Vietnam Family Adventure: Ho Chi Minh to Halong Bay & Cultural Experiences – 12 Days

12D / 11N	Easy	Private	USD 1,389 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

Explore Vietnam with your family on this 12-day journey, blending urban exploration, Mekong Delta rural life, ancient town charm, and a stunning Halong Bay cruise. Enjoy interactive activities like cooking classes, farming, and pottery, perfect for teenagers and adults alike.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

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

TOUR OVERVIEW

Overview: An Engaging Family Journey Through Vietnam

Embark on a captivating 12-day family vacation designed to enchant travelers of all ages, especially those with teenagers. This thoughtfully curated itinerary traverses Vietnam from the bustling south to the scenic north, offering a diverse blend of cultural immersion, hands-on activities, and moments of relaxation. From the vibrant streets of Ho Chi Minh City to the tranquil waterways of the Mekong Delta, the historic charm of Hoi An, and the majestic karsts of Halong Bay, every day promises new discoveries and shared experiences.

Highlights: Interactive Adventures for Every Family Member

This journey emphasizes interactive and engaging activities that foster connection and cultural understanding. Families will have the opportunity to participate in traditional crafts, learn local cooking techniques, and explore stunning natural landscapes together. The balance of guided sightseeing and free time ensures a flexible pace, catering to both active adventurers and those seeking leisure.

Route Summary: From Southern Charm to Northern Wonders

Your adventure begins in Ho Chi Minh City, exploring its historical landmarks before venturing into the lush Mekong Delta for an authentic taste of rural life and unique hands-on experiences. A flight then takes you to Central Vietnam, where Hoi An's ancient town offers a blend of history, culture, and outdoor activities like farming. The journey concludes in Northern Vietnam, with a deep dive into Hanoi's vibrant street food scene and cultural sites, followed by an unforgettable overnight cruise through the breathtaking Halong Bay, before your departure from the capital.

Who This Tour Suits: Families Seeking Connection and Discovery

This tour is ideal for families with children and teenagers who are eager to experience Vietnam's rich culture and natural beauty in an interactive way. With activities ranging from farming and pottery workshops to culinary classes and scenic cruises, it provides ample opportunities for learning, adventure, and creating lasting family memories. The tour also accommodates active travelers and seniors, offering a comfortable yet adventurous pace.

Practical Information: Your Journey Details

This private tour offers flexibility in departure dates, tailored to your family's schedule. Accommodations include a mix of comfortable hotels, a unique ecolodge experience, and an overnight cruise. Transportation includes domestic flights, private car transfers, and local boat trips, ensuring smooth transitions between destinations. Enjoy a comprehensive meal plan with breakfasts, lunches, and dinners as specified in the itinerary, allowing you to savor local flavors throughout your trip.

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* Experiencing daily life and interactive activities in the Mekong Delta.
* Engaging in rural farming in the countryside near Hoi An.
* Overnight luxury cruise through the iconic landscapes of Halong Bay.
* Participating in hands-on cooking classes to learn Vietnamese cuisine.
* Crafting traditional pottery at Bat Trang Ceramic Village.
* Exploring the historic streets of Hanoi's Old Quarter and sampling street food.
* Discovering Hoi An Ancient Town's charm and the Hoi An Memories Show.
* Cycling through tranquil Tan Phong Island and observing local crafts.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

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

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

Upon landing at Tan Son Nhat International Airport, a friendly guide will greet you and provide a comfortable transfer to your hotel in Ho Chi Minh City. After checking in (standard time is 2:00 PM), the remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at your own pace. You can use this time to settle in, relax after your flight, or begin a gentle exploration of the vibrant surroundings. For those eager to start their urban adventure immediately, optional evening activities like a Saigon River luxury dinner cruise or a cultural show are available to enhance your first night in the city (additional cost).

Activities:
Arrive at Ho Chi Minh City airport
Meet your local guide
Transfer to your hotel
Relax at leisure
Consider optional evening experiences

Day 2 — Ho Chi Minh City Historic Landmarks Tour

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

Begin your day with breakfast at the hotel before embarking on a half-day exploration of Ho Chi Minh City's most significant sites. You can choose a morning (8:00 AM – 8:30 AM) or afternoon (1:00 PM – 1:30 PM) departure time to suit your family's preference. Your journey into the city's past starts at the War Remnants Museum, where powerful exhibits and photographs offer a profound look into Vietnam's recent history. Next, visit the Reunification Palace, a pivotal historical landmark that once served as the presidential residence.

Continue with an exterior viewing of the stunning Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica of Saigon, showcasing elegant French colonial architecture, currently undergoing renovation. Conclude this segment at the beautifully preserved Saigon Central Post Office, an architectural gem. The tour wraps up with a visit to a local market, offering an opportunity to browse for souvenirs

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and local goods. Afterwards, return to your hotel for relaxation or independent discovery.

