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Danang



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Explore Vietnam– private extended tours

VIETNAM IMPRESSIONS TOUR

8 Days/7 Nights

Our most popular tour and a perfect overview of all that Vietnam has to offer.

Departure: Daily for seat in coach tours with an English speaking guide

DAY 1: Ho Chi Minh City – Arrival (-/-/-)

You will be met on arrival at Ho Chi Minh International Airport and transferred to your hotel. The rest of this day is at your leisure to explore this exciting city.

Accommodation in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 2: Ho Chi Minh City – Cu Chi Tunnels

Ho Chi Minh City (B/L/-)

In the morning drive to Cu Chi province (150 km), to visit the amazing complex of underground tunnels used by the Viet Cong to overcome the Americans during the Vietnam War. There are more than 200km of underground tunnels, and this visit actually enables you to enter the tunnels and experience how the Vietnamese lived under extraordinary circumstances. Drive back to Ho Chi Minh City. Lunch at a local restaurant then be guided through the historical and cultural sights of Saigon. Visit Notre Dame Cathedral, the Post Office Presidential Palace, the War Museum, Cholon (China town), Thien Hau Pagoda and the renowned Ben Thanh market. Accommodation in Ho Chi Minh City.

DAY 3: Ho Chi Minh City – Hue (B/L/-)

Transfer to the airport and fly to Hue, the former royal city of the 13 ruling Nguyen dynasties. You will be met by your tour guide and transferred to the hotel for check in. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant. In the afternoon you will take a boat trip on the Perfume River to visit the Thien Mu Pagoda and the colourful Dong Da markets. Accommodation in Hue.

DAY 4: Hue – Danang – Hoi An (B/L/-)

Today we visit the royal tombs of Tu Duc and Khai Dinh and one of Hue’s traditional garden houses. After lunch we start the spectacular drive over Hai Van Pass to Danang and continue to the charming historic city of Hoi An.

Accommodation at hotel in Hoi An.

DAY 5: Hoi An – Danang – Hanoi (B/L/-)

Hoi An was one of the major trading centres of Southeast Asia in the 16th century. It has a distinctive Chinese atmosphere with low, tiled-roof houses and narrow streets; the original structure of some of these streets is still virtually intact. Many of the houses were constructed of rare timbers and decorated with lacquer panels engraved with Chinese characters and pillars carved with ornamental designs. It is truly enchanting & this tour allows a leisurely walk through the Old Quarter so you can immerse yourself in Hoi An town. After lunch at a local restaurant we will travel onto Danang where we stop at Marble Mountains with its beautiful grottoes and temples. These can be reached by climbing steep steps so please wear appropriate shoes. Transfer to Danang Airport and flight to Hanoi.

Upon arrival transfer to hotel. Accommodation at hotel in Hanoi

DAY 6: Hanoi – Halong Bay

Haiphong (B/L/-)

Drive to Halong Bay (165km east of Hanoi), a World Heritage Area of outstanding natural beauty. Picturesque Halong Bay has more than 1,000 limestone islets rising from the sea, many of them containing beautiful grottoes. Enjoy a relaxing 5-hour boat trip through Halong Bay, fresh seafood lunch is prepared and served on board. Accommodation at hotel in Haiphong

DAY 7: Haiphong – Hanoi (B/L/-)

After breakfast and a short walk around the Opera House in Haiphong you will

drive back to Hanoi and enjoy lunch at Lee Ma Fong restaurant. In the afternoon visit the Ethnology Museum, the Temple of Literature, and the old quarter of Hanoi. In the evening you will experience the famous Vietnamese traditional art of water puppetry at Thang Long Theatre. Accommodation in Hanoi.

DAY 8: Hanoi Departure (B/L/-)

Leisure time until transfer to Hanoi International Airport for departure.

Included in the tour prices are:

Accommodation in shared twin rooms
Meals & flights where indicated
Entrance fees, boat fees, cyclo fees
Domestic airport tax in Vietnam.
Transfers and tours with English speaking guide.

Not included in the tour prices are:

Personal insurance.
International airfare.
Expenditure of a personal nature such as drinks, souvenirs, gratuities etc

Departure: ex Ho Chi Minh City

Accommodation: This tour can be taken using a range of accommodation standards – tourist, superior, first and deluxe. Please see your travel agent for more information.

