Vietnam South to North Motorbike & Cultural Immersion – 16 Days

16D / 15N	Moderate	Private	USD 2,419 / pax
Duration	Difficulty	Tour Type	Starting From

Explore Vietnam from south to north on a private 16-day journey, experiencing vibrant cities, tranquil deltas, coastal beauty, ancient towns, imperial history, and the natural wonder of Halong Bay.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

Ho Chi Minh City → Nha Trang → Hoi An → Hue → Hanoi → Ha Long

TOUR OVERVIEW

Overview of Your Vietnam Adventure

Embark on an extensive 16-day private tour traversing the captivating landscapes and rich cultural heritage of Vietnam, journeying from the bustling Ho Chi Minh City in the south all the way to the majestic Halong Bay in the north. This meticulously crafted itinerary offers a blend of adventurous motorbike rides, serene boat trips, historical explorations, and authentic local encounters, providing a comprehensive insight into the country's diverse charm.

Journey Highlights

Navigate the intricate waterways and lush fruit orchards of the Mekong Delta.

Experience the thrill of white-water rafting and scenic biking excursions in Nha Trang.

Wander through the ancient streets and vibrant markets of UNESCO-listed Hoi An.

Explore the imperial grandeur of Hue, including its citadel and royal tombs.

Discover Hanoi's historical sites and local life on an exciting scooter tour.

Enjoy an overnight cruise amidst the stunning limestone karsts of Halong Bay.

Route Summary

Your journey commences in Ho Chi Minh City, delving into the Mekong Delta's unique riverine culture before flying north to the coastal city of Nha Trang for adventure and relaxation. The tour then continues to the charming ancient town of Hoi An, followed by a historical exploration of Hue. The final leg of the trip takes you to Vietnam's capital, Hanoi, culminating in a breathtaking overnight cruise through the iconic Halong Bay, before your departure from Hanoi.

Who This Tour Suits

This private 16-day tour is ideal for couples seeking an in-depth exploration of Vietnam with a focus on soft adventure and authentic local experiences. Travelers who appreciate off-the-beaten-path destinations and cultural immersion will find this itinerary particularly rewarding, offering flexibility and personalized attention.

Practical Information

This private tour allows for a tailored experience, with departures arranged upon customer request. Accommodation includes a mix of comfortable hotels, an eco-lodge stay in the Mekong Delta, and an unforgettable night aboard a cruise in Halong Bay. A variety of transportation methods, including domestic flights, private cars, motorcycles, bicycles, and boats, ensures a dynamic and engaging travel experience throughout the journey.

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* Participate in traditional cooking and craft workshops with local island communities.
* Experience an exhilarating white-water rafting adventure through scenic Nha Trang landscapes.
* Cycle through tranquil countryside and visit ancient temples near Nha Trang.
* Explore the UNESCO World Heritage site of My Son Sanctuary, an ancient Champa kingdom ruin.
* Wander the lantern-lit streets of Hoi An Ancient Town and visit Cam Thanh Coconut Village.
* Traverse the legendary Hai Van Pass by motorbike, enjoying panoramic coastal views.
* Discover the historical grandeur of Hue Imperial City and royal tombs via electric motorbike.
* Experience Hanoi's bustling Old Quarter and historical sites on a guided scooter tour.
* Enjoy an overnight luxury cruise amidst the stunning limestone formations of Halong Bay.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Ho Chi Minh City Arrival and Leisure

Meals: NA | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City | Transport: Private car

Upon your arrival at Ho Chi Minh City airport, a dedicated driver and guide will be waiting to transfer you by private car to your hotel in the city center. After completing the check-in process, which is typically available from 2:00 PM, the remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at your own pace. This vibrant metropolis offers countless opportunities for independent exploration, from its bustling markets to its historical landmarks.
Take this time to acclimatize, perhaps strolling through the lively streets, sampling local street food, or simply relaxing at your accommodation. It is recommended to have an early night to prepare for the exciting adventures awaiting you in the coming days.

