Southern & Northern Vietnam Exploration with Lan Ha Bay Cruise – 10 Days

10D / 9N	Easy	Private	USD 1,399 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

Experience a romantic 10-day journey across Vietnam, from the vibrant south to the historic north, culminating in a serene overnight cruise on Lan Ha Bay. Explore bustling cities, ancient towns, and tranquil waterways, perfect for couples seeking cultural immersion and scenic beauty.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Ho Chi Minh City → Hoi An → Hanoi

TOUR OVERVIEW

This meticulously crafted 10-day private tour invites couples to discover the diverse landscapes and rich cultural heritage of Vietnam. Beginning in the dynamic Ho Chi Minh City, travelers will delve into its historical landmarks and modern pulse before venturing into the lush Mekong Delta. The journey continues north to the enchanting ancient town of Hoi An, renowned for its lanterns and culinary traditions, followed by an exploration of the ancient Cham civilization at My Son Sanctuary.

The adventure then shifts to the captivating capital, Hanoi, offering a blend of colonial architecture, bustling markets, and unique local experiences. A highlight of the trip is an overnight cruise through the breathtaking limestone karsts and emerald waters of Lan Ha Bay, providing an idyllic setting for relaxation and exploration. This itinerary is designed to offer a balance of guided historical insights, hands-on cultural activities, and opportunities for romantic moments amidst Vietnam's stunning scenery.

Travelers will move between destinations via domestic flights, private car transfers, and a comfortable overnight cruise, ensuring a seamless and enjoyable experience. The tour includes a variety of local interactions, from market visits and cooking classes to exploring traditional villages and enjoying sunset cruises. Accommodations are selected to provide comfort and convenience, allowing guests to fully unwind after each day's adventures.

This tour is ideal for couples and honeymooners who appreciate a blend of history, culture, and natural beauty, with a focus on creating shared, memorable experiences. It offers a comprehensive overview of Vietnam's most iconic regions, tailored for those seeking both adventure and relaxation in a private setting.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

* Explore Ho Chi Minh City's historical landmarks including Reunification Palace and War Remnants Museum.
* Experience a private sampan cruise through the tranquil waterways and local villages of the Mekong Delta.
* Wander through the lantern-lit streets of Hoi An Ancient Town and participate in a Vietnamese cooking class.
* Discover the ancient ruins of My Son Sanctuary, a UNESCO World Heritage site of the Champa Kingdom.
* Enjoy a romantic sunset dinner cruise along the Thu Bon River in Hoi An.
* Cycle through Hanoi's Old Quarter, visit the Opera House, and cross the historic Long Bien Bridge.
* Spend a night aboard a luxury cruise ship amidst the stunning karst landscapes of Lan Ha Bay.
* Engage in activities like kayaking and a cooking demonstration during the Lan Ha Bay cruise.
* Savor authentic Vietnamese cuisine with included breakfasts, lunches, and dinners throughout the journey.

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Ho Chi Minh City Arrival & Leisure

Meals: NA | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City

Upon landing at Tan Son Nhat Airport, a local guide will extend a warm welcome and facilitate the transfer to your hotel for check-in. The standard check-in time is 2:00 PM; for earlier access, arrangements should be made with your travel consultant. The remainder of the day is free for relaxation after your international flight, allowing you to settle into your accommodation and prepare for the adventures ahead. Alternatively, for those eager to begin their exploration, you may choose to glimpse the vibrant energy of Saigon life.

An optional cultural experience, the "A O Show," is available for those wishing to immerse themselves in Vietnamese artistry, acrobatics, and tradition early in their journey, offering a unique introduction to the country's rich performing arts scene. Consider a gentle evening stroll near your hotel to observe the city's nocturnal rhythm.

Activities:
Arrive at Tan Son Nhat Airport.
Transfer to hotel and check-in.
Relax or explore Ho Chi Minh City independently.
Attend the optional A O Show performance.