Twin share from: \$1056pp

Single supplement: \$239pp
(Tourist Class Hotel)

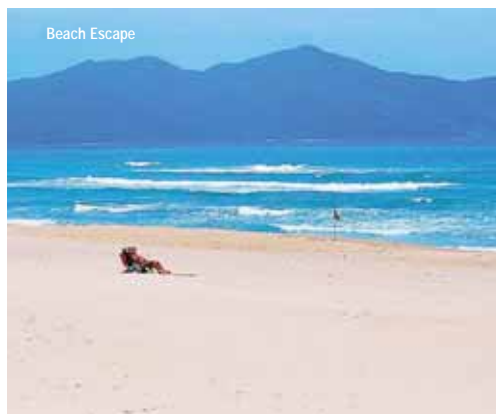
EXPLORING MEKONG DELTA TOUR

2-Day/1 Night

Departure: Every Wednesday

DAY 1: Ho Chi Minh City – My Tho Thot Not - Can Tho

Pick up at hotel in Ho Chi Minh City and drive to My Tho (2-hour drive). My Tho is a prosperous town in the Mekong Delta. Famous for its extensive orchards and immense rice fields. Enjoy a sampan boat ride on the Mekong River followed with lunch at local restaurant. Continue



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your drive to Can Tho with stop at Thot Not to visit Bang Lang Stork Sanctuary. Arrive at Can Tho. Accommodation. (-/L/-)

DAY 2: Can Tho – Cai Rang Floating Market – Ho Chi Minh City (B/L/-)

Boat trip on the mighty Mekong River to visit Cai Rang Floating Market. You also have the opportunity to watch local villagers producing rice paper, rice noodles, and rice husking. Lunch at local restaurant then transfer back to Ho Chi Minh City.

Included in the tour prices are:

Accommodation in shared twin rooms with air-conditioning and private bathroom.
Meals where indicated.
Entrance fees, boat fees.
Transfers and tours with English speaking local guide.

Not included in the tour prices are:

Personal insurance.
Expenditure of a personal nature such as drinks, souvenirs, gratuities etc

Departure: ex Ho Chi Minh City

Twin share from: \$222pp

Single supplement: \$29pp

VIETNAM “REUNIFICATION EXPRESS” RAIL TOUR

7 Days/6 Nights

Departure: Daily

Day 1: Hanoi – Arrival: Meet on arrival at Hanoi International Airport and transfer to your hotel. In the evening, you will enjoy the famous Vietnamese traditional art of water puppetry at Thang Long theatre.

Accommodation in Hanoi. (-/-/-)

Day 2: Hanoi – Train to Hue

In the morning visit Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (closed on Mon/Fri and the whole month of Oct/Nov), One-pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature. After lunch, continue to Hoan Kiem

Lake and Ngoc Son temple and discover the Old Quarter during 1-hour cyclo ride. In the evening, transfer to the Hanoi Railway Station for the night train to the former royal city of Hue. Overnight on board in sharing 4-berth air-conditioned compartment. (B/L/-)

Day 3: Hue

Arrive into Hue in early morning where you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel. After lunch at local restaurant, you will visit the royal tombs of Tu Duc and Khai Dinh. Accommodation in Hue. (B/L/-)

Day 4: Hue – Danang – Hoi An

Enjoy a boat trip on the Perfume River to visit Thien Mu Pagoda. Continue by car to visit the magnificent Minh Mang Tomb and the Imperial Citadel. After lunch drive over Hai Van Pass to the charming historic city of Hoi An. Accommodation in Hoi An. (B/L/-)

Day 5: Hoi An – Danang – Train to Ho Chi Minh City

Hoi An Town has a distinctive Chinese atmosphere with low, tiled-roof houses and narrow streets. During a leisurely tour on foot you will visit some historic merchant and community houses, places of worship and famous bridges. After lunch at local restaurant you will transfer to Danang for the train to Ho Chi Minh City. Overnight on board, in sharing 4-berth air-conditioned compartment. (B/L/-)

Day 6: Ho Chi Minh City

Arrival at Ho Chi Minh City and transfer to hotel. Lunch at the local restaurant. Afternoon city tour passing Notre Dame Cathedral, Post Office, the former Presidential Palace, and the War Museum. Further stops may include a visit to one of the bustling markets of the city. Accommodation in Ho Chi Minh City. (B/L/-)

Day 7: Ho Chi Minh City – Departure

Time at leisure until transfer to Ho Chi Minh City International Airport for departure. (B/-/-)

Departure: ex Hanoi

Twin share from: \$755pp

Single supplement: \$162pp

Based on Tourist Class Hotels.

