Vietnam Spiritual Wonders: Temples, Mountains & Halong Bay – 12 Days

12D / 11N	Easy	Private	USD 2,079 / pax
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Embark on a profound 12-day spiritual journey across Vietnam, exploring ancient Buddhist pagodas, tranquil mountain retreats, and the breathtaking natural beauty of Halong Bay, from the historic north to the vibrant south.

DESTINATIONS & ROUTE

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

TOUR OVERVIEW

Journey Overview

This comprehensive 12-day spiritual tour invites travelers to delve into the rich Buddhist heritage and stunning natural landscapes of Vietnam. Starting in the bustling capital of Hanoi, the itinerary guides you through revered ancient temples and serene pagodas, before venturing to the majestic limestone karsts of Ninh Binh and the sacred Yen Tu Mountain. Experience the tranquility of an overnight cruise on Halong Bay, then fly south to explore the cultural treasures of Da Nang, Hoi An, and Hue. The journey culminates in Ho Chi Minh City, where more historic temples and the iconic Nui Ba Den await, offering a deep connection with Vietnam's spiritual essence and diverse scenery.

Tour Highlights

This carefully curated journey features a blend of spiritual exploration, cultural immersion, and natural beauty, ensuring a rich and reflective experience. Discover the profound peace of ancient pagodas, witness breathtaking vistas from mountain peaks, and glide through serene waters, all while connecting with Vietnam's enduring spiritual traditions.

Route Summary

The adventure commences in Hanoi, leading to the spiritual heartlands of Ninh Binh and Yen Tu Mountain, followed by a serene Halong Bay cruise. From there, a flight transports you to Central Vietnam, encompassing Da Nang, Hoi An, and Hue, before concluding in the southern metropolis of Ho Chi Minh City, including an excursion to Nui Ba Den.

Who This Tour Suits

This itinerary is ideal for those seeking a deeper understanding of Vietnamese culture through its spiritual sites, history, and natural wonders. Travelers interested in Buddhism, mindfulness, and experiencing local traditions will find this journey particularly rewarding. It's suitable for individuals or small groups desiring a balanced pace with opportunities for both guided exploration and personal reflection.

Practical Information

The tour includes comfortable accommodations, most meals as specified, and all internal transportation. Experienced local guides will provide insights into each destination's significance. Travelers should be prepared for varying levels of activity, including walking at temple complexes and optional light treks. Internal flights are included for efficient travel between regions.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

* Explore Hanoi's ancient Buddhist landmarks, including Quan Su, Tran Quoc, One Pillar, and Thay pagodas.
* Discover Ninh Binh's Bai Dinh Complex, Southeast Asia's largest Buddhist center, and a sampan boat ride through Trang An.

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* Ascend Yen Tu Mountain via cable car to visit historic pagodas and stupas, tracing the steps of King Tran Nhan Tong.
* Enjoy an overnight cruise on the emerald waters of Halong Bay, featuring kayaking and a Tai Chi session.
* Visit significant pagodas in Da Nang and Hoi An, such as Linh Ung, Tam Thai, Phap Bao, and Chuc Thanh.
* Experience the spiritual calm of Hue's Tu Hieu and Tu Dam pagodas, alongside the iconic Thien Mu Pagoda and Imperial City.
* Explore Ho Chi Minh City's Buddhist sites, including Vinh Nghiem, Giac Lam, and Xa Loi pagodas.
* Journey to Nui Ba Den (Black Virgin Mountain) by cable car to see Linh Son Thien Thach Pagoda and a colossal Buddha statue.
* Savor authentic Vietnamese vegetarian cuisine at local restaurants throughout the journey.
* Benefit from seamless transfers and expert English-speaking local guides at each destination.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 — Hanoi Arrival & Welcome Dinner

Meals: Dinner | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

Upon your arrival at Noi Bai International Airport, a friendly representative will extend a warm greeting. From the moment you step outside, the dynamic energy of Hanoi becomes apparent, blending traditional charm with a modern vibrancy that sets the tone for your upcoming adventure. You will be comfortably transferred through the lively streets to your hotel, where you can relax and settle in after your flight.

