Vietnam's North to South Highlights & Phu Quoc Retreat – 14 Days

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Journey through Vietnam's diverse landscapes and rich history, from the ancient streets of Hanoi and the serene waters of Ha Long Bay to the charming town of Hoi An, the bustling Ho Chi Minh City, the vibrant Mekong Delta, and the tranquil beaches of Phu Quoc. This 14-day adventure offers a comprehensive exploration of the country's cultural treasures and natural beauty.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

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

TOUR OVERVIEW

Overview of Your Vietnam Adventure

This extensive 14-day tour takes you on a captivating journey across Vietnam, showcasing its most iconic destinations. Begin your exploration in the historic capital of Hanoi, known for its tree-lined boulevards and colonial architecture. From there, sail through the breathtaking limestone karsts of Ha Long Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Continue south to the charming ancient town of Hoi An, a former trading port with a rich multicultural past. The adventure then shifts to the dynamic Ho Chi Minh City, followed by an immersive experience in the lush waterways of the Mekong Delta. Conclude your trip with several days of relaxation on the pristine beaches of Phu Quoc Island, offering a perfect blend of cultural discovery and serene leisure.

Cultural & Natural Wonders

Your itinerary is carefully crafted to highlight Vietnam's distinct character. In Hanoi, explore significant historical landmarks like the Temple of Literature and enjoy a traditional cyclo ride through the Old Quarter, culminating in a unique water puppet show. The Ha Long Bay segment features an overnight cruise, allowing you to kayak through hidden lagoons and participate in a cooking class onboard. Hoi An offers a delightful walking tour through its well-preserved ancient town, where you can admire the Japanese Covered Bridge and browse local markets. The option to tailor custom clothing or join a Vietnamese cooking class provides a deeper cultural connection.

Southern Adventures & Island Relaxation

The southern portion of your journey begins in Ho Chi Minh City, where you'll visit key historical sites such as the Reunification Palace and Notre Dame Cathedral. A highlight is the trip to the Mekong Delta, where you'll cruise through canals, visit an orchard for tropical fruits, and experience the lively Cai Rang floating market. The final days are dedicated to the idyllic Phu Quoc Island. Here, you have ample free time to unwind on the beach, or for those seeking more activity, options include jeep excursions into the island's interior or snorkeling and scuba diving trips in its clear waters. This tour offers a balanced mix of guided exploration and personal leisure.

Travel Style & Practical Information

This tour is designed for active travelers, families, and those seeking a private experience, blending historical insights with natural beauty and relaxation. Accommodation ranges from 3-star to 5-star hotels and luxury cruises, ensuring comfort throughout your journey. All internal transfers, including flights and private vehicles, are arranged for your convenience. Experienced English-speaking local guides accompany you on tours, providing valuable insights into Vietnamese culture and history. Meals are included as specified, allowing you to savor local cuisine. This comprehensive package ensures a seamless and enriching travel experience across Vietnam's highlights.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

* Explore Hanoi's historic Old Quarter with a traditional cyclo tour and water puppet show.
* Overnight cruise on Ha Long Bay, featuring kayaking in Lan Ha Bay and a sunset party.
* Participate in an onboard cooking demonstration to learn Vietnamese spring roll techniques.
* Discover Hoi An Ancient Town's Japanese Covered Bridge and vibrant market on a guided walk.
* Enjoy leisure time in Hoi An, with options for beach relaxation or a local cooking class.
* Tour Ho Chi Minh City's iconic landmarks, including the Reunification Palace and Notre Dame Cathedral.
* Cruise the Mekong Delta's canals, visiting orchards and the unique Cai Rang floating market.
* Relax for multiple days on the pristine beaches of Phu Quoc Island, with optional excursions.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Hanoi Arrival & Leisure Time

Stay: Hanoi Hotel | Transport: Private airport transfer

Upon your arrival at Noi Bai International Airport, a private transfer will be waiting to take you directly to your hotel in Hanoi. After checking in and settling into your accommodation, the remainder of the day is yours to spend at your leisure. You might choose to relax after your journey, or begin a gentle exploration of the surrounding area near your hotel.
Hanoi, Vietnam's captivating capital, offers a unique blend of ancient traditions and French colonial influences. Take this opportunity to acclimate to the local time and immerse yourself in the city's atmosphere at your own pace. Consider a stroll to observe the daily life, sample some local street food, or simply unwind before your comprehensive tour begins.

