

HIDDEN CHARM OF VIETNAM

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NO. OF GUESTS : 4 Adults
NO. OF ROOMS : 2 DBL/TWN
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ITINERARY IN BRIEF

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RECOMMENDED ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN HO CHI MINH CITY

Welcome to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam! Upon arrival to Tan Son Nhat Airport, your driver and guide will meet you and they will transfer you to your hotel in the downtown. Check-in and enjoy

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the rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City

With guide

DAY 2: HO CHI MINH CITY & CU CHI TUNNELS

This morning you will meet your tour guide again and head out of the city early to nearby **Cu Chi tunnels**. Cu Chi is the name of the district that is famous with the extensive network of underground tunnels (Appro. 250km), dug by Viet Minh and later expanded by the Viet Cong, used by both fighters and villagers during 'Vietnam War'. A part of the tunnels has been widened to allow visitors to enter and get a feel for what the life underground must have been like (please note that this will be hot and sweaty, and claustrophobic for some). After lunch at a local restaurant, you will return to the city for the afternoon city tour. You'll have the option of visiting the **War Remnants Museum** or History Museum before a visit to the **Re-unification Palace** and some of the other major sights such as the **Old Saigon Post Office**, **Notre Dame Cathedral**. The evening is free - perhaps explore the food stalls at **Ben Thanh market**. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City

With guide

Meals: breakfast, lunch

DAY 3: MEKONG DELTA

8:00 AM: depart by private vehicle to the "rice basket" of Vietnam - the Mekong Delta.

The morning drive takes you about 2 hours to Ben Tre province. On arrival, embark on a motorized boat to contemplate Mekong River. The first stopover is at a brick kiln to witness the hand-making brick process by the local workers. Back on the boat and slowly moving on and turn in a green and quite canal, enjoy viewing the lush land along the way. Next is the stop at a coconut candy workshop. Taste the candy and learn the local method of producing this typical specialty of Ben Tre. Get on the boat again and travel a bit further before a short walk (10minutes) on rural road, observe the daily life of the rustics. Call at a family to see their traditional craft of making sedge mat. After that, take a local transport called Xe Loi or motor cart to meander around the fertile land of rice fields, vegetable and fruit gardens. End the ride at a local restaurant.

Start the afternoon by another short walk to a boat station for a sampan boat ride, rowed by the villagers on a small water-coconut creek. Get back to where you started to end the river tour.

The remainder of the day is for the drive to Can Tho City (3 hours approx.) Overnight in Can Tho.

With guide

Meals: breakfast, lunch

DAY 4: CAI RANG FLOATING MARKET - HCM CITY

After the breakfast at the hotel. You will get transferred to Ninh Kieu boat wharf where you will take a private cruise on a motorized boat. Meandering in between the shop boats of different sizes in Cai Rang floating market, one of the biggest floating market in Southern Vietnam.

You will be surprised to explore "the method of the business" in the floating market areas. It is really impressed.

After exploring the floating market, you will visit the place to see how they make rice vermicelli noodle and the orchard garden. Wandering in the village and try your best to cross the bamboo



bridge which is built only one bamboo tree.

Cruise back Ninh Kieu wharf.

Get back to the City where you continue to visit Binh Thuy old house and have lunch at a restaurant before transfer back to HCM City. Overnight stay in HCM City

With guide

Meals: breakfast, lunch

DAY 5: FLY TO DA NANG - HOI AN

Today you will take short flight to Da Nang. Upon arrival, your guide will pick you up and take you to your hotel in Hoian. Hotel check in and at leisure. Overnight stay in Hoian

With guide in Da Nang

Meals: breakfast

DAY 6: HOI AN ANCIENT TOWN SIGHTSEEING

After you have breakfast, start the morning with a walking tour in the Old Quarter of Hoi An, the streets are lined with many old buildings of interesting structures. The stops includes Chua Ong Pagoda, Phuc Kien Assembly Hall and Jinshang Temple, 200-year old Tan Ky House, the Japanese Covered Bridge - one of Hoi An's most iconic structures. The rest of the day is free. Overnight stay in Hoian

With guide

Meals: breakfast

DAY 7: HOI AN COUNTRYSIDE

The morning is yours for leisure on Cua Dai Beach or doing your own things. In the afternoon, follow country laneways to reach some of the villages that are dotted throughout the region by bicycle, stopping to talk to the locals and learn about life in this part of Vietnam. You will be passing emerald rice paddies, snaking waterways and plenty of waving children. Following your guide to the bank of the Thu Bon River and take a boat trip and discover the waterway and heading back to Hoi An. Approach the dock and walk to the hotel. Overnight in Hoi An.

