Vietnam Family Heritage & Coastal Discovery: South to North – 9 Days

9D / 8N	Easy	Private	USD 1,279 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

Embark on a nine-day family vacation across Vietnam, starting in the vibrant Ho Chi Minh City, exploring the tranquil Mekong Delta, enjoying the coastal beauty and amusement of Da Nang, before discovering Hanoi's history and cruising the magnificent Halong Bay. This private tour blends cultural insights with engaging activities suitable for all ages.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Ho Chi Minh City → Da Nang → Hanoi → Ninh Binh → Ha Long

TOUR OVERVIEW

Tour Overview

This nine-day private tour is crafted for families seeking a comprehensive exploration of Vietnam's diverse landscapes and rich cultural heritage. Beginning in the dynamic southern metropolis of Ho Chi Minh City, you'll venture into the serene waterways of the Mekong Delta. The journey then takes you to the central coast, where Da Nang offers stunning beaches and the exciting Ba Na Hills. Concluding in the northern capital, Hanoi, you'll delve into historical sites before experiencing the breathtaking natural wonder of Halong Bay on an overnight cruise.

Journey Highlights

Experience the vibrant local life and serene boat rides through the Mekong Delta's fruit orchards and craft villages.

Ascend Ba Na Hills by cable car to walk the iconic Golden Bridge and enjoy the Fantasy Park amusement rides.

Engage in a traditional basket boat adventure within the water coconut groves of Cam Thanh Village near Hoi An.

Discover the ancient capital of Hoa Lu and the stunning limestone karsts of Tam Coc with a scenic boat trip.

Unwind on an overnight cruise through the magnificent seascape of Halong Bay, complete with kayaking and cooking activities.

Explore Hanoi's historical landmarks, including the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum complex and the Temple of Literature.

Witness the artistry of traditional Vietnamese craftsmanship at a ceramic village or an incense village.

Savor authentic Vietnamese cuisine with included breakfasts, lunches, and a special brunch and dinner.

Detailed Route

The adventure commences in Ho Chi Minh City, offering a blend of historical sites and bustling markets. From there, a day trip takes you deep into the Mekong Delta, showcasing its unique riverine culture. A flight then transports your family to Da Nang, a coastal city serving as a gateway to Ba Na Hills and nearby Hoi An. The final leg of the journey involves flying to Hanoi, the nation's capital, from where you'll explore the ancient wonders of Ninh Binh and embark on a memorable overnight cruise in Halong Bay, before departing from Hanoi.

Who Will Love This Trip

This itinerary is ideal for families with children, seniors, and active travelers looking for a balanced mix of cultural immersion, natural beauty, and engaging activities. The private tour format ensures flexibility and personalized attention, catering to different paces and interests within the family. It's perfect for those who appreciate comfortable accommodations while desiring authentic local experiences and stunning scenery.

Essential Information

The tour includes comfortable hotel stays for seven nights and one overnight cruise experience in Halong Bay. All internal

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transportation, including two domestic flights (Ho Chi Minh City to Da Nang, and Da Nang to Hanoi), private car transfers, and boat trips, is arranged. An English-speaking local guide accompanies your family throughout the tour. Entrance fees to all specified attractions are covered. Meals include eight breakfasts, four lunches, one brunch, and one dinner, offering a taste of local cuisine.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

* Navigate the tranquil waterways of the Mekong Delta on a boat, visiting local craft villages and fruit orchards.
* Ascend to Ba Na Hills via cable car, marveling at the panoramic views and walking the iconic Golden Bridge.
* Enjoy thrilling rides and entertainment at Fantasy Park, a highlight for families within Ba Na Hills.
* Participate in a unique basket boat experience, learning traditional rowing techniques in Cam Thanh Village.
* Explore the ancient capital of Hoa Lu and enjoy a scenic rowing boat trip through the stunning Tam Coc landscape.
* Spend a night aboard a luxurious cruise ship, discovering the karst formations and emerald waters of Halong Bay.
* Practice Tai Chi on the sundeck at sunrise, embracing a moment of tranquility amidst Halong Bay's beauty.
* Discover Hanoi's rich history with visits to the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum complex and the Temple of Literature.
* Witness traditional ceramic artistry and perhaps create your own souvenir at Bat Trang Ceramic Village.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Ho Chi Minh City Arrival & Leisure Time

