Saigon & Ancient Hoi An: Culture, Cuisine & Relaxation – 9 Days

9D / 8N	Easy	Group	USD 2,289 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

This 9-day luxury tour is crafted for couples and seniors, blending the vibrant energy of Ho Chi Minh City with the serene charm of ancient Hoi An. Experience culinary delights, historical sites, and tranquil moments, offering a perfect balance of exploration and relaxation.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Ho Chi Minh City → Da Nang → Hoi An

TOUR OVERVIEW

Overview: Southern Vietnam Luxury Escape

Embark on a meticulously planned 9-day journey designed for discerning travelers seeking both cultural immersion and refined relaxation. This luxury tour seamlessly connects the dynamic metropolis of Ho Chi Minh City with the timeless beauty of Hoi An. From exhilarating Vespa tours through Saigon's nightlife to serene speedboat cruises in the Mekong Delta and leisurely days in a UNESCO World Heritage town, every moment is curated for comfort and discovery.

Tour Highlights

This exclusive itinerary features a collection of memorable experiences:

Explore Ho Chi Minh City's dynamic nightlife on an exciting vintage Vespa tour.

Journey through the tranquil Mekong Delta by speedboat, visiting local markets and villages.

Discover significant historical landmarks in Saigon, including Independence Palace and Notre Dame Cathedral.

Fly to Da Nang and settle into the charming, ancient town of Hoi An.

Experience Hoi An's picturesque countryside and traditional crafts on a guided Vespa excursion.

Enjoy multiple free days in Hoi An for personal exploration, relaxation, or optional activities.

Savor authentic Vietnamese cuisine, including street food and traditional Mekong Delta dishes.

Stay in luxurious 5-star accommodations in both Ho Chi Minh City and Hoi An.

Route Summary

Your adventure begins in the bustling southern hub of Ho Chi Minh City, where you'll spend two nights exploring its vibrant culture and historical depth. A day trip takes you into the serene waterways of the Mekong Delta. Following your urban and river experiences, a domestic flight transports you to Da Nang, from where you'll transfer to the enchanting ancient town of Hoi An. Here, you'll enjoy six nights, blending guided cultural tours with ample free time to discover its unique charm at your own pace before departing from Da Nang.

Who This Tour Suits

This itinerary is specifically tailored for couples and seniors who appreciate a blend of luxury, cultural exploration, and opportunities for relaxation. If you enjoy delving into local history, savoring diverse culinary experiences, and unwinding in high-end accommodations, this tour provides an ideal balance. The pace allows for comfortable exploration without feeling rushed, with several free days for personal interests.

Practical Information

The tour includes five breakfasts, two lunches, and one dinner, ensuring you taste authentic local flavors. All domestic transportation, including a flight from Ho Chi Minh City to Da Nang, private car transfers, and unique experiences like a

Saigon & Ancient Hoi An: Culture, Cuisine & Relaxation – 9 Days

9D / 8N	Easy	Group	USD 2,289 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

speedboat and Vespa tour, are covered. You'll enjoy five nights in 5-star hotels, ensuring comfort throughout your journey. Essential entrance fees and the expertise of local English-speaking guides are also part of your package, allowing for a smooth and enriching travel experience.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

* Explore Ho Chi Minh City's dynamic nightlife on an exciting vintage Vespa tour.
* Journey through the tranquil Mekong Delta by speedboat, visiting local markets and villages.
* Discover significant historical landmarks in Saigon, including Independence Palace and Notre Dame Cathedral.
* Fly to Da Nang and settle into the charming, ancient town of Hoi An.
* Experience Hoi An's picturesque countryside and traditional crafts on a guided Vespa excursion.
* Enjoy multiple free days in Hoi An for personal exploration, relaxation, or optional activities.
* Savor authentic Vietnamese cuisine, including street food and traditional Mekong Delta dishes.
* Stay in luxurious 5-star accommodations in both Ho Chi Minh City and Hoi An.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Ho Chi Minh City Arrival & Evening Vespa Food Tour

Meals: Dinner | Stay: Renaissance Riverside Hotel Saigon

Upon your arrival at Tan Son Nhat Airport in Ho Chi Minh City, a dedicated tour guide will greet you and provide a comfortable transfer to the city center. After checking into your luxurious hotel, take some time to settle in and unwind in your well-appointed room, preparing for the evening's adventure.

