Vietnam Luxury: Saigon, Hoi An & Halong Bay Journey – 11 Days

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Experience Vietnam in ultimate comfort, exploring Ho Chi Minh City, the Mekong Delta, ancient Hoi An, Hanoi's historic sites, Ninh Binh's natural beauty, and an opulent overnight cruise on Halong Bay.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Ho Chi Minh City → Hoi An → Hanoi → Ninh Binh → Ha Long

TOUR OVERVIEW

Journey Overview

This exclusive 11-day private tour offers a refined exploration of Vietnam's most iconic destinations, designed for travelers seeking both cultural depth and luxurious comfort. Beginning in the dynamic southern metropolis of Ho Chi Minh City, the journey ventures into the serene Mekong Delta before flying north to the charming ancient town of Hoi An. The adventure continues in the bustling capital, Hanoi, with excursions to the breathtaking landscapes of Ninh Binh and a memorable overnight stay on a luxury cruise in Halong Bay. Each step of this itinerary is curated to provide an exceptional travel experience, blending discovery with relaxation.

Highlights of Your Trip

Savor gourmet cuisine during a sophisticated dinner cruise along the Saigon River.

Navigate the intricate waterways of the Mekong Delta aboard a deluxe sampan, observing local life.

Discover the ancient charm of Hoi An, from its lantern-lit streets to hands-on farming experiences.

Engage in a culinary exploration of Hanoi's Old Quarter, tasting authentic street food.

Tour Hanoi's historic landmarks and hidden alleyways from the unique perspective of a vintage Jeep.

Glide through Tam Coc's stunning karst formations and rice paddies on a traditional rowboat.

Indulge in an overnight luxury cruise amidst the spectacular limestone islands of Halong Bay.

Participate in a cooking class and enjoy various onboard activities during your Halong Bay voyage.

Detailed Route

The journey commences in Ho Chi Minh City, with an excursion to the Mekong Delta. Travelers then fly to Da Nang, transferring to Hoi An for several days of cultural immersion and leisure. A subsequent flight takes guests to Hanoi, serving as a base for day trips to Ninh Binh and an overnight cruise in Halong Bay, before concluding back in Hanoi for departure.

Who Will Love This Tour

This meticulously crafted itinerary is ideal for senior travelers and those who prioritize luxury and personalized experiences. It caters to individuals or families desiring a private tour that combines cultural insights, natural beauty, and opportunities for relaxation without compromising on comfort. Guests interested in authentic local interactions, fine dining, and premium accommodations will find this tour particularly appealing.

Important Travel Notes

All tour schedules and programs are subject to change without prior notice, especially those involving weather-dependent activities like the Halong Bay cruise. Guests with specific dietary requirements, such as vegetarian, vegan, or food allergies, are encouraged to inform us in advance to ensure appropriate arrangements can be made with restaurants, guides, and partners. This ensures a seamless and enjoyable culinary experience throughout your journey.

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Ho Chi Minh City Arrival & Saigon River Dinner Cruise

Meals: Dinner | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh

Your Vietnamese adventure begins with a warm welcome at Tan Son Nhat International Airport in Ho Chi Minh City. Upon arrival, a dedicated guide and driver will greet you and provide a comfortable transfer to your hotel in the city center for check-in and relaxation. Standard check-in time is 2:00 PM; early check-in can be arranged with an additional charge.
In the evening, prepare for an exquisite experience as you embark on a luxurious dinner cruise along the Saigon River. This elegant outing offers a perfect blend of sophisticated dining, captivating live entertainment, and panoramic views of the city's illuminated skyline, providing a memorable introduction to the vibrant energy of Ho Chi Minh City.

Activities: Airport transfer and hotel check-in.
Enjoy a luxury dinner cruise on the Saigon River.
Observe Ho Chi Minh City's illuminated skyline.

Day 2 — Mekong Delta Sampan Cruise & Local Craft Exploration

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

Start your day with a peaceful breakfast at your Ho Chi Minh City hotel before departing for the Mekong Delta. Upon reaching Cai Be jetty, you will be welcomed aboard a deluxe sampan with refreshing towels and drinks. After a brief orientation, the sampan sets sail through the picturesque landscapes of the Mekong Delta, revealing its tranquil beauty.
You'll enjoy a short cycling excursion on Tan Phong Islet, offering a refreshing escape from urban sounds, replaced by the fragrant aromas of fresh fruits and nature. Don't miss the chance to taste the island's specialty, the sweet and spicy red rambutan. The journey continues with a stop at local cottage industries, where you can observe artisans crafting various products from rice paper, rice cakes, water coconut fronds for roofing, and water hyacinths for homewares. Later, a rowing sampan will take you through a narrow canal to Phu An village, where a delightful lunch awaits at Le Longanier Restaurant,

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nestled amidst a lush tropical garden by the river, surrounded by fruit trees. Around 2:30 PM, you will transfer back to Ho Chi Minh City to relax at your hotel after a day filled with discoveries.

