Vietnam's Cultural & Natural Wonders: Hanoi to Mekong Delta – 18 Days

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Experience Vietnam from north to south on an 18-day soft adventure. Discover ancient traditions, breathtaking landscapes, and vibrant city life, designed for cultural immersion and scenic exploration.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Hanoi → Mai Chau → Ha Long → Phong Nha → Hue → Hoi An → Ho Chi Minh City → Can Tho

TOUR OVERVIEW

Overview: A Comprehensive Journey Through Vietnam

This extensive 18-day expedition invites you to traverse the diverse landscapes and rich cultural tapestry of Vietnam. Beginning in the bustling capital of Hanoi, the journey unfolds through tranquil northern villages, the iconic limestone karsts of Ha Long Bay, and the historic sites of the DMZ. Travelers will then explore the imperial grandeur of Hue and the ancient charm of Hoi An before concluding in the dynamic southern metropolis of Ho Chi Minh City and the verdant waterways of the Mekong Delta. This tour is meticulously crafted for those seeking profound cultural engagement and soft adventure, offering a blend of guided explorations and opportunities for personal discovery.

Tour Highlights: Unforgettable Experiences Await

Explore Hanoi's historic landmarks and vibrant Old Quarter with a guided city tour.

Cycle through the peaceful terraced rice fields and ethnic villages of Mai Chau.

Spend a night cruising the emerald waters of Ha Long Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Discover the colossal formations within Phong Nha and Paradise Caves in Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park.

Journey through the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), visiting significant historical sites like the Hien Luong Bridge and Vinh Moc Tunnels.

Experience royal dining and explore the Imperial Citadel in Vietnam's former capital, Hue.

Wander through the lantern-lit streets of Hoi An Ancient Town and visit the ancient Champa ruins of My Son Sanctuary.

Navigate the intricate canals of the Mekong Delta aboard a traditional bamboo boat.

Witness the unique commerce of the Cai Rang floating market, a lively hub in the Mekong Delta.

Delve into the modern history of Ho Chi Minh City with visits to key architectural and historical sites.

Route Summary: From North to South

The adventure commences in Hanoi, leading west to the serene Mai Chau valley before heading east for an overnight cruise in Ha Long Bay. A night train then transports you south to Dong Hoi, the gateway to Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park and the historic DMZ. The journey continues to the imperial city of Hue, followed by the charming ancient town of Hoi An. The final leg involves a flight to Ho Chi Minh City, with an excursion into the fertile Mekong Delta, before concluding back in Ho Chi Minh City.

Who This Tour Suits: Ideal for Couples

This private and flexible group tour is specifically designed for couples who appreciate a deeper connection with their travel destinations. It caters to those desiring a mix of cultural immersion, gentle outdoor activities, and comfortable accommodations, all while exploring Vietnam's most iconic regions at a relaxed pace. The itinerary balances guided excursions with ample free time, allowing for both shared experiences and personal exploration.

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Accommodation throughout the tour includes a mix of 3-star and 4-star hotels, an overnight cruise in Ha Long Bay, and a unique overnight train experience. All necessary transfers and internal travel, including flights and private vehicles, are arranged for your convenience. Local English-speaking guides will accompany you on all in-tour activities, providing insightful commentary and assistance. Meals are provided as indicated, ensuring a taste of local cuisine. Please note that international airfare, visas, and personal expenses are not included.

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Hanoi Arrival & Leisure Time

Meals: NA | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

Upon your arrival at Hanoi's airport, a dedicated tour guide will greet you and facilitate your transfer to the hotel for check-in. Standard check-in time is from 2:00 PM; any requests for an earlier check-in may incur additional charges. The remainder of your first day in Vietnam is reserved for relaxation, allowing you to recuperate from your journey or begin a gentle exploration of the surrounding area at your own pace. This offers a flexible introduction to the vibrant capital city.

For those eager to immediately engage with local culture, optional activities are available, such as a Hanoi cooking class or an evening food tour by motorbike. These experiences provide an excellent opportunity to sample authentic Vietnamese cuisine and observe the city's lively night atmosphere. Should you be interested in these additional services, our travel consultants are available to assist with arrangements.

Activities: Airport transfer and hotel check-in.
Free time for rest or independent exploration.
Optional: Hanoi Cooking Class or Motorbike Food Tour.

