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VIETNAM TOUR PACKAGE – 10NIGHTS/11 DAYS

Meals	As mentioned on itinerary.
Distance	Noi Bai Airport - Hanoi city centre: 35km → 40 minutes transfer
Note	Early check in is NOT included

Day 1 – HANOI - Arrival

Upon arrival at Noi Bai airport, our local guide will meet you and transfer you to your hotel. Explore Hanoi's Old Quarter and visit the night market.

Day 2 – HANOI – Full day city tour (B/-)

After breakfast at hotel, our guide and driver will pick you up from hotel to take a full day city tour. Visit **Ho Chi Minh Memorial Complex**, a lovely park setting which is home to Ho Chi Minh's final resting place, as well as a museum and other memorials. Stroll past the **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum** (will be closed on Monday and Friday) where visitors can pay respects to the embalmed body of Ho Chi Minh. Continue through the park to **Ho Chi Minh's Stilt House**, the simple two-room dwelling where Ho Chi Minh lived from 1948 until his final days. Preserved in the same condition as during his life, it may be viewed through the windows. Continue to the miniature **One Pillar Pagoda**. Also dating from the 11th century, this monument was rebuilt after being destroyed by the French in 1954. Then proceed to visit: **Temple Of Literature**, a peaceful series of walled courtyards and graceful gateways, and one of the best surviving examples of traditional Vietnamese architecture. Founded in 1070 and dedicated to Confucius, this was also the site of Vietnam's first university. After that, transfer to visit **Museum Of Ethnology** - which focuses on the 54 officially, recognized ethnic groups in Vietnam. In the late afternoon, we will transfer you to visit **Hoan Kiem Lake, Ngoc Son Temple** and the Rising Sun Bridge. Then enjoy a **Water Puppet Show** at Thang Long theatre.

Overnight in Hanoi

Meals: Breakfast at hotel

Note: Museum Of Ethnology will be closed on Monday

Day 3 - HANOI – HALONG BAY (B/L/D)

Depart Hanoi to Ha Long Bay by road through the rich farmlands of the **Red River Delta** and the scenery of rice fields (harvest time: 5th month and 10th month of Lunar New Year), water buffalos and everyday Vietnamese village life on both side of the highway No.18.

12.15: Arrive in Ha Long City and board our traditional wooden junk boat **Huong Hai Junk** for an overnight journey. Sip on a refreshing welcome drink upon check in before you begin your cruise through the bay.

13.00: Start sail from Bai Tu Long Bay area and feast on a delicious lunch as you cruise among beautiful of islets (Tea pot, Mat Quy (Monster Face), Yen Ngua, Man's Head, Tortoise etc.). Discover unspoiled pockets of Halong Bay and visit **Sung Sot Amazing Cave**, one of the most imposing grottos of the Bay. Swim at **Soi Sim Beach** or take a short trek near **Titov Beach** to the top of **Titov mountain** (426 Steps) for magnificent panoramic scenery.

17.30 Fresh fruits served at lounge or sundeck. Enjoy fresh fruit/vegetable carving & folding napkins.

19.30 Dinner is served.

21.00 Squid fishing or relax and chatting with your partner, friends and family.

Overnight on Junkboat

Meals: Breakfast at hotel. Lunch & dinner on Junkboat

Distance: Hanoi – Halong: 165km → 3.5 hour transfer

Day 4 – HALONG – HANOY – HUE (BRUNCH)

06.20: Tai Chi Exercise with an opportunity to admire the magnificent scenery of sunrise over the Bay.

07.00: For early riser complimentary tea, coffee and breakfast are served.

08.00: Visit **Luon** cave on a small bamboo boat paddle by our crew and enjoy the quiet atmosphere enclosed by high islets and mountains. Back to our **Huong Hai Junkboat** to sail past the islets of **Finger** near **Hoa Cuong** fishing village area, **Ga Choi – Fighting Cock**, **Dinh Huong** and **Little Dog**. Enjoy the tranquil scenery as the boat meanders its way through the bay on the way back to Ha Long City. Arrange your luggage and check out onboard.

10.15: Enjoy a brunch as your boat weaves through strange-shaped limestone rock formations.