Day 2 — Mekong Delta River Life and Island Exploration

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: Mekong Eco-lodge | Transport: Mekong Ecolodge boat, Dinghy, Private car

Your day begins at 8:00 AM with a pick-up from your hotel lobby, followed by a transfer to Cai Be tourist pier. Here, you'll board the Mekong Ecolodge boat, commencing an engaging exploration of the Mekong Delta. The journey includes a visit to the Cai Be Floating Market, where you can observe local vendors trading goods directly from their boats and sample fresh tropical fruits. Next, discover a traditional craft village, witnessing the making of coconut candy and visiting a local bee farm, where you can enjoy a refreshing cup of honey tea.
The adventure continues to Tan Phong Island, a verdant paradise known for its seasonal tropical fruit gardens. Here, you'll be treated to a performance of "Don Ca Tai Tu," the Mekong's unique folk music, accompanied by tea and fresh fruit at a local residence. Following this cultural interlude, experience a serene dinghy ride through a small canal, leading you to the Mekong Ecolodge. After checking in and enjoying a traditional lunch with fresh fruits, you'll have free time to wander through the lodge's

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colorful gardens, picking and tasting various fruits.
Later in the afternoon, around 4:00 PM, engage in a hands-on local activity: ditch fishing to catch fresh fish for dinner. Afterward, head to the garden to gather fresh vegetables, benefiting from the Mekong Delta's fertile soil. Return to the ecolodge to join the chef in preparing your meal with the ingredients you've collected, culminating in a delightful dinner and an overnight stay amidst the tranquil delta environment.

Day 3 Tan Phong Island Cycling and Ho Chi Minh City Return

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh | Transport: Bicycle, Ferry, Private car

Wake up to the refreshing countryside air and enjoy breakfast at the ecolodge. At 8:00 AM, meet your guide and receive a bicycle to begin a cycling tour around Tan Phong Island, offering an intimate glimpse into local life. Your ride will take you to various local homes, where you'll observe traditional crafts such as the intricate process of making rice paper rolls, the ancient technique of knitting hammocks from banana rope, and the artistic creation of products from water hyacinths. You'll even have the chance to try making your own product under local guidance. The tour concludes with a visit to a workshop demonstrating the making of nail files from bamboo sticks.
After the cycling tour, return to your accommodation to participate in a workshop focused on making jackfruit leaf cake, a regional specialty of Tan Phong Island. You'll learn the traditional methods and then enjoy tasting your freshly made creations. At 2:00 PM, check out from the ecolodge and take a ferry back to the mainland harbor, followed by a transfer to Ho Chi Minh City. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant upon your return.
The rest of your afternoon in Ho Chi Minh City is free for leisure. You might choose to relax at your hotel or further explore the city independently. Should you desire suggestions for optional activities, your travel consultant can provide recommendations for enriching experiences such as a Saigon nightlife tour by motorbike or a sunset cruise on the Saigon River.

Day 4 Ho Chi Minh City Motorbike Tour and Flight to Nha Trang

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Nha Trang | Transport: Motorbike, Private car, Airplane

This morning, a friendly local rider will collect you from your hotel in Ho Chi Minh City to commence an exciting motorbike tour of the city's most renowned sites. You'll navigate through backstreets and local markets, gaining insights into Vietnam's history through engaging stories, including the significant event of a monk's self-immolation in 1963. The tour includes a visit to Thien Hau Pagoda, a Chinese-style temple built in 1760, located in the historic Cho Lon area, the city's earliest Chinese center.
Next, you'll visit the Independence Palace, a symbol of Vietnam's victory and territorial integrity, admired for its striking design and lavish interiors. The journey continues to the Saigon Central Post Office, an architectural marvel known for its blend of European Gothic and Oriental influences, which once served as a crucial communication hub. Throughout the morning, you'll enjoy the city's atmosphere and have lunch at a local restaurant.
In the afternoon, a private car will transfer you from your hotel to Tan Son Nhat Airport for your flight to Nha Trang. Upon arrival in Nha Trang, you'll have the remainder of the day free to relax and settle into your new coastal surroundings.

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Day 5 Thrilling Rafting Adventure in Nha Trang

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Nha Trang | Transport: Van, Raft

At 9:00 AM, a dedicated team will pick you up from your Nha Trang hotel, transporting you to the starting point of an exhilarating 40-kilometer rafting experience in Khanh Vinh District. Around 10:30 AM, you'll begin your descent downstream, enveloped by the stunning natural beauty of majestic mountains, verdant greenery, and the melodic sounds of local birds. Along the rafting route, a stop at a local orchard offers a chance to soak in the tranquil ambiance and capture serene photographs.