With guide

Meals: breakfast

DAY 8: HOI AN FREE DAY

Today is yours to relax, enjoying the facilities of the hotels or getting back to the Old Quarter for further visits by yourself, or just being at leisure on the beach. Overnight in Hoi An

No Guide

Meals: breakfast

DAY 9: HOI AN - HUE

The morning drive to Hue via Hai Van Pass will occupy half of your day. On arrival, hotel check in and free time. Overnight in Hue

With guide

Meals: breakfast

DAY 10: HUE CITY TOUR



Rising up in the ancient land, breakfast in hotel, we board on a private boat for cruising on the romantic Perfume River. This time we head out for the countryside. Being the ancient capital, Hue is surrounded with ancient tombs of emperors past, and a visit to some of these tombs will be on the itinerary for today. The charming Lady Pagoda (Thien Mu Pagoda) will be the first stop of the day. Setting on the bank of rivers, it gives you a great view on the Perfume River and surrounding area. From here you will take a drive to visit King Minh Mang's tomb & King Tu Duc tomb. This afternoon you will embark on a tour of Hue's Citadel. The walk through the complex is very interesting and informative. Overnight in Hue.

With guide

Meals: breakfast, lunch

DAY 11: FLY TO HANOI

Today you will have free time before taking short flight to Hanoi. Hotel check in and at leisure. Overnight in Hanoi

With guide in Hanoi

Meals: breakfast

DAY 12: HANOI CITY TOUR

The city tour of the capital city occupies the whole day. The sites include of Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, his house-on-stilts, One Pillar Pagoda, Temple of Literature - Vietnam's first university. In the afternoon, the tour continues with a visit to one of the following museum that you can pick the one you like (the Ethnology Museum, Army Museum, National Fine Arts Museum, Hanoi Hilton prison or Vietnam Women Museum). Followed by a short walk or a cyclo ride around the Old Quarter. End the day tour with a traditional Water Puppet show. Overnight in Hanoi.

With guide

Meals: breakfast, lunch

DAY 13: HA LONG BAY CRUISE

After breakfast at hotel, you will be picked up for the morning drive overland to Halong City, your entry point to the Bay of the World Heritage by UNESCO. Thousands of islands rise dramatically from the waters of Halong Bay and, to further their beauty, intricate cave systems naturally exist throughout these limestone karst formations. The traditional styled junk will cruise in between the towering islands, visit a limestone cave in the afternoon and do some kayaking and swimming (depending on the weather) Your accommodation tonight is a truly special experience - sleeping on a boat surrounded by high limestone karsts. Overnight on board.

With guide (on board or private)

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 14: HA LONG BAY FURTHER EXPLORATION

Today you will continue the spectacular cruise to view Halong Bay. The afternoon cruise includes times of kayaking, swimming and visiting a fish farm. All meals are served on boat. Overnight on boat.

With guide (on board or private)

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner



DAY 15: HALONG BAY - HANOI

Wake up early in the morning for sunrise and a view of Bay's landscape with a cup of tea or coffee. After the soft breakfast, the crews pull up the anchor for further cruise to other parts of the bay. After that, start cruising towards the harbor while an A la cart brunch is served. Disembark at noontime, meet the driver and drive back to Hanoi. Overnight in Hanoi.

With guide (on board or private)

Meals: breakfast, brunch

DAY 16: ETHNOLOGY MUSEUM & DRIVE TO BAC HA

You will be met and picked up by the tour guide and driver at 8.00 AM. This morning, before starting the trip to the Northwestern Mountains, you will have a morning tour to visit the museum of Ethnology and get the overview about Vietnamese Montagnards. Lunch at a restaurant in Hanoi for a Vietnamese traditional food. In the afternoon, you will travel to Bac Ha District, Lao Cai Province on the HW Noi Bai - Lao Cai. This is the longest highway in Vietnam. The scenic drive from the Red River Delta, through the midland to Lao Cai province will be a good start for your trip. Arrive at Trung Do valley, a Tay ethnic group who used to leave on stilt houses. Check in a homestay. The remainder of the day is just easy and stroll around to visit the village. Dinner and stay overnight.

With guide

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 17: HILL TRIBE MARKET VISIT

After your breakfast at the homestay. Bid farewell to the host and make your way to the market. Here you will see some ethnic minority groups such as Flower Hmong, Phu La, Yao, Tay, Nung...etc. They are from different valleys, gather around for the trading. It is an awesome experience of seeing colors, understanding traditions and feeling the atmosphere. The market offers a variety of local products includes colorful embroidery, handicrafts and all types of daily necessary stuffs. Here also available animal market where people sell and buy or barter animal such as dogs, pot-bellied pigs, cows, buffalos and so on. Lunch is served at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, you take about 3 hour drive to Sapa town. Check in the hotel and relax. Overnight in Sapa.