Activities: Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
Visit the War Remnants Museum
Explore Reunification Palace
View Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica (exterior)
Discover Saigon Central Post Office
Browse a local market

Day 3 Mekong Delta River Life & Hands-On Activities

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: Mekong Ecolodge | Transport: Car, Boat, Sampan

Following breakfast, journey to Cai Be, where a boat from Mekong Ecolodge will be waiting at Cai Be Tourist Pier to transport you into the heart of the Mekong Delta. Your immersive adventure begins with a visit to Cai Be Market and a Com Candy Craft Village, providing insight into traditional sweet-making processes and opportunities to sample local delicacies. Next, explore a bee farm to understand honey production, complete with a refreshing cup of honey tea. The cruise then continues to Tan Phong Island, famed for its abundant orchards. Here, you'll encounter local farms cultivating various tropical fruits like rambutan, longan, jackfruit, and durian. Immerse yourselves in local culture with a traditional folk music performance at a family home, accompanied by fresh fruit and tea. A peaceful sampan ride through the island's narrow waterways leads you to Mekong Ecolodge for a relaxing lunch and some downtime.
In the afternoon, spend time exploring the beautiful grounds of the ecolodge, adorned with vibrant flower gardens and fruit trees, with a chance to taste freshly picked seasonal fruits. Around 4:00 PM, prepare for an exciting highlight: traditional fish catching in a muddy canal, a memorable and collaborative activity. Afterwards, head to the garden to gather fresh vegetables. Later, join the lodge's chef for a fun cooking session, preparing dinner with the ingredients you've collected, culminating in a delicious homemade meal.

Activities: Travel to Cai Be
Visit Cai Be Market
Explore Com Candy Craft Village
Learn about honey production at a bee farm
Cruise to Tan Phong Island
See tropical fruit orchards
Enjoy traditional folk music
Take a sampan ride
Relax at Mekong Ecolodge
Participate in traditional fish catching
Harvest garden vegetables
Join a cooking session for dinner

Day 4 Tan Phong Island Cycling & Return to Ho Chi Minh City

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City | Transport: Bicycle, Ferry, Car

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After breakfast, start your day around 8:00 AM with an enjoyable and accessible cycling tour across Tan Phong Island, perfect for families. Pedal along serene village paths, making stops at local homes to observe traditional craft demonstrations. Witness the intricate process of making rice paper, see hammocks woven from banana fibers, and learn about the art of water hyacinth weaving. Your family will have the opportunity to try these crafts with guidance from local artisans. Continue to a small workshop where bamboo nail files are meticulously crafted from natural, locally sourced materials.
Cycle back to Mekong Ecolodge to engage in a hands-on cooking activity, learning to prepare traditional jackfruit leaf cakes, a unique specialty of Tan Phong Island. Savor your culinary creations together before enjoying lunch. At approximately 12:00 PM, experience a slice of authentic Mekong Delta life with a local ferry ride from Tan Phong Island to Hiep Duc Ferry Station. Crossing the scenic Tien River, your driver will meet you on the opposite bank for the transfer back to your hotel in Ho Chi Minh City. The remainder of the day is free for your family to unwind and relax.

Activities: Cycle around Tan Phong Island
Visit local homes for craft demonstrations
Try making rice paper, banana fiber hammocks, and water hyacinth crafts
See bamboo nail file production
Participate in jackfruit leaf cake cooking class
Enjoy lunch
Take a local ferry
Transfer back to Ho Chi Minh City

Day 5 Flight to Da Nang, Hoi An Arrival & Evening Show

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

Enjoy breakfast and some free time in Ho Chi Minh City this morning before checking out from your accommodation. Later, you will be transferred to the airport for your domestic flight to Da Nang. Upon your arrival in Da Nang, a driver will be waiting to take you directly to your hotel in the charming town of Hoi An, where you'll check in and have some leisure time. Use this afternoon to relax, explore the immediate vicinity of your hotel, or simply unwind before the evening's special event.
Between 5:00 PM and 5:30 PM, your driver will pick you up for a transfer to Hoi An Memories Land. Arriving between 6:00 PM and 7:00 PM, you'll have ample time to discover the Hoi An Impression Theme Park. This visually rich exhibition offers numerous captivating spots for family photos, including Commercial Firm, Vietnam Village, Love Bridge, and Japan Village. Enjoy a delicious dinner featuring traditional Vietnamese dishes at the unique conical hat-shaped restaurant. Afterwards, explore the spirituality section, visiting Thien Duc Pagoda to learn about Vietnamese spiritual traditions. From 7:45 PM to 9:00 PM, take your seats for the breathtaking Hoi An Memories Show, a grand outdoor spectacle with hundreds of performers, elaborate staging, music, and special effects, vividly depicting 400 years of Hoi An's history. This impressive performance is sure to captivate both adults and teenagers.

