Vietnam Grand Tour: North to South with Phu Quoc – 14 Days

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Experience the rich history and diverse landscapes of Vietnam on this comprehensive 14-day journey. Explore ancient cities, cruise through stunning bays, and relax on idyllic island beaches.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Hanoi → Ninh Binh → Ha Long → Hoi An → Da Nang → Ho Chi Minh City → My Tho → Can Tho → Phu Quoc

TOUR OVERVIEW

Overview: A Journey Through Vietnam's Highlights

This extensive 14-day tour takes you from the historic capital of Hanoi in the north, through the serene karst landscapes of Ninh Binh and Ha Long Bay, down to the charming ancient town of Hoi An, and finally to the bustling metropolis of Ho Chi Minh City and the tranquil beaches of Phu Quoc Island in the south. Designed for travelers seeking a deep dive into Vietnamese culture, history, and natural beauty, this itinerary offers a balanced mix of guided explorations and leisure time.

Tour Highlights: Iconic Experiences Await

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

Experience a traditional cyclo ride through Hanoi's vibrant Old Quarter.

Discover the ancient capital of Hoa Lu and the scenic Tam Coc boat trip in Ninh Binh.

Enjoy an overnight luxury cruise through the breathtaking Lan Ha Bay, including a visit to Viet Hai Village.

Wander through the lantern-lit streets of Hoi An Ancient Town on a guided walking tour.

Uncover the history of Ho Chi Minh City with visits to the War Remnants Museum and colonial architecture.

Journey through the lush Mekong Delta, featuring a boat trip and a visit to a floating market.

Relax and unwind on the pristine beaches of Phu Quoc Island.

Route Summary: North to South Exploration

Your adventure begins in Hanoi, the heart of northern Vietnam, where you'll immerse yourself in the city's rich past and vibrant present. From there, travel to the picturesque Ninh Binh province before embarking on an unforgettable overnight cruise in the spectacular Ha Long Bay. A short flight then takes you to Central Vietnam, home to the enchanting Hoi An. The final leg of your journey involves a flight to Ho Chi Minh City, followed by an exploration of the Mekong Delta and a relaxing conclusion on Phu Quoc Island, before returning to Ho Chi Minh City for your departure.

Who This Tour Suits: All Travelers Welcome

This carefully crafted itinerary is suitable for all types of travelers, from history enthusiasts and culture seekers to nature lovers and those simply looking for relaxation. With a mix of guided excursions and free time, it caters to various paces and interests, making it ideal for couples, families, and solo adventurers alike.

Practical Information: Your Comfort and Convenience

Accommodation is provided in hotels and resorts across different star categories, ensuring comfort throughout your trip. Internal flights are included for efficient travel between regions, complementing private car transfers and boat excursions. Meals are provided as indicated in the itinerary, offering a taste of local cuisine. Our dedicated local guides ensure a smooth and enriching experience at each destination.

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* Explore the historical Ho Chi Minh Complex and the ancient Temple of Literature in Hanoi.
* Ride a traditional cyclo through the charming streets of Hanoi's Old Quarter.
* Visit the historic Hoa Lu temples and take a scenic boat trip through Tam Coc's limestone karsts.
* Enjoy an overnight cruise on a luxury vessel through the stunning Lan Ha Bay.
* Cycle through Viet Hai Village on Cat Ba Island and participate in a cocktail-making class onboard.
* Discover the tranquil beauty of Hoi An Ancient Town with a guided walking tour.
* Visit the War Remnants Museum and French colonial landmarks in Ho Chi Minh City.
* Experience the vibrant life of the Mekong Delta with a boat trip and local interactions.
* Relax on the beautiful sandy beaches of Phu Quoc Island with ample free time.
* Witness the bustling Cai Rang floating market from a traditional boat.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 Hanoi Arrival and Leisure

Stay: Hanoi hotel | Transport: Airport transfer

Upon your arrival at Hanoi's international airport, 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 yours to enjoy at your own pace. This free time allows for relaxation and refreshment, providing a gentle start to your Vietnamese adventure after a long flight journey. You might choose to unwind at the hotel or take a short stroll to familiarize yourself with the immediate surroundings.

Activities: Arrive in Hanoi, hotel check-in, rest.