With guide

Meals: breakfast, lunch

DAY 18: MUONG HOA VALLEY & DRIVE BACK TO HANOI

After your breakfast at the hotel, at 8:30, you get picked and transferred by the car to a trekking point to Y Ling Ho Village, Muong Hoa Valley. Muong Hoa is the biggest valley in Sapa region and bottomed by a rocky river. This is a less-traveled path if you start earlier than other visitors. To start, you trek downhill the valley, the scenery of the rice terraces along your way is very beautiful and could be the highlight of the day. Cross the river on a small suspension bridge and continue on the trek uphill. This is rather challenging when it is wet but definitely offers you spectacular view over the valley. Finish your scenic trek at Lao Chai Village where your private vehicle awaits you. Drive back up to Sapa town and have lunch at a restaurant. After the meal and refreshing, you will spend the whole afternoon drive back to Hanoi. Arrive in Hanoi around 7:00 PM. Overnight in Hanoi



With guide

Meals: breakfast, lunch

DAY 19: TAM COC BOAT RIDE & BICH DONG PAGODA

Depart from your hotel in Hanoi early in the morning, the drive to Ninh Binh province takes you about 2,5 hours through the fertile land of the Red River Delta. Upon arrival, you will take 2-hour sampan boat trip at Tam Coc (Three Caves). This area is considered as “Inland Halong Bay” featured with karst formations. It is very beautiful scenery along the row with vertical sides of Limestone Mountains and rice paddy-fields. The local rowers will take you gently through three beautiful limestone caves with hundreds of stalactites above your heads.

Back to the dock and transfer to a local restaurant for a Vietnamese lunch. After lunch, you will jump on a bike for a stunning ride along the back roads through the beautiful scenery of towering karsts on the ground of ponds, rice paddies and rural villages in the area.

On the bike, we will have as many stops as you want to take photographs. One of the stop is Bich Dong Pagoda. Bich Dong pagoda is an important religious place for the locals in the region. It comprises three structures: Ha (Low), Trung (Middle), and Thuong (Upper) pagodas in ascending order at the side of a rocky mountain. We will take a slow hike up to visit the three structures. Besides learning about the local belief, you will get a beautiful view when you reach the highest one. Thence, we pedal back to where we start. About 3:30 PM, we get back on our private vehicle and take the afternoon drive back to Hanoi. Overnight in Hanoi

With guide

Meals: breakfast, lunch

DAY 20: DEPARTURE FROM HANOI

Today is your last day of the trip, you are free at leisure or go out for some last shopping (if time permits) until getting picked up and take the private transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

No guide

Meals: breakfast

HAVE A NICE TRIP

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HOTEL LIST

DESTINATION	SUPERIOR PACKAGE	DELUXE PACKAGE
HO CHI MINH	C CENTRAL HOTEL Large room www.ccentralhotels.com	GRAND SILVERLAND Premier Deluxe www.grandsilverlandhotel.com
CAN THO	KIM THO HOTEL Superior http://www.kimtho.com/	FORTUNELAND HOTEL Deluxe www.fortunelandhotel.vn
HOI AN	ROYAL RIVERSIDE HOI AN Deluxe city www.royalriversidehoian.com/	VINH HUNG RIVERSIDE RESORT Superior Garden View www.vinhhunghotels.com.vn

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TOUR PRICE

(The below price is in US Dollar and charged per person for the private trip)

(Date: TBA)

DESCRIPTION	TOUR PRICE
Superior package	1,284
Deluxe package	1,692

ADDITIONAL AIRFARES

ROUTE	AIRLINE	US Dollars / Person
HCM City - Da Nang	Vietnam Airlines	120
Hue - Hanoi	Vietnam Airlines	120
Please Note: All airfares are subject to change by the airlines		

Remark

INCLUSIONS:

- Accommodation based on twin-shared/double basis with daily breakfast at mentioned hotels or similar ones upon availability
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary each day
- Join in Halong cruise package with cruise company's shuttle bus transfer: Hanoi - Ha Long - Hanoi in Superior package or private Halong bay - Lan Ha bay - Cat Ba island tour 3 days on chartered Indochine Vintage in Deluxe package
- Private English Speaking tour guides in each city of visit
- Private air conditioned vehicle transfers per the itinerary

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- Entrance tickets at indicated sites
- Boat trips as mentioned in the itinerary
- Bottled water on the vehicle

EXCLUSIONS:

- Travel insurance
- Drinks and other meals
- Tips and gratuities
- Any international and domestic flights (quoted separately)
- Banking fee (if any)
- Personal expenses and others not mentioned clearly in the inclusion part
- Visa arrangement (optional)

Important Notes:

Rooms at hotels are available only from 1400 on arrival day till 1200 on departure date. A supplement will be added if early check-in or late check-out is desired.

SERVICE TERMS AND CONDITION

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- *Deposit of \$100 (USD) or 30% of the trip cost per person is required upon the confirmation of services. (Please note that increased deposit requirements may be applied for some trips).*
- *Except as otherwise agreed by your direct travel specialist of Custom Vietnam Travel, the final payment or the balance is due earlier than 45 days prior to your departure. (Failure to pay by the due date may result in unexpected cancellation of the booking.)*
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- *Following full payment, final voucher of services and related documents will be forwarded by e-mail to clients at a maximum of two weeks prior to your home departure.*

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Cancellation will be charged as follows:

- *More than 60 days before arrival: NO cancellation charge.*
- *More than 30 days prior to departure: We will retain the deposit*
- *30 - 15 days prior to departure: 30% of the Tour price is forfeited*
- *14 - 08 days prior to departure: 50% of the Tour price is forfeited*
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(Note: Any of bank charge for the payment process is on the client's account)

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