

# Vietnam Uncovered: 11 Nights of Culture & Charm

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## day 1

### Hochiminh city arrival- free and easy

Upon arrival at Tan Son Nhat International Airport, you will be welcomed by our driver and tour guide then transfer to your hotel. Overnight at Hochiminh City hotel.

### City: Ho Chi Minh City

**Meals: Bed and Breakfast, No Drink**

**Time: hours mins**

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## day 2

### Hochiminh city tour and Cu Chi Tunnels Full day tour

Breakfast at the hotel. City tour and shopping: the trip starts, you can visit to War Museum and then we will go to Independence Palace, also known as the Reunification Palace, which was built on the site of the former Norodom Palace. Continue the sightseeing with the beautiful structures from the French Colonial times such as the Notre Dame Cathedral (visit outside, here restored till 2027), and the historic Central Post Office. After that you can visit Ben Thanh market for shopping here, or we can visit Saigon Square center. Later, Depart for Cu Chi tunnels from the meeting point. Visitors will arrive at Cu Chi tunnels after a drive of 1,5 hours. A documentary film about the tunnels will explain the tunnel's histories and how fierce the war was in the area. You will be guided to the tunnels system, including the weapon factory, hospitals, and kitchens, and crawl under the tunnel. After that, travelers can try delicious manioc, the leading food for guerilla warriors in Cu Chi during the war. Return to Hochiminh city center and drop you off at your hotel. Overnight at Hochiminh City hotel.

### City: Ho Chi Minh City

**Meals: Bed and Breakfast, No Drink**

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## day 3

### Hochiminh - Mekong Delta (My Tho – Ben Tre) – Hochiminh

Breakfast at the hotel. Pick up at your hotel in Ho Chi Minh city and start the trip to My Tho - the town located on the left side of the Mekong River. On arrival at My Tho, after visiting VinhTrang pagoda. Boarding the sampan and cruising around four beautiful islands knowns Dragon, Unicorn, Phoenix and Tortoise islands. Stop over at Unicorn Island, go walking in the village paths to contemplate orchards, enjoy tropical fruits, and Vietnamese folk music performed by the local people. The afternoon is time for “Horse-drawn carriage ride” around the Tan Thach village, experience local people daily life in the Mekong delta. Return to Ho Chi Minh city in the evening. Overnight at Hochiminh City Hotel

## **City: Ho Chi Minh City**

**Meals: Bed and Breakfast, No Drink**

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### **day 4**

#### **Hochiminh – Danang by flight; - Hoian Old Town and shopping**

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart from Tan Son Nhat airport for the next flight to Danang city. Upon arrival at Danang Airport, you will be welcomed by our driver and tour guide then transfer to your hotel in Hoian Ancient town, check in hotel. Take a short time to freshening-up, our tour guide will wait for you and then we will explore Hoi An Ancient town, with its old-world architecture, cobbled streets, and distinctive yellow shop fronts festooned with colorful lanterns, it's no wonder Hoi An's considered one of the most beautiful places in all of Vietnam. With the Japanese Bridge: This only remains of Japanese culture is now considered as a symbol of Hoi An. Take a walk on the street along the Hoai River, enjoy the nightlife of Hoi An Town. At here, you can enjoy shopping with Hoian night market. Drop off at your hotel. Overnight at Hoian hotel.

## **City: Hanoi**

**Meals: Bed and Breakfast, No Drink**

**Time: hours mins**

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### **day 5**

#### **Hoian – My Son Half Day tour Am – Hoian**

Breakfast at the hotel. Driver and guide pick you up from your hotel. Starting this morning with visiting My Son Holy Land. From 10.30Am: Arrive in My Son, you are going to find out a unique beautiful sanctuary world of the ancient Cham religion. You will have a chance to discover My Son- the old Holy Land of Cham kingdom with secret mossy towers in the 19th century, enjoy featured music show of Cham people, discover The Marian Pilgrimage Center of TraKieu where once located the first capital city of the Hindu Champa Kingdom. Drop off at your hotel after tour, you will have free time. Overnight at Hoian Hotel.

## **City: Hanoi**

**Meals: Bed and Breakfast, No Drink**

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## day 6

### **Hoian – Marble Mountain– Danang city tour – Danang**

Breakfast at the hotel, free time in the hotel till check-out. The tour guide will pick up you and your family, and tour start: we will visit Marble Mountain which are rocky limestone outcrops jutting out of the beach just south of Da Nang. On the way to Danang center, we continue visiting Linh Ung Bai But and enjoy the biggest Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva Statue of Viet Nam. We drive across Dragon bridge. From here, you will have a great view over Han river bridge, arriving to visit the Museum of Cham Sculpture. Visit Han market- the most famous markets of Da Nang, opened from the French colonial times. Drop off your hotel. Overnight at Danang hotel.

