

Vietnam Family Holiday - 14 days

(Saigon – Mekong- Hoian – Hanoi – Ha Long Bay)

Itinerary Overview

| Day | Destination | Meals |
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| Day 1 | SAIGON ARRIVAL | -- |
| Day 2 | SAIGON – HALF DAY CITY TOUR | B/L |
| Day 3 | SAIGON – MEKONG – VINH LONG – CAN THO | B/L |
| Day 4 | CAN THO – FLOATING MARKET – SAIGON - HOIAN | B |
| Day 5 | HOIAN – FREE DAY | B |
| Day 6 | HOIAN – GOLDEN HAND BRIDGE & BANA HILL | B/L |
| Day 7 | HOIAN – FREE DAY | B |
| Day 8 | HOIAN - FREE DAY | B |
| Day 9 | HOIAN – HANOI – STREET FOOD BY NIGHT | B/D |
| Day 10 | HANOI HALF DAY CITY TOUR | B |
| Day 11 | HANOI – HALONG BAY – NIGHT ON BOARD | B/L/D |
| Day 12 | HALONG BAY KATAKING – NIGHT ON BOARD | B/L/D |
| Day 13 | HALONG BAY - HANOI | B/L |
| Day 14 | HANOI DEPARTURE | B |

Note*: B: Breakfast / L: Lunch / D: Dinner

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 SAIGON ARRIVAL

Arrive in Saigon. Greeted by your driver at the airport. Transfer to your hotel in the city centre for check-in and at leisure in the rest of the day.

Meals: N/A

Accommodation: Hotel in Saigon

Day 2 SAIGON - HALF DAY CITY TOUR

Free in the morning.

In the afternoon, pickup at the hotel for half day city tour. Our city tour will help you to see the best of Saigon. We visit the historic Reunification palace and War Remnants Museum, followed by the architectural treats of French colonial Notre Dame Cathedral and the post Office. Free time at leisure or shopping at Ben Thanh Market nearby.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Saigon

Day 3 SAIGON – MEKONG – VINH LONG – CAN THO

Depart for 2 hours drive to Cai Be, deep in the Mekong Delta. On the way you will visit the first chocolate factory in South Vietnam, you will know how to make chocolate and you can taste some.

After that, heading to the Mekong Delta, the journey begins with a wooden boat trip; proceed to evergreen islands among the Mekong River through a large network of meandering tributaries, crisscrossed with countless arroyos.

Enjoy lunch, then cruise to Vinh Long to discover beautiful landscapes along the river and observe the typical Mekong Delta rural life. At the end of the afternoon, move to Can Tho. Free for night discovery in Can Tho.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Can Tho

Day 4 CAN THO – FLOATING MARKET – HOIAN

After Breakfast at hotel, take a motor boat to visit Cai Rang – the most fascinating floating market

where we can see all trading activities by boat on Mekong river.

A short bike ride along the village to see the colorful local life, observing the beautiful scenery and daily activities of the locals then visiting local fruit garden.

Before heading Ho Chi Minh City, visit Vinh Trang Pagoda which is one of Vietnamese popular destinations. After the tour, airport transfer for the evening flight to Danang. Transfer to the hotel in Hoian upon arrival.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoian

Day 5 HOIAN – FREE DAY

Free and easy day to relax and explore Hoian town or go swimming at Cua Dai nearby beach.

Note*: Hoian ancient town is one of best destination in Vietnam. We will arrange accommodation near the town that you can walk to and explore yourself. The beach is about 4kms from the town

Optional tours/activities you can do in Hoian

Option 1: [Hoian - Countryside and cycling tour](#)

Option 2: [Hoian Cooking at Red Bridge School](#)

Option 3: [Hoian Food Tour by Vintage Vespa](#)

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Sleep on board

Day 6 HOIAN – GOLDEN HAND BRIDGE & BANA HILL

Pickup at the hotel at 08:00. We drive to Bana Hill.