Activities: Arrive at Noi Bai International Airport
Transfer to hotel
Check into accommodation
Enjoy free time at leisure

Day 2 — Hanoi Cultural Exploration & Old Quarter Charm

Meals: B, L | Stay: Hanoi Hotel | Transport: Private car, cyclo

Today offers a full-day guided exploration of Hanoi's most significant cultural and historical sites. Begin your morning with a visit to the Museum of Ethnology, providing insights into Vietnam's diverse ethnic groups. Afterwards, discover the serene beauty of Hoan Kiem Lake and the Ngoc Son Temple, situated on a small island in its center, a perfect spot for tranquil contemplation. Continue your journey through history at the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first national university. Later, experience the peaceful ambiance of West Lake, including a drive along Thanh Nien street, and visit the ancient Tran Quoc Pagoda, one of Hanoi's oldest Buddhist temples. In the afternoon, enjoy a unique hour-long cyclo tour, navigating the narrow, bustling streets of the Old Quarter, absorbing the sights and sounds of this historic district from a traditional perspective.

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The day concludes with an evening performance of the renowned Water Puppet show, an ancient art form originating in the Red River Delta. This captivating show, performed in a pool of water, brings Vietnamese folklore and daily life to life through intricate puppets and traditional music, offering a delightful cultural experience.

Activities: Visit The Ethnology Museum
Explore Hoan Kiem Lake and Ngoc Son Temple
Tour the Temple of Literature
See West Lake and Tran Quoc Pagoda
Take a 1-hour cyclo tour around the Old Quarter
Attend a Water Puppet show

Day 3 Ha Long Bay Cruise & Lan Ha Bay Discovery

Meals: B, L, D | Stay: Indochine Grand Cruise | Transport: Private car, speedboat, cruise

Your day begins with a morning pick-up from your Hanoi hotel, embarking on a scenic 2.5-hour road journey via the 5B highway in a private car. You will arrive at Tuan Chau marina, where a speedboat will transfer you to your luxurious cruise vessel, the Indochine Grand Cruise (or similar). Upon boarding, you'll be greeted with a welcome drink and receive a safety briefing from the captain and crew as the ship sets sail.

A delicious lunch will be served in the elegant dining room, offering both indoor and outdoor seating options, as you begin to cruise through the stunning seascape. After lunch, check into your private cabin and take some time to refresh. The journey continues past picturesque islets like Con Vit and Thumb, heading towards Gia Luan harbor in the Cat Ba area. You will then discover a natural lagoon area within Lan Ha Bay, where the cruise will drop anchor. Here, you have the choice to go kayaking, swim in the clear waters, or simply relax and sunbathe on the deck, enjoying the pristine environment.

As early evening approaches, gather on the sundeck to witness a spectacular sunset, accompanied by a complimentary cocktail demonstration and a sunset party. This is an ideal time to socialize with fellow travelers or simply unwind. Later, participate in a short cooking demonstration where the chef will guide you in preparing traditional Vietnamese spring rolls, offering insight into local culinary culture. The day culminates with a BBQ dinner featuring fresh ingredients, served outdoors by the swimming pool. After dinner, enjoy a selection of cocktails at the panoramic bar, explore the wine and cigar cellar, or engage in onboard activities such as board games, movies, or squid fishing, with massage services also available for relaxation.

Activities: Transfer from Hanoi to Tuan Chau marina
Board Indochine Grand Cruise (or similar)
Enjoy welcome drink and safety briefing
Have lunch while cruising
Check into cabin
Cruise past Con Vit islet, Thumb islet, Gia Luan harbor
Discover Lan Ha Bay lagoon area
Kayak, swim, or sunbathe
Attend sunset party with cocktail demonstration
Join a cooking demonstration
Enjoy BBQ dinner
Participate in evening onboard activities

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Day 4 Ha Long Bay Tai Chi & Cave Exploration

Meals: B, L | Stay: Hanoi Hotel | Transport: Cruise, kayak/local boat, limousine/MPV

Start your day early with an invigorating Tai Chi session on the sundeck, a perfect way to focus the mind and condition the body amidst the serene bay. Following the Tai Chi, a light local breakfast will be served, providing energy for the day's activities. At approximately 8:00 AM, you'll sail through the stunning landscapes of Ha Long Bay, admiring the dramatic limestone islets as the cruise heads towards the famous Dark & Bright Cave (Hang Sang & Toi).