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Day 2 Hanoi Historical & Cultural Exploration

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

Your day begins with a half-day guided tour of Hanoi, offering a deep dive into the city's rich history and cultural landmarks. The tour can be scheduled for either the morning or afternoon, depending on your preference. The first stop is the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's inaugural university, established in 1076. This significant site once educated royalty and mandarins and remains a powerful symbol of education in the country.

Next, you'll visit the One Pillar Pagoda, a distinctive Buddhist temple renowned for its lotus-flower design, dating back to the Ly dynasty. The journey continues to the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, where you can pay respects to the revered figure of modern Vietnam (viewed from outside; closed on Mondays, Fridays, and from June to August). Conclude your historical exploration at the picturesque West Lake and the ancient Tran Quoc Buddhist Pagoda, a sixth-century marvel and Hanoi's oldest pagoda with a history spanning over 1,500 years. A delicious Vietnamese meal at a local restaurant is included before returning to your hotel.

The evening is yours to enjoy as you wish. You might choose to unwind at the hotel or venture out for further independent discovery of Hanoi's dynamic urban environment.

Activities: Visit the Temple of Literature.
Explore One Pillar Pagoda.
View Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and his house on stilts (exterior).
Discover Tran Quoc Buddhist Pagoda at West Lake.
Enjoy an authentic Vietnamese lunch.
Free evening for relaxation or self-exploration.

Day 3 Journey to Mai Chau & Countryside Cycling

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Mai Chau

After breakfast at your Hanoi hotel, depart around 8:00 AM for Mai Chau by van. The drive offers scenic views as you traverse winding mountain roads, revealing lush valleys and traditional stilt houses. Along the route, observe the daily lives of the Muong and Thai ethnic communities, whose villages are harmoniously integrated into the mountainous landscape. Upon arrival in Mai Chau, you'll receive a refreshing welcome drink and enjoy a traditional lunch in the village, with vegetarian options available.

In the afternoon, embark on a relaxing cycling trip led by your tour guide. This gentle ride provides an opportunity to observe local farmers tending their fields, villagers engaged in scarf weaving, and the serene atmosphere of the surrounding hamlets. This is a perfect chance to unwind amidst the peaceful countryside. Alternatively, guests can choose to spend their free time strolling through the village or browsing for traditional handicrafts. The day concludes with a special dinner featuring authentic Thai cuisine. For groups of more than five, a traditional Thai dance performance and the unique communal rice wine, “Ruou Can,” served through bamboo straws, will enhance the cultural experience.

Activities: Travel by van from Hanoi to Mai Chau.
Enjoy a welcome drink and traditional lunch in Mai Chau.

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Participate in a guided cycling tour through local villages.
Observe farmers and local artisans.
Free time for village walks or souvenir shopping.
Savor a traditional Thai dinner.
Optional: Thai dance performance and “Ruou Can” rice wine (for groups over five).

Day 4 Mai Chau Village Trek & Return to Hanoi

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

Begin your day with a traditional breakfast at your homestay, offering a taste of local flavors. Accompanied by a local Thai guide, you will embark on a 2 km cycling journey before commencing a guided trek. This trek leads to the remote villages of Na Meo, Na Mo, and Xam Pa, providing an intimate glimpse into the daily lives of the Thai ethnic people. Along the way, admire breathtaking rice terraces and gain a deeper understanding of their rich cultural heritage.
Upon returning to the homestay, you will check out and enjoy a farewell lunch before your departure. The afternoon offers free time to relax, explore the village further at your own pace, or purchase local souvenirs. Around 3:30 PM, the return journey to Hanoi begins, offering one last chance to appreciate the scenic countryside views. Upon arrival back in Hanoi, you will have free time to explore the dynamic city or simply rest at your hotel.

Activities: Enjoy a traditional breakfast.
Cycle 2 km with a local guide.
Trek to Na Meo, Na Mo, and Xam Pa villages.
Learn about Thai ethnic culture and admire rice terraces.
Check out from homestay and have farewell lunch.
Free time for relaxation or souvenir shopping.
Transfer back to Hanoi.