In the evening, a special welcome dinner awaits at a local restaurant, featuring exquisite vegetarian Vietnamese cuisine. This meal beautifully showcases the country’s culinary artistry, with dishes prepared using fragrant herbs and colorful, fresh vegetables, offering a mindful introduction to the local flavors.

Activities: Airport greeting and transfer to hotel
Settle into accommodation
Enjoy a vegetarian welcome dinner

Day 2 — Hanoi's Ancient Pagodas & Zen Retreat

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

Your guide will meet you in the hotel lobby at 08:00, commencing a day dedicated to Hanoi's profound spiritual sites. The city's hustle gradually recedes as you enter spaces where incense smoke ascends and ancient bells resonate with a solemn rhythm. By 08:30, you'll arrive at Quan Su Pagoda, the central hub of the Vietnam Buddhist Sangha. Dating back to the 15th century, this pagoda has historically served as a vital center for Buddhist education and ceremonies. Its understated yet dignified architecture and the quiet reverence of resident monks create a contemplative atmosphere for your visit.

At 09:30, the journey continues to Tran Quoc Pagoda, a temple with over 1,500 years of history. Situated on a small island in

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West Lake, its red and gold structures shimmer against the water. A sacred Bodhi tree, originating from a cutting brought from India, graces the courtyard, symbolizing a living link to the Buddha's enlightenment. Here, the serene lake views and elegant stupa towers invite both quiet contemplation and photography. By 11:00, you will reach the One Pillar Pagoda, one of Vietnam's most recognizable architectural marvels. Poised on a single stone pillar above a small lotus pond, the temple resembles a lotus blossom emerging from water, symbolizing purity. Originally built in 1049 by Emperor Ly Thai Tong following a dream, it remains a cherished emblem of Hanoi's spiritual identity. Around 12:00, a vegetarian lunch will be served at a Buddhist-inspired restaurant, offering a mindful pause with light yet deeply satisfying seasonal flavors.
In the afternoon, at 13:30, you will venture beyond the city to Thay Pagoda, nestled at the base of Sai Son Mountain. This complex features ancient halls, natural caves, stone bridges, and a lotus pond. It holds a strong connection to Zen master Tu Dao Hanh, an influential 11th-century monk whose teachings significantly shaped Vietnamese Buddhism. By 16:30, you will return to Hanoi, as the evening light paints the streets with a golden glow, allowing the day's spiritual impressions to settle into memory. You will arrive back at your hotel around 17:30.

Activities: Explore Quan Su Pagoda, headquarters of the Vietnam Buddhist Sangha
Visit Tran Quoc Pagoda on West Lake, admiring its ancient stupas and Bodhi tree
Discover the unique architecture of One Pillar Pagoda
Enjoy a vegetarian lunch at a Buddhist-inspired restaurant
Travel to Thay Pagoda at the foot of Sai Son Mountain
Return to Hanoi in the late afternoon

Day 3 Ninh Binh's Grand Temples & Trang An Boat Ride

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: Hotel in Hanoi

At 08:00, your guide and driver will pick you up from the hotel for a scenic drive to Ninh Binh, often referred to as "Halong Bay on land" due to its stunning limestone karst formations. Your spiritual exploration commences at the Bai Dinh Complex, Southeast Asia's largest Buddhist center. This expansive sanctuary is celebrated for its immense scale and numerous records, including Vietnam's largest bronze Buddha statue and Asia's longest corridor of Arhat statues. As you wander through its vast courtyards and ornate halls, you will experience a sense of both awe and tranquility. An electric car ride is recommended for convenience to cover the highlights, though a trek to the mountain's summit offers panoramic views and insights into local Buddhist traditions. Following this enriching visit, you will enjoy a delicious lunch at a local restaurant, sampling authentic northern Vietnamese dishes that balance freshness and flavor.
The afternoon leads you into the captivating landscapes of Trang An, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its pristine karst towers and mysterious cave systems. A traditional sampan boat will gently carry you along jade-green waterways, winding through towering limestone cliffs and verdant valleys. As you glide into the caves, marvel at the dazzling stalactites in surreal formations, with each turn revealing nature's artistry carved over millennia. Local legends and intriguing stories about the cave names add cultural depth to the natural beauty, making the journey both mystical and memorable. After the boat adventure concludes, you will return to Hanoi, carrying with you the tranquility of the landscapes and the spiritual resonance of the day. Dinner awaits at a local restaurant, where the flavors of Vietnam will once again delight your senses before you settle back at your hotel.

