



Explore Amazing Vietnam

12 DAY TOUR
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SAIGON | CU CHI | MEKONG DELTA | HOIAN | HUE | HANOI | HALONG BAY

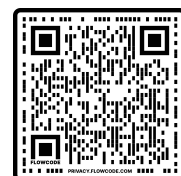
Discover the historic landmarks, vibrant cities, and local delicacies of Vietnam

Price per person on
double occupancy:

\$3499

Single Person
Supplement:

\$699



TOUR SUMMARY:

Take a tour of Vietnam, known for its exotic natural beauty, magnificent colonial structures, and enchanting villages, and don't forget the Vietnamese coffee! Traveling from South to North is the best way to turn back time from modern daily life to Vietnam's traditions and culture. Your journey will begin in Saigon, also known as Ho Chi Minh City, playing a prominent role in Vietnam's history. Admire its enthralling culture, skyscrapers, Chinese pagodas, and iconic temples. Next, travel to Cu Chi and Mekong Delta to visit the scenic local villages dotted along the Mekong River. Explore Hoi An with its breathtaking streets, low tile-roofed buildings, and bustling central market. Your tour will continue in Hanoi, Vietnam's cultural and historical heart. Get to know this fascinating city as you see the Water Puppetry, a traditional stage art of Northern Vietnam. From here, you will travel to Ha Long Bay and board your cruise to Lan Ha Bay. Visit the caves, swim, or capture a stunning sunset. Finally, finish your trip with an overnight stay in Hanoi.



TOUR LODGING INFO:

9 Nights hotel accommodation
+ 2 Night onboard the flight

CITY	NIGHTS	SUPERIOR HOTELS/ CRUISE
Saigon	3 Nights	Edenstar Saigon Hotel
Hoian	2 Nights	Belle Maison Hadana
Hue	1 Night	Moonlight Hotel
Hanoi	2 Nights	Thang Long Opera
Halong Bay Cruise	1 Night	La Regina Royal Cruise

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Experience being in Cu Chi Tunnels like Vietnamese soldiers did during the Vietnam War
- Discover the vast maze of rivers at the Mekong Delta, also known as the Rice Bowl of Vietnam
- Stroll along the narrow streets at the well-preserved Hoian ancient town
- Hop on a food tour in Hue and enjoy the local delicacies like Sweet Soup, Sticky Rice, and more
- See the colonial splendors and experience the bustling vibrant atmosphere of Hanoi
- Take a leisure cruise in Ha Long Bay – one of the world's new seven wonders

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- International roundtrip airfare from Minneapolis
- Domestic flights
- Complimentary Vietnam Visa arrangement services
- 8 Nights' accommodation at listed or similar superior hotels
- 1 Night accommodation on listed or similar cruise vessel
- Meals: daily buffet breakfast, 1 brunch, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- Airport transfers
- All Transportation in air conditioned modern vehicles
- Services of English-speaking guide during the tours
- All sightseeing and entrance fees
- Tips for tour guides and bus drivers
- Boat trip in Mekong delta
- Street food tour and Hue Water puppet show in Hanoi.
- Complimentary massage at Hanoi Spa
- All air taxes and fuel surcharge and local applicable taxes

TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 1: MINNEAPOLIS – SAIGON

Arrive at the Minneapolis International Airport to check-in and board your international flight to Vietnam. Enjoy inflight meals and services onboard.

Overnight Onboard the Flight

DAY 2: INFLIGHT

Continue your flight to Saigon. Relax, recline, and enjoy inflight meals and services onboard.

Overnight Onboard the Flight

DAY 3: SAIGON (ARRIVAL)

Welcome to Saigon – Vietnam! Upon arrival, transfer from Tan Son Nhat airport to the center of Saigon then check-in at hotel. Leisure time to relax and get rid of jet lag.

Overnight in Saigon

DAY 4: SAIGON (B/L/-) You will start the day with breakfast, followed by a city tour at the Reunification Palace, the witness of the fierce Vietnam War that ended in 1975. The grand building today is a Museum and Hall of official receptions. Nearby the Palace are the colonial-styled Central Post Office and the Notre Dame Cathedral, built between 1877 and 1883 and one of the city's major landmarks. Our last stop this morning will be War Remnants Museum. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, we drive overland to Cu Chi Tunnels, an incredible under-ground network constructed by Vietnamese guerrillas to protect the region against the American attacks during the Vietnam War. Crawl inside the tunnel to visit their infirmary and kitchen to see how soldiers survived during the war.
Overnight in Saigon

DAY 5: SAIGON – MEKONG DELTA - SAIGON (B/L/-) This morning after breakfast, depart Saigon for My Tho, in the heart of the Mekong delta and visit the beautiful Vinh Trang pagoda on the way. Upon arrival, take a leisurely boat ride along the river and view the stilt houses, fruit plantations, and fishing villages along the river bank. Proceed to Tortoise islet, and have lunch in the orchard garden. Then a boat ride to An Khanh – a less touristy attraction in Ben Tre. Enjoy cruising on a hand-rowed sampan under the shadow of the water coconut trees along natural canals, then enjoy seasonal fruit & honey tea to the sound of "Southern Vietnamese folk music," performed by locals. Visit a family business which epitomizes the idyllic rural lifestyle, taste the delicious coconut candy & observe the pastoral life as you roam through the fruit plantation and village.
Overnight in Saigon