Day 5 Halong Bay Cruise & Overnight on the Water

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

Following breakfast at your hotel, meet your driver between 8:00 AM and 8:30 AM for the transfer to the cruise port in Ha Long Bay, an approximately 2.5-hour journey. By midday, you will arrive at the harbor and complete the necessary check-in procedures with the boat crew. Board your cruise and receive a warm welcome from the staff with a refreshing cold drink. A delightful seafood-themed lunch will be served as you begin your voyage.
Spend the afternoon enjoying the cruise through Ha Long Bay, marveling at the thousands of limestone islands and grottoes that majestically rise from the clear, emerald waters. Participate in a variety of onboard activities, which may include visiting spectacular caves, kayaking through serene lagoons, and swimming in the bay’s inviting waters. Return to the cruise in the evening for relaxation and dinner. After your meal, you can engage in exciting activities such as squid fishing or card games, ensuring a memorable night on the bay.
Please note that the exact itinerary may vary slightly depending on the specific cruise liner chosen for your journey.

Activities: Transfer from Hanoi to Ha Long Bay.
Check-in and board your chosen cruise.

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Enjoy a seafood lunch while cruising.
Explore Ha Long Bay's limestone islands and grottoes.
Participate in activities like cave visits, kayaking, and swimming.
Dine and relax on the cruise.
Evening activities: squid fishing, card games.

Day 6 Sunrise Tai Chi, Cave Exploration & Overnight Train to Dong Hoi

Meals: Breakfast, Brunch | Stay: Overnight on Train

Your day commences early with a peaceful Tai Chi class, offering a stunning sunrise view over Ha Long Bay, followed by a light breakfast at the cruise's restaurant. Embark on a new adventure as the cruise navigates to explore some of Ha Long's most breathtaking natural caves, revealing their intricate formations. After these captivating tours, you will return to the main cruise vessel to pack your belongings and complete the check-out process.
A delicious brunch will be served as the cruise makes its way back to the harbor. By noon, you will reach the port, where a driver will be waiting to transfer you back to Hanoi Old Quarter. Around 7:00 PM, meet your tour guide for transportation to Hanoi Train Station. The train is scheduled to depart around 9:35 PM, taking you on an overnight journey to Dong Hoi in shared sleeping cabins. Please be aware that your tour guide will not accompany you on the train trip, and train schedules are subject to change. Private cabins can be requested at an additional surcharge, offering a more secluded experience. Train journeys are an integral part of experiencing local life, and shared cabins are common unless a private cabin is specifically requested and all berths are paid for.

Activities: Participate in a sunrise Tai Chi class.
Enjoy a light breakfast on the cruise.
Explore amazing caves in Ha Long Bay.
Return to cruise for packing and check-out.
Have brunch on board as the cruise returns to port.
Transfer from Ha Long Bay to Hanoi Old Quarter.
Transfer to Hanoi Train Station for overnight journey to Dong Hoi.

Day 7 Dong Hoi Arrival & Phong Nha-Ke Bang Cave Adventures

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

Arrive at Dong Hoi Train Station in the early morning. At 8:00 AM, you will head towards Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park to explore its magnificent caves. En route, enjoy breakfast at a local restaurant to fuel up for the day's adventures. Your first destination is Phong Nha Cave, a remarkable water cave renowned for its unique rock formations. Delve deep into this natural wonder, discovering ancient stalactites formed over centuries by dripping water and minerals, revealing a lost world of wilderness.
After exploring Phong Nha Cave, a delectable lunch will be served. In the afternoon, at approximately 1:30 PM, continue your caving expedition to Paradise Cave. Celebrated as one of the world's most beautiful caves and Asia's longest dry cave, Paradise Cave offers a truly magnificent landscape that captivates visitors instantly. Following your cave explorations, you will

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be transferred to your hotel in Dong Hoi. The evening is yours to rest and spend the night in Dong Hoi, reflecting on the day's incredible natural discoveries.

Activities: Arrive at Dong Hoi Train Station.
Have breakfast at a local restaurant.
Explore Phong Nha Cave and its unique rock formations.
Enjoy lunch after the cave visit.
Discover the magnificent Paradise Cave.
Transfer to hotel in Dong Hoi for overnight stay.

