

3. THE TOUR

DAY 1: HA NOI ARRIVAL (XIN CHAO HANOI!)

Arrive at Noi Bai International Airport, welcome by our guide and transfer to your hotel. ***The driving time is approximately 40 minutes.***

Late afternoon, visit **Hoan Kiem Lake and Ngoc Son Temple** located on an islet in the lake. Hoan Kiem Lake is the center point of Hanoi and home to a rare endangered giant turtle species. Its name "Hoan Kiem" comes from a legend of a sacred sword being lent to an ancient Vietnamese King by a holy turtle from the lake and later returned to the turtle. Next, discover special Vietnamese traditional art of water puppetry as well as Vietnamese folklore through a compelling puppet show at Thang Long Theatre. Shop at a Café shop or walk at leisure in the Old Quarter of 36 ancient streets before enjoying welcome dinner at authentic Vietnamese restaurant

Meals: Dinner (Buffet Sen restaurant)

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

DAY 2: HA NOI – HA LONG

Morning, start a 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), **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 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. Lunch at a Vietnamese restaurant

Afternoon, transfer to Ha Long Bay, which is about 160 km. The transfer is approximately 3 hours. Moving through the countryside on the way will bring you a clear perspective of a country's whose 80% of population live on farming. Have a quick rest stop en route before reaching Ha Long City. Check in hotel then spend time at leisure. Dinner at local restaurant

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (Minh Anh restaurant/Co Ngu restaurant)
Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Ha Long (3*, 4* or 5*)

DAY 3: HA LONG - HANOI – HO CHI MINH

Morning, breakfast at hotel between 6-7 AM, transfer to the dock for boarding a cruise boat to explore the legendary Ha Long Bay. Ha Long means Descending Dragon in Vietnamese as legend has it that a holly dragon landed down here 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 km². The boat will stop at Dau Go Island for you to visit **Thien Cung Cave** (Heaven Palace) and Dau Go Cave (Wooden Stakes). **Dau Go Cave** in 13th Century was a depot to store pointed wooden stakes, which later were used by Vietnamese great military commander Tran Hung Dao to trap and puncture Mongolian naval boats in famous battles of Bach Dang. Continue cruising while fresh seafood lunch is served on board. Return to the dock, disembark and travel back to airport for flight to Ho Chi Minh by...

Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City, welcome by our guide and transfer hotel for check in. 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 a rich historical legacy in contrast with its dazzling glamor. Dinner at local restaurant

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (Van Hoa daily cruise/Viet Heritage restaurant)
Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Ho Chi Minh (3*, 4* or 5*)

DAY 4: HOCHIMINH – CUCHI TUNNELS

Morning, take a half-day tour to the **Cu Chi Tunnels**, 75 km Northwest of downtown Ho Chi Minh City, which were once a major underground hideout and resistance base of Viet Cong forces during the two wars against the French and later on 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. Back to Ho Chi Minh City and spend time at leisure. Back to Ho Chi Minh City. Lunch at a local restaurant.

Afternoon, come on city tour with a visit 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. Proceed 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. Dinner on Indochina traditional Boat cruise

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (Liberty 4 restaurant/Indochina cruise)

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

DAY 5: HOCHIMINH – MYTHO (MEKONG DELTA) 65km–2hour driving

Morning, after breakfast, travel by road to the **Mekong Delta**, the world's largest delta and Vietnam's largest rice bowl. On arrival in My Tho City, capital of Tieng Giang Province, embark on a boat and navigate through intricate canals while observing the local daily life up close as well as the landscape of waterways and lush islands. Land on the Unicorn Island to enjoy wandering through verdant orchards, tasting fresh fruits and listening to some Southern style traditional music. Move on to the second delta province, Ben Tre, where you will watch local villagers make coconut candy in a rural workshop, walk around briefly and try riding a horse-pulled carriage. More cruising to some bee-keeping households to taste fresh homegrown honey and honey tea.

Go back Ho Chi Minh City and spend time at leisure.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (Mien tay riverside restaurant/Red house restaurant)

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

DAY 6: HOCHIMINH – DEPARTURE

Free at leisure until 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 valid: 01 Oct 2015 - 30 Apr 2016 & 01 Oct 2016 - 31 Dec 2016:

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	Single Supp
First class -3*	638	551	423	369	93
Superior – 4*	729	642	515	460	163
Deluxe – 5*	790	703	575	521	215

Date: 01 May 2016 – 30 Sep 2016

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	Single Supp
First class -3*	634	547	420	365	90
Superior – 4*	716	629	502	447	153
Deluxe – 5*	761	674	547	492	193

Surcharge for flight ticket by Vietnam airline: Subject to be changed without prior notice

- Hanoi (HAN) – Saigon (SGN) : US\$ 155/pax/ way

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Accommodation in a twin or double room with daily breakfast
- Lunch or dinner as specified in the itinerary
- Services of a driver and private air-conditioned vehicle during all tours and transfers.
- Private board for sightseeing in Halong Bay in 04 hours
- Experienced English-speaking guide during all tours and transfers
- Vietnam visa approval letter on arrival as complementary (for foreigners who need visa)
- 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:

Place	First Class (3*)	Superior (4*)	Deluxe (5*)
Hanoi	Larosa Hanoi Hotel www.hanoilarosahotel.com Or Similar	Sunway Hanoi Hotel www.hanoi.sunwayhotels.com Or Similar	Nikko Hanoi hotel www.hotelnikkohanoi.com.vn Or Similar
Ha Long	New Star hotel www.newstarhalonghotel.com Or Similar	Saigon Halong Hotel www.saigonhalonghotel.com Or Similar	Muong Thanh Quang Ninh www.muongthanh.vn Or Similar
Ho Chi Minh	Kelly Hotel Saigon www.kellyhotel.com.vn Or Similar	Golden Central Saigon www.goldenhotelsaigon.vn Or Similar	Windsor Plaza www.windsorplazahotel.com Or Similar

Tour Policy & Notes:

- Infant below 2 years old sharing same room with parents is free of charge.
- Child below 12 yrs old sharing same room with 1 ADL is charged for 90%.
- Child below 12 yrs old with extra bed and sharing same room with parents is charged for 65%.
- Child below 12 yrs old No extra bed & sharing same room with parents is charged for 55%
- Tipping for guide and driver (suggestion):
 - Group from 2 – 4 pax: USD 5/ pax/ day
 - Group from 5 – 9 pax: USD 4/ pax/ day
 - Group from 10 – 15 pax: USD 3/ pax/ day
 - Group above 15 pax: USD 2/ pax/ day
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Surcharge for Chinese new year:

- Surcharge for booking during Lunar New Year from **06.Feb – 12Feb 2016:**
 - US\$25/ pax/ day for FIT booking from 1-4pax
 - US\$15 / pax/ day for FIT booking from 5-9pax
 - US\$10 / pax/ day for GIT booking from 10pax up