Activities: Travel to Ninh Binh, the "Halong Bay on land"

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Explore the vast Bai Dinh Complex, Southeast Asia's largest Buddhist center
Enjoy an electric car ride through Bai Dinh (optional trek)
Savor lunch featuring authentic northern Vietnamese cuisine
Take a traditional sampan boat ride through Trang An Grottoes
Glide through limestone caves and emerald valleys
Return to Hanoi for dinner

Day 4 Yen Tu Mountain Pilgrimage & Zen Ceremony

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: Lang Nuong Yen Tu (mountain retreat)

The day begins early with a transfer to the sacred Yen Tu Mountain, a site where the spiritual legacy of King Tran Nhan Tong resonates through the forests and peaks. At 08:30, your first stop is Yen Tu Village, a serene hamlet nestled along the Giai Oan Stream. This recreated ancient village evokes the 13th century, when concubines of the Tran Dynasty followed Emperor Tran Nhan Tong here, remaining at the mountain's base as he ascended for spiritual practice. Today, the village embodies the essence of a traditional Northern settlement, offering boutique accommodations, authentic cuisine, and cultural experiences like craft workshops. At 08:45, your ascent begins with the Hoang Long Cable Car, a French-made system offering 360-degree views. Its cabins glide smoothly above lush forests, wildflowers, and seasonal foliage, providing a breathtaking aerial perspective of the Yen Tu range.

By 09:15, you will arrive at the Hue Quang Stupa Garden, the spiritual core of Yen Tu. Here stand memorial stupas of Zen masters from various dynasties, with the Golden Stupa of King-Monk Tran Nhan Tong at its heart. Built in 1309, this stupa enshrines a relic and statue of the great monk, with its base from the Tran era and a restored structure from the Le dynasty. Inside, a bronze statue is recognized as a National Treasure of Vietnam. From 10:15 to 10:30, you reach Hoa Yen Pagoda, situated 535 meters above sea level. Initially constructed during the Ly Dynasty, this main pagoda of the Yen Tu complex became the practice site for many Zen masters, including Tran Nhan Tong, the First Patriarch of the Truc Lam Zen School. Between 10:30 and 10:45, the journey continues to Mot Mai Pagoda, or One-Roof Pagoda, a unique sanctuary clinging to the mountainside with only half its roof. Originally a cave, it served as a meditative retreat where King Tran Nhan Tong studied and wrote scriptures. The pagoda houses sacred relics such as a marble altar and a stone incense burner carved in 1853 with Buddhist mantras. At 10:45, a second aerial tram, the Bach Long Cable Car, transports you 900 meters closer to the Dong Pagoda. Floating through clouds above Yen Tu National Forest, the ride offers an ethereal sense of approaching heaven's gate. By 11:00, you pause at An Ky Sinh, a natural formation linked to the legend of a Taoist sage who sought immortality here in the 3rd century BC. At 11:15, the pilgrimage culminates at the Bronze Statue of Tran Nhan Tong, a monumental statue inaugurated in 2013, honoring his profound role in shaping Vietnamese Buddhism.

From 12:00 to 13:30, you will descend the mountain to enjoy lunch at Com Que - Lang Nuong Yen Tu, a rustic restaurant serving regional flavors. The afternoon is then free for relaxation at your own pace. In the evening, between 16:00 and 18:00, you will participate in the Six Sense Repentance Ceremony at Truc Lam Zen Monastery. This solemn Buddhist ritual, performed in the tranquil setting of the monastery, encourages reflection, purification, and mindfulness, bringing the spiritual journey at Yen Tu to a deeply meaningful close.