11.30: Arrive back at Ha Long City for disembarkation where your driver waits to take you back to your Hanoi. We will transfer you to the airport to take a short flight from Hanoi – Hue

Overnight in Hue

Meals: Brunch on Cruise

Note: Flight VN147 (Departure: 19:15 or 20:25)

Subject to local conditions

Day 5 – HUE – Full day city tour (B/-)

Today you will visit **Imperial Citadel**; a vast complex built in the early 19th century and modeled after the **Forbidden City of Peking**. The original walls stretched for 10 km and were surrounded by a wide moat. Today, most of the buildings have been destroyed due to bombing during the Vietnam - American War, but the monuments that remain provide a fascinating glimpse into the court life of the Nguyen Dynasty. Approach the city past the striking **Flag Tower**, where a giant Vietnamese flag waves proudly overhead facing the imposing **Ngo Mon Gate**, the main entrance to the **Imperial Enclosure**. Enter into an area of spacious courtyards and serene lotus ponds, and visit **Dien Tho Residence** (or Dien Tho Palace) where the Queen mother lived. Visit **Thai Hoa Palace**, the magnificently decorated reception hall, the Halls Of The Mandarins, and the original **Nine Dynastic Urns**, among other sites.

Mid-late afternoon, take a boat to visit **Thien Mu Pagoda**, an elegant seven-tiered octagonal tower that has become Hue's most widely recognisable monument. During the early 1960s, this became a center of anti-government protest, and the site of the famous self-immolation of the monk **Thich Quang Duc**. Constructed between 1864 and 1867, **Tu Duc's Tomb** was built when he was still alive and used it for meditation, reading and theater performances. There are pavilions in a tranquil setting of forested hills and lakes. Finally visit **Dong Ba Market** and be absorbed by the myriad of goods and local specialties.

Overnight in Hue

Meals: Breakfast at hotel

Day 6 – HUE – DA NANG – HOI AN – Full day city tour (B/-)

After breakfast, we you will depart from Hue to Hoi An. On the way visit **Cham Museum**, housing the best collection of Cham art to be found anywhere in the world with more than 300 artifacts in the museum, many dating to the 4th century. You can then visit **Marble Mountain**, a set of five stone hillocks that rise sharply from the surrounding rice fields. Riddled with caves and shrines, they are said to each represent one of the five elements of the universe. Arrival in Hoi An in the afternoon, enjoy a walking tour to see **Japanese Covered Bridge** in Pagoda. The first bridge on this site was constructed in 1593 by the Japanese community of Hoi An to link the town with the Chinese quarters across the stream. The bridge was provided with a roof so it could be used as a shelter from rain and sun. **Sa Huynh Museum** located nearby contains exhibitions from the earliest period of Hoi An's history. **Tran Family Chapel** is a house for worshipping ancestors and was built about 200 years ago with donations from family members. The Tran family traces its origins to China and moved to Vietnam around 1700. The architecture of the building reflects the influence of Chinese and Japanese styles. **Phuoc Kien Assembly Hall** is a Chinese pagoda built around 1690 and then restored and enlarged in 1900. It is typical of the Chinese clans that were established in the Hoi An area. The temple is dedicated to **Thien Hau Thanh Mau** (Goddess of the Sea and Protector of Sailors and Fishermen). **Lantern Making Workshop**: Visit one of the lantern workshops in Hoi An. The industry itself and clients will make the framework of lantern with opportunity of making silk cloth on the lantern. Around the town we can see a numerous art galleries and tailor shops, get some made-to-order clothes if you like. In the afternoon, free and easy on the beach

Overnight in Hoi An

Meals: Breakfast at hotel

Day 7 – HOI AN – Free and easy (B/-)

After breakfast, free at your leisure for the whole day.

Tip: Visit the tailors around the ancient town or clothing markets to get your own clothes designed and get them within the day.