Day 8 Journey to Hue & Imperial Royal Dinner Experience

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner | Stay: Hotel in Hue

After enjoying breakfast at your hotel in Dong Hoi, check out and begin your southward journey to Hue, the former imperial capital of Vietnam. The scenic transfer offers glimpses of the Vietnamese countryside. Upon arrival in Hue, you will check into your hotel. The remainder of the day is free, allowing you to relax and settle in or embark on a self-guided exploration of this historic city at your own pace, perhaps strolling along the Perfume River.
In the evening, step back in time with an elegant royal dining experience in Hue. Guests are warmly welcomed with a glass of Minh Mang wine, setting a regal tone for the night. You'll have the unique opportunity to dress in traditional Nguyen Dynasty costumes, truly immersing yourself in the imperial atmosphere. Dine like royalty, savoring a multi-course feast inspired by ancient court cuisine, all while being serenaded by the soothing melodies of live Hue folk music. This immersive cultural event provides a rare glimpse into the grandeur and traditions of Vietnam’s former imperial life, creating an unforgettable evening.

Activities: Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
Check out and transfer from Dong Hoi to Hue.
Check into your hotel in Hue.
Free time to relax or explore the city independently.
Experience a royal dining event with traditional costumes and folk music.

Day 9 Hue Imperial City Tour & Local Market Visit

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Hue

Begin your morning at 8:00 AM with an exploration of Hue, the tranquil city founded in the 17th century as Vietnam’s imperial capital before Hanoi took its place. Your first destination is Thien Mu Pagoda, an ancient Buddhist architectural marvel gracefully situated by the peaceful Huong River, just 5 km from Hue's city center. This revered pagoda offers a serene introduction to Hue's spiritual heritage.
Continue your tour to the Imperial Citadel, once home to the Nguyen Royal Family, Vietnam's last dynasty. This sprawling complex reflects the luxurious and prosperous life of the royal family. Spend time exploring parts of Vietnam's pre-modern history, visiting iconic structures such as the Flag Tower, the King’s Palace, and the impressive front gate. On your return journey to the hotel, the group may stop by Dong Ba Market, the city's largest traditional trading center. Here, you can shop for souvenirs and local cuisine, gaining insight into the daily lives and businesses of local vendors. After the city tour, your guide

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will take you back to the hotel for a well-deserved rest, concluding your day in Hue.

Activities: Visit Thien Mu Pagoda by the Huong River.
Explore the Hue Imperial Citadel, including the Flag Tower and King's Palace.
Browse Dong Ba Market for local goods and insights.
Return to the hotel for rest.

Day 10 Scenic Transfer to Hoi An & Free Afternoon

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Hoi An

Your day begins with a transfer from Hue to Hoi An, departing around 8:00 AM by shuttle bus or private car. This scenic journey takes you along the central Vietnamese coast, offering picturesque views as you travel between these two historic cities. The route often passes through the Hải Vân Pass, renowned for its breathtaking panoramic vistas of the coastline and mountains. Upon arrival in Hoi An, you will check into your hotel. The afternoon is then yours to enjoy at leisure. Take this opportunity to relax after your journey or begin your independent exploration of Hoi An. The ancient town, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is famous for its well-preserved architecture, vibrant lantern-lit streets, and tranquil riverside setting. Spend the evening preparing for the exciting discoveries planned for the following days in this charming city.

Activities: Transfer from Hue to Hoi An by shuttle bus or private car.
Check into your hotel in Hoi An.
Enjoy free time to relax or begin independent exploration of Hoi An.

Day 11 My Son Sanctuary & Thu Bon River Cruise

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

Your journey into ancient history begins as your guide picks you up from your hotel in Hoi An city center. From there, you will travel comfortably to My Son Sanctuary, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. This significant archaeological complex is nestled within a lush valley, surrounded by verdant mountains, creating a dramatic backdrop for its ancient ruins. Upon arrival, you will spend approximately two hours exploring the ancient temple complex.

As you walk through the historic ruins, your knowledgeable guide will share captivating stories about the Champa Kingdom, its spiritual traditions, and the remarkable architectural achievements of the site. During your visit, you will also be treated to a traditional Champa cultural dance performance, offering a vibrant glimpse into the region’s rich heritage. Following your exploration of the sanctuary, you will travel to a local home to learn the art of making traditional Vietnamese rice paper. After the demonstration, you’ll have the chance to taste the fresh rice paper you helped create. The experience continues with a relaxing lunch at another local house, where you can savor freshly prepared Vietnamese dishes accompanied by refreshing herbal tea in a peaceful countryside setting.