Activities: Transfer to Yen Tu Mountain
Visit Yen Tu Village and Giai Oan Stream

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Ascend via Hoang Long Cable Car with panoramic views
Explore Hue Quang Stupa Garden and the Golden Stupa
Visit Hoa Yen Pagoda and Mot Mai Pagoda
Take the Bach Long Cable Car towards Dong Pagoda
See An Ky Sinh and the Bronze Statue of Tran Nhan Tong
Enjoy lunch at Com Que - Lang Nuong Yen Tu
Free afternoon for relaxation
Participate in the Six Sense Repentance Ceremony at Truc Lam Zen Monastery

Day 5 Yen Tu to Halong Bay: Overnight Cruise

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

After breakfast, at 10:00, your driver will pick you up to begin the transfer from Yen Tu to Halong Bay. This journey gracefully transitions from tranquil mountains to the sparkling coastline, preparing you for the serene beauty that awaits on the water. Around noon, you will arrive at the Halong Bay Cruise Port, where the friendly cruise staff will welcome you with a refreshing drink and assist with the check-in process. After a brief introduction to the cruise facilities and safety guidelines, you will step aboard, ready for an unforgettable voyage.

As the cruise begins to glide across the emerald waters, a delectable lunch will be served on board, featuring fresh local flavors that are enhanced by the backdrop of towering limestone karsts and scattered islets. Each passing moment reveals another secluded corner of the bay, a natural wonderland unfolding before your eyes. In the afternoon, the adventure deepens with a choice of exhilarating activities. You can swim in the jade-green waters, feeling the cool embrace of the sea, or kayak into hidden caves, where mysterious chambers echo with centuries of natural formation. These experiences offer a profound immersion in the untouched beauty of Halong Bay, leaving you refreshed, exhilarated, and inspired. (Note: The specific cruise route and activities may vary depending on your chosen cruise operator).

Activities: Transfer from Yen Tu to Halong Bay Cruise Port
Check-in and welcome drink on board
Enjoy lunch while cruising through Halong Bay
Swim in the bay's waters
Kayak into hidden caves and grottoes
Settle into your cabin for an overnight stay

Day 6 Halong Bay Excursion & Flight to Da Nang

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: Hotel in Da Nang

Begin your morning with a serene Tai Chi session on the sundeck, where slow, deliberate movements harmonize with your breath as the first rays of sunlight shimmer over the bay. For those preferring a more relaxed start, you may sleep in until breakfast, enjoying the peacefulness of the sea from your cabin. Following breakfast, the cruise will embark on a short excursion within Halong Bay, guiding you to another renowned attraction that reveals the bay's timeless allure. As you glide past limestone pillars and through hidden grottoes, you will once again feel deeply connected to the mystical beauty of this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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Around 10:00, the ship will return to the harbor, allowing you time to pack your belongings and complete the checkout procedure. After a final farewell to the crew, you will disembark, carrying cherished memories of Halong's emerald waters and majestic cliffs. From the harbor, you will be transferred directly to Hanoi airport for your onward flight to Da Nang. Upon arrival in this vibrant coastal city, a delicious dinner at a local restaurant awaits, offering a warm introduction to the distinct flavors of Central Vietnam before you check into your hotel.

Activities:
Participate in a Tai Chi session on the sundeck (optional)
Enjoy breakfast on board
Embark on a final excursion within Halong Bay
Disembark from the cruise at the harbor
Transfer to Hanoi airport for flight to Da Nang
Arrive in Da Nang and have dinner
Check into your hotel in Da Nang