Rates also available for Superior and First Class Hotels.

Included in tour price:

Accommodation in twin rooms with air-con and private bathroom
Meals where indicated.
Rail tickets where indicated (sharing cabin)
Entrance fees, boat fees, cyclo fees
Transfers with an English speaking guide

Not included in tour price:

Personal insurance
Expenditure of a personal nature such as drinks, souvenirs, gratuities, etc.

‘HANOI TO SAPA BY VICTORIA CARRIAGES’

RAIL JOURNEY

5 Days/4 Nights

Departure: Every Monday from Hanoi with English speaking guide.

Day 1: Hanoi – Lao Cai – Sapa

Evening pick up from your hotel in Hanoi and transfer to Hanoi train station. Overnight trip to Lao Cai sharing the comfortable sleeping compartments of Victoria Carriage (4 berth carriage). Train departs Hanoi approx. 22:00h and arrives into Sapa at approx. 05:30h the following day. (-/-/-)

Day 2: Sapa – Ta Van Village – Sapa

Early morning arrival at Lao Cai. Take a scenic 38 kilometre drive on winding roads up the mountain to Sapa, approx. 1500 m above sea level. Breakfast is served at your hotel where you can enjoy the beautiful landscape from your balcony - followed by a late morning climb up Sapa hill. A short drive by jeep brings you to the rim of a deep valley followed by a trek that will take you to Ta Van village, home to Dzao and



Tours to keep you wanting more!

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Dzay minority tribes dressed in traditional costumes. This is a rare glimpse in their culture and customs. Accommodation at Victoria hotel. (B/L/-)

Day 3: Sapa – Cat Cat – Sapa

Breakfast at your hotel and followed by a short drive to Cat Cat village, the home to the Hmong people. Here you will take a light trek around & share their daily lives for a rare glimpse into their culture & customs. On your return to Sapa you will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. With late afternoon free for your relaxation. Accommodation at Victoria Hotel. (B/L/-)

Day 4: Sapa – Lao Cai – Hanoi

Breakfast at the hotel
Day is free at leisure to explore Sapa until transfer to Lao Cai where you will board the train to Hanoi at 09.00pm.
Optional: Late check out until 06.00 pm (B)

Day 5 Arrive Hanoi

Arrive in Hanoi at approx 0530 hrs and transfer to your hotel in Hanoi or airport

Departure: ex Hanoi (Friday departures available on request. Prices may vary for Friday departures)

Twin share from: \$701pp
Single supplement: \$170pp

SAPA HILL TRIBE TREKING ADVENTURE

4 Days/3 Nights (Easy to Moderate)

Departure: Daily departures from Hanoi with an English speaking guide

DAY 1 Hanoi – Sapa

You will be picked up from your hotel for your night train to Sapa (Tulico or Ratraco). Overnight on train (Sharing 4 berth cabin).

DAY 2 Sapa – Ta Van – Cat Cat – Sapa

Arrive in Lao Cai. Breakfast, then drive to Sapa, discover the rim of a deep valley. Along the way you see Hmong, Dzay and Dzao minority people dressed in their traditional costume. Upon

arrival, a 30 minute walk takes you over a bridge to the picturesque Ta Van village – home to all 3 minority groups. This is an amazing experience share their daily lives where these warm people invite you for a rare glimpse into their culture and customs in the afternoon you will embark on a 2 hour hike to Cat Cat village of the Hmong people. again you will enjoy your dinner at a local restaurant then return to hotel ChauLong Sapa/New wing (or similar) for 2 nights (B/L/D)

DAY 3: Sapa – Lao Cai, Ta Van and Giang Ta Chai-Sapa

Easy trek / 5 hours (including 45min. jeep drive). We go by Russian jeep to Lao Cai village, which is inhabited by the Black Hmong hill tribe. walk from Lao Cai to Ta Van - the only village in the Sa PA valley where the Giay people live. In Ta Van enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by your guide in a local house. After lunch continue walking through the bamboo forest before reaching Giang Ta Chai, where you have the opportunity to meet the Red Dao minority people. A jeep will be waiting in Giang Ta Chai and take you back to Sapa. (B/L/D)

DAY 4: Sapa – Lao Cai – Hanoi

Today is a full day drive back to Hanoi stopping at Lao Cai enroute for lunch. You will be dropped at your accommodation in Hanoi (B/L/-)