11:00 You will admire the high by the most modern cable car system in Southeast Asia. You will visit Dream Stream Cable car Station. After finishing the first cable car, you will visit France wine cellar, Exploring the Golden Bridge (Winding its way around a 150-meter course lined with flowers, a golden bridge shimmers against the Ba Na Hills, supported by a pair of giant hands.). The shimmering structure emerges from the trees of Thien Thai garden in Ba Na Hills. Set more than 1,400m above sea level, the bridge incorporates eight spans and extends 150m long. Its green hands have been aged, as if they've been there for centuries. Linh Ung pagoda. You will see the panorama of Danang City.

12:00 Visit and play game at the Fantasy Park

15:00 Explore King Peak at an altitude 1.487m, you can see panorama view of the Hana Hills and Quang Nam - Da Nang on high. Then drive straight to the airport for the flight to Saigon. Transfer to the hotel upon arrival.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoian

Day 7 HOI AN – FREE DAY

Free and easy day to explore Hoian town or swim at nearby beach.

Optional tours/activities you can do in Hoian

Option 1: [Hoian - Countryside and cycling tour](#)

Option 2: [Hoian Cooking at Red Bridge School](#)

Option 3: [Hoian Food Tour by Vintage Vespa](#)

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoian

Day 8 HOIAN - FREE DAY

Free and easy day to relax, go shopping in Hoian.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoian

Day 9 HOI AN – HANOI – STREET FOOD BY NIGHT

Free in the morning.

In the afternoon, airport transfer for the flight to Hanoi. Pickup and transfer to the hotel upon arrival.

Back to the Old Quarter, we will start street food walking tour.

Your local guide will give you an insight into the intricacies and traditions of Vietnamese food culture including details on ingredients and historical backgrounds of popular northern dishes. We eat as we go, trying seasonal fruits and sampling a tasty French-inspired snack from a street cart.

Walking through the maze of bustling streets that make up Hanoi's Old Quarter, we tempt our tastebuds with the famed Hanoi dish Banh Cuon at a local eatery. Watch in awe as the skilled chefs demonstrate for you how this tasty dish is put together. Continuing into the atmospheric heart of the Old Quarter, we wander past street stalls and quiet residential lanes where you can observe local life that has changed little since Hanoi was founded over 1000 years ago.

Our next two snack stops are at outdoor barbeque stalls. We sit down with the Hanoi locals and sample various meat, vegetable and bread specialties that are flame grilled over hot coals for extra flavour. It's then time for dessert as we venture down a small alley to join in the local tradition of feasting on fresh fruit served in a cup and smothered with crushed iced and condensed milk – this speciality is one not to be missed!

Your local guide will then take you to one of Hanoi's best kept secrets, a hidden street food restaurant

to taste top ten street foods in Hanoi is Banh My Hanoi, Vietnamese Rice Wine and famous Egg Coffee. This hard-to-find café is one of the few left in the narrow street inside the old quarter of Hanoi. Or, if coffee is not your style, a cold beer awaits!. At the end of the trip you are free to continue exploring the area or your guide will assist you back to your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast/Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 10 HANOI HALF DAY CITY TOUR

Free to relax in the morning.

In the afternoon, half day tour to visit Hanoi. We start with visit to President Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum (Outside). We also visit the famous One Pillar Pagoda nearby. Leaving the President's complex, we continue to visit the Temple of Literature (Van Mieu). Although several Van Mieu can be found throughout Vietnam, the most prominent and famous is that situated in the city of Hanoi, and was functioned as Vietnam's first university.

Finally, visit the Hoa Lo prison. Free time to relax till transfer to the station for night train to Sapa.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 11 HANOI – HALONG BAY – NIGHT ON BOARD

08h00: Pick up from your hotel in Hanoi. Drive to Halong City through the paddy fields in the Red River Delta.