Conclude your day with a scenic boat ride back to Hoi An along the beautiful Thu Bon River, the largest river in Central Vietnam. Relax and enjoy the cool breeze while admiring the tranquil river landscapes. Upon arrival back in Hoi An, you will be dropped off at your hotel.

Activities: Transfer from Hoi An to My Son Sanctuary.

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Explore the ancient Champa temple complex with a guide.
Watch a traditional Champa cultural dance performance.
Learn to make and taste Vietnamese rice paper.
Enjoy a local Vietnamese lunch.
Take a scenic boat ride back to Hoi An along the Thu Bon River.

Day 12 Hoi An Free Day for Personal Discovery

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Hoi An

Today is a full free day dedicated to your personal exploration of Hoi An. This charming town, with its well-preserved Ancient Town, offers a plethora of activities and sights to discover at your own pace. You might choose to wander through the lantern-lit streets, admire the fusion of Japanese, Chinese, and Vietnamese architecture, or simply relax by the Thu Bon River.
For those interested in more structured activities, several optional tours are available. You could experience

Activities: Enjoy a full free day to explore Hoi An independently.
Optional: Life as a Farmer in Cam Thanh village tour.
Optional: Hoi An Vespa Tour.
Optional: Cam Thanh Coconut Village Basket Boat Tour.

Day 13 Flight to Ho Chi Minh City & Southern Arrival

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

After breakfast at your hotel, you will be transferred to Da Nang airport to board a flight to Ho Chi Minh City, formerly known as Saigon. This domestic flight provides a swift journey to Vietnam's southern economic hub. Upon your arrival at Sai Gon airport, a dedicated driver will be waiting to transport you to your hotel in the city center. This transfer ensures a comfortable and seamless transition to your next destination.
Once you have checked into your hotel, the remainder of the day is designated for free time. You can use this opportunity to relax and settle into your new surroundings after your journey, or if you prefer, you can begin a preliminary exploration of the bustling streets and vibrant atmosphere of Ho Chi Minh City at your own leisure. The evening will be spent overnight in Ho Chi Minh City, allowing you to prepare for the exciting city tour planned for the following day.

Activities: Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
Transfer to Da Nang airport.
Flight from Da Nang to Ho Chi Minh City.
Airport transfer to hotel in Ho Chi Minh City.
Free time for relaxation or initial city exploration.

Day 14 Ho Chi Minh City Historical & Cultural Tour

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh

Begin your day with a light breakfast and some rest before your guide picks you up for a captivating half-day city tour of Ho Chi

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Minh City. Starting around 8:00 AM, you will visit several significant destinations that highlight the city's rich history and colonial heritage. The first stop is the Independence Palace, an iconic site symbolizing Saigonese liberation. Designed by the renowned architect Ngo Viet Thu, this former presidential palace stands as a masterpiece of architecture.
Next, make a brief stop at the Saigon Notre Dame Cathedral, a striking symbol of classical French colonial architecture from the late 19th century. Although currently under renovation, its exterior remains impressive. Nearby, you will visit the Old Post Office, another enduring French vestige that continues to operate while retaining its timeless beauty. The tour concludes at Ben Thanh Market, a bustling hub where you can shop for souvenirs and observe the daily life of friendly locals. After the tour, return to your hotel to enjoy free time for the rest of the day, with an overnight stay in Ho Chi Minh City.

Activities: Visit the Independence Palace.
Stop at Saigon Notre Dame Cathedral (exterior view due to renovation).
Explore the Old Post Office.
Shop and observe local life at Ben Thanh Market.
Return to hotel for free afternoon.

Day 15 Mekong Delta Exploration & Can Tho Overnight

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Can Tho

Today, embark on a tour that takes you away from the urban environment of Ho Chi Minh City into the incredibly fertile Mekong Delta, a region responsible for half of Vietnam's total agricultural output. The adventure begins with boarding a small bamboo boat, expertly rowed by locals. As you glide along the narrow canals, you'll breathe in the fresh air and experience the tranquility of the lush, typical surroundings unique to this delta, largely untouched by mass tourism.
Admire the verdant orchards, expansive paddy fields, and intricate swamplands of the Mekong Delta. You'll also have the opportunity to observe fish farms and exotic fruit farms, gaining insight into the region's agricultural practices. After concluding your Mekong Delta tour, you will be transported to your next accommodation in Can Tho, the largest city in the Mekong Delta. Settle into your hotel for the evening, ready for further exploration of this vibrant region tomorrow.

