Southern Vietnam Culinary & Coastal Escape – 10 Days

10D / 9N	Easy	Private	USD 1,069 / pax
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This 10-day Vietnamese adventure combines vibrant culinary experiences in bustling cities with serene relaxation on beautiful coastlines. Travelers will sample a diverse array of local dishes, from street food specialties to fresh seafood, alongside opportunities to unwind by the sea. The journey balances engaging cultural encounters and light sightseeing, ensuring a comfortable pace throughout.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Ho Chi Minh City → Hoi An → Nha Trang

TOUR OVERVIEW

This 10-day tour through Vietnam's southern and central regions offers a delightful combination of gastronomic exploration and coastal tranquility. Beginning in the dynamic Ho Chi Minh City, you'll dive into its rich history and vibrant street food scene. The journey continues to the charming ancient town of Hoi An, where culinary traditions meet picturesque scenery. Concluding with a relaxing escape to the sun-drenched beaches of Nha Trang, this itinerary provides a balanced and enriching experience for those seeking both cultural immersion and leisurely downtime.

Tour Highlights

Experience a thrilling evening food tour by motorbike through Ho Chi Minh City's illuminated streets.

Explore the historic Cu Chi Tunnels, gaining insight into Vietnam's wartime past.

Cycle through Hoi An's scenic rice fields and ancient town on a guided culinary excursion.

Enjoy abundant leisure time for personal discovery, shopping, or beach relaxation in Hoi An and Nha Trang.

Savor authentic regional specialties, including Banh Can, Bun Cha Ca, and Nem Nuong, on a Nha Trang street food adventure.

Journey by scenic train along Vietnam's coast from Da Nang to Nha Trang.

Route Summary

The adventure begins in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam's southern metropolis, with opportunities to explore its history and culinary landscape. From there, a flight takes you to Da Nang, serving as a gateway to the enchanting ancient town of Hoi An for several days of cultural and gastronomic delights. The journey then transitions to the coastal city of Nha Trang via a scenic train ride, offering ample time for beachside relaxation. The tour concludes with a flight back to Ho Chi Minh City for departure.

Who This Tour Suits

This carefully crafted itinerary is ideal for seniors, couples, and honeymooners seeking a blend of cultural engagement, culinary discovery, and leisurely beach time. With a focus on private and small group experiences, it caters to those who appreciate a comfortable pace and opportunities to interact with local culture. Food enthusiasts will particularly enjoy the dedicated culinary tours, while beach lovers will appreciate the dedicated free days for relaxation.

Practical Information

Accommodation throughout the tour consists of comfortable hotel stays, with options ranging from 3-star to 5-star properties. Transportation includes domestic flights between major cities, a scenic train journey, and various local modes like cars, motorcycles, and bicycles for immersive experiences. Most breakfasts are included, along with select lunches and dinners, ensuring a taste of local cuisine. English-speaking local guides are provided for all included activities, and entrance fees are covered as per the itinerary.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

* Evening motorbike food tour through Ho Chi Minh City, including a rooftop bar visit.
* Historical exploration of the Cu Chi Tunnels, understanding their significance during the Vietnam War.
* Guided bicycle food tour in Hoi An, visiting rice fields, Tra Que Vegetable Village, and Chuc Thanh Pagoda.
* Ample free time for personal exploration, shopping, and relaxation in Hoi An Ancient Town.
* Scenic coastal train journey from Da Nang to the beautiful beaches of Nha Trang.
* Evening street food adventure by cyclo in Nha Trang, sampling local delicacies like Banh Can and Nem Nuong.
* Enjoyment of Vietnam's stunning coastlines with dedicated days for beach activities in Nha Trang.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Ho Chi Minh City Arrival & Leisure Time

Meals: NA | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City | Transport: Car transfer

Upon your arrival at Tan Son Nhat International Airport in Ho Chi Minh City, a local guide will greet you and provide a private transfer to your hotel. After completing the check-in process, you will have the remainder of the day at your leisure. This is an ideal time to settle into your accommodation, unpack, and relax after your journey. You might choose to take a gentle stroll around the immediate vicinity of your hotel to get a first impression of the city, or simply unwind in your room. Standard hotel check-in typically begins at 2:00 PM; early check-in may be arranged for an additional fee if desired.