### **City: Da Nang**

**Meals: Bed and Breakfast, No Drink**

**Time: hours mins**

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## day 7

### **Danang - Bana Hill (Golden Bridge - French Village) - Danang**

Breakfast at the hotel. Our guide and driver will pick you up from your hotel, depart for Ba Na Hill through one of the most beautiful seaside streets of Central Vietnam. Arrive in Ba Na, you will have a chance to experience the two – UNESCO - record cable system up to the top of the hill and enjoy the beautiful sight of Mo stream, Toc Tien waterfall with the impressive dazzling white spume. Sightseeing on Ba Na Hill to: Hand of the gods hold Vietnam's Golden Bridge. L'Jardin Zone with French Architecture Building: Tinh Tam Garden, French Stable, one-hundred-year-old pomelo tree, Old Villas. Linh Ung Pagoda, 27 meters Buddha Statue, Loc Uyen Garden. From Debay station, you will get on the second cable system to move to Nui Chua Peak – the rooftop of Da nang City. Continue the tour with Fantasy Park – one of the most modern indoor game centers of the Asia. Visit Linh Chua Linh Tu temple, enjoy a panoramic view of the whole Da Nang city and Da Nang bay through the mist in a romantic afternoon on Ba Na peak. Go down by the cable system. Get on coach and return the city centre. Drop off at your hotel. Overnight at Danang hotel.

### **City: Da Nang**

**Meals: Bed and Breakfast, No Drink**

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## day 8

### **Danang – Hanoi by flight : free and easy**

Breakfast at the hotel. Our driver will wait for you to transfer to Danang airport for the next flight. On arrival in Noi Bai Airport, meets up the driver and transfer to the hotel. Overnight at Hanoi hotel.

**City: Hanoi**

**Meals: Bed and Breakfast, No Drink**

**Time: hours mins**

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**day 9**

### **Hanoi city tour full day**

Breakfast at the hotel. Our tour guide will pick you up at your hotel and then the tour starts with Tran Quoc Pagoda- located in Ho Tay (Westlake) a nice biggest lake in Hanoi, next, Ba Dinh Square and next, Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (closed on Mons & Fris, all afternoons and from Sep 10 until Dec 10 for annual maintenance, some years to be closed earlier, outside visit applied); an imposing monument lavishly built using marble and granite, and where the preserved body of “Uncle Ho” resides. A short walk from the mausoleum is the lotus-like shaped One Pillar Pagoda – resting on a single stone pillar emerging from the water. Inside is a statue of the Goddess of Mercy with its legendary “thousand arms and thousand eyes”. Wind your way afterwards to the Temple of Literature, the first University for the sons of mandarins, for an overview about Hanoi culture and ancient Vietnamese architecture. In the afternoon, visit the serene Museum of Ethnology is a 30-min drive out of town and offers a chance to get to know Vietnam’s 54 ethnic groups better. Visit HoanKiem Lake and Dong Xuan Market get on a walking tour through the old quarter to enjoy the bustling local life. Evening transfer back to your hotel.

**City: Hanoi**

**Meals: Bed and Breakfast, No Drink**

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**day 10**

### **Hanoi – Ninh Binh (Hoa Lu – Tam Coc) – Hanoi**

Breakfast at the hotel. Get picked up by our friendly guide then depart for Ninh Binh province. Visit Hoa Lu ancient capital of Vietnam between 968 and 1010. You have a chance to learn about Vietnamese history in the feudal system under Dinh, Le, and Ly Dynasty. Visit Tam Coc by 1.5-hour bamboo boat. You will be surprised by the charming beauty here with paddy fields, river, water, cloud, sky, and a stunning cave system during the boat trip. All make a masterpiece that the Vietnamese people called “Ha Long Bay on land”. Get on the van to return to Hanoi. Get dropped off at Hotel in Hanoi. Overnight at Hanoi hotel.

**City: Hanoi**

**Meals: Bed and Breakfast, No Drink**

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**day 11**

## **Hanoi – Halong Bay – Stay on Cruise – share D-car transfer**

Breakfast at the hotel. Embark on a 3 hours' drive to Halong bay (Private transfer Hanoi-Halong-Hanoi) with a quick rest stop en route at a local house, where thousands of sculpted limestone islands rise from the waters like dragons' teeth. After lunch, take a short trek to a nearby summit for a panoramic view of the bay, swim on a quite beach or sunbath on the deck. Later in the afternoon, visit a fishing village living in the bay for generations. Or other activities (depends on the cruise) At sunset, join a bamboo rowing sampan to discover a water tunnel with coral reefs in a scenic lagoon. Back on board for sunset and later unwind at the restaurant for dinner.

### **City: Ha Long Bay**

**Meals: Bed and Breakfast, No Drink**

**Time: hours mins**

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### **day 12**

#### **Halong – Hanoi free time in the evening – Departure**

Breakfast on Cruise. Wake up early to catch the dramatic sunrise on the bay and enjoy a Tai Chi demonstration on the sun deck. Relax with a cup of hot coffee before departing to the splendid Sung Sot grotto where stalactites hanging from the high ceiling take on numerous shapes and forms. Enjoy late brunch on board while cruising back to the boat docking station. Arrive at the boat docking station around 11:00am. From 15.00-15.15PM: back to Hanoi city center. Free and easy in the evening by your own till transfer to Noi Bai International Airport for the flight back home.

**Meals: Bed and Breakfast, No Drink**

**Time: hours mins**

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