The adventure continues into the afternoon, around 2:00 PM, as you navigate the river towards the endpoint. This thrilling journey provides a unique perspective of Nha Trang's untouched landscapes. Following a full day of excitement on the water, you will be transferred back to your hotel in Nha Trang, arriving approximately at 6:00 PM, ready to relax after your aquatic escapade.

Day 6 Nha Trang Countryside Biking Exploration

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Nha Trang | Transport: Van, Bicycle

After breakfast, at 8:30 AM, you'll be picked up from your hotel and driven to Am Chua Temple. This ancient site holds significant historical and cultural value, hosting traditional rituals that preserve local spiritual heritage. From here, you'll begin a scenic bicycle ride through the expansive Dien Dien rice fields, feeling the gentle breeze and enjoying the picturesque rural scenery as you cycle alongside the tranquil Cai River.

A break at the Vinh Ngoc Ancient House provides an opportunity to enjoy a delicious BBQ lunch, complete with fresh fruit and tea, in a charming setting. In the afternoon, starting around 1:30 PM, you'll continue cycling along the Cai River, admiring the beautiful surroundings. The route includes a visit to the charming Wooden Bridge and passes through vibrant trade villages renowned for their exquisite clay stoves and traditional mat-making craftsmanship.

Around 3:00 PM, a van will transfer you back to your hotel in Nha Trang, concluding a day of immersive countryside exploration and cultural discovery.

Day 7 Nha Trang Free Day at Leisure

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Nha Trang | Transport: NA

Today is designated as a free day for you to independently explore the coastal city of Nha Trang. You have the flexibility to design your day according to your preferences, whether seeking relaxation or further adventure.

Consider spending your time unwinding on Nha Trang's pristine beaches, renowned for their clear waters and soft sands. Alternatively, you might venture into the city center to discover local markets, enjoy fresh seafood at a beachfront restaurant, or simply soak in the vibrant atmosphere. For those seeking additional activities, optional tours such as a full-day Emperor Cruise experience or a fishing tour at Hon Mun Island are available for booking.

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Day 8 Nha Trang Departure and Hoi An Arrival

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Hoi An | Transport: Private vehicle, Airplane

Following breakfast at your hotel, you will complete the check-out process. Your tour guide will then arrange a private vehicle transfer to Nha Trang airport for your flight to Da Nang. This domestic flight connects you to the central region of Vietnam. Upon your arrival at Da Nang International Airport, a friendly driver will be waiting to greet you. You will then be transferred directly by private car to your hotel in the charming ancient town of Hoi An. The afternoon is free for you to settle in and begin to absorb the unique atmosphere of this UNESCO World Heritage site. Optional tours, such as a motorbike street food tour or the Hoi An Memories Show, can be arranged if you wish to explore further.

Day 9 My Son Sanctuary Exploration and Thu Bon River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Hoi An | Transport: Private vehicle, Boat

This morning, you will depart from Hoi An for a half-day excursion to the historical My Son Sanctuary, an ancient complex of Hindu temples nestled in a lush valley. Upon arrival, take time to explore the ruins on foot, where your guide will share fascinating insights into the Champa civilization and its architectural marvels. The visit is enhanced by a traditional performance, adding a cultural dimension to your historical exploration.

Your journey continues with a stop at a local home, offering a unique opportunity to learn the traditional methods of making rice paper and to sample your freshly prepared creation. Following this, enjoy a home-style meal in a peaceful setting, savoring local flavors accompanied by refreshing herbal tea. For those opting for the sunset tour, this culinary experience is replaced with a light local snack like banh mi and fresh coconut.

The day concludes with a relaxing boat trip along the tranquil Thu Bon River, providing picturesque views as you return to Hoi An. You will then be dropped off at your hotel.

Day 10 Hoi An Free Day for Exploration

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Hoi An | Transport: NA

Today is dedicated to independent exploration of Hoi An, a UNESCO World Heritage-listed town renowned for its preserved ancient architecture and vibrant cultural scene. You have the freedom to wander through its charming streets, discovering hidden gems at your own pace.