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

Upon your arrival at Tan Son Nhat International Airport, a friendly guide will greet your family and arrange for your private transfer to the hotel in Ho Chi Minh City. After checking into your room and taking some time to refresh, the remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, is a dynamic urban center offering a wealth of experiences. You might choose to independently explore the city's lively streets. A popular option is a visit to Ben Thanh Market, where you can sample a variety of Vietnamese street foods like Banh Mi, Pho, and Banh xeo. This initial day provides a gentle introduction to the country's southern charm and allows your family to acclimate to the local atmosphere at your own pace.

Activities: Arrive at Tan Son Nhat International Airport
Receive a warm welcome from your guide
Transfer to your Ho Chi Minh City hotel
Check in and relax at your accommodation
Explore the city independently or visit Ben Thanh Market

Day 2 — Mekong Delta River Exploration & Island Delights

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

Following breakfast at your hotel, your family will embark on a morning journey to the Cai Be Tourist Pier, the starting point for a full day of engaging activities in the Mekong Delta. A boat will be waiting to transport you to the Com Candy Craft Village, where you can observe the fascinating process of making candy nuggets and taste freshly prepared sweet treats. The next stop is a local bee farm, offering insights into honey production and an opportunity to enjoy refreshing honey tea, a treat many children find delightful.

Continuing by boat, you'll reach Tan Phong Island, renowned for its garden tourism. Here, you can wander through specialty fruit gardens, potentially sampling seasonal fruits like durian, rambutan, longan, or plum. A visit to Uncle 5 On's house provides a cultural exchange, featuring traditional garden folk music performed by local artists, accompanied by tea and welcome fruits. The adventure culminates with a serene dinghy ride through a small canal surrounding Tan Phong Island, leading to Mekong Ecolodge, where your family can participate in a cooking class and enjoy a delicious lunch.

After your meal, take a leisurely stroll around the lodge's grounds, admiring the fruit and flower gardens, with opportunities to taste fresh fruits directly from the source. Around 13:00, the boat will return you to Cai Be tourist pier, concluding the island portion of the tour. A transfer car will then take you back to your Ho Chi Minh City hotel, leaving the rest of the afternoon and evening free for your family to relax or explore further at your leisure.

Activities:
Travel to Cai Be Tourist Pier
Visit Com Candy Craft Village and sample treats
Explore a local bee farm and enjoy honey tea
Sail to Tan Phong Island
Discover specialty fruit gardens
Engage in garden folk music exchange at Uncle 5 On's house
Experience dinghy sailing in a small canal
Participate in a cooking activity and enjoy lunch at Mekong Ecolodge
Walk through fruit and flower gardens
Return to Cai Be tourist pier and transfer back to Ho Chi Minh City

Day 3 Ho Chi Minh City History Tour & Flight to Da Nang

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Da Nang

After breakfast at your hotel, meet your guide between 08:00 and 08:30 for a captivating half-day tour of Ho Chi Minh City's most significant landmarks. The tour begins with a drive past the War Remnants Museum, an important educational institution that documents the Vietnam War and its aftermath from a Vietnamese perspective, showcasing artifacts and photographs. Next, visit the Independence Palace, a pivotal historical site that once served as the residence of the President of the Republic of Vietnam and now symbolizes the country's reunification. Continue to marvel at the Saigon Notre Dame Cathedral, a prominent Catholic cathedral known for its distinctive red-brick facade and twin bell towers, embodying classical French colonial architecture. The tour also includes passing by the Saigon Central Post Office, another architectural gem from the French colonial era, still fully operational today. Please note that the cathedral may be undergoing renovation. The morning concludes with a visit to a local market, offering an opportunity to purchase souvenirs or gifts.