Upon arrival at the cave, you'll have the option to explore it either by kayaking yourself through its hidden passages or by comfortably sitting in a local boat, expertly rowed by local residents. This provides a unique perspective of the cave's natural beauty and geological formations. After this exploration, you will return to the cruise ship.

By 9:30 AM, it will be time to check out from your cabin. A delicious Vietnamese cuisine lunch will be served around 10:00 AM. At midday, you will disembark from the cruise at Tuan Chau Marina, where the crew will bid you farewell. A transfer by an ultra-luxurious limousine or MPV Kia Sedona will then take you back to your hotel in Hanoi, arriving approximately by 3:00 PM, concluding your memorable Ha Long Bay experience.

Activities:
Participate in a Tai Chi session on the sundeck
Enjoy a light breakfast
Sail to Dark & Bright Cave (Hang Sang & Toi)
Explore the cave by kayak or local rowed boat
Check out from your cabin
Have Vietnamese lunch onboard
Disembark at Tuan Chau Marina
Transfer back to Hanoi by limousine or MPV

Day 5 Flight to Da Nang & Hoi An Ancient Town Walk

Meals: B | Stay: Hoi An Hotel | Transport: Flight, private car

In the morning, you will be transferred to the airport for a domestic flight to Da Nang. Upon arrival at Da Nang airport, you will be met by your guide and transferred a short distance to the enchanting town of Hoi An. Originally a significant Cham seaport, Hoi An has been shaped over centuries by diverse trading cultures, leaving behind a rich architectural and historical legacy.

The afternoon is dedicated to an enchanting walking tour of Hoi An's tranquil and delightful Ancient Town. You will explore its many highlights, including the iconic Japanese Covered Bridge, a symbol of Hoi An. Visit the Pottery Museum to learn about local craftsmanship, and step inside the 200-year-old Tamky House, offering a glimpse into traditional Vietnamese merchant life. The tour also includes the Chua Ong Pagoda and a visit to the vibrant local market, where you can observe daily life and local produce.

Stroll past numerous low-tiled houses and assembly halls scattered along the small streets, each reflecting the town's multicultural past and unique charm. The evening is free to enjoy Hoi An's atmospheric streets, perhaps dining at one of its many renowned restaurants or simply soaking in the ambiance of this UNESCO World Heritage site.

Activities: Take a morning flight from Hanoi to Da Nang

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Transfer from Da Nang to Hoi An
Embark on a walking tour of Hoi An Ancient Town
Visit the Japanese Covered Bridge
Explore the Pottery Museum
Discover the 200-year-old Tamky House
See the Chua Ong Pagoda
Browse the vibrant local market

Day 6 Hoi An Free Day: Beach, Tailoring or Cooking Class

Meals: B | Stay: Hoi An Hotel

Today is a full day at your leisure in Hoi An, offering a variety of options to suit your preferences. You might choose to spend your time relaxing on the nearby beaches, enjoying the sun and the serene coastal atmosphere. Hoi An is also renowned for its expert and inexpensive tailors, so this could be an excellent opportunity to have custom-made clothing designed and fitted, a popular activity for visitors.

For those with a culinary interest, you have the option to participate in a fabulous cooking class. This experience typically begins with an exploration of a local produce market alongside an expert chef, where you'll learn about fresh ingredients and traditional Vietnamese cooking. Afterwards, you'll be guided through the secrets of Vietnamese cuisine, preparing and tasting several dishes. Whether you prefer relaxation, shopping, or a hands-on cultural experience, Hoi An offers diverse ways to enjoy your free day.

Activities: Enjoy a free day in Hoi An
Relax on the beach
Visit local tailors for custom clothing
Optionally, take a Vietnamese cooking class (with market visit)

Day 7 Flight to Ho Chi Minh City & Urban Highlights Tour

Meals: B | Stay: Ho Chi Minh City Hotel | Transport: Flight, private car

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam's largest and most dynamic urban center. Upon arrival, you will be greeted and taken to your hotel for check-in. The afternoon is dedicated to a guided tour exploring the highlights of this bustling, cosmopolitan city, formerly known as Saigon.