Day 7 Da Nang & Hoi An Spiritual Exploration

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: Hotel in Da Nang

At 08:00, your driver will pick you up from the hotel to commence a day of spiritual discovery. The journey begins with a visit to Linh Ung Pagoda on Son Tra Peninsula, home to Vietnam's tallest Lady Buddha statue, standing at 67 meters. From the tranquil courtyard, you can admire sweeping ocean views while learning about the pagoda's harmonious blend of modern Buddhist architecture and timeless serenity. By 10:00, you will reach the mystical Tam Thai Pagoda on the Marble Mountains, an ancient temple built in the 17th century on Thuy Son, the largest peak of the range. As you explore its halls, you will uncover its profound significance in Vietnamese Mahayana Buddhism. For those seeking an additional spiritual experience, a short climb leads to Huyen Khong Cave, where Buddhist altars softly glow within a natural cavern illuminated by shafts of sunlight. At 12:00, enjoy a wholesome vegetarian lunch at a local restaurant in either Da Nang or Hoi An, savoring gentle flavors that reflect Buddhist culinary traditions.

The journey continues at 13:30 with a visit to Phap Bao Pagoda in Hoi An Ancient Town, one of the city's oldest temples. Known for its peaceful atmosphere and strong ties to the local community, it invites you to join a short mindfulness walk around the temple grounds. At 15:00, explore Chuc Thanh Pagoda, the oldest pagoda in Hoi An, founded in the 17th century by a Chinese monk. Its historic halls preserve Zen traditions that have guided generations of practitioners in central Vietnam. By 16:30, the pace slows as you enjoy free time in Hoi An Ancient Town. You may choose to sip tea at a quiet teahouse, take a gentle stroll along the Hoai River, or browse for small Buddhist-inspired souvenirs such as prayer beads or books, concluding a day filled with peace and reflection.

Activities:
Visit Linh Ung Pagoda and the Lady Buddha statue on Son Tra Peninsula
Explore Tam Thai Pagoda on the Marble Mountains
Discover Huyen Khong Cave with its Buddhist altars
Enjoy a vegetarian lunch in Da Nang or Hoi An
Visit Phap Bao Pagoda in Hoi An Ancient Town
Explore Chuc Thanh Pagoda, Hoi An's oldest pagoda
Enjoy free time in Hoi An Ancient Town for personal exploration

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Day 8 Transfer to Hue & Sacred Pagodas Tour

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Stay: Hotel in Hue

At 09:00, your private driver and English-speaking guide will greet you at the hotel for a smooth transfer to Hue, Vietnam's former imperial capital. Along the journey, you will traverse scenic coastal roads, taking in expansive sea views and glimpses of rural life, setting a tranquil tone for a day rich in natural beauty and cultural depth. Upon arrival in Hue around midday, you will enjoy a delicious lunch at a local restaurant, sampling authentic central Vietnamese flavors before checking into your hotel for a brief rest.

At 14:00, your spiritual journey continues at Tu Hieu Pagoda, a serene Zen monastery nestled within a fragrant pine forest. This sacred site holds deep connections with Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh, one of the world's most influential Buddhist leaders, who spent his monastic years here and has now returned to rest eternally. The peaceful grounds, simple meditation halls, and the rustling pines create an atmosphere conducive to reflection, offering visitors a profound sense of peace and timeless wisdom. By 15:30, you will proceed to Tu Dam Pagoda, one of Hue's most respected Buddhist temples. Celebrated for its graceful architecture and spacious courtyard, Tu Dam has played a pivotal role in the modern history of Vietnamese Buddhism. The towering Bodhi tree, brought from India, shades the temple grounds while the elegant shrine halls invite moments of stillness, making this a place of both cultural heritage and spiritual inspiration. At 17:00, you will be dropped off at your hotel in Hue, where you can relax after a meaningful day of exploration. In the evening, savor dinner at a local restaurant, enjoying the refined flavors of Hue's imperial cuisine.

Activities:
- Scenic transfer from Da Nang to Hue
- Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant in Hue
- Visit Tu Hieu Pagoda, a tranquil Zen monastery
- Explore Tu Dam Pagoda, a respected Buddhist temple
- Check into your hotel in Hue
- Savor dinner featuring Hue's imperial cuisine

Day 9 Hue Imperial Heritage & Flight to Ho Chi Minh City

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

Begin your morning with a peaceful visit to Thien Mu Pagoda, one of Vietnam's oldest and most iconic pagodas, originally constructed in 1601. Perched on a hill overlooking the poetic Perfume River, this sacred site is instantly recognizable by its 7-story Phuoc Duyen Tower. As you wander through bonsai gardens and serene monastery grounds, you will feel the harmony of history, nature, and spirituality blending into a space ideal for quiet reflection and learning about Vietnamese Buddhism.