10h00: Stopover on the way for a refreshment break

12h00: Arrive at Tuan Chau wharf – Break and photography time

12h30: Board the Cruise for departure. Welcome drink will be served

13h00: Lunch is served while cruising through the bay

15h30: Visit exciting Cua Van fishing village. The village is free of busy roads and streets, electric lights, houses and high rise buildings. Instead, there are only herds of little boats and rafts. You will have the chance to discover the traditional culture and customs of the fishermen.

16h30: Enjoy kayaking or swimming (if the weather permits).

17h00: Back on board and continue cruising.

19h00: Dinner is served.

21h00: Take some leisure time to enjoy chatting at the bar or enjoy some night fishing.

Note*: the itinerary and activities on board would vary depending on the boat you choose. Please see the choice of boat in Hotel Inclusions.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Night on board

Day 12 HALONG BAY KAYAKING – NIGHT ON BOARD

6.30 – 07.00 : Start your new day with a Tai Chi session or a photo hunt for the glamour sunrise in Halong Bay in the early morning.

07.00 – 08.00 : Have breakfast in the peaceful bay while listening to the bird songs.

08:00 – 10:00 : Transfer to a high quality day boat for a cruise to Thien Canh Son Cave, visit the cave to learn about the karst formation. Enjoy hiking to see the panorama view of the Bay from the cave's entrance.

10:00 – 12:00 : Start to down for a beautiful white-sand beach at the foot of Hon Co Island. Go kayaking though the isolated and off-the-beaten-track appeal of the Bay. Enjoy swimming in the blue water or leisurely lying down under the tropical sunshine for sunbathing.

12:30 – 14:00 : Back to the boat for lunch.

14:00 – 14:00 : More time for kayaking through the hidden lagoons and explore the biological diversity of the Bay.

16:30 – 19:00 : Return to the cruise refreshing and stretching your selves on the top deck. Join in the Sunset party and see the beautiful pinky clouds reflecting on the water surface. Or enjoy the massage treatment in your comfortable cabin.

19:00 : Savor our delicious dinner with incredible traditional Vietnamese food and amazing vegetable carving performance, while being well introduced the philosophies that lie behind each type of cuisine. Socialize with new friends and crew members, enjoy squid fishing or leisurely relax on the top deck in the middle of the tranquil bay.

Note*: the itinerary and activities on board would vary depending on the boat you choose. Please see the choice of boat in Hotel Inclusions.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Sleep on board

Day 13 HALONG BAY - HANOI

07.00: Coffee and tea will be served

08.00: Continue cruising

08h15: Visit splendid Sung Sot Cave

09h00: Check out and enjoy a fantastic cruise on the bay, passing Dinh Huong Island, fishing villages, Ga Choi Island, Dog Island and Sail Island.

09.30: Buffet brunch (breakfast/lunch) while cruising back through Halong Bay to the pier

11h30: Arrive at the pier. Time to say goodbye to the crew.

12.00: Return from Halong to Hanoi. Arrive Hanoi at about 16:30pm. Free and easy for personal activities.

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Meals: Breakfast/Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Saigon

Day 14 HANOI DEPARTURE

Today, you are free till airport transfer for departure flight. Trip ends!

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: N/A

Hotel Inclusions

| Location | Hotel | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Superior (3*) | First class (4*) | Deluxe (5*) |
| Hanoi | Noble Boutique Hotel | Golden Silk boutique hotel | Apricot Hotel |
| Halong Bay Cruise | Stellar Cruise | Huong Hai Sealife Cruise | Signature Cruise |
| Hoian | Vinh Hung Emerald Resort | | Vinh Hung Riverside Resort |
| Saigon | Tan Hoang Long Hotel | Grand Silverland Hotel & Spa | Majestic Hotel |
| Can Tho | Iris hotel | Muong Thanh Luxury | Victoria Resort |

Note*:

- All prices are in USD per adult, in Double/Twin sharing
- Small group tour - daily departure with max 12 pax (for Halong Cruises, you will join bus by boat companies)
- In some major cities in Vietnam, hotel rooms may not have windows.
- Similar hotels are selected if any of above are booked
- Checkin/checkout time is 14:00pm and 12:00am respectively. Early checkin/late checkout is not included
- Surcharge will be applied for single traveller or single room request

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

- Overnights in selected hotels or similar
- Vietnam visa approval letter
- Halong bay 3 day Cruise package
- Local English speaking guides
- Excursions as mentioned in the itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Land transfer by Private car with AC for the whole trip
- Entrance fees for sightseeing mentioned in the itinerary
- Tours and transfers as mentioned, by air-conditioned vehicles
- 2 domestic flights: Can Tho - Danang, Danang - Hanoi

Exclusions

- Meals and services other than those noted in the itinerary
- Visa stamping fees
- Laundry, telephone calls, and personal expenditures
- Gratuities for guides, drivers, porters, boat crew, and personal, non-itinerary services

Children policies

- FOC for infant under 2 years old (full charge for flight tickets - US\$180)
- 02 - 6 years old without bed: 35% adult rate
- 06 - 11 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate
- 06 - 11 years old in twin share: 90% adult rate

Note*: The rate for children applicable for one child sharing a twin or double cabin with two adults

Booking Terms & Conditions

Payment

- To guarantee your land tour booking, a deposit 30% must be paid in advance. The balance must be settled **either** in USD Cash on arrival **or** 1 week before arrival date via any other methods.
- We accept payments in cash, by credit card or by bank transfer and Western Union. Any charges to settle the payment must be paid by the Clients. We will recognize the amount receive only.

Cancellations

Cancellations for all or any part of the trip will not be effective until received in writing. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply:

- 65 days or more before departure: 15% of total tour cost
- Between 64 and 35 days before departure: 30% of total tour cost
- Between 34 and 15 days before departure: 50% of total tour cost
- Between 14 and 7 days before departure: 80% of total tour cost
- 6 days or less before departure / No Show: 100% of total tour cost

Full charge is applied for domestic flights

Note*: We strongly recommend for your protection that you purchase a trip cancellation insurance.

Important Information

Emergency Contact

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call the travel consultant whom you deal with and then our hot line contacts. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please send us a detailed message and contact information by email to the agent and to info@indochinatreks.com, we may check and return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

Our all travel consultants use WhatApps. Please ensure that you have the contact number. It's best to buy a local sim-card upon arrival. Most hotels offer free wifi. So it's very easy to contact in urgent case.

Emergency contact numbers

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Combo Trip

If you book small group tour option, please note that the tour combines with our other tours. As such, some travel companions on your tour may have previously been travelling together with us. Likewise, some travel companions may be continuing together on another tour after your trip concludes.

You can start the tour on any date (please contact our consultant in advance to avoid peak dates or holidays) and customize itinerary with extra days/activities at any destination.

Internal Flights

For all internal flights, we would use Vietnamairlines, Vietjesair, Jestar, Cambodia Angkorair or Laos Airlines. Most domestic flights in Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar, airlines would use small 70 seat ATR72

for short distances. Most airlines in Vietnam use the Airbus A321. 20kg for checkin luggage and 7kg for hand-bag is included in the price.

International flights before/after the tour must be booked by yourself before travelling date.

Accommodation

We would use different hotel categories and you can select any basing on your budget. So your travel companions would not stay at your hotel. A Hotel Voucher will be provided once your tour is confirmed with all hotel details.

Packing List

Conservative Dress

- Modest clothing that covers knees and shoulders (Long pants, long skirts, shirts that cover shoulders)
- Shawl or scarf (for temple visits)

Note*: Please pack clothing for the season in which you will be travelling. From Dec-Feb weather can be cold, so please pack warm clothing. From May-Nov it is the wet season, so please bring waterproof clothing.