Activities: Travel from Ho Chi Minh City to the Mekong Delta.
Board a local bamboo boat for a canal tour.
Observe orchards, paddy fields, and swamplands.
Visit fish farms and exotic fruit farms.
Transfer to Can Tho for overnight stay.

Day 16 Cai Rang Floating Market & Return to Ho Chi Minh City

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

Start your day by transferring from your hotel to the pier, where you will board a wooden boat to visit the famous Cai Rang floating market. As you navigate along the river, observe the lively trade conducted from boat to boat, offering a unique glimpse into the daily life of the Mekong Delta residents. This bustling market is a vibrant spectacle of local commerce and culture.
During your trip, you will make a stop at a small noodle workshop, where you can witness the traditional process of making local noodles. You'll also have the chance to sample some fresh tropical fruits while cruising back. After this immersive visit,

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you will begin your journey back to Ho Chi Minh City. A lunch stop will be arranged along the way to ensure you are refreshed before the tour concludes back in the city. The afternoon is then free for you to explore Ho Chi Minh City at your own pace, perhaps revisiting a favorite spot or discovering something new. You will spend another night in Ho Chi Minh City.

Activities: Transfer to pier and board a boat to Cai Rang floating market.
Observe local trading from boat to boat.
Visit a noodle workshop.
Sample fresh tropical fruits.
Transfer back to Ho Chi Minh City with a lunch stop.
Free afternoon for city exploration.

Day 17 Ho Chi Minh City Free Day for Leisure

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh

Today offers a full free day to explore Ho Chi Minh City, the bustling and dynamic economic center of Southern Vietnam, entirely at your leisure. This vibrant metropolis, often still referred to as Saigon, presents a wealth of opportunities for independent discovery, from its historic landmarks to its modern attractions and culinary delights. You might choose to revisit sites that caught your eye earlier, delve deeper into specific neighborhoods, or simply enjoy the city's energetic atmosphere. For those seeking further guided experiences, optional tours are available upon request. These could include an evening dinner cruise on the Saigon River, offering unique city views by night, or a full-day excursion to the Cu Chi Tunnels combined with a cooking class for a blend of history and gastronomy. Another option is a full-day tour to the Long Tan - Nui Dat Battle Field, providing a historical perspective. Feel free to contact us if you wish to arrange any of these additional explorations. Your overnight stay will be in Ho Chi Minh City.

Activities: Enjoy a full free day to explore Ho Chi Minh City independently.
Optional: Dinner Cruise on Saigon River.
Optional: Cu Chi Tunnels & Cooking Class Full Day.
Optional: Long Tan - Nui Dat Battle Field Full Day Tour.

Day 18 Departure from Ho Chi Minh City

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: NA

After enjoying your final breakfast at the hotel, you will have free time until your scheduled transfer to the airport. This marks the conclusion of your extensive 18-day journey through Vietnam. A comfortable transfer will ensure you reach the airport in good time for your flight back home, completing your memorable adventure. We hope you had a wonderful time exploring the diverse landscapes and rich culture of Vietnam and look forward to welcoming you on another journey in the future.

Activities: Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
Free time until airport transfer.
Transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

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- v All in-tour stationed local English-speaking guides.
- v Flight ticket Da Nang - Ho Chi Minh City.
- v Overnight train Hanoi - Dong Hoi (sharing cabin with 4 berths and air-conditioning).
- v Entrance fees as per itinerary.
- v Meals as indicated in the program.

NOT INCLUDED

- x International airfare.
- x Early check-in and late check-out fees.
- x Peak season surcharges and compulsory gala dinners (if applicable).
- x Visa (passport valid for at least 6 months with a minimum of 3 blank visa pages).
- x Personal expenses (tips, laundry, gratuities, etc.).
- x Meals and drinks not mentioned in the itinerary.

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AVAILABLE DEPARTURES

Departure Date	Return Date	Price / Person	Availability	Languages
01 Jan 2026	20 Dec 2026	**USD 1,499**	Available	–
01 Jan 2026	20 Dec 2026	**USD 1,999**	Available	–
01 Jan 2026	20 Dec 2026	**USD 1,799**	Available	–
01 Jan 2026	20 Dec 2026	**USD 2,299**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 1,544**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 2,059**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 1,853**	Available	–

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CANCELLATION POLICY

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