Activities: Arrive at Ho Chi Minh City airport
Meet local guide and transfer to hotel
Check into hotel and relax
Enjoy free time for personal exploration

Day 2 — Ho Chi Minh City Exploration & Evening Motorbike Food Tour

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City | Transport: Motorcycle, Car transfer

The morning is yours to discover Ho Chi Minh City independently. After breakfast at your hotel, you can choose to explore local markets, visit historical sites, or simply enjoy the city's atmosphere at your own pace. Optional tours, such as a battlefield day trip to Long Tan – Nui Dat or a Mekong Delta excursion, are available if you wish to delve deeper into the region's offerings. In the early evening, prepare for an exciting group motorbike food tour, commencing around 6:00 PM. This immersive experience begins with a visit to a rooftop bar, offering stunning panoramic views of the city skyline as the sun sets, accompanied by a refreshing drink.

Following the rooftop experience, your motorbike journey will navigate through the lively streets of Ho Chi Minh City. You'll pass by the vibrant flower market, witnessing local life unfold after dark, and explore various neighborhoods. Throughout the tour, you'll stop to sample a diverse range of authentic Vietnamese street food, including delicious BBQ dishes and other local

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favorites, providing a true taste of the city's culinary scene. The route also showcases a blend of modern landmarks, travels along the Saigon River, and ventures into the historic Chinatown district, offering a comprehensive view of Ho Chi Minh City's contrasting facets. The tour concludes around 10:00 PM, after which you will be transferred back to your hotel to relax.

Activities: Enjoy a free morning to explore Ho Chi Minh City
Join an optional tour (e.g., Long Tan – Nui Dat, Mekong Delta, city tour)
Begin evening motorbike food tour
Visit a rooftop bar for sunset views and a drink
Explore local streets, including the flower market
Sample various Vietnamese street food dishes
Ride past city landmarks, along the Saigon River, and through Chinatown
Return to hotel

Day 3 Cu Chi Tunnels & Flight to Hoi An

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

After an early breakfast, you will meet your guide around 7:30 AM for a transfer to the historic Cu Chi Tunnels, approximately a two-hour drive from Ho Chi Minh City. Upon arrival, you'll receive an introductory briefing and watch a short documentary film detailing the tunnels' significant role during the Vietnam War. Afterwards, you will have the opportunity to explore portions of the extensive underground network utilized by the Viet Cong, gaining firsthand insight into the challenging conditions faced by soldiers.

During your exploration, you can walk through some of the narrow tunnel sections, experiencing the unique environment. A simple local snack of tapioca and tea, a staple food during the war, will be offered. For those interested, an optional visit to a firing range is available at an additional cost, where you can try out various period-specific equipment. Following your visit to the tunnels, you will be transferred back to the city and then to the airport for your domestic flight to Da Nang. Upon arrival in Da Nang, a waiting vehicle will transfer you to your hotel in Hoi An. After checking in, the rest of the day is free for you to unwind or begin a gentle exploration of Hoi An at your leisure. Please note, standard hotel check-in is from 2:00 PM.

Activities: Transfer to Cu Chi Tunnels
Watch an introductory film about the tunnels
Explore parts of the tunnel network
Sample tapioca and tea
Optional visit to a firing range (extra cost)
Transfer to Ho Chi Minh City airport
Fly to Da Nang
Transfer from Da Nang to Hoi An
Check into hotel and enjoy free time

Day 4 Hoi An Bicycle Food Tour & Cultural Sights

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

Enjoy a relaxed morning in Hoi An, starting your day at your own pace. You might choose to have a leisurely breakfast, explore

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the charming streets near your hotel, or simply relax. In the afternoon, around 3:00 PM, embark on a half-day bicycle food tour. This engaging experience will take you through various parts of Hoi An, allowing you to discover its culinary landscape and scenic surroundings.