Documents

- All tickets (required)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Required visas
- Hotel & Tour Vouchers
- Meeting sign (with your names and flight details that we will use for transfers)

Train Travel

Train travel in Vietnam is very basic and train cleanliness is often not a priority for train staff. Sleeper trains normally have 4 seats per compartment, which convert into sleeping bunks (two upper and two lower). A sheet, pillow and blanket are provided, although many people prefer to bring their own sleeping sheet. At times, passengers of different genders may be required to share a sleeper train berth and/or share a compartment with people not travelling in your group. For short distance - 3 hours (as Hue to Danang or vv), you will do the trip on soft/hard seat carriage.

Simple food is available on the train but many people like to stock up on freshly baked bread, cheese and fruit prior to departure. Water should also be bought before the journey.

Train journeys in Vietnam are an experience and allow you to get a real taste of Vietnam.

Airport transfers

All airport transfers are included in the tour price. You should provide us your arrival/departure flight details and we will arrange things basing on the information. A meeting sign with your name and all flight details will be sent to you. Please be ready at the lobby at pointed time for pickup.

Driver/guide should always be present at the airport before your arrival time. If you could not find the driver, please contact your travel consultant who you deal with. For any reason that airport transfer could not be arranged, please take the taxi to the hotel. We will refund the money then.

Travel insurance

Travel insurance is not included in our tour price. When travelling with us, you are suggested to buy insurance that covers all medical coverage, cancellation, personal liability, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects.

Trip Specific Safety

We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage.

Be aware that petty theft can be an issue in some towns and cities especially late at night. A common tactic is opportunists on motorbikes that drive by and snatch bags. Please always leave valuables and passports etc in your hotel in safety boxes if available and only carry with you enough cash to spend for the day. Bags should always be carried over the neck and not left to sit on your shoulder.

Warming

Please do not buy gems unless you know what you are doing. Even if genuine you should not expect to be able to sell them at home. If you fall victim to a gem scam, we are unable to assist you.

Visas and Entry Requirements

Please note that visas for Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos are the responsibility of the individual traveller. The visa requirements for your trip vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. For the most up to date information please check your Governments Foreign Ministry website or with you travel agent as rules do change.

CAMBODIA - Visas can be obtained at the Cambodian border or Siem Reap Airport for approx. \$35 USD very easily. Please have **at least** 2 passport photos with you as well.

VIETNAM - As of March 2017, a select 80 nationalities are now eligible to enter Vietnam with an E-Visa. Please contact your Foreign Ministry or Vietnamese consulate to see if your nationality is eligible. Please note that you should **ONLY** apply for a Vietnam E-Visa if you are entering Vietnam by international airport - either Noi Bai International Airport (Hanoi) or Tan Son Nhat International Airport (Ho Chi Minh City).

If you are entering Vietnam by land border, please apply for a regular visa for Vietnam. Many of the land borders we travel through do not accept the Vietnam E-Visa. Please view this link to apply E-Visa: <https://evisa.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn/web/guest/trang-chu-ttdt>

We will help you apply an approval letter for visa on arrival if you enter Vietnam through international airports. You will have to pay for stamping fees to the custom at the airport. View how visa on arrival works through this link:

https://www.indochinatreks.com/Vietnam_Visa_On_Arrival

LAOS - Visas are issued upon arrival in Laos. You will need two passport size photographs and approx \$35. Tourists are generally admitted to Laos for 15 days with a visa on arrival or for 30 days with a visa issued at a Lao embassy. Please bring visa photos with you.

Please be aware that you will require four clean pages (minimum) in your passport and at least six months validity.

Tipping

It is customary in Asia to tip service providers such as waiters, at approximately 10%, depending on the service. Tipping is expected - though not compulsory - and shows an expression of satisfaction with the people who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides or drivers we use. Recommendations for tipping drivers and local guides would range from \$3-\$5 USD per person per day depending on the quality and length of the service.

Electricity

Indochina Countries use 220V, and a mixture of flat 2-pin, round 2-pin or 3 pin plugs. It is recommended to bring a universal plug adapter.