Southern to Northern Vietnam Discovery & Halong Bay Cruise – 10 Days

10D / 9N	Easy	Group	USD 1,130 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

Embark on a 10-day small group tour across Vietnam, exploring its vibrant cities, historical sites, and natural wonders. From the southern charm of Ho Chi Minh City and the tranquil Mekong Delta to the ancient allure of Hoi An and an overnight cruise amidst Halong Bay's limestone karsts, this adventure offers a deep dive into Vietnamese culture and landscapes.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Ho Chi Minh City → Hoi An → Hanoi → Ha Long → Da Nang

TOUR OVERVIEW

Tour Overview: Vietnam's North to South Essentials

This meticulously designed 10-day small group tour offers a comprehensive exploration of Vietnam's most celebrated destinations, moving from the dynamic south to the captivating north. Travelers will experience a rich tapestry of history, culture, and breathtaking natural beauty, with a balanced itinerary that includes both guided excursions and opportunities for personal discovery. The journey begins in Ho Chi Minh City, delves into the Mekong Delta, uncovers the secrets of the Cu Chi Tunnels, relaxes in the ancient town of Hoi An, and culminates with the historical grandeur of Hanoi and an unforgettable overnight cruise on the emerald waters of Halong Bay.

Journey Highlights

Explore the intricate waterways and local life of the Mekong Delta on a traditional sampan boat.

Crawl through the historic Cu Chi Tunnels, a testament to Vietnam's wartime ingenuity.

Wander the charming streets of Hoi An Ancient Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Discover Hanoi's rich history, from the Temple of Literature to the One Pillar Pagoda.

Experience an overnight cruise on Halong Bay, admiring its iconic limestone formations.

Savor authentic Vietnamese cuisine, including regional specialties and fresh seafood.

Engage with local artisans and learn about traditional crafts in the Mekong Delta.

Route Summary

The adventure commences in the bustling metropolis of Ho Chi Minh City, followed by an excursion to the serene Mekong Delta and the historic Cu Chi Tunnels. A domestic flight then transports guests to Da Nang, providing access to the enchanting ancient town of Hoi An for several days of exploration. The journey continues northward with another flight to Hanoi, Vietnam's capital, before embarking on a scenic drive to Halong Bay for an overnight cruise. The tour concludes back in Hanoi, offering a final opportunity to absorb the city's unique ambiance before departure.

Who This Tour Suits

This flexible group tour is ideal for singles, solo travelers, friends, and families seeking a blend of cultural immersion, historical insight, and natural exploration. It caters to those who appreciate a well-structured itinerary with ample opportunities for local interaction and independent leisure time. The small group setting fosters a sense of camaraderie and allows for more personalized experiences throughout the journey.

Practical Information

The tour includes all necessary domestic flights and ground transportation in air-conditioned vehicles. Accommodations consist

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of comfortable hotel stays and an unforgettable night aboard a cruise in Halong Bay. English-speaking local guides are provided for all included excursions, ensuring a deeper understanding of each site visited. Meals are as specified in the itinerary, featuring a mix of local and international flavors.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

* Navigate the serene canals of the Mekong Delta aboard a traditional sampan.
* Gain insight into wartime history at the remarkable Cu Chi Tunnels complex.
* Stroll through the UNESCO-listed Hoi An Ancient Town, admiring its unique architecture.
* Discover Hanoi's significant cultural landmarks, including ancient temples and pagodas.
* Spend a night cruising the magnificent Halong Bay, surrounded by towering karsts.
* Savor delectable Vietnamese cuisine, from street food to fresh seafood.
* Witness traditional craft-making and local daily life in rural communities.
* Enjoy comfortable hotel stays and a memorable overnight cruise experience.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Arrival in Ho Chi Minh City & Leisure Time

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

Upon your arrival at Tan Son Nhat International Airport in Ho Chi Minh City, a dedicated guide will greet you and facilitate your transfer to the hotel for check-in. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at your own pace, allowing for relaxation after your journey or an initial independent exploration of this dynamic southern Vietnamese city.
Please note that airport gates can experience high traffic at certain times. Should you have difficulty locating your representative, kindly reach out to your travel consultant for immediate assistance. Standard hotel check-in is scheduled for 14:00, with early check-in potentially available for an additional fee.