A visit to the Central Market is highly recommended, where you can browse an array of local goods, from paintings and woodwork to ceramics and colorful lanterns. The town's unique blend of Vietnamese, Chinese, and Japanese influences is evident in its architecture and atmosphere. For those interested in more structured activities, a range of optional tours are available. These include a half-day walking city tour, a bike tour to Tra Que Village with a cooking class, a visit to Cam Thanh Coconut Village for lantern making, or a full-day authentic Hoi An cooking class combined with biking.

Day 11 Hoi An to Hue Motorbike Adventure via Hai Van Pass

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Meals: Breakfast | Stay: Hotel in Hue | Transport: Motorbike

After breakfast, prepare for an exhilarating motorbike journey commencing at 8:00 AM, as you travel from Hoi An to Hue. This adventure promises an incredible ride along winding country lanes, immersing you in Vietnam's breathtaking natural scenery. A highlight of the day is conquering the legendary Hai Van Pass, recognized as one of the world's most stunning coastal routes, offering awe-inspiring views of majestic mountains shrouded in mist.

Along the way, take a detour to Lang Co, where you can admire its beautiful scenery and visit a local fishing village to observe the daily lives of fishermen and their methods of catching and feeding fish. The journey also includes a visit to the intriguing City of Ghosts, a unique cemetery known for its elaborate and colorful tombs, where local beliefs suggest departed souls enjoy a luxurious afterlife. After approximately two hours of exciting biking, you will arrive in Hue.

Upon checking into your hotel in Hue, the remainder of the day is yours to relax and unwind, recovering from the memorable motorbike trip.

Day 12 Hue Imperial City and Cultural Discoveries by Electric Motorbike

Your day of cultural immersion begins at 8:00 AM, as your friendly tour guide picks you up from a designated meeting point in Hue city center. You'll embark on an eco-friendly electric motorbike to explore the rich heritage of Vietnam's ancient capital. The first stop is the magnificent Hue Imperial City, the former seat of the Nguyen Dynasty. Here, you'll stroll through historical landmarks such as Ngo Mon Gate, Thai Hoa Palace, The Mieu Temple, Hien Lam Cac, and Cuu Dinh, all surrounded by lush gardens and ceremonial spaces that reflect royal grandeur.

Next, visit the heartwarming Flower House, a unique establishment run by individuals who are deaf or living with brittle bone disease. Here, you'll learn basic sign language, hear inspiring life stories, and have the opportunity to craft beautiful paper flowers alongside these talented artisans. Around 11:00 AM, continue to the colorful Thuy Xuan Incense Village, a traditional craft village famous for its centuries-old incense-making techniques. Discover the artistry behind the vibrant incense sticks and capture picturesque photos.

Around noon, enjoy a delicious local lunch at a nearby restaurant, sampling authentic Hue cuisine. The tour resumes at 1:30 PM with a visit to the exquisite Khai Dinh Tomb, one of Hue's most iconic royal mausoleums, blending Vietnamese traditions with French architectural elements. Afterward, head to Thien An Hill, known as the

Activities: Explore Hue Imperial City; Visit Flower House; Learn basic sign language; Craft paper flowers; Discover Thuy Xuan Incense Village; Enjoy local lunch; Visit Khai Dinh Tomb; Relax at Thien An Hill; Experience royal foot bath therapy

Day 13 Hue to Hanoi Flight and Hanoi Scooter City Tour

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi | Transport: Private car, Airplane, Scooter

After breakfast at your hotel in Hue, a private driver will transfer you to the airport for your flight to Hanoi. Upon arrival in the capital, you will be taken directly to your hotel. The morning is free for you to relax, settle in, and prepare for an exciting afternoon of city exploration.

At 1:00 PM, your tour guide will pick you up from your hotel to begin an engaging scooter tour of Hanoi. This unique perspective allows you to discover the city's charm and famous landmarks while your guide shares fascinating stories and

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insights. You'll ride along the historic 150-year-old train tracks and make a stop at a local corner store to enjoy a refreshing beer. The tour continues to West Lake, Hanoi's largest natural lake, where you can observe daily local life around its shores. A special highlight includes visiting a local family at Huu Tiep Lake, offering a chance to converse with a war veteran about his remarkable experiences. The day culminates with a delightful dinner shared with a local family, providing an authentic cultural exchange. After dinner, your driver will safely return you to your hotel in Hanoi.