Day 2 — Saigon City Exploration & Romantic Sunset Cruise

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City

After a morning meal at your hotel, a friendly guide will accompany you and your partner on a half-day tour of Saigon. The first stop is the historic Reunification Palace, once the official residence and workplace of the President of South Vietnam, a site that hosted many international dignitaries. Next, visit the War Remnants Museum, housing over 20,000 artifacts, documents, and films that chronicle the conflicts and their impact on Vietnam.

The tour continues to the Saigon Central Post Office, a beautiful example of French colonial architecture, marking the city's historical development into a modern European-style urban center. Conclude the city exploration with a visit to Chinatown and the bustling Ben Thanh Market, where you can observe local life and practice your bargaining skills for souvenirs.

In the late afternoon, embark on a romantic sunset cruise. A minivan will transfer you to Bach Dang Pier at 3:30 PM, where a speedboat awaits. Depart around 4:00 PM to witness the city's skyline illuminated as the sun sets, cruising along tributaries reminiscent of the Mekong Delta. The tour includes hotel pick-up/drop-off from prime locations, unlimited tropical fruits, soft drinks, and all entrance fees. The boat returns to Bach Dang Pier around 6:00 PM, followed by a transfer back to your hotel.

Activities:
Visit Reunification Palace.
Explore the War Remnants Museum.
Admire the Saigon Central Post Office.
Wander through Chinatown.
Shop at Ben Thanh Market.
Embark on a romantic sunset speedboat cruise on the Saigon River.
Enjoy tropical fruits and soft drinks during the cruise.

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Day 3 Mekong Delta Cai Be Princess Cruise & Local Life

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City

Begin your day with breakfast at the hotel before checking out and preparing for a journey to the Mekong River Delta. Arrive at Cai Be Jetty by 10:00 AM, where you'll board a traditional sampan. As the boat glides across the active rivers, you'll be offered cold towels and refreshing beverages, observing a variety of watercraft from fishing boats to cargo barges. Relax on your sampan, enjoying tea and seasonal fruits, while the vibrant riverside life unfolds.

An opportunity arises to rent a small rowboat and navigate through the secluded mangroves of Tan Phong Islet. On your return to the sampan, a stop at a 19th-century old house reveals local cottage industries, including the production of coconut sweets and puffed rice. The experience culminates with a delightful lunch served at a charming colonial-style mansion set within a lush tropical garden, evoking the privileged Indochina era. Around 2:30 PM, enjoy a leisurely walk along a small canal to Ba Bon Bridge, where your private car will be waiting to transport you back to Ho Chi Minh City, a journey of approximately two hours.

Activities:
Travel to Cai Be Jetty.
Embark on a private Cai Be Princess sampan cruise.
Observe river life and various watercraft.
Enjoy tea and seasonal fruits on board.
Take a small rowboat trip through Tan Phong Islet mangroves.
Visit a 19th-century old house and local cottage industries.
Savor a colonial-style lunch by the river.
Stroll to Ba Bon Bridge for return transfer.

Day 4 Ho Chi Minh City to Hoi An Flight & Ancient Town Exploration

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Hoi An

Enjoy a relaxed morning in Ho Chi Minh City, perhaps taking a final leisurely breakfast or exploring a local cafe. After packing your belongings, you will be transferred to the airport for a domestic flight north to Da Nang. Upon your arrival at Da Nang Airport, a dedicated driver will be waiting to provide a comfortable transfer directly to your chosen hotel in Hoi An, allowing for a smooth check-in process.

The entire afternoon is then yours to freely explore the charming, historic town of Hoi An with your partner. Wander through its beautifully preserved narrow streets, admire the ancient architecture, browse the artisan shops, and soak in the unique, tranquil atmosphere of this UNESCO World Heritage site at your own pace. Hoi An truly comes alive in the late afternoon and evening, with its iconic lanterns illuminating the riverside.

Activities:
Enjoy a free morning in Ho Chi Minh City.
Transfer to Ho Chi Minh City airport.
Fly from Ho Chi Minh City to Da Nang.
Transfer from Da Nang Airport to Hoi An hotel.
Check into Hoi An hotel.
Explore Hoi An Ancient Town independently.