Activities: Meet guide at Tan Son Nhat International Airport
Transfer to hotel for check-in
Rest or explore Ho Chi Minh City at leisure

Day 2 — Mekong Delta Exploration & Local Life Immersion

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh | Transport: Car, Cruise, Xe Loi, Sampan boat

Your morning begins with a pickup from your Ho Chi Minh City hotel around 08:00, embarking on a journey towards Ben Tre Province. Here, you'll board a boat for a scenic cruise along the Ham Luong River, a branch of the mighty Mekong. The excursion includes stops at various local workshops, offering a glimpse into the region's cottage industries, such as traditional

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mat weaving and coconut processing facilities.
A brief walk through a peaceful village provides an authentic insight into daily life in the Mekong Delta. Following this, experience a unique ride on a 'xe loi,' a motorized rickshaw, venturing deeper into the verdant landscape to observe fruit farms. Lunch will be a delightful affair at a local restaurant, featuring regional specialties like fried elephant earfish.
The afternoon invites relaxation with a serene sampan boat ride through narrow canals, perfect for soaking in the tranquil surroundings and capturing picturesque moments. The group will then return to Ho Chi Minh City, arriving at your accommodation around 17:00.

Activities: Travel to Ben Tre Province
Cruise on Ham Luong River
Visit local mat weaving and coconut processing workshops
Walk through a tranquil village
Ride a 'xe loi' to fruit farms
Enjoy a local lunch
Take a sampan boat ride through canals
Return to Ho Chi Minh City

Day 3 — Cu Chi Tunnels Discovery & Ho Chi Minh City Landmarks, Flight to Da Nang

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Hoi An | Transport: Car, Airplane

The day commences with a departure from your hotel lobby between 08:00 and 08:30, heading on a 70-kilometer road trip to the historic Cu Chi Tunnels. Here, you will explore the extensive underground network utilized by the North Vietnamese army during the war, which included various chambers for living, medical care, and military operations from 1955 to 1975. A light lunch will be served at a local restaurant on the return journey to Ho Chi Minh City.
In the afternoon, at 13:00, your city tour begins with a visit to the Reunification Palace, a significant historical site that once served as the residence of the President of the Republic of Vietnam. Continue to the Saigon Central Post Office, an architectural marvel showcasing French colonial influences, offering a window into old Saigon's preserved grandeur. A stop at a bustling local market is recommended for souvenir shopping and an opportunity to interact with the city's lively residents.
Later, you will return to your hotel for some personal time before transferring to the airport for your flight to Da Nang. Upon arrival in Da Nang, a driver will meet you and transfer you to your hotel in Hoi An for check-in. Please be aware that the Saigon Notre Dame Cathedral may not be included in the itinerary due to ongoing renovations.

Activities: Travel to Cu Chi Tunnels
Explore the Cu Chi Tunnels network
Enjoy a light lunch
Visit Reunification Palace
Tour Saigon Central Post Office
Shop at a local market
Transfer to airport for flight to Da Nang
Transfer to Hoi An hotel

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Day 4 Hoi An Ancient Town Cultural Walk

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Hoi An

Your cultural journey through Hoi An begins at the vibrant Hoi An Market, a sensory delight of colors, sounds, and aromas, creating an unparalleled shopping experience. A short walk leads you to the Fujian Chinese Assembly Hall, renowned for its ornate gates, dragon motifs, and exquisitely crafted rooftops. Here, you'll gain insights into ancestral worship practices, observing the family altar and local offerings.

The exploration continues with visits to Hoi An's remarkably preserved heritage homes, such as the Phung Hung Ancient House or Tan Ky Ancient House, both standing for over two centuries. Next, delve into the Museum of Folk Culture, housed within a 150-year-old former Chinese merchant's residence, where exhibits depict traditional life in the old town. You'll also have the chance to witness cultural performances at the Hoi An Traditional Performing Arts House.

A highlight is the historic Japanese Covered Bridge, constructed over 400 years ago to connect the Japanese and Chinese communities across the canal. Conclude your visit by exploring Hoi An's celebrated handicraft boutiques and art galleries, and wander through smaller alleyways to uncover the town's authentic charm and enduring beauty.