Your tour will include a visit to the Reunification Palace, a historically significant landmark that served as the presidential palace for President Thieu and his predecessors. This site offers a glimpse into Vietnam's recent past. Nearby, you will also explore the impressive French colonial architecture of the Central Post Office, designed by Gustave Eiffel, and the majestic Notre Dame Cathedral, a striking red-brick edifice.

The tour provides an insightful overview of Ho Chi Minh City's blend of historical importance and modern energy. The evening is free for you to explore the city further, perhaps enjoying its vibrant culinary scene or taking a leisurely stroll through its illuminated streets.

Activities: Fly from Hoi An to Ho Chi Minh City

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Check into your hotel
Take a guided tour of Ho Chi Minh City
Visit the Reunification Palace
Explore the Central Post Office
See the Notre Dame Cathedral

Day 8 Mekong Delta Excursion: My Tho & Can Tho

Meals: B, L | Stay: Can Tho Hotel | Transport: Private car, private boat

Today, you will depart from Ho Chi Minh City for a full-day excursion into the verdant landscapes of the Mekong Delta. Your destination is the lush region of My Tho, a gateway to the delta's intricate network of waterways. Here, you will board a private boat for a leisurely cruise through the vibrant green vegetation of the canals, immersing yourself in the tranquil rural scenery.
The boat trip will take you to a local orchard, where you will be treated to a delicious lunch at a local restaurant, situated in the heart of the Mekong. This meal is often accompanied by an array of tropical fruits, offering a true taste of the region. Following lunch, your journey continues with a visit to the Dong Tam snake farm, an intriguing facility that breeds snakes for various purposes, including traditional snake wine.
You will also have the opportunity to visit the Vinh Trang Pagoda, a unique architectural marvel that showcases a harmonious blend of Asian and European styles. After a day rich in cultural and natural discoveries, you will proceed to Can Tho city, often considered the heart of the Mekong Delta, where you will spend the night.

Activities:
Travel from Ho Chi Minh City to My Tho
Cruise on a private boat through Mekong Delta canals
Visit an orchard and enjoy a tropical fruit lunch
Tour the Dong Tam snake farm
Explore Vinh Trang Pagoda
Continue to Can Tho city

Day 9 Cai Rang Floating Market & Flight to Phu Quoc

Meals: B | Stay: Phu Quoc Hotel | Transport: Boat trip, private car, flight

Awaken to the distinctive sounds of the Mekong River, signaling the start of a new day. Your morning begins with an early boat trip to the Cai Rang floating market, one of the most vibrant and bustling markets in the Mekong Delta. Witness hundreds of small boats converging, jostling for position as they sell a diverse array of goods, offering a fascinating glimpse into the unique rural lifestyle of the Mekong.
During your visit to the market, you'll have the chance to sample various local fruits and observe the lively trade. After experiencing the market's energy, your guide will escort you back to your hotel, navigating through the myriad of smaller canals that crisscross the delta. This provides another opportunity to appreciate the intricate water-based communities.
Following your Mekong Delta experience, you will be transferred to the airport for a short flight to Phu Quoc Island, departing around noon. Upon arrival in Phu Quoc, you will be taken to your accommodation, ready to begin your relaxation on this beautiful island paradise.

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Activities: Take a morning boat trip to Cai Rang floating market
Experience the bustling market and sample local fruits
Return to hotel via canals
Transfer to airport
Take a short flight to Phu Quoc

Day 10 Phu Quoc Island Relaxation

Meals: B | Stay: Phu Quoc Resort

Today marks the first of three full days dedicated to leisure on Phu Quoc Island. You have complete freedom to design your day as you wish, whether that means unwinding at your resort, enjoying the amenities, or spending extended periods relaxing on the island's beautiful beaches. Phu Quoc is renowned for its pristine white sands and clear turquoise waters, making it an ideal destination for pure relaxation.
For those who prefer a more active approach, the island offers various optional excursions. You could consider taking a jeep excursion to explore the island's interior, discovering its lush landscapes, pepper plantations, or local fishing villages. Alternatively, the waters surrounding Phu Quoc are perfect for snorkeling and scuba diving, allowing you to discover vibrant marine life and coral reefs. Enjoy the tranquility or adventure at your own pace.