In the afternoon and evening, a private driver will transfer your family to Tan Son Nhat Airport for your domestic flight to Da

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Nang, a coastal city celebrated for its scenic beauty and family-friendly attractions. Upon arrival at Da Nang airport, you will be transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free for your family to explore Da Nang, perhaps enjoying the beach, visiting Marble Mountain, or experiencing the entertainment at Asia Park.

Activities: Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
Meet your tour guide for a city exploration
Drive past the War Remnants Museum
Visit the historic Independence Palace
Admire the architecture of Saigon Notre Dame Cathedral
Pass by the Saigon Central Post Office
Explore a local market for souvenirs
Transfer to Tan Son Nhat Airport for your flight
Fly to Da Nang
Transfer to your hotel in Da Nang City
Spend free time exploring Da Nang, beach, Marble Mountain, or Asia Park

Day 4 Ba Na Hills Adventure & Golden Bridge Discovery

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Da Nang

Between 07:45 and 08:00, your family will be picked up from your Da Nang hotel for an exciting day trip to Ba Na Hills, a renowned mountain resort. The adventure begins at Suoi Mo Cable Car Station, where you'll board a cable car offering breathtaking aerial views of Da Nang as you ascend to Marseille Station. The highlight of the morning is a visit to the famous Golden Bridge, an architectural marvel held aloft by two enormous stone hands, providing stunning vistas of the surrounding hills and forests.

Following this, explore Le Jardin D'Amour, a meticulously designed garden featuring vibrant flowers, fountains, and sculptures across nine distinct themed areas. This picturesque setting is perfect for family photographs and enjoying a peaceful atmosphere. Continue to Linh Ung Pagoda, a Buddhist temple situated at an altitude of 1500m, offering panoramic views of Da Nang's coastline and lush mountains. After a morning of sightseeing, a delicious Vietnamese buffet lunch awaits at a local restaurant, allowing you to savor regional flavors.

The afternoon is dedicated to fun at Fantasy Park, an amusement park packed with rides, games, and attractions catering to all ages, from thrill-seekers to those preferring more relaxed entertainment. Conclude your Ba Na Hills experience by ascending to King Peak, at 1,487m, for another spectacular panoramic view. Afterwards, you'll return to the Cable Car Station for the descent, and your driver will transfer you back to your hotel in Da Nang. Please note that tickets cover round-trip cable car rides and most landmarks, with exceptions for the wax museum, Debay wine cellar, and certain games. The evening is free for your family to discover Da Nang's vibrant nightlife, perhaps enjoying a stroll along the Han River or trying more local specialties.

Activities: Transfer from Da Nang hotel to Ba Na Hills
Board the Suoi Mo Cable Car for scenic views
Visit the iconic Golden Bridge
Explore Le Jardin D'Amour themed gardens
Discover Linh Ung Pagoda and its panoramic views

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Enjoy a Vietnamese buffet lunch
Spend the afternoon at Fantasy Park amusement rides
Ascend to King Peak for expansive views
Return to Da Nang hotel by cable car and transfer
Freely explore Da Nang in the evening

Day 5 Cam Thanh Basket Boat & Flight to Hanoi

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Ha Noi

At 8:00 AM, your family will be collected from your hotel in Da Nang and transported to Cam Thanh Village, a popular attraction near Hoi An. Here, you'll engage in an exciting basket boat adventure with local guides. Rent a traditional Vietnamese bamboo basket boat and begin an entertaining exploration of the water coconut forest. You might participate in friendly boat races or experience the exhilarating spinning of the basket boat, a common local pastime.
Learn the traditional techniques of rowing these unique boats and immerse yourselves in the daily activities of local fishermen. Your guides will also share fascinating stories about the village's history, including its role during the Vietnam War. After this fun-filled and educational tour, your family will have some free time to relax or further enjoy the tranquil village atmosphere.
In the afternoon and evening, your driver will pick you up for a transfer to the airport, where you'll board a flight to Hanoi, the historical capital of Vietnam. Upon arrival at Noi Bai Airport, a transfer will take you to your hotel for check-in. The evening offers a relaxing opportunity to explore Hanoi's beautiful Old Quarter, an area celebrated for its intricate labyrinth of streets, colonial architecture, bustling markets, and lively atmosphere.

