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DAYS

Looking for the full experience tour of Vietnam? This 12-day Vietnam itinerary takes you through Ho Chi Minh, Hoi An, Hanoi & Halong Bay with plenty of action and highlights to immerse yourself into this enchanting culture. Picture yourself relishing the rice region of Mekong Delta by taking a traditional boat through floating markets & local fruit farms, stopping in exciting & iconic hot spots & popular local foodie haunts for a true Vietnam travel experience.

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DAY 1

START HO CHI MINH CITY

Ho Chi Minh City

Welcome to Ho Chi Minh city, formerly known as Saigon. This is one of Asia's most exhilarating cities, steeped in grand history and post-Vietnam war memories.

This evening you'll meet your travel comrades and explore the Ben Thanh markets, offering the freshest traditional Bánh mì, Pho and Bia hơi. Oh yes, this is the right way to get the Vietnam trip started.

Hotel

Vien Dong Hotel (or similar)

DAY 2

HO CHI MINH CITY TO MEKONG DELTA

Ho Chi Minh City

Today we leave Ho Chi Minh exchanging fast paced city life for an energy that's a little more quaint. Such is the contrasting beauty of Vietnam.

Mekong River Delta

Though this isn't the first time we are seeing the Mekong Delta, our journey in a traditional boat will prove just how dramatically this river's fringes can vary. We'll see floating markets, visit a rice paper factory and sip some of Vietnam's famous rice whiskey. A home-cooked meal and local musicians will round off our day as we settle in for a night at a local guesthouse.

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel

Bay Thoi Homestay (or similar)

Included Experiences

- Catch Your Own Dinner

Grab your buddies and take a shot at catching an elephant ear fish for dinner. FYI: it tastes better than it looks.

- See artisans at work

Watch and learn as local craftspeople make rice wine, tea, sweets and more local delicacies.

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DAY 3

MEKONG DELTA TO HO CHI MINH CITY

Mekong River Delta

After an early breakfast we'll make our way back to Ho Chi Minh, detouring past Viet Cong's Cu Chi Tunnels. See traps, hidden doors & some of the 250kms of tunnels that Vietnamese resistance fighters dug by hand, and even go down into the skinny tunnels to experience them first hand in this look into Vietnam's staggering past.

Ho Chi Minh City

Back in the addictive mayhem of Vietnam's biggest city you will have free time to carry on your explorations. Continuing to eat your way through Vietnam's culinary highlights would be one wise way to use your time (we think).

Meals

Breakfast

Hotel

Vien Dong Hotel (or similar)

Included Experiences

- Crawl through Củ Chi Tunnels

Brave this subterranean world. The hand-dug tunnels were built by the Viet Cong to hide out during the war.

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DAY 4

HO CHI MINH CITY TO NHA TRANG

Ho Chi Minh City

With some traditional R'n'R on our afternoon agenda, the morning can be used to put on our discovering boots. We'll dabble in history and religion before taking flight to a coastal town overlooking the South China Sea.

Nha Trang

Golden sand beaches, turquoise waters and a bustling night life - this is Nha Trang. This afternoon why not book in for a mineral mud bath and hot thermal spring experience before heading out to dinner with your crew. Ah, the good life.

Meals

Breakfast

Hotel

Vien Dong Hotel (or similar)

Included Experiences

- Ho Chi Minh Sightseeing Highlights

Tick off all of the landmarks on your bucket list – Notre Dame Cathedral, General Post Office and the Presidential Palace.

- Pay Respects at the War Remnants Museum

A meaningful reminder of the atrocities of the Vietnam War and its impact on local people and wildlife.

- Fly to Nha Trang

Passports at the ready folks.

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DAY 5

NHA TRANG

Nha Trang

Good news - we're kicking it in Nha Trang for another night. Have a massage, sign up for the optional cruise, or just hang on the beach saving your energy for seaside bar fun as the sun sets.

Meals

Breakfast

Hotel

Vien Dong Hotel (or similar)

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Cruise & Swimming Day Trip -

This cruise is the perfect way to explore some of the South China Sea & get a good look at Nha Trang & the surrounding islands from the water. Try some snorkelling, jump off the boat into the water or catch some sun on the deck, relax & hang out with your group.

Adult: 840000.00 VND

Mud Bath & Hot Springs Experience -

Relax with a warm mineral mud bath & hot spring experience in Vietnam's resort town of Nha Trang, which are said to have medicinal and cosmetic qualities. Afterwards, enjoy the heated mineral pools and high pressure water massages.

Adult: 680000.00 VND

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DAY 6

NHA TRANG TO HOI'AN

Nha Trang

We'll travel North and take a short coastal drive we find ourselves in a canal town overflowing with beauty and ancient history.

Hoi An

With Japanese, Chinese, Vietnamese and European influences, Hoi An has no shortage of charm and architectural interest. Bike riding through the vibrant town, visiting an ancient house & ordering custom-made clothes at an artful tailor are just some of the activities that will colour our day. Tonight you can opt onto a Vietnamese cooking class, whipping up a storm of up to 4 traditional dishes.

Meals

Breakfast

Hotel

Le Pavillon Paradise Hoi An Hotel & Spa (or similar)

Included Experiences

- Guided Cycling: Hoi An Ancient Town

This 15th century port and UNESCO site is best explored on two wheels with a local expert. Don't forget your Go-Pro!

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Tasty Vietnamese Cooking Class -

With the guidance of a local master chef, learn to cook delicious street food favourites (like spring rolls) & popular Vietnamese family dishes in an old French-style colonial building. Situated in the centre of Hoi An's UNESCO World Heritage listed Ancient Town. You'll also get a recipe list so you can keep up your new cooking skills & recipes back home.