Day 2 Hanoi Historical Sites and Old Quarter Exploration

Meals: B,L | Stay: Hanoi hotel | Transport: Tour bus, cyclo

Your day begins at 8:00 AM with an exploration of the Ho Chi Minh Complex, a significant historical area. Here, you'll visit Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, his traditional Stilts House, the Presidential Palace, and the nearby One Pillar Pagoda, gaining insight into Vietnam's revered leader. Following this, your guide will lead you to the Vietnam Museum of Ethnology, offering a deeper understanding of the country's diverse ethnic cultures and traditions.

In the afternoon, the journey continues with a visit to the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first national university, a site of profound historical and cultural importance. Afterwards, experience the serene beauty of Hoan Kiem Lake, also known as the Lake of the Restored Sword, and its charming Ngoc Son Temple. The highlight of the late afternoon is a one-hour cyclo ride, providing a unique perspective of the bustling Old Quarter's narrow streets and vibrant daily life. The day concludes with a captivating Water Puppet Show, a traditional Vietnamese art form, before returning to your hotel for the night.

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Activities: Visit Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, explore Presidential Palace, see One Pillar Pagoda, tour Vietnam Museum of Ethnology, discover Temple of Literature, walk around Hoan Kiem Lake, visit Ngoc Son Temple, enjoy a cyclo ride through Old Quarter, attend Water Puppet Show.

Day 3 Ancient Capitals and Scenic Ninh Binh Boat Trip

At 8:00 AM, you will depart Hanoi by bus for Hoa Lu, the site of Vietnam's ancient capital. Here, you'll explore the historic temples dedicated to King Dinh and King Le, who ruled in the 10th century, learning about their heroic struggles during conflicts with China. Following your visit to Hoa Lu, your guide will take you to Tuyet Tinh Coc, a tranquil lake nestled amidst towering mountains. This peaceful spot was once home to Queen Duong Van Nga, who spent her final years practicing at Am Tien Pagoda, which you can visit at the lake's end. From this vantage point, enjoy breathtaking views of the serene lake surrounded by lush mountains and jungle.

After soaking in the natural beauty, the bus will transfer you to Tam Coc for a delicious lunch. In the afternoon, from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM, embark on a memorable boat trip through the stunning

Day 4 Lan Ha Bay Cruise and Viet Hai Village Discovery

Meals: B,L,D | Stay: Luxury cruiseship | Transport: Private car, tender boat, cruise ship, bicycle/electric car

Your day begins at 8:00 AM with a private car transfer to Halong Bay, a journey of approximately 2.5 hours. Upon arrival at Halong International Cruise Port around 11:30 AM, you'll complete the necessary check-in procedures. A tender boat will then transport you to your luxury cruise ship, where a warm welcome drink awaits. After a comprehensive cruise briefing, including essential safety instructions, you'll check into your comfortable cabin.

A delectable lunch is served at the Tahiti Restaurant as your vessel gracefully cruises into the pristine waters of Lan Ha Bay, a less-traveled area boasting hundreds of picturesque islands. The journey continues to Viet Hai Village on Cat Ba Island, where you'll disembark and explore the area by bicycle or electric car along charming paved roads. This active tour allows you to meet local inhabitants, observe their daily routines, and visit their homes and the village school. As evening approaches, return to the boat to relax on the sundeck and witness a spectacular sunset. Later, a talented bartender will host a cocktail-making class, followed by a delightful dinner and a unique cultural exchange event on the restaurant stage, bringing together guests and Vietnamese hosts from around the world.

Activities: Transfer to Halong Bay, board luxury cruise, explore Lan Ha Bay, cycle through Viet Hai Village, enjoy sunset, participate in a bartender class, cultural exchange dinner.

Day 5 Dark & Bright Cave Exploration and Flight to Hoi An

Meals: Br | Stay: Hoi An hotel | Transport: Cruise ship, kayak/bamboo boat, private transfer, flight

Start your day at 6:30 AM with an optional Yoga session, capture stunning sunrise photos, or simply enjoy the peaceful bay views from your cabin. A light breakfast is served, allowing you to savor the fresh air and serene beauty of the bay. The morning's main activity is a visit to Dark & Bright Cave, a truly picturesque destination featuring a tranquil, round lake enclosed

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by lush trees and towering stone walls. You have the choice to explore the cave independently by kayak or relax in a traditional bamboo boat expertly rowed by local guides.
Between 9:15 AM and 9:45 AM, you will return to the cruise ship, pack your luggage, and check out of your cabin as the boat sails towards the port. An extraordinary brunch is served onboard before you disembark at Halong International Cruise Port. At 11:45 AM, a private transfer will take you to Hanoi Airport for your flight to Da Nang. Upon arrival in Da Nang, you will be met and transferred directly to your hotel in Hoi An, where you will check in and spend the night.

