

Our main circuits :



1. **Mythical Tonkin 12 days / 11 nights**
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3. **Landscapes and minorities Vietnam 15 days / 14 nights**
4. **Meeting with the ethnics groups of Vietnam 18 days / 17nights**
5. **Panorama of Vietnam 11 days / 10 nights**
6. **Mysteries of Vietnam 19 days / 18 nights**
7. **Splendors from south to center Vietnam 13 days / 12 nights**
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9. **Legends of Indochina 14 days / 13 nights**
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Viet Nam





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*We are offering a wide range of circuits according to your desires and budgets. On the other hand, our team is renowned for its professionalism and its excellent following of information, which implies that your requests will be treated in best delays, while guaranteeing a clear and precise answer. **Vietnam** is not the only country we are offering our services in. Indeed, we will be able to make you discovering its neighbor countries such as **Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, Bali, Nepal, Srilanka or the Yunnan province...** While knowing that we are also able to offer you multi countries prestations.*

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+ A variety of programs

- Our classic tours, but always original, which bring you closer to the daily life in Vietnam. With an immersion in the hectic life of the big cities, but also those of the rural minorities like Hmong, Lolos black ...
- The "Cultural" dimension will not be forgotten: Imperial palaces, centenary Temples, sumptuous Pagodas, and vestiges of ancient civilizations. Quality guides, French speaking, will help you to decrypt, understand and love it ...
- To be able to share a trip with your family, with children and grandchildren, it's a real opportunity! Spend a night on a junk in Halong Bay, a boat trip on Ba Be Lake, stroll through the minority villages, ride in the old quarter of Hanoi, the water puppet theater .. These are the main activities that we invite you to discover but know that we work on all your requests and are willing to create custom circuits according to your desires.
- Do you like the boat? Then discover Vietnam over the water, go up the Mekong from his Delta to Cambodia, enjoy the sea and its coastline still preserved ...
- For those who want to combine sport with the spirit of discovery, they can find more specialized circuits such as: a trekking to the summit of Indochina and its surrounding mountains, scuba diving on coral reefs preserved, practice golf throughout Vietnam ...
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For your satisfaction, we will make every effort. Do not hesitate to send us an email or a fax by specifying your questions. We will respond with pleasure. A doubt remains? Go to "What they think" and contact our old customers. They will be happy to share their experience and their complete satisfaction.

+ A quality service



- You will appreciate not only the availability of our guides, but also their kindness and the passion that they use to make you discover the country, the landscapes, the people and the cultures. They will share with you the legends and customs of their homeland. And you will also taste the fruits and culinary specialties of the regions visited. All that to make you share their love of their country.
- Our country, Vietnam, has recently opened up to tourism. In each circuit, depending on the price category you have chosen, the best hotel service will be reserved for you.
- For your safety and your complete satisfaction, we frequently check the perfect state of maintenance, the cleanliness of the means of transport, car, bus, boats ... put at your disposal, as well as the competence of their driver.

+ An excellent quality / price ratio

All quality services at a price. It would be unrealistic to seek the lowest price with a similar quality of service. However, you will be able to enjoy excellent quality at a reasonable price, thanks to the structure of our company.

Trust us. we'll do the rest.



Vietnam...

A long strip of land with two deltas stretching over the Indochinese peninsula and grouping a large number of ethnic minorities, this majestic country, having undergone decades of colonization followed by two wars, has a history that is certainly harsh, but its people are humble and welcome there is amazing. The strength of conviction of Vietnamese is such that they have kept their values and traditions, despite Western influences.





...a country with countless riches



Rich in its culture and diversity, peaceful and at the same time hyper active, green countryside with white sand beaches through the famous Halong Bay, you will not stop being seduced and impressed by the country of the little dragon.



Mythical Tonkin





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- A trip that takes you into **the splendors of northern Vietnam**, while crossing the major destinations.
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- A discovery **tour of cultural, traditional, discovery of an incredible heritage**, the most beautiful sites visit, Ha Long Bay - the 8th wonder of the world.
- **Actual contacts with local** via the floating market and exchanges during the drive.