Continue your exploration with a journey into Vietnam's royal legacy at the Hue Imperial City, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that once served as the political, cultural, and spiritual heart of the Nguyen Dynasty. Passing through towering ancient gates, you'll step into grand courtyards, palaces, and ancestral temples where emperors performed important rituals. The imperial architecture, symbolic altars, and fusion of Confucian and Buddhist traditions reveal a fascinating chapter of Vietnam's history, deeply rooted in spirituality and heritage.

After a morning rich in discovery, enjoy a satisfying lunch at a local restaurant in Hue, savoring the delicate balance of flavors that the city's cuisine is known for. In the early afternoon, your guide will accompany you to Hue airport for a short domestic

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flight to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam's vibrant southern metropolis. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by your driver and transferred to your hotel for check-in. The evening is yours to relax and explore at your own pace. To complete the day, sit down for dinner at a local restaurant, where you can begin tasting the dynamic flavors of southern Vietnam's culinary scene.

Activities: Visit Thien Mu Pagoda overlooking the Perfume River
Explore the Hue Imperial City, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant in Hue
Transfer to Hue airport for a domestic flight to Ho Chi Minh City
Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City and transfer to your hotel
Enjoy free time and dinner in Ho Chi Minh City

Day 10 Ho Chi Minh City's Buddhist Landmarks & Cu Chi Tunnels

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

Begin your spiritual morning at Vinh Nghiem Pagoda, the largest Mahayana Buddhist temple in Ho Chi Minh City. Completed in 1971, this pagoda harmoniously blends modern construction techniques with traditional Japanese-influenced architecture. Its 7-story stone tower rises proudly above tranquil courtyards, creating a sacred atmosphere where daily worshippers and large Buddhist ceremonies bring the temple to life. Continue to Giac Lam Pagoda, the oldest Buddhist temple in the city, founded in 1744. Nestled among ancient Bodhi trees, this sacred sanctuary carries the weight of centuries of devotion. Inside, rare wooden statues and a striking multi-tiered stupa reveal the artistry and spiritual depth of Southern Vietnamese Zen traditions, offering visitors a glimpse into a living history of Buddhism in Vietnam. Next, explore Xa Loi Pagoda, the first temple in Vietnam constructed in a modern architectural style. Established in 1956, the pagoda is deeply revered for enshrining a sacred relic of the Buddha and remembered for its pivotal role in the Buddhist movement of the 1960s.
After a morning of exploration, enjoy a flavorful lunch at a local restaurant before departing on a 2-hour scenic transfer through lush countryside to Cu Chi Tunnels. Along the way, you can admire serene rural landscapes, where rice paddies and riverside villages offer a gentle rhythm of southern life. Upon arrival, step into history at the legendary Cu Chi Tunnels, an intricate network of underground passages once used as homes, supply depots, and bases for revolutionary fighters during the Vietnam War. Before entering, you will watch a short documentary that vividly illustrates the harsh conditions and ingenious survival strategies of those who lived here. As you crawl through the narrow tunnels, you'll gain firsthand insight into the resilience and determination of the Vietnamese people. After the tour, take a moment to unwind by sampling boiled tapioca and hot tea, the simple yet sustaining meal that once fueled local soldiers. For those seeking a more adventurous experience, you can also try shooting an AK-47, M16, or other machine guns at the nearby shooting range (optional, at your own expense).