Activities: Morning yoga, visit Dark & Bright Cave, enjoy brunch on board, fly from Hanoi to Da Nang, transfer to Hoi An.

Day 6 Hoi An Ancient Town Walking Tour

Meals: B,D | Stay: Hoi An hotel | Transport: Walking, transfer

This afternoon, immerse yourself in the serene charm of Hoi An Ancient Town with a guided walking tour. The town is renowned for its low-tiled houses, which exhibit a distinct Chinese architectural influence, and its iconic Japanese Covered Bridge. You'll also discover brightly painted temples and pagodas, all contributing to Hoi An's reputation as one of Vietnam's most delightful destinations. Your tour will highlight the tranquility and unique character of this UNESCO World Heritage site.
After a captivating exploration of the ancient streets and historical landmarks, you will enjoy a delicious dinner. Following your meal, a transfer will take you back to your hotel for a comfortable overnight stay in Hoi An, allowing you to reflect on the day's cultural discoveries.

Activities: Guided walking tour of Hoi An Ancient Town, visit Japanese Covered Bridge, explore temples and pagodas, enjoy dinner.

Day 7 Leisure Day in Hoi An

Meals: B | Stay: Hoi An hotel

Today is dedicated to leisure, offering you the freedom to explore Hoi An at your own pace or simply relax. You might choose to spend your time unwinding on the nearby beach, soaking up the sun and enjoying the coastal ambiance. For those interested in culinary arts, an optional cooking class provides an opportunity to uncover the secrets of Vietnamese cuisine, learning to prepare traditional dishes.
Alternatively, Hoi An is famously known for its skilled and affordable tailors. You could spend the day having custom-made clothing created, a popular souvenir and experience for many visitors. Whether you opt for relaxation, cultural immersion, or a shopping spree, this day allows for personalized enjoyment in this charming town.

Activities: Relax on the beach, take a cooking class, visit a tailor.

Day 8 Flight to Ho Chi Minh City and Saigon Highlights

Meals: B,L | Stay: Ho Chi Minh hotel | Transport: Transfer, flight

After enjoying breakfast at your hotel, your tour guide and driver will accompany you to the airport for a morning flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Upon arrival in the vibrant southern metropolis, formerly known as Saigon, you will embark on a half-day city

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excursion designed to showcase its most significant attractions.
The city tour includes a poignant visit to the War Remnants Museum, offering a powerful insight into Vietnam's recent history. Following this, you'll admire the architectural marvels of the French colonial era, including the majestic Notre Dame Cathedral and the historic Central Post Office. After a day of exploration, you will be transferred to your hotel for check-in and an overnight stay in Ho Chi Minh City.

Activities: Fly from Da Nang to Ho Chi Minh City, visit War Remnants Museum, see Notre Dame Cathedral, explore the Post Office.

Day 9 Mekong Delta River Life and Can Tho Journey

At 8:00 AM, your tour guide and driver will meet you at your hotel lobby to begin your journey by private car to My Tho, a tranquil city nestled in the Mekong Delta region. Upon arrival in My Tho, you'll embark on a full-day exploration of the Mekong Delta's aquatic world. The journey takes you through lush, fertile paddy fields and past water buffalo, offering glimpses of rural life. You'll then take a boat trip along narrow waterways, visiting local orchards and houses where traditional rice paper is made. Enjoy tropical fruits and a performance of southern traditional “Tai Tu music,” a unique cultural experience.
Lunch will be a special affair, featuring the local delicacy

Day 10 Cai Rang Floating Market and Flight to Phu Quoc

Meals: B,L | Stay: Phu Quoc beach resort | Transport: Boat, car, flight

Following breakfast at your hotel, your guide will take you to the pier for a boat ride along the Mekong River, one of Asia's longest and most prosperous waterways. The highlight of the morning is a visit to the famous Cai Rang floating market, a bustling hub where local people conduct their daily business, selling a variety of products directly from their boats. This offers a vibrant insight into the unique riverine lifestyle of the Mekong Delta.
After experiencing the market, your boat will cruise through smaller canals, leading you to visit a local family and their orchard. Here, you'll have the opportunity to taste fresh tropical fruits and enjoy green tea, gaining a personal connection with the local culture. The boat ride then concludes back at Ninh Kieu Pier, from where a car will transfer you to Can Tho Airport for your flight to Phu Quoc Island. Upon arrival at Phu Quoc Airport, another car transfer will take you to your beach resort, leaving the rest of the day free for leisure and relaxation.