Day 14 Halong Bay Overnight Cruise Discovery

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: Overnight on Cruise | Transport: Shuttle bus, Cruise

Between 8:00 AM and 8:30 AM, after breakfast, your guide will transfer you to Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its breathtaking islands and islets. The transfer is a comfortable journey lasting approximately 2.5 hours. Upon arrival, the boat crew will extend a warm welcome and assist you with the check-in process. The cruise typically begins boarding around 12:00 PM, where you'll be served a delicious local lunch featuring fresh seafood onboard, as you sail past thousands of towering limestone formations rising from the emerald waters.

In the afternoon, the cruise itinerary will include various activities designed to explore this stunning bay, such as visiting a magnificent cave, kayaking through serene waters, or swimming in the sea. As evening approaches, a delectable dinner will be served at the luxury restaurant on the cruise, usually between 7:00 PM and 7:30 PM. The night offers a range of onboard activities, including squid fishing, enjoying the night bar, watching movies, or playing board games, ensuring a memorable overnight stay amidst the bay's splendor. Please note that your tour guide will not accompany you on the cruise; English-speaking crew members will be available to assist you, and the exact schedule may vary depending on the cruise operator.

Day 15 Halong Bay Sunrise, Cave Exploration and Hanoi Return

Meals: Breakfast, Brunch | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi | Transport: Cruise, Shuttle bus

Begin your morning with a rejuvenating Tai Chi lesson on the deck, followed by enjoying the spectacular sunrise over Halong Bay. A light breakfast will be served around 7:00 AM. The morning continues with further exploration of Halong's unique caves or an opportunity for kayaking, allowing you to discover more of the bay's natural wonders.

At 10:00 AM, you will return to the boat for check-out. An early lunch will be served as the cruise makes its way back to the main dock. Between 11:30 AM and 11:45 AM, you will arrive at the port, where the boat crew will bid you farewell. A shuttle bus will be waiting to transfer you back to your hotel in Hanoi.

You are expected to arrive in Hanoi between 3:00 PM and 3:30 PM. The remainder of the afternoon is free for you to relax or continue discovering the vibrant city. Consider taking a leisurely walk through the Hanoi Old Quarter and sampling some of Vietnam's delicious street food. Please note that some activities may occur before brunch, depending on the specific cruise itinerary.

Day 16 Hanoi Departure

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: NA | Transport: Private car

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Enjoy your final morning in Hanoi at your leisure, perhaps indulging in a last Vietnamese coffee or revisiting a favorite spot. Your room is typically available until 12:00 PM, allowing for a relaxed start to your day.

At the appropriate time, a private car will transfer you from your hotel to the airport for your departure flight, concluding your memorable 16-day journey through Vietnam. Should you require a late check-out, please contact your travel consultant to make arrangements.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- v 15 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches, 1 Brunch, 3 Dinners
- v All transfers and transport as per itinerary in air-conditioned vehicles (including airport pick-up and drop-off)
- v 3 domestic flights: Ho Chi Minh – Nha Trang, Nha Trang – Da Nang, and Hue – Hanoi
- v Motorcycle, bicycle, and cruise transportation as specified
- v 13 nights in hotels, 1 night at Mekong Eco-lodge, 1 night on an overnight cruise
- v English-speaking local guides for in-tour activities
- v All entrance fees for sites mentioned in the itinerary
- v Overnight in shared Twin/Double room with Air-condition (AC) at hotel
- v Overnight at local home-stay in a shared room, private blanket and mosquito net (if any)

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 fees (passport must be valid for at least 6 months with minimum 3 blank visa pages)
- x Personal expenses (e.g., tips, laundry, gratuities)
- x Meals and drinks not explicitly listed in the itinerary

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01 Jan 2026	20 Dec 2026	**USD 2,419**	Available	–
01 Jan 2026	20 Dec 2026	**USD 2,619**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 2,492**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 2,698**	Available	–

CANCELLATION POLICY

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