As dusk falls, get ready for an exhilarating vintage Vespa scooter experience designed to reveal the vibrant nightlife of Saigon. This culinary journey will take you through various districts, allowing you to savor the diverse flavors of local street food and refreshing beverages. Your Vespa will cross the Saigon River, offering unique perspectives of the city's illuminated skyline. The evening culminates with a visit to a rooftop bar, where you can marvel at breathtaking panoramic views of Saigon, capturing the enchanting essence of the city after dark. Following this memorable experience, you will be transferred back to your hotel for a relaxing overnight stay in Ho Chi Minh City.

Activities:
Airport transfer to hotel
Check into luxury accommodation
Nightlife tour by vintage Vespa scooter
Sample local street food and drinks
Cross Saigon River by Vespa
Enjoy city views from a rooftop bar

Saigon & Ancient Hoi An: Culture, Cuisine & Relaxation – 9 Days

9D / 8N	Easy	Group	USD 2,289 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

Day 2 Mekong Delta Speedboat Journey & Countryside Exploration

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Renaissance Riverside Hotel Saigon

Start your day with an enchanting Mekong Delta tour, beginning with a convenient pickup from your hotel by a knowledgeable guide who will escort you to the Ho Chi Minh City pier. At 08:15, set sail on a speedboat, gracefully gliding through narrow canals and into the lush tributaries of the Mekong Delta. A light breakfast will be served onboard, accompanied by your guide's insights into the region's rural traditions and local life.

Your exploration continues with a visit to Tuong Van Pagoda, followed by an immersion in a bustling local riverside market, where you can observe vibrant curiosities and an array of tropical fruits. Experience the captivating beauty of the Mekong Delta's winding waterways as you take a traditional rowboat trip through canals lined with swaying coconut palms. You'll also visit a charming Mekong village and a traditional farmhouse, gaining a glimpse into local customs. A delicious traditional Mekong Delta lunch will be enjoyed at a local family's house.

In the afternoon, broaden your understanding with a visit to a Buddhist-run orphanage, offering an opportunity to interact with the children and learn about the organization's community efforts. Next, discover the captivating Cao Dai Temple, a vibrant religious center renowned for its ornate architecture and colorful decor (please note, the temple's interior is often closed, so viewing may be from the outside only). The speedboat will then return you to Ho Chi Minh City, arriving around 16:00. Remember to dress appropriately when visiting temples and pagodas.

Activities:
- Speedboat tour to Mekong Delta
- Enjoy light breakfast on board
- Explore Tuong Van Pagoda
- Visit a local riverside market
- Take a rowboat trip through coconut palm canals
- Visit a Mekong village and traditional farmhouse
- Have lunch at a local family's house
- Visit a Buddhist orphanage
- View Cao Dai Temple exterior
- Return to Ho Chi Minh City by speedboat

Day 3 Saigon Historical Landmarks & Flight to Hoi An

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Anantara Hoi An Resort

Your morning in Saigon commences with a historical journey led by an expert guide. You'll marvel at the stunning neo-Romanesque design of Notre Dame Cathedral, an iconic landmark constructed in the late 19th century by French colonists, standing as a testament to Saigon's colonial heritage. Following this, you'll visit the Saigon Central Post Office, admiring its elegant exterior, intriguing historical maps, and antique phone booths.

Continuing your exploration, immerse yourself in the rich history of Vietnam at the Independence Palace. This National Cultural and Historical Relic played a pivotal role in the country's modern history, offering profound insights into significant past events. After the guided historical tour, you will have free time to explore the city at your own leisure, perhaps revisiting a favorite spot or discovering a new corner of Saigon.

Later in the afternoon, a private driver will transfer you to the airport for your domestic flight to Da Nang. Upon arrival at Da

Saigon & Ancient Hoi An: Culture, Cuisine & Relaxation – 9 Days

9D / 8N	Easy	Group	USD 2,289 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

Nang, you will be warmly greeted by a friendly local guide who will then transfer you to your luxurious hotel in the enchanting ancient town of Hoi An. Settle in and relax, preparing for the next phase of your Vietnamese adventure.