Twin share from: \$501pp
Single supplement: \$84pp

DISCOVER HALONG BAY ON A WOODEN JUNK

2 DAYS/1 NIGHT

Departure: Daily from Hanoi with an English speaking guide

Day 1: HANOI – HALONG BAY – BOARD OVERNIGHT JUNK

Depart Hanoi for the pier to board the overnight Junk bound for Halong Bay. Lunch is served on board. Visit Heaven Cave, Wooden Stake, Fighting Cock, the Dog and the Sails. Dinner and overnight on board. (-/L/D)

Day 2: HALONG BAY – HANOI

Breakfast on board. Visit Bai Tu Long Bay, the Toad, and Nui Bai Tho Mountain.

Lunch is served on board then return back to the pier and transfer back to Hanoi by car. (B/L/-)

Included in tour cost:

Transfers from Hanoi to Halong pier
Entrance and boat fees
Meals where indicated
Accommodation on board (each cabin has 2 lower beds and air conditioning)

Not included in tour cost:

personal insurance
expenditure of a personal nature such as drinks, souvenirs, gratuities, etc

Departure: ex-Hanoi

Hmong Hai Junk

Twin share from: \$294pp

Single supplement: \$44pp

***Ginger Junk**

Twin Share from: \$410pp

Single Supplement: \$198pp

(*Note No lunch is provided on day 2 on Ginger Junk)

When you are in Vietnam why don't you

Experience a Mekong Delta homestay

2-days/1 night Ex Ho Chi Minh City

The only way to truly experience the day-to-day life of the mighty Mekong River. Be picked up from your hotel in Ho Chi Minh City & transported to your boat. Cruise down the Mekong, stopping intermittently to observe Mekong life. Stop off at Binh Hoa Phuoc Island to visit rice mills, smithery, family homes producing tiles & soy cheese. Spend the night in a local house, eating local meals & momentarily live the Mekong life. The following day you will spend the morning relaxing in the hammocks in the orchard or exploring the villages, then you will cruise back up the River & will be transported to your Ho Chi Minh accommodation.

Your package includes transfers, accommodation and lunch, dinner and breakfast.

Twin share from: \$204pp (Min 2 pax)

Single Supplement from: \$9pp.



Completely Spoil Yourself

8 days/7nights Ex Ho Chi Minh City

The brand new Six Senses Hideaway Ninh Van Bay is quite spectacular. This resort comprises of 62 freestanding villas – each with their own plunge pool, sundeck and wine cellar. The Beach Villa's jut out onto the sand and the stunning Rock Villa's are built into the cliff face – with a natural rock pool as your plunge pool. The tri-level restaurant opens out to the environment, with the various levels providing mood changes and transformation of atmosphere throughout the day. The Six Senses Spa is also built into the rocks beside a gentle waterfall. Service levels are high, with pool butlers exemplifying the personal attention offered to every guest. A week stay at the Six Senses Hideaway will never be forgotten – a once in a lifetime experience.

Your package includes return airfares from Ho Chi Minh City, round trip transfers, 7 nights accommodation with breakfast daily in Beach Pool Villa.

Twin share from: \$2938pp



Explore Ancient Cities by Bicycle

4 days/3 nights Ex Danang

This cycling tour is designed for amateur cyclists & takes in the ancient cities of Hoi An & Hue. The first day you will leisurely discover Hoi An by bike – this town was one of the first major trading centres in Indochina in the 16th century & has a distinct Chinese atmosphere with low, tiled-roof houses and narrow, cobbled streets. On day 2 you cycle to Danang, along the coastline to world famous China Beach. An afternoon drive to Hue introduces you to the former royal city of the 13 ruling Nguyen dynasties. Your final day will see you cycle to the Imperial Citadel and onto the colourful Dong Ba Markets. From there bike to the Perfume River and, with your bikes aboard, cruise down the river. Finally, take a leisurely 15 km ride through the rural area back to Hue city.

Your package includes 1 night Hoi An, 2 nights Hue, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and an English speaking guide.