Activities: Have breakfast at your hotel.
Board a deluxe sampan at Cai Be jetty.
Cycle through Tan Phong Islet and taste local fruits.
Visit local cottage industries to observe traditional crafts.
Enjoy a rowing sampan trip through narrow canals.
Dine at Le Longanier Restaurant in Phu An village.
Transfer back to Ho Chi Minh City.

Day 3 Flight to Da Nang & Leisure in Hoi An Ancient Town

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Hoi An

After a final breakfast at your Ho Chi Minh City hotel, enjoy some leisure time before your transfer to Tan Son Nhat Airport for a domestic flight to Da Nang. Upon arrival at Da Nang International Airport, a waiting transfer will take you to your luxurious hotel in the charming ancient town of Hoi An.
The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at your own pace. You might choose to relax at your accommodation, or begin a gentle exploration of Hoi An's captivating streets, perhaps considering an optional activity to delve deeper into the town's unique character.

Activities: Enjoy breakfast at your hotel.
Transfer to Tan Son Nhat Airport.
Fly from Ho Chi Minh City to Da Nang.
Transfer from Da Nang Airport to your hotel in Hoi An.
Enjoy free time to explore Hoi An or relax.

Day 4 Tra Que Village Farming & Cooking Experience

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

Begin your day with a serene breakfast in the tranquil setting of Hoi An's old town. You have the flexibility to start your farming and cooking experience either in the morning (from 8:30 AM) or in the afternoon (from 2:30 PM).
Cycle from your accommodation through the picturesque countryside, navigating winding roads and verdant fields to reach Tra Que organic farm. Here, you'll engage in hands-on gardening activities, learning traditional farming skills. Following this, visit a local home to discover the traditional methods of making white rice and rice pancakes, participating in a cooking class with your local host. A delicious lunch featuring village specialties will be served, satisfying your appetite before you return to Hoi An Ancient Town after an enriching day of rural life.

Activities: Have breakfast in Hoi An.
Cycle to Tra Que organic farm.
Participate in gardening activities and learn farming skills.
Visit a local house for a cooking class.
Learn to make white rice and rice pancakes.

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Enjoy a lunch with local specialties.
Return to Hoi An Ancient Town.

Day 5 Free Day to Discover Hoi An's Ancient Charms

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Hoi An

Today is dedicated to independent exploration of Hoi An, allowing you to delve deeper into the town's unique atmosphere and historical sites at your leisure. The ancient streets, adorned with colorful lanterns, invite you to wander and discover hidden gems.
You might choose to revisit the iconic Japanese Covered Bridge, explore local markets, or simply relax at a riverside cafe. Alternatively, consider joining one of the recommended optional tours to enhance your experience, such as a visit to Cam Thanh Coconut Village for lantern making, another cooking class, or a bike trip to My Son Sanctuary. The day is yours to customize according to your interests.

Activities: Explore Hoi An Ancient Town independently.
Visit local shops and historical sites.
Relax at cafes or by the river.
Consider optional tours like Cam Thanh Coconut Village or My Son Sanctuary.

Day 6 Hoi An to Hanoi Flight & Old Quarter Food Tour

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

Savor your final breakfast in the peaceful ambiance of Hoi An before transferring to Da Nang Airport for your flight to Hanoi, Vietnam's capital. Upon arrival, a friendly guide will welcome you and arrange your transfer to your hotel in Hanoi's historic Old Quarter, allowing you time to settle in and unwind after your journey.
As evening approaches, prepare for a captivating culinary adventure. You'll embark on a guided street food tour through the lively thoroughfares of Hanoi's Old Quarter, sampling a variety of local delicacies and experiencing the city's vibrant food scene firsthand.

Activities: Enjoy breakfast in Hoi An.
Transfer to Da Nang Airport.
Fly from Da Nang to Hanoi.
Transfer to your hotel in Hanoi Old Quarter.
Embark on an evening street food tour in Hanoi Old Quarter.

Day 7 Hanoi City Exploration by Vintage Jeep

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

After a hearty breakfast at your hotel, prepare for a distinctive exploration of Hanoi aboard a vintage Jeep. You can choose a morning (8:00 AM - 12:30 PM), afternoon (12:30 PM - 5:00 PM), or sunset & night tour (5:00 PM - 9:30 PM), with lunch or dinner included depending on your selection. The group size for this tour is kept intimate, ranging from 1 to 6 people.

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Following a safety briefing, your Jeep will navigate through Hanoi's backstreets, narrow alleyways, and local neighborhoods, offering a glimpse into parts of the city often unseen by tourists. Stops include viewing the majestic Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum from outside (closed Mondays, Fridays, and from June to August), visiting ancient Taoist and Buddhist temples like Tran Vu, and exploring the 10th-century Temple of Literature. You'll also experience the natural beauty of Hoan Kiem Lake, admire the elegant French architecture of the Hanoi Opera House, and cross the historic Long Bien Bridge. The journey continues to the peaceful villages surrounding West Lake and Truc Bach Lake, highlighting the contrast between urban and suburban life. Conclude your day by savoring a variety of authentic Hanoian dishes at local restaurants and food stalls.