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Day 5 Hoi An Cooking Class & My Son Sanctuary Discovery

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Hoi An

Following breakfast in Hoi An, your guide will pick you up from Hai Scout Café to commence a hands-on cooking class at Red Bridge Cooking School. Here, you will gain insights into fresh Vietnamese ingredients and master the preparation of authentic local dishes. After crafting your own culinary creations, enjoy the meal, beautifully presented with artistic carvings. Return to your hotel for some rest and preparation for the afternoon excursion.

In the afternoon, the journey continues to My Son Sanctuary, an important archaeological site. Explore the ancient religious ceremonies and burial grounds of the Champa dynasty, learning about their rich history and spiritual practices. After immersing yourselves in the historical significance of My Son, you will be transferred back to Hoi An town, where the remainder of the day is at your leisure to further explore or relax.

Activities: Attend a Vietnamese cooking class at Red Bridge Cooking School.
Learn about local ingredients and dish preparation.
Enjoy the meal prepared during the class.
Visit My Son Sanctuary to explore Cham ruins.
Return to Hoi An.

Day 6 Hoi An Free Day & Romantic River Dinner Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner | Stay: Hotel in Hoi An

After breakfast at your hotel, dedicate this day to creating lasting memories in Hoi An. You have the option to explore various corners of the ancient city at your leisure, perhaps considering optional activities such as a Cam Thanh Coconut Village Basket Boat Tour or experiencing life as a farmer in Cam Thanh Village. These optional excursions offer deeper insights into local life and traditions.

In the evening, prepare for a romantic sunset dinner cruise. Arrive at the pier opposite 76 Bach Dang around 4:45 PM. The captain and crew will welcome you aboard, escorting you to a private table where a welcome cocktail and amuse-bouche will be served. The two-hour cruise along the Thu Bon River offers stunning views as the sun descends, illuminating the river activities. A five-course à la carte dinner, accommodating special dietary requests, will be served. An optional wine list and additional drinks are available for purchase.

Conclude your memorable evening by watching the boat cast off from the observation deck and releasing a floating candle lantern into the river, symbolizing good wishes. You will then return to the pier and be transferred back to your hotel for a restful night.

Activities: Enjoy a free morning in Hoi An for independent exploration or optional activities.
Board a romantic sunset dinner cruise on the Thu Bon River.
Enjoy a welcome cocktail and amuse-bouche.
Savor a five-course à la carte dinner.
Watch the sunset and river activities.
Release a floating candle lantern.

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Day 7 Da Nang to Hanoi Flight & Sunset Biking Food Tour

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

Enjoy breakfast and check out from your hotel in Hoi An. A driver will transfer you to Da Nang Airport for your flight to Hanoi. Upon arrival in Hanoi, a guide will greet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel for a brief rest. In the late afternoon, around 4:00 PM, embark on an exciting Hanoi sunset biking and food tour. You'll select a bicycle and begin your ride alongside the expansive Red River, taking in the scenic views.

Discover the architectural grandeur of the Hanoi Opera House, a magnificent structure built by the French colonial administration in the early 20th century. Cycle across the iconic Long Bien Bridge, a testament to French colonial engineering from the post-Vietnam War era. Pause at Huu Tiep Lake, a poignant historical site featuring the wreckage of an American B-52 aircraft shot down in 1972. Continue exploring the vibrant and traditional surroundings of Hanoi's Old Quarter, the bustling railway street, and local markets. Conclude your tour with dinner at a renowned food court and sample the famous Hanoi Egg Coffee. The tour concludes around 7:00 PM, followed by your return to the hotel.

Activities:
Transfer to Da Nang Airport.
Fly from Da Nang to Hanoi.
Transfer from Hanoi airport to hotel.
Check into Hanoi hotel.
Embark on a Hanoi sunset biking tour.
Cycle along the Red River.
Visit Hanoi Opera House.
Cross the Long Bien Bridge.
See the B-52 wreckage at Huu Tiep Lake.
Explore Hanoi Old Quarter, railway street, and local markets.
Enjoy dinner at a food court and taste Egg Coffee.