Activities: Enjoy free time in Ho Chi Minh City
Transfer to airport
Fly to Da Nang
Transfer to Hoi An hotel
Check-in
Transfer to Hoi An Memories Land

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Explore Hoi An Impression Theme Park
Have dinner at Conical Hat Restaurant
Visit Thien Duc Pagoda
Watch the Hoi An Memories Show

Day 6 Hoi An Countryside Farming Experience

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

After breakfast, meet in your hotel lobby to prepare for an engaging and educational family outing into the Hoi An countryside. The morning begins with a pleasant bicycle ride to Tra Que Vegetable Village, a picturesque herb-growing community on the town's outskirts. Enjoy the tranquil rural scenery along the way, learning about Vietnam's enduring agricultural practices. Continue to Cam Thanh Eco Village, renowned for its fresh produce and peaceful atmosphere. Upon arrival, embark on a guided tour of the local vegetable gardens. Here, your family can actively participate alongside local farmers in traditional farming tasks, such as preparing and fertilizing the soil, raking the ground, sowing seeds, watering plants, and harvesting fresh greens. This interactive experience provides an enjoyable insight into rural daily life, particularly appealing to children and teenagers.
A delicious homemade lunch awaits with a local family, featuring ingredients freshly picked from the garden. Following lunch, cycle back to your hotel, leaving the rest of the day free for relaxation or further independent exploration of Hoi An's charm.

Activities: Cycle to Tra Que Vegetable Village
Explore Cam Thanh Eco Village
Participate in farming activities (preparing soil, fertilizing, raking, sowing, watering, harvesting)
Enjoy a homemade lunch with a local family
Cycle back to the hotel
Relax at leisure

Day 7 Free Day to Explore Hoi An

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

Today offers a full day for your family to independently discover and savor the serene beauty of Hoi An. Wander through the enchanting Ancient Town, adorned with colorful lanterns, or browse the unique local boutiques. Enjoy a leisurely coffee at one of the riverside cafes, or simply relax by the beach. This flexible day allows you to choose activities that best suit your family's interests and pace. Should you desire more structured experiences, optional tours are available at an additional cost, including a cooking class with biking, a visit to Cam Thanh Coconut Village for lantern making, a comprehensive Hoi An cooking class and biking tour, or a ticket to the Hoi An Memories Show, and a half-day walking city tour.

Activities: Enjoy a full day at leisure in Hoi An
Stroll through the Ancient Town
Browse local shops
Relax at cafes or the beach
Consider optional tours (e.g., cooking classes, lantern making, city walking tour, Hoi An Memories Show)

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Day 8 Hoi An to Hanoi Flight & Old Quarter Food Tour

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

After breakfast, complete your check-out from the hotel in Hoi An. You will then be transferred to Da Nang Airport for your flight to Hanoi. Upon arrival in Vietnam's capital, a driver will meet you to transfer you to your Hanoi hotel for check-in. Take some free time to settle in and rejuvenate after your journey.
In the late afternoon or early evening, around 5:30 PM, prepare for a captivating guided walking food tour through the vibrant Hanoi Old Quarter. Led by a knowledgeable local culinary expert, this experience provides an engaging and delicious introduction to Hanoi's culture, daily rhythms, and renowned street food. Sample a variety of local favorites, including dishes like Bun Bo (beef noodle soup), Banh Cuon (steamed rice rolls), and the famous Ca Phe Trung (Egg Coffee). This immersive culinary adventure is an excellent way for both teenagers and parents to connect with the city through its dynamic food scene.

Activities:
Check out from Hoi An hotel
Transfer to Da Nang Airport
Fly to Hanoi
Transfer to Hanoi hotel
Check-in
Enjoy free time
Embark on a guided street food walking tour in Hanoi Old Quarter
Sample local dishes like Bun Bo, Banh Cuon, and Ca Phe Trung

Day 9 Bat Trang Pottery & Hanoi City Sights

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

Between 8:00 AM and 8:30 AM, your driver will pick you up from your hotel for a visit to Bat Trang Ceramic Village, a historic craft village celebrated for its exquisite pottery. Here, your family will delve into centuries-old ceramic-making traditions, observing skilled local artisans at work in their workshops. You'll also have the exciting opportunity to craft your own pottery piece under the expert guidance of experienced craftsmen—a particularly enjoyable and creative activity for teenagers and families. Following the workshop, enjoy a delicious lunch featuring authentic Vietnamese cuisine at a local restaurant.
In the afternoon, from 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM, continue with a guided half-day city tour exploring Hanoi’s principal cultural landmarks. Begin at the Temple of Literature, Vietnam’s first national university and a site of immense historical importance. Proceed to view the exterior of the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, an iconic national monument dedicated to President Ho Chi Minh (note: the mausoleum is viewed from the outside and closed on specific days). Your tour continues to the architecturally distinctive One Pillar Pagoda and the historically significant Tran Quoc Pagoda, both renowned for their cultural heritage. Conclude your city exploration with time around the serene West Lake, a tranquil area offering beautiful open views and a peaceful lakeside atmosphere. Afterwards, return to your hotel.