Mythical Tonkin

Day 1: Arrival in Hanoi.

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Arrival at Hanoi airport, the guide and the driver will welcome you and proceed to the transfer to the city center. You will explore the city and the old quarters in a **rickshaw**. Then you will go to **Hoan Kiem Lake** (Lake of the Restored Sword) and you will listen to his legend. Foreigners cannot miss when they arrive in Hanoi because this lake is considered to be the heart of the city. **Small visit of the Jade Temple and the Brush tower.**

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Meals included: lunch, dinner



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You will go to the **Literature Temple**. This is an important monument since it is considered as the first university of Vietnam. By visiting the temple, you can watch the old objects that reflect the past kingdoms of Thang Long.

You will visit the **Ethnographic museum** in which is retraced the ethnic minorities life in Vietnam. The objects, houses, clothes, documents are gathered among the museum. You will have the opportunity to enter in the long house of Ede, Jarai the Rong house or the earthen house of Ha Nhi.

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You will feel the rhythm of the daily Hanoian life entering the old quarters. Although the city is becoming more and more dynamic, active and modern, we can still feel past vibrations in the neighborhood of the 36 streets: **the Kim Ngan Dinh (communal house jewelry), the old house at 87 Ma May, Hoan Kiem Lake,...**

By late afternoon, you will **attend a water puppet show**. This is a traditional Vietnamese art that combines folk music and actions of wooden puppets. Overnight at the hotel.

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Day 3: Hanoi – Ba Be

(220km/ 5 - 6h journey)

At 8:00, the guide and the driver will wait for you at your hotel and take you to Ba Be. The journey takes about 5 - 6 hours; you'll get to pass through magnificent landscapes. Imagine your carriage glides over the mountains, the clouds! It will be amazing! You will be able to make small stops in the shade on the road with the aim to admire the beautiful landscapes of the northern forest. From above, **you will have a beautiful view of the valleys**: there are homes that are hiding in the hills, minority women who are working...Arrival in Ba Be, instead of taking the van to enter into the village, you will make **a motor boat cruise on Nang River**. We guarantee you that you will be alone to invade this natural space made of limestone rocks looking like natural bonsai floating on the water. You will arrive at the homestay where you will spend the night in a house on stilts typically local. For you, this is an opportunity to experience the daily life of residents Tay. In the evening, you will prepare dinner with the people who are open to tourists. This will be the perfect time to better understand their daily lives. Tasting traditional dishes, the boss will invites you to taste his corn alcohol and he will tell you the story of Tay people. Overnight at the homestay (basic comfort)

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 4: Visit of Ba Be

Ba Be Lake - Lake of Three Seas, is in the middle of a national park, it is considered as a pearl of the nature lost in the forests of Bac Kan. It is a site that attracts many visitors with its exceptional biodiversity. The Ba Be Lake is one of the 20 largest freshwater lakes in the world.

Breakfast on the terrace with views on the nature will give you the strength to discover the beauty of the lake. **The cruise will last approximately 5 hours during which you will be able to admire breathtaking views.** From above, the boat is as beautiful as a sliding sheet of jade water. **The An Ma temple, the fairy pond, Puong cave, the Dau Dang waterfall** are the visiting sites mentioned in the walk. In addition, you will be closer to the people entering the village of Cam, another place where live the Tay. Get your camera ready! Overnight at the homestay.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 5: Ba Be – Hanoi.

(220km/5-6h journey)

After breakfast, you will do a bike ride to discover the village and the surroundings. The sound of insects, leaves, sources dominate all pure spaces. **Visit the Hua Ma cave.** Then you will take the road to Hanoi. There will be several stops in order to relax your legs, take pictures, or talk with villagers. Back in Hanoi, transfer to hotel. Overnight at hotel in Hanoi.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner



Day 6: Hanoi - Perfume pagoda – Giang Mo

(70km + 90km / 1h + 1h30 journey)