Day 8 Lan Ha Bay Overnight Cruise & Activities

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: Overnight on cruise

After an energizing breakfast, check out from your Hanoi hotel and prepare for a transfer by shuttle bus or limousine to Ha Long Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Around 12:00 PM, upon boarding your cruise ship, you will receive a welcome drink and a safety briefing from the captain. You and your partner will then enjoy lunch while admiring the famous limestone islets passing by.

The afternoon offers a perfect opportunity for engaging activities such as kayaking or swimming in the clear, emerald waters of the bay. Later, return to the cruise to relax and participate in a mini-lesson on Vietnamese cooking conducted on board. Conclude the day with a delightful dinner served under the starry night sky. The evening also presents various well-organized nightlife options, including squid fishing, watching movies, or visiting the onboard bar. Please note that specific activities may vary depending on the cruise itinerary.

Activities:
Transfer from Hanoi to Ha Long Bay.
Board the overnight cruise in Lan Ha Bay.
Enjoy a welcome drink and safety briefing.

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Savor lunch while cruising past islets.
Go kayaking or swimming in the bay.
Attend an onboard Vietnamese cooking lesson.
Enjoy dinner on the cruise.
Participate in evening activities like squid fishing or movies.

Day 9 Lan Ha Bay Sunrise & Return to Hanoi

Meals: Breakfast, Brunch | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

Start your second day on the cruise with an early morning Tai Chi session, followed by a light breakfast as you witness the beautiful sunrise over Lan Ha Bay. Enjoy a leisurely morning, taking in the serene surroundings. You and your partner will then have brunch on board before checking out as the cruise sails back towards the pier.

In the afternoon, a shuttle bus or limousine will transfer you from the pier back to your hotel in Hanoi for a period of rest. The remainder of your last evening in Hanoi is free for you to spend as you wish, perhaps revisiting a favorite spot or enjoying a quiet dinner.

Activities: Participate in an early morning Tai Chi session.
Enjoy a light breakfast and sunrise views.
Have brunch on board the cruise.
Check out from the cruise.
Transfer from Ha Long Bay pier back to Hanoi.
Enjoy a free evening in Hanoi.

Day 10 Hanoi Departure

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: NA

Enjoy your final breakfast at the hotel in Hanoi, savoring the last flavors of Vietnamese cuisine. Take your time to complete your check-out process, which is typically required before 12:00 PM. This morning offers a final opportunity to relax at your hotel or perhaps pick up any last-minute souvenirs from nearby shops, reflecting on the incredible journey you've experienced across Vietnam.

Following your check-out, a private driver will be arranged to provide a comfortable and timely transfer to Noi Bai International Airport for your scheduled departure flight. This concludes your enriching 10-day journey through the diverse landscapes and vibrant cultures of Vietnam. We hope you depart with cherished memories of romantic moments, cultural discoveries, and the unique experiences shared throughout your adventure, and wish you a safe onward journey.

Activities: Enjoy final breakfast at hotel.
Check out from hotel.
Transfer to Hanoi airport for departure.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- v Airplane, Car, Cruise, Bicycle, Shuttle Bus transportation
- v Hotel (8 nights), Overnight on cruise (1 night)
- v Accommodation in TWN/ DBL sharing accommodation at hotel, except overnight on train and homestay (if any)
- v All in-tour stationed local English speaking guide.
- v Entrance fees for Vietnam attractions, as per itinerary
- v Car transfer all trips

NOT INCLUDED

- x Not specified

PRICE INCLUDES

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AVAILABLE DEPARTURES

Departure Date	Return Date	Price / Person	Availability	Languages
01 May 2025	20 Dec 2026	**USD 1,399**	Available	–
01 May 2025	20 Dec 2026	**USD 1,599**	Available	–
01 May 2025	20 Dec 2026	**USD 1,969**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 1,441**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 1,647**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 2,029**	Available	–

CANCELLATION POLICY

Not specified

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