Activities: Have breakfast at your hotel.
Join a half-day Hanoi city tour by Jeep.
View Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (exterior).
Visit Tran Vu Temple and the Temple of Literature.
Explore Hoan Kiem Lake and Hanoi Opera House.
Cross the historic Long Bien Bridge.
Discover suburban villages around West Lake and Truc Bach Lake.
Enjoy a lunch featuring Hanoi's local cuisine.

Day 8 Ninh Binh: Hoa Lu Ancient Capital & Tam Coc Boat Ride

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

Prepare for a full day of sightseeing as you journey to the majestic landscapes of Ninh Binh, a region renowned for its ancient capital complex and lush natural scenery, located just two hours from Hanoi. Your first destination is Tam Coc, where you'll embark on a serene rowboat trip along the Ngo Dong River. Float leisurely through the fresh air, paddling deep into three large caves to admire spectacular limestone karst formations, and meandering past vibrant rice fields and ancient temples.
Enjoy a delicious lunch featuring Ninh Binh specialties at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, you'll visit Hoa Lu, Vietnam's ancient capital from a thousand years ago. Here, you have the opportunity to pay respects at the temples dedicated to King Dinh and King Le, crossing a bridge to reach these historic sites. Conclude your day with a comfortable return journey to Hanoi by luxury bus, arriving at your hotel around 8:00 PM, ready to relax after collecting many attractive photos for your travel album.

Activities: Travel to Ninh Binh from Hanoi.
Take a rowboat trip on the Ngo Dong River through Tam Coc.
Explore limestone caves and rice fields.
Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant in Ninh Binh.
Visit Hoa Lu, Vietnam's ancient capital.
Pay respects at the Temples of King Dinh and King Le.
Return to Hanoi by luxury bus.

Day 9 Luxurious Overnight Cruise in Halong Bay

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: Cruise in Halong Bay

Around 8:00 AM, a luxury limousine will collect you from your hotel in Hanoi’s Old Quarter for a comfortable transfer to Tuan

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Chau Pier, the gateway to Halong Bay. Upon arrival, you'll board your chosen luxury cruise, beginning your voyage into the heart of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, where dramatic limestone karsts emerge from emerald waters.
The attentive crew will provide a warm welcome and assist with your check-in, allowing you to settle into your elegant cabin. Enjoy a refreshing welcome drink and a brief safety introduction before savoring a delicious buffet lunch as the cruise sets sail.
The afternoon's activities vary by cruise itinerary but typically include exploring mysterious caves, challenging yourself with kayaking, or visiting a floating market. Later, return to the cruise for a cooking class with the chef and enjoy Happy Hour from 5:00 PM to 5:30 PM, perfect for admiring the sunset. The evening culminates with a fine-dining dinner in a deluxe restaurant, followed by optional nightlife activities such as squid fishing, movie watching, board games, or relaxing at the onboard bar.

Activities:
Transfer from Hanoi to Tuan Chau Pier.
Board a luxury cruise in Halong Bay.
Enjoy a welcome drink and safety briefing.
Savor a buffet lunch onboard.
Explore caves, kayak, or visit a floating market.
Participate in a cooking class.
Enjoy Happy Hour and sunset views.
Dine in a deluxe restaurant.
Engage in evening activities like squid fishing or board games.

Day 10 Halong Bay Exploration & Return to Hanoi

Meals: Breakfast, Brunch | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

Begin your day by rejuvenating your body and mind with a Tai Chi class on deck, or simply absorb the serene morning scenery of Halong Bay from your cabin. A light breakfast is available at 7:00 AM, preparing you for further exploration, which may include kayaking, caving, or swimming in the bay's crystal-clear waters.
Around 10:00 AM, you'll return to the cruise to check out and enjoy a final delicious meal as the ship sails back towards the port. The captain and crew will bid you farewell upon arrival at the pier around noon. A shuttle bus will then be waiting to transfer you back to your hotel in Hanoi, where you can relax upon arrival, typically between 3:00 PM and 3:30 PM.

Activities:
Participate in a morning Tai Chi class.
Enjoy a light breakfast.
Continue exploring Halong Bay with kayaking, caving, or swimming.
Check out from the cruise.
Enjoy a final meal onboard.
Return transfer from Halong Bay to Hanoi.
Relax at your Hanoi hotel.

Day 11 Hanoi Departure

Meals: Breakfast

After enjoying your final breakfast in Hanoi, you will complete the check-out process at your hotel. A private driver will then provide a comfortable transfer to the airport for your departure flight, marking the conclusion of your luxurious exploration of

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Activities: Enjoy breakfast at your hotel.
Complete hotel check-out.
Transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- v 10 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 1 brunch, 3 dinners as specified in the itinerary.
- v All transport within Vietnam, including airport transfers.
- v Two domestic flights: Ho Chi Minh City to Da Nang, and Da Nang to Hanoi.
- v Accommodation for 9 nights in hotels and 1 night on a Halong Bay cruise, based on twin/double sharing.
- v Services of an English-speaking local guide throughout the tour.
- 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 May 2025	20 Dec 2026	**USD 3,149**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 3,244**	Available	–

CANCELLATION POLICY

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