Activities:
Guided tour of Notre Dame Cathedral
Visit Saigon Central Post Office
Explore Independence Palace
Enjoy free time in Ho Chi Minh City
Transfer to airport for flight to Da Nang
Transfer from Da Nang to Hoi An hotel

Day 4 Hoi An Countryside Vespa Tour & Ancient Town Discovery

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Anantara Hoi An Resort

Experience the authentic local life and picturesque countryside of Hoi An on a captivating vintage Vespa tour. Hop aboard your scooter and ride through the peaceful rural areas surrounding Hoi An, where lush green rice fields stretch as far as the eye can see, offering serene vistas.

During your tour, you'll discover the traditional process of making Banh Dap, a local rice flour dish, and even have the opportunity to try your hand at crafting it. You'll also visit local artisans, witnessing their skill as they weave beautiful straw mats and observe boat builders meticulously constructing traditional vessels.

The journey continues as you cross a charming bamboo bridge and immerse yourself in a vibrant fish farm, learning about local aquaculture. Indulge in a delightful meal featuring authentic local cuisine, providing a true taste of Hoi An. After a half-day exploring the rural villages, the afternoon is dedicated to discovering Hoi An Ancient Town at your own pace, allowing you to wander its historic streets and soak in its unique atmosphere.

Activities:
Vintage Vespa tour through Hoi An countryside
Witness Banh Dap making process
Visit local straw mat weavers
Observe boat builders
Cross a bamboo bridge
Explore a fish farm
Enjoy authentic local cuisine for lunch
Independent exploration of Hoi An Ancient Town

Day 5 Hoi An Free Day for Leisure & Exploration

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Anantara Hoi An Resort

Today offers a full day at your leisure in the charming town of Hoi An. This provides a wonderful opportunity to refresh your mind and soul, allowing you to explore the ancient town's unique appeal or simply relax and rejuvenate at your luxurious resort. You might choose to wander through the lantern-lit streets, visit local artisan shops, or enjoy the tranquil ambiance along the Thu Bon River.

Hoi An presents a variety of optional activities that can enhance your experience, should you wish to venture further. Consider

Saigon & Ancient Hoi An: Culture, Cuisine & Relaxation – 9 Days

9D / 8N	Easy	Group	USD 2,289 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

joining a hands-on cooking class to learn about Vietnamese culinary traditions, embark on a scenic cycling tour to nearby villages, or enjoy a traditional basket boat tour in the Cam Thanh Coconut Village. Alternatively, you could take a leisurely cyclo ride through the town or a small boat trip on the Thu Bon River for a different perspective.
This free day is designed for you to tailor your Hoi An experience to your personal preferences, whether that means active exploration or peaceful relaxation.

Activities: Leisure day in Hoi An
Optional activities: cooking class, biking, basket boat tour, cyclo ride, Thu Bon River boat trip

Day 6 Hoi An Free Day to Discover My Son Sanctuary or Beaches

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Anantara Hoi An Resort

Another day is dedicated to your personal preferences in Hoi An, offering a wealth of choices for exploration or relaxation. You might consider an enriching excursion to the UNESCO World Heritage site of My Son Sanctuary, an ancient complex of Hindu temples that offers a fascinating glimpse into the Cham civilization's history and architecture. This site provides a profound cultural experience amidst a serene natural setting.
Alternatively, if you prefer coastal tranquility, you could spend the day relaxing on one of the nearby pristine beaches, such as An Bang or Cua Dai. These beautiful stretches of sand offer a perfect escape to enjoy the sun, sea, and gentle ocean breezes.
The town itself continues to provide ample opportunities for exploration, from its unique Japanese Covered Bridge to the historic Fujian Assembly Hall, each telling a story of Hoi An's rich past.
Indulge in the diverse culinary offerings, from savory street food to elegant fine dining, or browse the colorful lantern shops that illuminate the ancient streets, perfect for finding unique souvenirs. This flexible day ensures you make the most of your time in this enchanting destination.

