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VIETNAM TOUR PACKAGE – 14NIGHTS/15 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 – Full day city tour (B/-/-)

Start your full city tour by visiting the **Japanese Covered Bridge 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 the rain and sun. **Sa Huynh Museum** located nearby contains exhibitions from the earliest period of Hoi An's history. Following this you can journey to the **Tran Family Chapel**. This house of worship 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). Custom make your experience and visit one of the **Lantern Making Workshops** where you have an opportunity of making silk cloths on your own personal lantern. Around the town we can see a numerous art galleries and tailor shops and perhaps have a bespoke suit made.

Overnight in Hoi An

Meals: Breakfast at hotel

Day 8 – HOI AN – DA NANG – HO CHI MINH CITY – Shopping Tour (B/-/-)

After breakfast you will be transferred to Da Nang airport for a flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Your local guide will welcome you and bring you to your hotel. This is Vietnam's largest city and the heart of Vietnamese business and entrepreneurship. The tour starts in **Saigon Square** where you can visit the very popular **Binh Tay Market** to shop for souvenirs and unique/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

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 – Full day city tour (B/-/-)

After your breakfast, start to discover **District One** and visit famous sites such as the **Central Post Office** and the **Cathedral of Notre Dame**. Why not visit **City Hall** (Hotel De Ville) or the **Municipal Opera House**, which built in 1897 and most recently restored in 1995. Visit **Unification Palace**, formerly known as Independence palace to the South Vietnamese President. Take a walk through Vietnams battle history at the **War Museum** primarily containing exhibits of the Vietnamese-American war. Lastly you can decide to do some shopping at **Ben Thanh Market** for some hand crafts and textiles as well as sample some local cuisine.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City

Meals: Breakfast at hotel

DAY 10 – HO CHI MINH CITY – CU CHI – CAI BE (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. Later on that afternoon you will then transfer to **Cai Be** (Tien Giang province). Enjoy the scenery along the way and then once arriving you are free to roam at your leisure.

Overnight in Cai Be

Meals: Breakfast at hotel. Dinner at home stay in Cai Be.

Distance: Ho Chi Minh – Cu Chi: 70km → 2 hours transfer

Cu Chi – Cai Be: 130km → 2 hours transfer

DAY 11 – CAI BE - Floating Market – CHAU DOC (B/-)

Early morning breakfast followed embark on one of the local boats to explore **Cai Be Floating Market**, a lively market of fruit and vegetable barges with a picturesque Catholic cathedral on the riverside. Continue along smaller waterways and canals, stopping at the **Mekong River Island** to visit the orchards and local cottage industries. Enjoy watching how the delta residents make traditional treats such as dried longans, rice pancakes and puffed rice candies, with a chance to sample the local delicacies. You will finish your boat journey Vinh Long and then a short drive to **Chau Doc**.

Overnight in Chau Doc

Meals: Breakfast at hotel

Distance: Cai Be – Chau Doc: 150km → 3.5 hours transfer.

DAY 12 – CHAU DOC – PHNOM PENH – Speedboat, Half day tour (B/-) (CAMBODIA)

Our driver will transfer you to the pier where a speedboat awaits to whisk you away to the city of **Phnom Penh** in **Cambodia**. Despite its sad history, the city has kept its charm and is considered the most endearing city in Indochina. Today you will visit the legendary temple of **Wat Phnom**, where you can enjoy an interesting view of the architecture and tranquil surroundings. The next stop is the **National Museum**, which feature exhibits of Khmer art and sculptures. Most of the exhibits are from the Angkor period dating between 9th – 15th Century; however some exhibits date back as far as the 4th Century. From there you will visit the **Killing Fields of Choeung Ek**; both are grim reminders of Cambodia's bloody past under **Pol Pot**.

Overnight in Phnom Penh.

Meal: Breakfast at hotel

Distance: Speed boat: Chau Doc – Phnom Penh (07:30 am – 12:30 pm) Speed

Speedboat info: <http://www.hangchautourist.vn>

DAY 13 – PHNOM PENH – SIEM REAP (B/-) BY FLIGHT

Today you will fly the short distance from **Phnom Penh** to **Siem Reap**. Upon arrival in **Siem Reap**, you will visit the largest as well as the most complete and iconic temple of **Angkor Wat**. This architectural masterpiece was constructed in the 12th century and covers an area of about 210 hectares. You will see the many galleries with columns, libraries, pavilions, courtyards and ponds full of water reflecting the towering temple. You will be amazed at the beautiful sunset view from **Phnom Bakheng Hill**.

Overnight in Siem Reap

Meals: Breakfast at hotel

Flight details: K6 103 PNH – REP (10:10/10:55)

DAY 14 – SIEM REAP – Full day city tour (B/-)

After breakfast at hotel, you visit **Angkor Thom**, which is the great city of the ancient **Khmer Empire**. Today you ride the elephant from south of Angkor Thom to **Bayon Temple**, **Baphoun**, **Elephant Terrace** and continue exploring the picturesque **Ta Prohm** that had nearly disappeared into the jungle and remains overgrown serving as an oddly haunting but exotic scene. The magnificent roots of a tree, pushing between the huge stone blocks of the temple in a sort of embrace, evoke feelings that a visitor may remember forever. In the afternoon you will hop aboard a boat journeying to the floating village of **Chong Kneas** on the **Tonle Sap Lake**. Boasting Asia's largest lake swells to ten times its normal size during the wet season. Visit the humble surroundings of **Le Artisan d'Angkor** where young people are trained the skills of carving, painting and weaving.

Overnight in Siem Reap

Meals: Breakfast at hotel

DAY 15 – SIEM REAP – Departure (B/-)

After Breakfast at hotel. Free & easy time until our guide will transfer you to the airport to take a flight home.

Meals: Breakfast at hotel

Distance: Siem Reap Central – Siem Reap Airport: 12km → 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
Saigon	<u>Blue Diamond</u> ROH
Cai Be	<u>Ba Duc Home-stay</u> Deluxe
Chau Doc	<u>Chau Pho</u> Standard
Phnom Penh	<u>King Grand boutique</u> Deluxe
Siem Reap	<u>Angkor Home</u> Superior



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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 (1 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.
- Speed boat from Chau Doc to Phnom Penh
- Private boat trip in Perfume River & Cai Be floating market
- Boat trip in Tonle Sap Lake & elephant ride

TOUR EXCLUDES

- Early check in or late checkout which 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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