Activities:
Transfer from Da Nang to Cam Thanh Village
Rent a basket boat and explore the water coconut village
Participate in basket boat races or spinning
Learn traditional bamboo basket boat rowing
Engage in typical fisherman activities
Hear fascinating stories about the Vietnam War
Enjoy free time in Cam Thanh Village
Transfer to the airport for your flight to Hanoi
Arrive at Noi Bai Airport and transfer to your hotel
Check in and relax in Hanoi
Explore the Hanoi Old Quarter independently

Day 6 Hanoi Historical Landmarks & Traditional Craft Village

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

Gather in your hotel lobby this morning to meet your tour guide and receive an introduction before beginning your exploration of Hanoi's historical and cultural heart. Your journey starts at the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum Complex, where you'll gain insights into the life and legacy of Vietnam's revered leader. Explore his humble house-on-stilts, stroll through the serene gardens, and admire the Presidential Palace's grandeur. Next, visit the One Pillar Pagoda, an iconic symbol of Vietnamese spiritual architecture, known for its unique design built on a single wooden pillar.

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Continue your cultural immersion at the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first national university, dedicated to Confucius and past scholars. Wander through its ancient courtyards, appreciate the traditional architecture, and capture photos in this peaceful space that has fostered generations of Vietnam's brightest minds since the Ly dynasty. After the tour, enjoy a delicious meal of authentic Vietnamese cuisine at a local restaurant, prepared with fresh ingredients and rich, traditional flavors, offering a perfect taste of the region's culinary heritage.

In the afternoon, leave the city for a scenic drive to Bat Trang Ceramic Village, a centuries-old community renowned for its handcrafted pottery. Here, you'll observe local artisans skillfully shaping, painting, and firing ceramic pieces, learning about traditional techniques passed down through generations. You'll even have the opportunity to try making your own ceramic souvenir to take home. Enjoy a leisurely stroll through the village's workshops, filled with beautiful pottery in every shape and color, before returning to Hanoi with free time to relax or continue exploring at your own pace.

Activities:
Meet your tour guide for a Hanoi city tour
Visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum Complex and Presidential Palace
Explore Ho Chi Minh's house-on-stilts and gardens
Admire the unique One Pillar Pagoda
Discover the Temple of Literature
Enjoy an authentic Vietnamese lunch at a local restaurant
Drive to Bat Trang Ceramic Village
Observe local artisans creating pottery
Learn about traditional ceramic techniques
Attempt to make your own ceramic souvenir
Stroll through village workshops
Return to Hanoi for leisure time

Day 7 Halong Bay Overnight Cruise & Cave Exploration

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: Overnight cruise in Halong Bay

After breakfast at your hotel, prepare for an unforgettable two-day, one-night cruise experience in the magnificent Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Between 08:00 and 08:30, a driver will pick up your family and transport you to the port. Upon arrival, you'll embark on your chosen cruise ship, where you'll be welcomed with a refreshing drink from the crew members. A delicious local seafood lunch will be served on board as the boat gracefully sails into the bay, offering initial glimpses of the numerous majestic limestone islands.

The afternoon is dedicated to exploring the breathtaking bay area. Depending on your cruise's schedule, your family can participate in various exciting activities, such as visiting a stunning cave, kayaking through hidden lagoons, or swimming in the emerald waters. Around 17:30, you'll return to the vessel to relax and witness the gorgeous sunset over the karst formations. Your family, including children, can also join a fun cooking class to learn how to make traditional Vietnamese Spring rolls.