Throughout the tour, you'll make several stops to sample a wide array of local dishes. These include popular specialties such as white rose dumplings, crispy fried wontons, savory beef noodle soup, the iconic banh mi, and traditional Vietnamese coffee. For the more adventurous, there's also an option to try balut. The bicycle route also incorporates visits to picturesque rice fields, the renowned Tra Que Vegetable Village where organic farming traditions are practiced, and Chuc Thanh Pagoda, recognized as the oldest pagoda in Hoi An. This tour provides a wonderful blend of authentic flavors and cultural insights, typically concluding around 7:00 PM. It is recommended to have a light lunch before joining this tour, and any specific dietary requirements should be communicated in advance.

Activities:
Enjoy a free morning in Hoi An
Begin half-day bicycle food tour
Cycle through Hoi An's streets and rice fields
Visit Tra Que Vegetable Village
Explore Chuc Thanh Pagoda
Sample a variety of local dishes: white rose dumplings, fried wontons, beef noodle soup, banh mi, Vietnamese coffee, and optional balut

Day 5 Hoi An Free Day for Leisure & Exploration

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Hoi An | Transport: NA

Today is entirely yours to enjoy the ancient town of Hoi An exactly as you wish. After breakfast, you can spend your time leisurely wandering through the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Town, admiring its unique architecture and vibrant atmosphere. This is a perfect opportunity for browsing the numerous local shops, discovering artisanal crafts, or relaxing at one of the many charming cafes. You might also choose to further explore the local food scene, sampling more regional delicacies at your own pace.

Hoi An offers an ideal setting for a relaxed day, allowing you to soak in its distinctive ambiance without any fixed schedule. Should you desire more structured activities, several optional tours are available. These include a half-day walking tour of Hoi An, a visit to Cam Thanh Coconut Village with lantern making, a bicycle ride to Tra Que Village combined with a cooking class, a day trip to Cham Island, or an excursion to the My Son Sanctuary. Our consultants can assist with booking any of these additional experiences if you choose to participate.

Activities:
Enjoy a full free day in Hoi An
Wander through the Old Town and explore local shops
Relax at cafes and sample local food
Option to join various tours: walking tour, Cam Thanh Coconut Village, Tra Que Village cooking class, Cham Island trip, My Son Sanctuary visit

Day 6 Hoi An to Nha Trang via Scenic Train Journey

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Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Nha Trang | Transport: Car, Train

Following breakfast at your hotel, you will be transferred to Da Nang train station to begin your scenic rail journey to Nha Trang. This train ride typically lasts around nine hours, providing a wonderful opportunity to unwind and observe the diverse landscapes of Vietnam's coastline as you travel south. The journey offers picturesque views of the ocean, rural areas, and local life passing by.

Upon your arrival at Nha Trang train station, a private transfer will be waiting to take you directly to your hotel. After checking in and settling into your room, the remainder of the day is dedicated to your relaxation. You can choose to rest at the hotel, take a preliminary stroll along the nearby beach, or simply enjoy the coastal atmosphere. Please note that standard hotel check-in is from 2:00 PM; early check-in may be available for an additional charge.

Activities:
Transfer to Da Nang train station
Take a scenic train journey to Nha Trang
Observe coastal and rural landscapes
Arrive at Nha Trang train station
Transfer to hotel and check in
Enjoy free time to relax

Day 7 Nha Trang Coastal Relaxation Day

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Nha Trang | Transport: NA

Today is dedicated to enjoying Nha Trang at your leisure. After breakfast, you have the entire day free to explore this beautiful coastal city at your own pace. Many visitors choose to spend their time on Nha Trang's renowned beaches, swimming in the clear waters or simply relaxing on the sandy shores under the sun. The city also offers a variety of cafes and seaside restaurants where you can enjoy a refreshing drink or a meal with ocean views.

If you are looking for more active pursuits, there are several optional experiences available. These include a full-day Emperor Cruise, a speedboat trip to explore nearby islands, or a mountain biking and rafting adventure for those seeking an adrenaline rush. Our team can assist you with arranging any of these additional activities should you wish to participate, ensuring you make the most of your time in Nha Trang.