Activities:
Visit Bat Trang Ceramic Village
Observe local artisans
Participate in a pottery-making workshop
Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant
Tour the Temple of Literature

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View the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (exterior)
See One Pillar Pagoda
Explore Tran Quoc Pagoda
Experience West Lake

Day 10 Halong Bay Cruise & Onboard Activities

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: Halong Bay Cruise | Transport: Car, Cruise

After breakfast at your hotel, complete your check-out and prepare for the scenic journey to the renowned Halong Bay. Between 8:00 AM and 8:30 AM, your driver will collect you for the transfer to the cruise port. Upon arrival, you'll be welcomed aboard your chosen cruise vessel with a refreshing drink, followed by an introduction to the ship and its itinerary by the crew. Savor a delectable fresh seafood lunch while your cruise navigates through the dramatic seascape of Halong Bay, passing towering limestone islands and discovering hidden grottoes.
The afternoon is dedicated to exploring the breathtaking natural beauty of the area. Depending on your specific cruise, you will engage in various activities such as visiting a magnificent cave, kayaking through calm waters, or enjoying a swim in the bay. Return to the cruise ship to unwind and witness a spectacular sunset over the bay, or join an onboard cooking class to learn more about Vietnamese cuisine. In the evening, a delightful dinner will be served on board, followed by optional fun activities like squid fishing or karaoke, depending on the cruise facilities, for an enjoyable overnight stay.

Activities:
Transfer to Halong Bay
Board your cruise
Enjoy a welcome drink
Have a fresh seafood lunch on board
Explore the bay (cave visit, kayaking, swimming)
Relax and watch the sunset
Participate in a cooking class
Enjoy dinner on board
Engage in evening activities (squid fishing, karaoke)

Day 11 Halong Bay Morning & Return to Hanoi

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

Start your final morning in Halong Bay with an opportunity to witness the stunning sunrise over the limestone karsts. For a tranquil beginning to the day, consider joining a Tai Chi session on the sundeck. After breakfast, continue your exploration of the bay with optional activities such as kayaking or a relaxing bamboo rowing boat ride, offering fun for all family members. You will then return to the cruise ship to complete your check-out, followed by a leisurely brunch as you sail back towards the harbor, enjoying the last views of the magnificent limestone landscape.
Between 11:00 AM and 12:00 PM, disembark from the cruise and transfer back to Hanoi. Upon arrival, check into your hotel. The remainder of the afternoon and evening is free for your family to relax or explore Hanoi at your own pace. For those interested in evening experiences, optional tours such as a Hoa Lo Prison Night Tour, an Imperial Citadel of Thang Long Night Tour, or a Hop-On Hop-Off Hanoi Sightseeing Bus are available at an additional cost.

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Activities: Witness sunrise (optional)
Join a Tai Chi session (optional)
Enjoy breakfast
Kayak or take a bamboo rowing boat (optional)
Check out from the cruise
Have brunch on board
Disembark and transfer to Hanoi
Check into your hotel
Enjoy free time
Consider optional evening tours

Day 12 Hanoi Departure

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: NA | Transport: Car

Enjoy your final morning in Hanoi at your leisure. This is an ideal time for last-minute souvenir shopping or selecting gifts for loved ones. Please note that the standard hotel check-out time is 12:00 PM, with late check-out available upon request for an additional fee. At the scheduled time, a private transfer will take you to Noi Bai International Airport for your onward flight, marking the conclusion of your memorable Vietnam family journey.

Activities: Enjoy free time in Hanoi
Conduct last-minute shopping
Check out from hotel
Transfer to Noi Bai International Airport for departure

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- v 11 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 1 brunch, 3 dinners.
- v Comfortable twin or double sharing accommodation in hotels, plus a night at Mekong Ecolodge and an overnight Halong Bay cruise cabin.
- v All transportation within Vietnam, including airport transfers.
- v Services of local English-speaking guides throughout the tour.
- v Two domestic flights: Ho Chi Minh City to Da Nang, and Da Nang to Hanoi.
- v Entrance fees for all attractions listed in the itinerary.

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AVAILABLE DEPARTURES

Departure Date	Return Date	Price / Person	Availability	Languages
01 Jan 2026	20 Dec 2026	**USD 1,389**	Available	–
01 Jan 2026	20 Dec 2026	**USD 1,599**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 1,431**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 1,647**	Available	–

CANCELLATION POLICY

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