Activities: Leisure day in Hoi An
Optional visit to My Son Sanctuary
Optional beach relaxation
Explore Hoi An's landmarks like Japanese Covered Bridge and Fujian Assembly Hall
Sample diverse local cuisine

Day 7 Hoi An Free Day for Culture, Crafts & Relaxation

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Anantara Hoi An Resort

Continue to enjoy your free time in Hoi An, allowing for further cultural immersion or simply unwinding at your leisure. This day presents a perfect opportunity to revisit your favorite spots, discover new hidden gems within the ancient town, or engage in local craft workshops to learn about traditional Vietnamese artistry. The relaxed pace of Hoi An is ideal for deeper exploration and appreciation of its unique charm.
Consider a leisurely stroll along the banks of the Thu Bon River, perhaps opting for a small boat ride to admire the picturesque scenery from the water. The gentle flow of the river and the surrounding architecture create a serene atmosphere. You might also choose to savor a cup of traditional Vietnamese coffee at a riverside cafe, observing daily life unfold, or explore the vibrant

Saigon & Ancient Hoi An: Culture, Cuisine & Relaxation – 9 Days

9D / 8N	Easy	Group	USD 2,289 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

local markets, brimming with fresh produce and artisan goods.
This day is yours to craft, whether you seek active discovery or peaceful moments of reflection in this beautiful ancient town.

Activities: Leisure day in Hoi An
Explore local markets and craft shops
Enjoy a leisurely stroll along Thu Bon River
Relax at a riverside cafe

Day 8 — Final Free Day in Hoi An for Personal Pursuits

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Anantara Hoi An Resort

Your last full day in Hoi An is entirely yours to design, offering the ultimate flexibility to indulge in your preferred activities. Whether you wish to treat yourself to a rejuvenating spa treatment, engage in some last-minute souvenir shopping for unique local crafts, or simply relax by the luxurious hotel pool, the choice is completely yours.
This day provides a wonderful chance to reflect on your journey through Vietnam, perhaps enjoying a final authentic Hoi An meal at a favorite restaurant or revisiting a cherished spot in the ancient town that has captured your heart. Make the most of your remaining time in this charming and tranquil destination, creating lasting memories before your departure.
Embrace the serene atmosphere and take the opportunity to unwind, ensuring you leave Hoi An feeling refreshed and content.

Activities: Leisure day in Hoi An
Spa treatments or relaxation
Souvenir shopping
Enjoy a final authentic Hoi An meal

Day 9 — Departure from Da Nang

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: NA

Indulge in a delightful breakfast at your leisure, savoring the final moments of your stay in Hoi An. Take advantage of the comforts and amenities offered by your luxurious hotel before it's time to bid farewell to this remarkable destination. This morning is designed for a relaxed pace, allowing you to prepare for your onward journey without any rush.
Our dedicated team will ensure a seamless and comfortable transfer to Da Nang airport, providing ample time for you to check in for your flight. This marks the conclusion of your luxurious Vietnamese adventure, leaving you with cherished memories of Ho Chi Minh City's vibrancy and Hoi An's ancient charm.

Activities: Leisurely breakfast
Hotel check-out
Transfer to Da Nang airport for departure

WHAT'S INCLUDED

INCLUDED	NOT INCLUDED

Saigon & Ancient Hoi An: Culture, Cuisine & Relaxation – 9 Days

9D / 8N	Easy	Group	USD 2,289 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

- v 5 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 1 Dinner
- v Flights within Vietnam: Ho Chi Minh City to Da Nang
- v All ground transfers by modern vehicle
- v English-speaking local guides throughout the tour
- v Entrance fees to sites mentioned in the itinerary
- v Accommodation in twin/double rooms with air-conditioning

- x Early check-in or late check-out at hotels
- x Peak season surcharges and compulsory gala dinners
- x International flights and associated taxes
- x Vietnam Visa fees
- x Travel insurance
- x Tips for guides and drivers (recommended US $3-5 per person per day)
- x Meals not specified in the itinerary and bottled water
- x Laundry and personal gratuities
- x Fuel surcharge if prices exceed 15% increase

PRICE INCLUDES

- v 5 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 1 Dinner
- v Flights within Vietnam: Ho Chi Minh City to Da Nang
- v All ground transfers by modern vehicle
- v English-speaking local guides throughout the tour
- v Entrance fees to sites mentioned in the itinerary
- v Accommodation in twin/double rooms with air-conditioning

AVAILABLE DEPARTURES

Departure Date	Return Date	Price / Person	Availability	Languages
01 Oct 2025	20 Dec 2026	**USD 2,289**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 2,358**	Available	–

CANCELLATION POLICY

Tour Code: IMP-6AFC3C6F6EE9