Activities:
Enjoy a full free day in Nha Trang
Relax on the beach and swim in the ocean
Explore local cafes and seaside spots
Option to join various tours: Emperor Cruise, speedboat island trip, mountain biking and rafting adventure

Day 8 Nha Trang Leisure & Evening Street Food Cyclo Tour

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner | Stay: Hotel in Nha Trang | Transport: Cyclo

Begin your day with a relaxed morning, enjoying Nha Trang at your own pace. After breakfast, you might choose to spend time by the beach, visit a local coffee shop, or simply unwind at your hotel. This provides a perfect opportunity for personal reflection or last-minute souvenir shopping before the evening's culinary adventure.

In the early evening, typically between 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM, prepare for an exciting guided street food tour by cyclo. This

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unique mode of transport offers a fun and immersive way to navigate Nha Trang's streets while discovering its vibrant food scene. You will visit a selection of local eateries and street vendors, sampling a diverse range of authentic dishes. Highlights of the tasting experience often include Banh Can, which are small savory pancakes cooked over charcoal; Bun Cha Ca, a flavorful fish cake noodle soup with a rich broth; Nem Nuong, delicious grilled pork served with fresh herbs and a dipping sauce; Banh Tai Vac, delicate shrimp dumplings; and Che Chuoi Nuong, a grilled banana with sticky rice dessert. This tour provides a fantastic insight into Nha Trang's local flavors in a relaxed setting. After the tour concludes, you will be transferred back to your hotel.

Activities: Enjoy a free morning in Nha Trang
Begin evening guided street food tour by cyclo
Visit local eateries and street vendors
Sample Banh Can, Bun Cha Ca, Nem Nuong, Banh Tai Vac, Che Chuoi Nuong
Experience Nha Trang's local food scene

Day 9 — Nha Trang to Ho Chi Minh City Flight & Free Afternoon

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City | Transport: Car, Airplane

After enjoying breakfast at your hotel, you will be transferred to Nha Trang airport for your domestic flight back to Ho Chi Minh City. This morning journey ensures a smooth transition between these two distinct Vietnamese cities. Upon your arrival at Tan Son Nhat International Airport in Ho Chi Minh City, a waiting vehicle will provide a comfortable transfer to your pre-booked hotel.

The remainder of the afternoon and evening is free for you to spend as you wish. You might choose to revisit a favorite spot in Ho Chi Minh City, explore a new neighborhood, or simply relax at your hotel after your travels. This flexible time allows for personal pursuits, whether it's souvenir shopping, enjoying a final Vietnamese meal, or simply unwinding before your departure tomorrow.

Activities: Transfer to Nha Trang airport
Fly to Ho Chi Minh City
Transfer from Ho Chi Minh City airport to hotel
Check into hotel and enjoy free afternoon/evening

Day 10 — Ho Chi Minh City Departure

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: NA | Transport: Car transfer

Enjoy your final morning in Ho Chi Minh City. After a leisurely breakfast at your hotel, you will have some free time, perhaps for some last-minute shopping or a final coffee. At the appropriate time, a private transfer will take you to Tan Son Nhat International Airport for your onward flight. We hope you had a wonderful journey exploring the culinary and coastal highlights of Vietnam and look forward to welcoming you back in the future.

Activities: Enjoy a final breakfast in Ho Chi Minh City
Free time until airport transfer
Transfer to Tan Son Nhat International Airport for departure

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- v 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 2 dinners as specified in the itinerary
- v All necessary transport within Vietnam, including domestic flights, car transfers, train, motorcycle, bicycle, and shuttle bus
- v 9 nights of accommodation in chosen hotel category (twin/double sharing)
- v Two domestic flights: Ho Chi Minh City to Da Nang, and Nha Trang to Ho Chi Minh City
- v Services of an English-speaking local guide for all in-tour activities
- v All entrance fees for sites mentioned in the itinerary

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AVAILABLE DEPARTURES

Departure Date	Return Date	Price / Person	Availability	Languages
01 Oct 2025	20 Dec 2026	**USD 1,069**	Available	–
01 Oct 2025	20 Dec 2026	**USD 1,199**	Available	–
01 Oct 2025	20 Dec 2026	**USD 1,429**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 1,102**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 1,235**	Available	–

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21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 1,472**	Available	–

CANCELLATION POLICY

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