Activities: Visit Cai Rang floating market, explore Mekong Delta canals, taste local fruits, fly to Phu Quoc, relax at beach resort.

Day 11 Relaxing Days on Phu Quoc Island

Meals: B | Stay: Phu Quoc beach resort

Today marks the first of two full days dedicated to leisure on the beautiful Phu Quoc Island. You have complete freedom to design your day as you wish. Many choose to spend their time sunbathing on the pristine beaches, enjoying the warm tropical climate and the gentle sound of the waves. The island offers numerous spots for relaxation and tranquility.
Alternatively, you might take advantage of your resort's spa facilities for a rejuvenating experience. For those seeking more

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active pursuits, there's an option to embark on a snorkeling and boat cruise day trip around the surrounding islands, exploring vibrant marine life and secluded coves. This day is all about personal preference and unwinding in a stunning island paradise.

Activities: Sunbathe on the beach, enjoy resort facilities, optional snorkeling or boat trip.

Day 12 Relaxing Days on Phu Quoc Island

Meals: B | Stay: Phu Quoc beach resort

This is your second full day to enjoy the idyllic surroundings of Phu Quoc Island. Continue to indulge in the leisurely pace, perhaps revisiting a favorite beach spot or discovering a new one. The island's serene atmosphere is perfect for extended relaxation, whether by the pool or along the shore.

If you didn't opt for it yesterday, today might be the perfect opportunity to take an optional snorkeling and boat cruise. Explore the crystal-clear waters and vibrant coral reefs that make Phu Quoc a diver's paradise. Alternatively, simply enjoy the amenities of your resort, perhaps with a good book and a refreshing drink. The day is yours to savor the tropical charm before preparing for your departure from the island tomorrow.

Activities: Sunbathe on the beach, enjoy resort facilities, optional snorkeling or boat trip.

Day 13 Phu Quoc Departure and Ho Chi Minh City Return

Meals: B | Stay: Ho Chi Minh hotel | Transport: Flight, private transfer

Enjoy your final moments on Phu Quoc Island during the morning, perhaps with a last swim or a leisurely breakfast overlooking the sea. In the late afternoon, you will be transferred to Phu Quoc Airport for your flight back to Ho Chi Minh City. This flight efficiently connects you back to the mainland for the final leg of your journey.

Upon arrival at Tan Son Nhat Airport in Ho Chi Minh City, a private transfer will be arranged to take you to your hotel in the city center. The remainder of the day is free, allowing you to settle in, enjoy a final Vietnamese dinner, or simply relax after your travel from the island. You will spend the night in Ho Chi Minh City, preparing for your departure the following day.

Activities: Leisure time on Phu Quoc, fly back to Ho Chi Minh City, check into hotel.

Day 14 Ho Chi Minh City Departure

Meals: B | Transport: Private car transfer

Your final day in Vietnam offers some leisure time, allowing you to enjoy a relaxed breakfast or engage in some last-minute souvenir shopping, depending on your flight schedule. Take this opportunity to reflect on the diverse experiences and memories created throughout your journey from the north to the south of Vietnam.

At the appropriate time, a private car transfer will be provided to take you from your hotel to the airport for your departure flight. This marks the end of your comprehensive Vietnamese holiday. We bid you farewell and hope to see you again for future travels.

Activities: Leisure time, airport transfer for departure.

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- v English speaking local tour guides
- v Entrance fees
- v Meals as stated in the itinerary (B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner)
- v Services charges and government tax.
- v Exclusive and personalized single agent/single customer service.
- v No extra charge after services confirmation
- v 24/7 hotline support guaranteed
- v Internal flight ticket

NOT INCLUDED

- x NY Gala dinner (Depend on each hotel)
- x Personal expenses, other meals, tips and gratuities
- x Travel insurance
- x Beverage

PRICE INCLUDES

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