Activities:
- Visit Hoi An Market
- Explore Fujian Chinese Assembly Hall
- Tour heritage homes (Phung Hung Ancient House or Tan Ky Ancient House)
- Discover the Museum of Folk Culture
- Watch cultural performances at Hoi An Traditional Performing Arts House
- Cross the Japanese Covered Bridge
- Browse handicraft boutiques and art galleries

Day 5 Leisure Day in Hoi An

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Hoi An

Today is designated for your personal enjoyment and discovery within the captivating city of Hoi An. You have the freedom to relax at your accommodation, revisit favorite spots, or explore new areas independently. The town offers a wealth of activities, from leisurely riverside strolls to browsing local shops and cafes.

Should you desire structured activities, local tour consultants can provide recommendations for optional excursions. These might include trips to the Cam Thanh Coconut Village for lantern making, authentic cooking classes combined with biking tours, or cycling adventures to Tra Que Village or the My Son Sanctuary. Feel free to consult with your travel advisor for personalized suggestions to enhance your free day.

Activities:
- Enjoy a free day in Hoi An
- Relax at the hotel
- Explore the city independently
- Consider optional tours (e.g., Cam Thanh Coconut Village, cooking class, My Son Sanctuary)

Day 6 Da Nang Departure & Hanoi Arrival, Free Afternoon

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi | Transport: Car, Airplane

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Begin your day with a satisfying breakfast at your hotel before being transferred to Da Nang Airport. Here, you will board your flight to Hanoi, the timeless capital of Vietnam. Upon arrival at Noi Bai Airport, a friendly driver will be waiting to transport you to your centrally located hotel in Hanoi.

Take some time to complete the check-in process and settle into your room. The remainder of the day is at your leisure to unwind or begin exploring the energetic city of Hanoi at your own pace. If you require any suggestions or further assistance for your independent exploration, do not hesitate to contact your travel expert.

Activities: Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
Transfer to Da Nang Airport
Fly to Hanoi
Transfer from Noi Bai Airport to Hanoi hotel
Check into accommodation
Spend the afternoon at leisure in Hanoi

Day 7 Hanoi Cultural Landmarks Tour

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Ha Noi | Transport: Car

After a delicious breakfast, your tour guide will pick you up between 08:00 and 08:30 for a half-day city tour of Hanoi's most significant attractions. The first stop is the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's inaugural university, which stands as a powerful symbol of Confucianism's historical and ongoing influence. Here, you'll delve into its rich past and admire its impressive architecture.

Next, visit the distinctive One Pillar Pagoda, celebrated for its unique and elegant design. Your guide will share the fascinating story behind its creation. The group will then proceed to the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, the revered final resting place of Vietnam's iconic leader, located near Ba Dinh Square. Close by, West Lake offers a picturesque setting surrounded by historical sites. You will visit the Tran Quoc Pagoda, a Buddhist structure with a history spanning 1500 years, where you can enjoy the peaceful atmosphere and stunning lake views.

The afternoon is free for you to explore Hanoi further at your leisure. Options include shopping in the bustling Old Quarter or simply relaxing at a local coffee shop, soaking in the city's lively ambiance. For recommendations, your travel advisor is always available to assist. Please note that pickup times may vary slightly between morning (08:00-08:30) and afternoon (13:00-13:30) depending on tour availability.

Activities: Visit the Temple of Literature
Explore the One Pillar Pagoda
See the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum
Visit Tran Quoc Pagoda by West Lake
Enjoy free time in Hanoi Old Quarter

Day 8 Halong Bay Overnight Cruise & Water Activities

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: On-board an overnight cruise in Halong Bay | Transport: Car, Cruise

Start your day with a delightful breakfast before departing between 08:00 and 08:30 for a scenic 2.5-hour road trip to Ha Long

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Bay. Upon arrival at the port, you'll complete check-in procedures and receive a warm welcome aboard your cruise with a refreshing drink. Boarding commences around 12:00, marking the beginning of your Halong Bay adventure.
As the cruise sets sail, enjoy a delectable onboard lunch featuring fresh local seafood, all while marveling at the thousands of limestone islets and islands emerging majestically from the emerald waters. The afternoon is dedicated to exploring the bay's splendor through various onboard activities, which may include swimming, kayaking, and discovering hidden caves, depending on your cruise's specific itinerary.
In the evening, a sumptuous dinner will be served in the ship's elegant restaurant. Following dinner, you can partake in a range of evening entertainment options, such as squid fishing, movie nights, or board games, before retiring for a peaceful night on the tranquil waters of Halong Bay. Please note that English-speaking staff members are available on the cruises, but a dedicated tour guide will not accompany you onboard. The precise schedule is cruise-dependent; consult your sales consultant for details.