In the evening, a delightful dinner will be served on board, followed by opportunities to participate in enjoyable nighttime activities such as squid fishing or karaoke, creating lasting family memories. You'll then spend a comfortable night sleeping on the tranquil waters of Halong Bay.

Activities:
Enjoy breakfast at the hotel
Transfer from Hanoi to Halong Bay port

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Embark on your chosen cruise and receive a welcome drink
Savor a local seafood lunch on board while cruising
Explore the bay with activities like cave visits, kayaking, or swimming
Return to the vessel to watch the sunset
Participate in a cooking class to make Spring rolls
Enjoy a nice dinner on board
Join evening activities like squid fishing or karaoke
Stay overnight on the cruise in Halong Bay

Day 8 Halong Bay Sunrise & Return to Hanoi

Meals: Breakfast, Brunch | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

Start your day with an invigorating Tai Chi class on the sundeck, a traditional Chinese martial art known for improving balance, flexibility, and strength. Alternatively, simply relax and enjoy a memorable sunrise over the dramatic karst formations of Halong Bay. A light breakfast with tea and desserts will be served on board. Following breakfast, you'll further explore the bay by either kayaking or taking a traditional rowing boat, activities that are particularly engaging for children.

After these morning adventures, you'll return to the main vessel to check out of your cabin. Enjoy a final brunch on board as the boat sails leisurely through the magnificent rock formations, making its way back to the port. Between 11:00 and 12:00, you'll disembark and bid farewell to the friendly crew members. A comfortable transfer will then take your family back to your hotel in Hanoi.

The remainder of the afternoon and evening is at your leisure. Your family can choose to relax at the hotel or, if desired, arrange additional tours through us to further explore the beautiful capital city of Hanoi, perhaps revisiting a favorite spot or discovering a new hidden gem.

Activities:
Participate in a Tai Chi class on the sundeck or watch the sunrise
Enjoy breakfast with tea and desserts
Explore the bay by kayaking or rowing boat
Return to the cruise for check-out
Have brunch on board while sailing back to port
Disembark and transfer back to your Hanoi hotel
Enjoy leisure time in Hanoi for relaxation or optional exploration

Day 9 Hanoi Departure Day

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: NA

Enjoy a relaxed morning at your hotel. This is an ideal time for some last-minute souvenir shopping for your family or simply unwinding before your departure. Hotel check-out is typically at noon; however, late check-out arrangements can often be made with an additional surcharge, should you wish to extend your stay in the room.

At the appropriate time, a private transfer will be arranged to take your family to the airport for your onward flight. We sincerely hope your family has cherished every moment of this wonderful trip through Vietnam, filled with beautiful memories and enriching experiences.

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Activities: Enjoy leisure time in the morning
Go shopping for family gifts or souvenirs
Check out from your hotel (late check-out optional)
Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- v 8 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 1 Brunch, 1 Dinner
- v Airplane, Car, Cruise transportation
- v Hotel (7 nights), Overnight cruise in Halong Bay (1 night)
- v Accommodation in TWN/ DBL sharing accommodation at hotel, except sharing cabin on train and overnight at local homestay
- v All transport within Vietnam (including airport pick-up and see-off), as per itinerary
- v All in-tour stationed local English-speaking guides
- v 2 domestic flights Ho Chi Minh City - Da Nang and Da Nang – Hanoi
- v Entrance fees for Vietnam attractions, as per itinerary

NOT INCLUDED

PRICE INCLUDES

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AVAILABLE DEPARTURES

Departure Date	Return Date	Price / Person	Availability	Languages
01 May 2026	20 Dec 2026	**USD 1,299**	Available	–

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01 May 2026	20 Dec 2026	**USD 1,479**	Available	–
01 May 2026	20 Dec 2026	**USD 1,799**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 1,338**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 1,524**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 1,853**	Available	–

CANCELLATION POLICY

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