After breakfast, you will leave for the Perfume pagoda (located about 70km southwest Hanoi) - a Buddhist pilgrimage high place in the region. On the way **you will stop at the Chuong village** (or Vac town), one of the two villages which makes the best known conical hat of Hanoi, visit the village market. Here you will find the best models of symbolic Vietnamese hats. You will continue the road to the Perfume Pagoda. **Speaking of "the most beautiful cave in Vietnam," we**

immediately think of the "grotto of Huong Tich " part of all Perfume pagoda. Discovered in 1770, it now becomes one of the largest Buddhist centers in Vietnam. This legacy consists of several temples, pagodas. It attracts visitors not only through legends, typical sculptures, but also by the beauty of its landscapes as a multicolored picture. Arrive at the Pier Duc, you will make a rowing boat trip amid stunning scenery on the river Yen (Yen means salangane) bordered by rice fields and limestone peaks. During the cruise, you will hear legends about the dragon and the elephant around the cave. It is a really mysterious and interesting space for travelers. As you walk into the cave, you will pass by the stairs, the more you climb, the more you will feel touching the sky. When you find yourself in the middle of "Perfume Cave", you will be surprised by its natural beauty. The air filled with incense smoke, you can see and reach unreal worlds - a world encouraging the man to do charitable works and tolerant. Back at the pier. Road to Giang Mo. Overnight at the homestay.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 7: Giang Mo - Mai Chau

(86km/ 2h journey)

Mai Chau is located in the southwest of Hanoi is an ideal destination for those who are looking for outdoor trips or hiking to villages of ethnic groups in the valleys. Mai Chau is also considered as the cradle of Thai minority inhabitants and Muong. So far they have kept their customs, traditions ... Visiting Mai Chau, you will have the opportunity to learn about the life of ethnic groups in the mountains.



After breakfast, visit the Muong Museum (located 2km from the village of Giang Mo). Then **you will continue the road to Mai Chau**, you will have the chance to admire the beauty of the mountainous region with rice fields terraces lined with banana groves. Sometimes you will see the homes of Thai and Muong hiding under trees. In the afternoon, you will make **a nice bike ride to visit the villages Poom Coong, Nhot, Na Phon, and Lac & Van** and observe the daily activities of local people. Overnight at the homestay (basic comfort). In the evening: you will participate **to a folk music show** of the Thai inhabitants, dancing with khene (traditional flute of the minority ethnic groups), and **taste rice wine**.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 8: Mai Chau – Kenh Ga – Hoa Lu – Tam Coc

(150km/ 3h30 journey)

At 95 km of Hanoi in Ninh Binh province, there is a large number of rich historical heritages of Vietnam, as it was the ancient capital of the country according to the 11th century. Ninh Binh attracts visitors with its historic highness, and culturally rich destination. At Ninh Binh, visit the most authentic sights of this beautiful province Kenh Ga (natural hot springs), Thung Nang (Sun Valley) with a portion of the terrestrial Ha Long Bay, Tam Coc (three caves also named the Bay of Ha Long terrestrial), Thai Vi temple, Pagoda Bich Dong.

After breakfast, you will go to Ninh Binh. Arrival at Nho Quan where you will make a boat trip to the **floating village of Kenh Ga**, in the middle of a vast flooded area. Visitors are attracted by the peaceful landscape and the authenticity of the isolated life of local residents. During the cruise, you will see locals growing rice or seeking small shells in the mud at the bottom of the river. Arrival at Kenh Ga, you can ask the guide to stop an hour to enjoy the source (with Jacuzzi) at your expense. Back on board, then drive to Tam Coc. Arrive at Tam Coc. Installation at the hotel. Then you will go to the **pier Thung Nham where you will take the bamboo sampan to discover Ha Long Bay land in 2 hours**. Thung Nham has a tranquil natural beauty. You will have the opportunity to chat with the locals, observe their daily life: fishing, farming. Then you will **visit Bich Dong Pagoda (Bich Dong means Cave Jade)** is known as the second most beautiful cave in Vietnam. At the entrance, a staircase carved in the same rock and dotted with shrines increasing to a cave where the three Buddha enthroned on lotus. A magnificent pagoda on holy ground. When leaving the pagoda, you will return to Tam Coc, **you will continue the bike ride to the temple of Thai Vi** - a beautiful stone temple. Return to the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner



Day 9: Ninh Binh – Hai Phong – Cat Ba

(130km/ 2.5h journey 1h boat ride)

After breakfast, drive to Hai Phong via Nam Dinh and Thai Binh; two territories rich in cultural traditions of the Red River Delta. Arrive in Hai Phong; flamboyant city in a French colonial style. Visit the **Du Hang Pagoda**; an ancient pagoda of the city that has undergone a long process of construction and development since the dynasty of Le Anterieur. Then you will take the ferry to

the **island of Cat Ba**. Arrival in Cat Ba, installation and free time. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 10: Cat Ba Island

Cat Ba National Park encompasses evergreen tree forests on 331 m elevations, wet forests at the foot of hills and coastal mangroves, plus numerous small freshwater lakes, beaches and sand and coral reefs offshore. It is inhabited by 28 species of mammals, 37 species of birds, 20 species of reptiles and 200 species of fish. You will also find a tree of a rare species "trees with chopsticks". It is so named because its wood, responsive to food poisons, was used to make baguettes used in court, eternal field of intrigues. Arrival and visit of this **natural park Cat Ba**. **Take motorbike/car to go to Cat Ba National Park**, the Worlds Biosphere Reserve with spectacular scenery and a high diversity of landscapes (about 40 mins driving each way). **Do trekking through jungle & forest and go up to the view point** (it is about 2.5 hours trekking but can be more or less depending on your speed). Night at the hotel.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner



Day 11: Cat Ba Island – Ha Long

The highlight of the trip is taking people to less touristy areas and cruise more to see the best parts of Ha Long. The place where we anchor is also very peaceful; far away from the place where hundreds of boats anchor at the same place.

Lunching and cruising into the bay pass by Cap Bai Islet, Ngon Tay Island (Finger Islet), Sung Sot cave and Titop peak... (Now we are in the middle of the World Heritage site of Ha Long bay). **Continue towards Lan Ha bay on the hidden route for different amazing sightseeing**, pass by Dark and Light cave, Ao Ech lagoon (Frog Lagoon), Ba Trai Dao (three-peach beach), Hon Dua (the Stick Islet), Buddhist statue stone...**Arrive in Lan Ha – the Biosphere reserved area of the World, is famous for its crystal water, round lagoons, tunnel grottoes and the fisherman villages...**and especially phosphorescence at night time. **Kayaking and snorkeling to open the hidden charm**

and feel how unique it is. On each 2-seat kayak our tour guide will lead you to paddle through narrow lanes of the karst mountains to fishing villages, we can visit and talk with the fisherman to get to learn more about the daily life on the sea. **Paddle under a tunnel grotto to a stunning lagoon** (depending on the tide sometimes). Here you can dip into the emerald waters. Swimming and Snorkeling to see Corals or you can also reach some secluded beaches for a while relaxing lying on sand...**Back to the boat for “cooking class”** (our tour guide will show you how to make some famous Vietnamese traditional dishes that you can easily demonstrate home for your family after this trip). **Enjoy Dinner and overnight on the lovely peaceful bay** once on your lifetime.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 12: Ha Long – Hanoi – Return flight

(180km/ 4h journey)

From the island of Cat ba, you have the opportunity to make unforgettable cruises (especially on Halong Bay) that will enhance your trip to Vietnam. The island of Cat ba is the largest of all the islands that make up the archipelago of the same name. It has superb sandy beaches and beautiful coral reefs. This is one of the most popular tourist destinations

Wake up among the smooth waves (if you want to contemplate the sunrise, wake up earlier enough is important). A Light breakfast is served to energize for morning exercises by (fresh fruits, fresh fruit juices, cakes, tea and coffee or mineral water). Relaxing on board or swimming in the bay or breathing nature on the large sundeck chairs. Check out and **start cruising on another route throughout thousands of limestone islands and islets, taking precious pictures meanwhile enjoying our tasteful brunch.** Arrive back at Gia Luan dock. Disembark for another drive on the free-way AH5B back to Hanoi. Transfer to Noi Bai Airport for departure flight.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch

END OF THE TRIP.