Activities:
Transfer to Halong Bay
Board the overnight cruise
Enjoy onboard lunch with fresh seafood
Swim in the sea
Kayak through the bay
Explore caves
Dine in the cruise restaurant
Participate in evening activities like squid fishing or board games

Day 9 Halong Bay Sunrise, Cave Exploration & Hanoi Return

Meals: Breakfast, Brunch | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi | Transport: Cruise, Shuttle bus

Begin your final day on Halong Bay with an invigorating Tai Chi class as you witness the breathtaking sunrise over the water. A light breakfast is served around 07:00, after which you'll have the opportunity to engage in more activities like kayaking or exploring some of Halong's magnificent caves. Afterwards, return to the boat for check-out procedures.
Enjoy a leisurely brunch as the cruise makes its way back to the main dock. Around noon, you will disembark, and the crew will bid you farewell. A shuttle bus will be waiting to transfer you back to your hotel in Hanoi. The afternoon allows for ample time to relax and further explore the serene capital city.
Consider a stroll through Hanoi's Old Quarter to sample some delicious Vietnamese street food, immersing yourself in the local culinary scene. Remember that the specific schedule of activities on the cruise may vary, so it's advisable to consult your sales consultant for the most up-to-date information.

Activities:
Participate in a morning Tai Chi class
Enjoy breakfast
Go kayaking or explore caves
Check out from the cruise
Have brunch on board
Transfer back to Hanoi by shuttle bus
Explore Hanoi Old Quarter or relax

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Day 10 Hanoi Departure

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: NA

On your final day, you will have some leisure time in the morning to relax and prepare for your departure. At the appropriate time, drivers will transfer you from your hotel to the airport for your onward flight. The tour concludes with fond memories of your Vietnamese adventure.

Please note that standard check-out time for your room is 12:00. If you require a later check-out, please arrange this directly with your travel consultant in advance.

Activities: Enjoy leisure time in Hanoi
Prepare for departure
Transfer to the airport for your flight

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- v Overnight in shared Twin/Double room with Air-condition (AC) at hotel.
- v All transport during tour on air-conditioned vehicle as per itinerary (including airport pick up & see off).
- v All in-tour stationed local English speaking guide.
- v Meals as indicated in the program.
- v Entrance fees as per itinerary.
- v 2 domestic flights Ho Chi Minh - Da Nang and Da Nang - Ha Noi.

NOT INCLUDED

PRICE INCLUDES

- v Overnight in shared Twin/Double room with Air-condition (AC) at hotel.
- v All transport during tour on air-conditioned vehicle as per itinerary (including airport pick up & see off).
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AVAILABLE DEPARTURES

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Departure Date	Return Date	Price / Person	Availability	Languages
08 Nov 2026	17 Nov 2026	**USD 1,143**	Available	–
12 Nov 2026	21 Nov 2026	**USD 1,143**	Available	–
15 Nov 2026	24 Nov 2026	**USD 1,143**	Available	–
19 Nov 2026	28 Nov 2026	**USD 1,143**	Available	–
22 Nov 2026	01 Dec 2026	**USD 1,143**	Available	–
26 Nov 2026	05 Dec 2026	**USD 1,143**	Available	–
29 Nov 2026	08 Dec 2026	**USD 1,143**	Available	–
03 Dec 2026	12 Dec 2026	**USD 1,143**	Available	–
06 Dec 2026	15 Dec 2026	**USD 1,143**	Available	–
10 Dec 2026	19 Dec 2026	**USD 1,143**	Available	–
13 Dec 2026	22 Dec 2026	**USD 1,143**	Available	–
17 Dec 2026	26 Dec 2026	**USD 1,143**	Available	–

CANCELLATION POLICY

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