DAY 6: SAIGON – DANANG (BY FLIGHT) – HOIAN (B/-/-)
After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Danang. Upon arrival, you will be picked up from Da Nang airport to your hotel in Hoian to drop off your luggage. Walk over the tile-roofed Japanese Bridge, visit taciturn Chinese Assembly Halls, visit ancient houses, pagodas, and Trading Houses, and stroll into the market located by Thu Bon river, where we may find out the same feelings of the artists, who see the rooftops of Hoi An a magical old world of Oriental feel and source of inspiration. There is also a wonderful town to shop for lanterns, soft silk, and raw silk, or get your clothes tailored within a day.
Overnight in Hoian

DAY 7: HOIAN (B/-/-) Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy a day at leisure in the ancient town of Hoian to relax and reflect on your recent impression of your visit to Vietnam.
Overnight in Hoian

**Optional: Full Day Golden Bridge With Buffet Lunch:
\$150 per person**

Morning pick up and depart to Ba Na Hills. Arrive at the cable car station Suoi Mo, and ride up the cable car route that achieves 4 world records. Check-in the 150-meter long "Golden Bridge" supported by the giant hands. Visit the Le Jardin, Debay Wine Cellar of French. Visit the Linh Ung pagoda, admire the 27m high Buddha statue, Loc Uyen Garden, Quan Am Cac. Continue to Gare Debay, use the second cable car route to the top of Ba Na. Visit Fantasy Park, join in adventurous, fun, and modern games such as Love Swing, Skiver Pilot, Fire Racing Track, Bumper Car, and Ghost House. Buffet lunch at Restaurant followed by leisure time to explore the area or Conquer the Peak of Chua mountain at the height of 1,487m – Visit Ba Chua Thuong Ngan Temple. Enjoy the panorama view of the Da Nang City and Da Nang Bay. Return to cable car station and transfer back to Da Nang. Shopping Local Specialties and then head back to hotel later on.



DAY 8: HOIAN – HUE (B/-/-) Once you have had your breakfast at the hotel, depart from Hoian to Hue by deluxe minibus. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel in Hue to drop off your luggage. Being recognized by UNESCO as the 1st Cultural World Heritage for Vietnam, Hue is highlighted by the old royal architectural works and the most traditional Vietnamese lifestyle. This morning, discover the city's charm from the Royal Citadel, Forbidden City. Move on to the colorful Dong Ba market, where you can see many ingredients for making Hue local food and explore the local business life. The best way to explore a local culture is through its unique cuisine. Around noon, embark on a special street food tour to discover the other side of Hue. Our journey starts with Sticky rice dumplings on a fried dumpling (Ram It) or Filtered tapioca dumplings (Banh Loc) to the well-known Hue beef vermicelli soup (Bun Bo Hue). The street food tour finishes at a small restaurant that serves Sweet soup (Che), a scrumptious local delicacy made of tapioca and various local ingredients. Or, if the sweet soup is not your style, a Vietnamese coffee with condensed milk awaits. Overnight in Hue

DAY 9: HUE – HANOI (BY FLIGHT) (B/-/-) Breakfast at the hotel. At leisure till pick up at the airport for your onward flight to Hanoi. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel in Hanoi to drop off your luggage. In the afternoon, see the capital city by walking tour in the Old Quarter of Hanoi, stopping at Ngoc Son Temple located on the Hoan Kiem Lake (the "Sword" Lake), and at Bach Ma Temple. Late afternoon enjoy a unique show of Water Puppetry, a traditional stage art of Northern Vietnam. Before returning to the hotel, enjoy a relaxing 30-minute foot massage at a local Spa.
Overnight in Hanoi

DAY 10: HANOI – HALONG BAY (B/L-D)
Wake up early and run to a lake close to your hotel to see how people in Hanoi spend their mornings. You can join an exciting scene of hundreds of locals, passionately attentive in their morning exercises of Tai Chi Quan, jogging, martial arts, and classical dance. After breakfast at the hotel, head to Halong Bay, a Natural World Heritage designated by UNESCO in 1994 and 2006, and check into our overnight boat. Enjoy a trip to Halong with stops to visit caves or swim and enjoy the sunset on the sea. Dinner with fresh seafood.
Overnight onboard.



DAY 11: HALONG BAY – LAN HA BAY - HANOI (B/-/-)

Morning wake up with a taichi-quan or yoga exercise guided by the crew before having breakfast whilst your boat goes on between Halong islets. Return to the Wharf to be back to Hanoi by shuttle bus at midday. Arrive in the city mid-afternoon
Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 12: HANOI – MINNEAPOLIS (DEPARTURE) (B/-/-) After breakfast, free time at leisure for relaxation or shopping (your own arrangement) before transferring to the airport for your flight back home.

DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Items of a personal nature, laundry, mini bar, etc.
- Checked-in baggage fee may apply and vary by the carrier
- Vietnam Visa stamp fee (\$25/person)
- Optional Tours
- Travel insurance
- Any other items not under inclusions

REGISTRATION

Register online at www.masoncityvia.com/events-view/vietnam/

- \$500 non-refundable deposit due at time of registration
- Final payment due June 24, 2024
- Travel insurance is purchased separately. Details online.