ESTIMATED PRICE

(Depending on season, types of accommodation and activities)

- The estimated budget for this trip is from 864 € / person.

- Talking about fixed prices when discussing about a tailored trip makes little sense. Indeed, it varies depending on many factors (quality of services, period, turnaround time and many more).
- The only exact price will be the one of your personalized quote.

PRICE OF THE TRIP

(Price by person in USD)

Those price are valid till 09/30/2023

Categories of hotel	Group of 2	Group of 3- 5	Group of 6- 9	Suppl Sgl
Standard	Contact us	Contact us	Contact us	Contact us
Superior	Contact us	Contact us	Contact us	Contact us
Deluxe	Contact us	Contact us	Contact us	Contact us

City name/ List of hotels	Standard	Superior	Deluxe
HA NOI	Church Boutique Hotel Nha Tho*** http://nhatho.churchhotel.com.vn/	Hanoi Marvellous Hotel & Spa**** http://www.hanoimarvelloushotel.com/	Hotel de l'Opera Hanoi-MGallery Collection***** http://hoteldelopera.com/
BA BE	Homestay (Basic comfort)	Homestay (Basic comfort)	Homestay (Basic comfort)
GIANG MO	Homestay (Basic comfort)	Homestay (Basic comfort)	Homestay (Basic comfort)
MAI CHAU	Homestay (Basic comfort)	Homestay (Basic comfort)	Homestay (Basic comfort)
NINH BINH	The Reed Hotel*** http://thereedhotel.com	Ninh Binh Hidden Charm Hotel & Resort****	Aravinda Resort Ninh Binh***** https://aravinda-resort.com/

		http://hiddencharmresort.com/	
CAT BA	Cat Ba Paradise Hotel*** https://catbaparadisehotel.com.vn/	Catba Island Resort & Spa**** https://catbaislandresort.com/	Hôtel Perle d'Orient Cat Ba – Mgallery***** https://www.hotelperledorie nt.com/
HA LONG	Unicharm https://unicharmcruise.com	Unicharm https://unicharmcruise.com	Unicharm https://unicharmcruise.com

<i>The price includes</i>	<i>The price excludes</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport by road with a private vehicle and air conditioned. • Accommodations as mentioned in the program and breakfast included • Meals as mentioned in the program • Professional guide during the whole trip • Entrance fees for the visits mentioned in the program • Day on board of a junk in Halong Bay including seafood lunch and dinner • Boat trips in Ba Be, Perfume pagoda, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International flights • Visa fees to the Vietnamese Embassy, in your country or at the airport • Supplements for late or early check-in/check-out in the hotels • Beverages, tip and personal expenses • Insurances and assistance • Every other service that has not been mentioned as « included »



Magic of Northern VIETNAM





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Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 4: Ba Be - Cao Bang

(115km/ 3h journey)

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Breakfast on the terrace with a view on the nature will give you the needed strength for the today to discover the beauty of the lake. The cruise will last approximately 5 hours during which you will be able to admire breathtaking landscapes. From above, the boat is as beautiful as a sliding leaf on jade water. The **An Ma temple, the fairy pond, Puong cave, the Dau Dang waterfall** are the sites of the visits mentioned in the walk. In addition, you will be able to be as closer as possible to the people entering the **village of Cam**, another place where live the Tay people. Get your camera ready ! Departure for Cao Bang. Arrival at **Cao Bang**, installation at the hotel and then you will have free time in the small street of Cao Bang. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 5: Cao Bang – Ban Gioc – Nguom Ngao – Cao Bang

After breakfast you **will start a nice excursion to Ban Gioc waterfalls** that form the border between Vietnam and China. Then you will continue to visit **Nguom Ngao**. To visit the cave, you will make a 1 km walk in contact with local villagers of Ban That and Ban Viet. Return to Cao Bang. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 6 : Cao Bang - Lang Son

(140km/ 3.5h journey)

The course is characterized by its very rugged appearance. It is a series of passes, gorges, all inserted into a thick lush tropical vegetation. This road is known as the RC4 - **Colonial Road number 4** which was the major fighting between the French and the Viet Minh in the fall of 1950, during the Battle of borders. Then you will continue the road to Lang Son, again and again by a winding road that goes up the **steep valley of the river Ky Cung River** tributary of Canton (China). You will have a nice view of the river, crops and surrounding rocky peaks. Arrival in Lang Son.