Overnight in Hoi An

Meals: Breakfast at hotel

Day 8 – HOI AN – DA NANG – HO CHI MINH CITY - Full day city tour (B/-)

After breakfast you will transfer to Danang airport for a flight to Ho Chi Minh City, where our local guide will meet and transport you to your hotel. This is Vietnam's largest city and the heart of Vietnamese business and entrepreneurship. Winding through **District One**, you will see such landmarks as the **Cathedral of Notre Dame** as well as the **Centre Post Office** and pass by the ornate City **Hall** (Hotel De Ville) and old **Opera House**. Visit **Unification Palace** formerly known as Independence Palace of the South Vietnamese President. Finally you will visit **The War Museum** before treating yourself to some shopping at **Ben Thanh Market**. After the sightseeing tour, you are free to roam at your leisure.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City

Meals: Breakfast at hotel

Flight details: VN107 – 09:05 or 10:20

Distance: Ho Chi Minh City – Tan Son Nhat Airport: 7km → 20 minutes transfer

DAY 9 – HO CHI MINH CITY – MY THO Mekong delta tour– HO CHI MINH CITY (B/-)

Transfer to outskirts of Ho Chi Minh City and so begins the tour along the beautiful countryside road. Start at the Tourist Boat Station in My Tho before cruising the **Mekong Delta** along the **Tien River** seeing four islands: **Dragon, Unicorn, Tortoise, and Phoenix**. Enjoy fresh coconut juice while visiting the fish floating market at **Fish Craft Village**. Stop at **Thoi Son Island** and walking around countryside road, seeing orchards, enjoy tropical fruits and listen to traditional music. Take a rowing boat on small canal with beautiful scenery of countryside, to visit **Honeybee Farm** and enjoy honey tea. Stop at **Phoenix Island** to visit **Coconut Monk Temple** and **Crocodile Pond**.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City

Meals: Breakfast at hotel

Distance: Ho Chi Minh City – My Tho: 75km → 2.5 hour transfer

Note: Please ask for safety information from your guide when visiting Crocodile Pond before visiting

DAY 10 – HO CHI MINH CITY – CU CHI – HO CHI MINH CITY – Shopping tour (B/-/-)

Embark on an early morning visit to the world famous **Cu Chi Tunnels**. Having never been discovered by American Forces during the Vietnam-American War, these tunnels stretch over 200 km and was an important base for the Viet Cong. This underground network sports hand connected command posts, a hospital shelter and former weapon factories. In the afternoon, tour starts at **Saigon Square** where we will transfer you onto **Binh Tay Market** where you can shop for souvenirs and try some unique and exotic foods. We will conclude our tour with a visit to the large department stores such as **Parkson** and **Vincom Center Shopping Mall**. By showing you the redevelopment of the city, you will see why Ho Chi Minh City is being widely recognised as one of the most modern and exciting cities in Asia.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City

Meals: Breakfast at hotel

DAY 11 – HO CHI MINH CITY – Departure (B/-/-)

Enjoy your last day with a free & easy time around the city center until our guide will transfer you to the airport to take a flight home.

Meals: Breakfast at hotel

Distance: Ho Chi Minh City – Tan Son Nhat Airport: 7km → 20 minutes transfer

END OF TOUR

HOTEL INFORMATION

CITY	HOTEL & ROOM TYPE
Hanoi	<u>Hong Ngoc Dynasty</u> Premium
Halong	<u>Huong Hai Junk</u> Deluxe
Hue	<u>Huong Giang</u> Deluxe
Hoi An	<u>Phu Thinh</u> Superior
Ho Chi Minh City	<u>Blue Diamond</u> ROH



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TOUR INCLUDES

- Hotel accommodation with twin/double sharing rooms as hotel below or similar.
- Meals as mentioned (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch. D=Dinner)
- 2 Days/1 Night on Junkboat in Halong Bay with twin/double cabin (private cabin and sharing cruise with other clients).
- Private transfer and transportation on tour: 7 seat car
- Sightseeing with English speaking guide (01 guide in each city)
- In house sharing English speaking guide on cruise in Halong Bay. If you need our private guide, please let us know, we will advise you of a surcharge if any.
- Single entrance fees as in the itinerary.
- Water puppet show in Hanoi.
- Mineral water with 1 bottle of 500ml/ per tour day/per passenger.
- Early check in on the second day in the morning flight.
- Private boat trip in Perfume River, Mekong Delta.

TOUR EXCLUDES

- Early check in or late checkout are not mentioned in our program
 - Check in time at hotel - 14:00pm
 - Check out time at hotel -12:00pm
- Travel insurance (Please make sure that you buy insurance before travelling overseas).
- Optional tours not mentioned above.
- Visa arrangements & visa stamp at international gate
- Beverages in meals.
- Tipping and the other services are not mentioned above.
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