Twin share from: \$442pp Single supplement: \$96pp
(Superior Class Hotels)



Tour Khe Sanh & the Ho Chi Minh Trail

3 days/2 nights Ex Hanoi

This 3-day adventure will take in Phong Nha Cave and the Former Demilitarised Zone. Your first evening is spent on the local S1 train from Hanoi to Dong Hoi in a 4-berth sleeper cabin with breakfast on arrival. A drive north will take you to a critical point of the Ho Chi Minh trail. From here there is a visit to the world renowned Phnong Nha caves. The afternoon will be spent exploring the Vinh Moc tunnels, dug to accommodate an underground village safe from American air raids. You will visit the Hien Luong bridge – which used to form the borderline between North and South Vietnam. The final day of your journey will see you visit the fierce battlefields of Rock Piles and Camp Carol. Finally visit the famous battlefield Khe Sanh, and take a short walk along the Ho Chi Minh Trail.

Your tour includes 1 night aboard the train, 1 nights accommodation, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, entrance fees, boat fees and an English-speaking guide. Price based on 4 berth sleeper train and twin share accommodation

From: \$384pp



Please note that these prices are to be used as a guide only & must be booked in conjunction with Vietnam Airlines long haul fares. Prices are subject to change & all packages are subject to availability. Please contact your local travel agent for more information.

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When you are in Vietnam why don't you

Visit the Great Wall of China

3 days/2 nights Ex Hanoi

Just a 3 and a half hour flight from Hanoi is the incredible Great Wall of China. One of the Wonders of the World, the Great Wall of China stretches 6700 kms from east to west & is over 2000 years old. Originally built in the 7th century, the Great Wall was renovated in the Ming Dynasty (1365) and took over 200 years to complete the renovation. A 2 nights stay in fabulous Beijing with a visit to the Great Wall & the Ming Tombs is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Will you ever be this close to the Great Wall of China again? Your package includes return international airfares with Vietnam Airlines; return airport transfers, 2 nights at the Traders Hotel Beijing, a full day tour of the Great Wall of China & the Ming Tombs with lunch & entrance fees, all pre-payable airport taxes.

Cost per person based on twin share from: \$929pp



Go shopping in Bangkok

3 days/2nights Ex Ho Chi Minh City or Hanoi

Why not visit the most fabulous city in the world for shopping? Bustling Bangkok, with its night markets & passion for bartering, is the perfect side trip for a shopping frenzy. Thai handicrafts, inexpensive tailoring, designer labels – real & fake, CDs & DVDs, Thai silk, handbags, crockery, hawker food

you name it; you will find it in Bangkok at a 'cheaper price'. Your hotel is surrounded by 3 large department stores & is within walking distance to wholesale markets – a shopper's paradise.

Your package includes return international airfares with Vietnam Airlines, 2 nights accommodation at the Baiyoke Suites Hotel, breakfast daily, return airport transfers, late check out until 6pm & all pre-payable airport taxes.

Cost per person based on twin share from: \$470pp



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Pop over to Angkor Wat

4 days/3 nights Ex Ho Chi Minh City

One of the 7 modern Wonders of the World, the Angkor region is only a 45-minute flight from Ho Chi Minh City. The Angkor region includes more than 50 monuments that are spread over 230 square kilometers. The temples of Angkor were built between the 9th & 14th centuries AD, and the most famous of all the temples in the region is Angkor Wat. It covers 81 hectares & is comparable in size to the Imperial Palace in Beijing. This incredible temple, intricately carved all over, is believed to be the biggest religious structure on earth.

Your package includes return economy airfares with Vietnam Airlines. 3 nights at the Khemara Angkor Hotel; return airport transfers, breakfast daily and all pre-payable airport taxes.

Cost per person based on twin share from: \$357pp



Do a short tour through Cambodia

4 days/3 nights Ex Ho Chi Minh City (Cambodia Classic Tour)

You are so close! Why not do a short tour through mystical Cambodia? A 4-day tour allows a full day in the capital city, Phnom Penh – visiting the Victory Monument & the National Museum, the Royal Palace and the Silver Pagoda. Day 2 sees you arrive in Siem Reap where you will spend the following 3 days. There is so much to see here – Angkor Thom, the South Gate, the Bayon Temple, the Elephant Terrace, the Terrace of the Leper King and, of course, Angkor Wat. This private car, fully escorted tour also takes you to the temples of Prasat Kravan, Pre Rup, Preah Khan & Ta Prohm. Also visit the floating village of Chong Khneas & take a boat trip on the mighty Tonle Sap Lake.

Your package includes return international airfares, flight from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap, all airport transfers, 3 nights accommodation, 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 3 dinners, all pre-payable airport taxes.

Cost per person based on twin share from: \$819pp

Accommodation based on Juliana Hotel Phnom Penh & Borei Hotel Siem Reap or Similar.