Adult: 720000.00 VND

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DAY 7

HOI AN

Hoi An

Morning travellers! The day is all yours. Poke around in galleries & market stalls (the best shopping spots in Vietnam in our opinion) and devour all of the delectable treats on offer. And for a dose of culture, you could ride on one of Vietnam's very own Bamboo Basket Boats (Yes, the ones that you've probably seen on Instagram). And to top it all off, we'll grab some fresh coconut water straight from the tree to your tummy.

Meals

Breakfast

Hotel

Le Pavillon Paradise Hoi An Hotel & Spa (or similar)

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Ride the Hand-Made Bamboo Basket Boats -

Float (and spin) through the serene Bay Mau Coconut Forest of Vietnam in one of the traditional Bamboo Basket Boats. Sing on the boat. Catch some crabs. Nothing beats a good boating experience.

Adult: 680000.00 VND

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DAY 8

HOI AN TO HANOI VIA DA NANG

Hoi An

Leaving Hoi An will be sad. But we're heading to Hanoi, so there's hardly an excuse to not be excited. We'll grab a quick breakfast and head to Da Nang...

Da Nang

Fasten your seatbelts, folks. We'll catch our internal flight to Hanoi from this quaint coastal town.

Hanoi

Welcome to the city where all the bustling magic happens! We bet you're starving from all that travel. That's why we'll head straight to the KOTO restaurant - a unique dining experience that supports disadvantaged youth in Vietnam. And with our tummies happy and full, we'll visit the Temple of Literature (AKA Vietnam's first-ever university.) But the sight-seeing doesn't end there. It's time to make our way to the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, dedicated to a Vietnamese revolutionary leader. In the evening, you're free to explore the capital however you like.

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch

Hotel

Hanoi Larosa Hotel (or similar)

Included Experiences

- Included Flight Da Nang to Hanoi

Next stop, Hanoi. But before we hit the streets, it's time to hit the sky one more time.

- Get a Unique Dining Experience at KOTO Restaurant MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

Gorge on a delicious, high-quality meal crafted by trainees looking to fine-tune their hospitality skills. The KOTO Community provides guidance, training and career prospects to the underprivileged young people of Vietnam.

- Learn at the Temple of Literature

Listen up culture-lovers. This shrine – dedicated to ancient philosopher Confucius – is known as 'Vietnam's first university'.

- See the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum

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Take a look at the resting place of Vietnamese revolutionary leader and President Ho Chi Minh. This is where he, along with his party, declared the independence of Vietnam.

DAY 9

HANOI TO NINH BINH

Hanoi

Next up, we're heading to the epicentre of Vietnam's show-stopping natural beauty.

Ninh Binh

Do you see them? Those lovely landscapes are all yours to admire and explore today. Get inside Vietnam's legendary army jeep, or a vintage Vespa (if that's your vibe) and let's get going. Spend the day cherishing the crisp air and clear blue water. And if you love bird-watching, make sure to have your binoculars ready at all times.

Meals

Breakfast

Hotel

Ninh Binh Hidden Charm Hotel & Resort (or similar)

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Tour Ninh Binh in the Legendary Vietnamese Army Jeep -

Scrape through the landscapes of Ninh Binh on the Vietnam Army UAZ469 Jeep – a significant car used during the Vietnam war.

Adult: 700000.00 VND

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DAY 10

NINH BINH TO HALONG BAY

Ninh Binh

Up and about at the crack of dawn today! We're climbing up 500 steps to the top of the Mua Cave to witness an incredible sunrise over the valley. (You certainly don't wanna forget your camera for this one).

Halong Bay

A drive through stunning scenery will evoke plenty of 'oh wow's', but it only gets better as we board our home for the night, a Chinese-style junk boat in Halong Bay. Feel the serenity kicking in immediately as we drift the limestone island seas of the Gulf of Tonkin. We'll pass hidden lagoons, thick forests & dreamy grottos and also chill atop the Ti Top Island. A fresh seafood dinner and sunset at our docking spot will polish off a wonderful day packed with unforgettable moments and experiences.

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel

Junk Boat (Special Stay)

Included Experiences

- Catch a Serene Sunrise at the Mua Cave

Cool tropical breeze. Lush-green landscapes. And an unforgettable view of the sunrise over the shimmery silhouette.

- Chill at Ti Top Island

Grab your new BFFs and hang out in this mini paradise. The powdery sand and turquoise waters will bless you with #islandvibes

- Stay on a Junk Boat

The best way to drift off into dreamy sleep? Drifting along the Gulf of Tonkin in a traditional Chinese-style Junk Boat, of course!

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Kayaking on Halong Bay -

Cruise through caves, glide along the glass-like waters & maybe even stop at a secluded beach to explore. No strenuous Olympic level activity here, just you, your guide, & the serenity of the bay. Excursions last for about one hour.

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Adult: 320000.00 VND

DAY 11

HALONG BAY TO HANOI

Halong Bay

Today will be all about the leisurely vibes as we wake up to breakfast with a quick stop to explore the Sung Sot Caves. Make the most of your time on the junk boat - the views don't get much better than this.

Hanoi

After heading back to Hanoi we find ourselves enjoying our final night together on tour. Save the choir of tears for tomorrow - this evening is all about making the most of your free time and staying positive so why not join us for one last family dinner and then onto Ta Hien to dance the night away.

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch

Hotel

Hanoi Larosa Hotel (or similar)

Included Experiences

- Stroll around the Sung Sot Caves

Yet another work of art from Mother Nature. These huge underground caves are made for exploring. But can you spot the 'mammoth'?

DAY 12

HANOI

Hanoi

Enjoy one final breakfast with the squad this morning before this epic Vietnam trip wraps up. Hug it out and make plans to reunite sometime soon - Latin America, perhaps?

Meals

Breakfast