Activities: Visit Vinh Nghiem Pagoda, the largest Mahayana Buddhist temple in Ho Chi Minh City
Explore Giac Lam Pagoda, the city's oldest Buddhist temple
Discover Xa Loi Pagoda, known for its modern architecture and Buddha relic
Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant
Transfer to Cu Chi Tunnels through rural landscapes
Watch a documentary about the Cu Chi Tunnels
Explore the underground network of Cu Chi Tunnels
Sample boiled tapioca and hot tea
Optional: Try shooting at the nearby range (additional cost)

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Day 11 Sacred Journey to Nui Ba Den (Black Virgin Mountain)

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

At 06:30, meet your guide and set off on a private transfer towards Tay Ninh Province, home to the legendary Nui Ba Den, or Black Virgin Mountain, the highest peak in Southern Vietnam at 986 meters. The 2.5 to 3-hour drive takes you through tranquil rural landscapes, where rice paddies shimmer in the morning light and villages along the roadside offer glimpses of everyday southern life. Upon arrival, board the modern Nui Ba Den cable car, one of Vietnam's longest and most scenic. As the cabins glide gracefully above lush valleys, you will be treated to breathtaking aerial views of rolling greenery, rugged cliffs, and the expansive southern plains stretching to the horizon – a majestic prelude to the sacred journey ahead.

At the summit, visit Linh Son Thien Thach Pagoda, a serene temple nestled among ancient trees and perched high on the mountain slopes. This sacred site is dedicated to Ba Den, the Black Lady, a revered local deity who symbolizes resilience and spiritual protection. Continue exploring the mountaintop complex to marvel at the colossal Seated Bronze Buddha, one of the largest statues of its kind in Southeast Asia. Rising powerfully against the mountain backdrop, the statue radiates a sense of peace and strength, embodying the spiritual energy that has drawn pilgrims here for centuries. Take your time to wander through manicured gardens, photograph the sweeping views, or simply let the crisp mountain air and meditative setting renew your spirit. The harmony between the towering mountain, the vast sky, and the sacred landmarks creates an unforgettable experience of inner peace and connection. At 15:30, begin your journey back toward Ho Chi Minh City. You will arrive at your hotel around 18:00, carrying with you the serenity and spiritual clarity inspired by this sacred mountain retreat.

Activities:
- Private transfer to Tay Ninh Province and Nui Ba Den
- Ride the Nui Ba Den cable car with scenic aerial views
- Visit Linh Son Thien Thach Pagoda on the mountaintop
- Marvel at the colossal Seated Bronze Buddha statue
- Explore manicured gardens and enjoy panoramic views
- Return transfer to Ho Chi Minh City

Day 12 Departure from Ho Chi Minh City

Meals: Breakfast | Stay: NA

On your final day in Vietnam, savor some leisure moments before your journey home. You may choose to take a last stroll through the nearby streets, enjoy a quiet coffee, or simply reflect on the many sacred sites and cultural wonders you have experienced during your travels. When the time comes, your driver will escort you to the airport for your departure.

As you pass through its modern halls, you'll carry with you the memories of spiritual journeys, tranquil landscapes, and heartfelt encounters that have made this trip truly unforgettable.

Activities:
- Enjoy leisure time in Ho Chi Minh City
- Transfer to the airport for departure

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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- v 11 Breakfasts, 10 Lunches, 8 Dinners
- v 9 nights hotel accommodation in a shared Twin/Double room with air-conditioning
- v 1 night at Lang Nuong Yen Tu (mountain retreat)
- v 1 night on a Halong Bay Cruise
- v All transport during the tour in an air-conditioned vehicle as per itinerary (including airport pick up & see off)
- v All in-tour stationed local English-speaking guide
- v Entrance fees as per itinerary
- v 02 flights: Hanoi - Da Nang, Hue - Ho Chi Minh City

NOT INCLUDED

PRICE INCLUDES

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AVAILABLE DEPARTURES

Departure Date	Return Date	Price / Person	Availability	Languages
01 Apr 2026	20 Dec 2026	**USD 2,079**	Available	–
01 Apr 2026	20 Dec 2026	**USD 2,329**	Available	–
01 Apr 2026	20 Dec 2026	**USD 2,819**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 2,142**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 2,399**	Available	–
21 Dec 2026	20 Dec 2027	**USD 2,904**	Available	–

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CANCELLATION POLICY

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