Activities: Enjoy a full day at leisure on Phu Quoc Island
Relax at your resort or on the beach
Opt for an excursion by jeep to the island interior (optional)
Go snorkeling or scuba diving (optional)

Day 11 Phu Quoc Island Relaxation

Meals: B | Stay: Phu Quoc Resort

This is your second full day to enjoy the idyllic surroundings of Phu Quoc Island at your leisure. Continue to bask in the serene atmosphere, whether you choose to spend your time by the pool at your resort, take long walks along the shoreline, or simply enjoy the peace and quiet of this tropical paradise. The island's laid-back pace is perfect for unwinding and rejuvenating.
If you're looking for more activities, consider exploring different parts of the island. You might visit a local pearl farm, discover the Dinh Cau Rock Temple, or explore the Phu Quoc National Park. The island also offers opportunities for paddleboarding, kayaking, or simply swimming in the warm ocean waters. With no set schedule, you have the flexibility to tailor your day to your personal preferences, making the most of your island escape.

Activities: Enjoy a second full day at leisure on Phu Quoc Island
Relax at your resort or on the beach
Explore other parts of the island independently
Engage in water sports or other optional activities

Day 12 Phu Quoc Island Relaxation

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Meals: B | Stay: Phu Quoc Resort

Your final full day on Phu Quoc Island is again completely free for your enjoyment. This is a perfect opportunity to revisit a favorite spot, try an activity you haven't yet experienced, or simply indulge in extended relaxation. Take advantage of the resort's facilities, enjoy a spa treatment, or spend your last moments soaking up the sun on the beach.
Many travelers use this day to purchase souvenirs from local markets, sample more of the island's fresh seafood, or simply enjoy a leisurely meal with ocean views. Whether you choose to be active with water sports or prefer a quiet day with a book by the sea, Phu Quoc offers the ideal backdrop for a perfect end to your island getaway before preparing for your journey back to the mainland.

Activities: Enjoy a third full day at leisure on Phu Quoc Island
Revisit favorite spots or try new activities
Relax at the resort or on the beach
Shop for souvenirs or enjoy local cuisine

Day 13 Phu Quoc Leisure & Return to Ho Chi Minh City

Meals: B | Stay: Ho Chi Minh City Hotel | Transport: Private car, flight

Enjoy a final morning at your leisure on Phu Quoc Island. You have time for one last swim in the ocean, a leisurely breakfast, or some final souvenir shopping before your departure. At the appropriate time, you will be transferred from your resort to Phu Quoc Airport for your flight back to Ho Chi Minh City.
Upon arrival in Ho Chi Minh City, a private transfer will take you to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free for you to spend as you wish. You might choose to relax at the hotel, or if you feel energetic, venture out to explore more of the city's vibrant districts, perhaps visiting a local market or enjoying a farewell dinner at one of its many restaurants. This evening allows for a final taste of Vietnam's southern metropolis.

Activities: Enjoy free time on Phu Quoc Island
Transfer to Phu Quoc Airport
Fly back to Ho Chi Minh City
Transfer to your hotel in Ho Chi Minh City
Enjoy free time in Ho Chi Minh City

Day 14 Ho Chi Minh City Departure

Meals: B | Transport: Private airport transfer

Your final day in Vietnam offers some free time to relax or undertake any last-minute exploration of Ho Chi Minh City. Depending on your flight schedule, you might choose to visit a museum you missed, enjoy a final Vietnamese coffee, or simply do some last-minute souvenir shopping. Take this opportunity to reflect on the incredible journey you've experienced across Vietnam's diverse landscapes and rich cultural heritage.
At the pre-arranged time, a private transfer will collect you from your hotel and take you to Tan Son Nhat International Airport (SGN) for your onward departure. This marks the conclusion of your comprehensive 14-day tour, filled with memorable experiences from the north to the south of Vietnam.

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Activities: Enjoy free time in Ho Chi Minh City
Transfer to Tan Son Nhat Airport for departure

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- v Accommodation in a shared Double room with daily breakfast.
- v Experienced English-speaking local tour guides.
- v Private boat trips as specified in the itinerary.
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- v Service charges and government tax.
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- v 24/7 hotline support guaranteed.

NOT INCLUDED

- x International flights and departure taxes.
- x Internal flight tickets (quoted separately).
- x Personal expenses, tips, and gratuities.
- x Travel insurance.
- x Beverages.
- x Peak season or public holidays surcharge.
- x Compulsory Gala dinner on Christmas or New Year.
- x Vietnam visa stamp fee (US$ 25 & 01 passport photo per person).
- x Other services not explicitly mentioned above.

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