Visit the Nhi Thanh pagoda and Tam Thanh, central market of Dong Kinh. Installation at the hotel. Free time. During the evening, you could go to the night market in the city. This is an opportunity to feel the active pace of local life. The market is always dynamic, with lots of people. You will have the opportunity to choose small souvenirs. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 7 :Lang Son – Ha Long

(190km/ 3.5h journey)

Two days one night cruise to untouched Bai Tu Long Bay is ideal for you to discover natural beauty and local life, you will get to visit cave, go kayaking and visit a floating village. This trip takes you deep into natural wonder and experience a memorable night in the majestic bay. The route is off the beaten track and our staffs are keen on taking care of customer's request, it is quite potential to be your highlight trip in Vietnam.



You will cross all the northern basin of the Red River to reach Halong Bay.

12h15 Embark. Enjoy welcome drink as Cruise Manager gives you a brief overview of the itinerary and important safety guideline. Check in your cabin.

13h00 Start cruising among famous Islets (Indochina studio, Am Islet...) of Bai Tu Long Bay, the wildest beauty with the panoramic natural views. Admire the grace of the bay while enjoying the delicious lunch in the restaurant at the first deck.

14h30 Explore the well-hidden Co Cave (known as Thien Canh Son Cave). Relax on white sandy beach or walk along the beach at Hon Co Island (no swimming).

15h45 Return and enjoy the wonderful beauty of Bai Tu Long Bay at sunset; admire the striking islands and islets, savoring the fresh and peaceful atmosphere **which could hardly be found in land while cruising to Cong Do sleeping area.**

16h30 Enjoy kayaking at Cong Do or relaxing on the cruise.

18h00 Onboard the vessel, surrounded by a stunning, setting in motion, **attend our chef's cooking demonstration and try your skills in the art of traditional Vietnamese cooking (spring roll)** on the sundeck.

19h15 Dinner is served in the restaurant at the first desk. **You can enjoy the charm of Bai Tu Long Bay at night.**

21h00 Evening activities: relax at leisure; enjoy our Movie Night, Board Games or our Massage & Spa services (massage and spa fee is not included in the price), **squid fishing.** Overnight on Bai Tu Long Bay

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner



Day 8: Ha Long – Tam Coc
(175/ 4h cruise)

06h30 Welcome a new day with an amazing dawn on Bai Tu Long Bay. **Refresh your body and soul with a Tai-chi session on the sundeck.**

07h00 Catch the morning view of seascapes **while enjoying the breakfast with cookies an tea, coffee at the restaurant.**

07h30 Visit Vung Vieng village - the famous fishing farm by bamboo boat and discover life of local people living on the surface of Halong Bay

08h30 Return to boat

09h15 Pack up the luggage and check out of the cabin.

09h30 Enjoy the brunch in the restaurant while cruising back to Vinashin tourist harbor.

11h00 Disembark. Drive to Tam Coc. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Jour 9 : Tam Coc. Visite.

At 95 km away from Hanoi in Ninh Binh province, there is a large number of rich historical heritages of Vietnam, as it was the ancient capital of the country according to the 11th century.

Ninh Binh attracts visitors with its historic highness, and culturally rich destination. At Ninh Binh, visit the most authentic sights of this beautiful province Kenh Ga (natural hot springs), Thung Nang (Sun Valley) with a portion of the inland Halong Bay, Tam Coc (three caves also named the HaLong Bay inland), Thai Vi temple, Pagoda Bich Dong.

After breakfast, drive to Hoa Lu and visit the **ancient capital of Vietnam** in the 10th century under the dynasty of Dinh, Le and Ly Anterieur. In 1010, King Ly Thai To moved the capital to Hanoi. You will **explore the temples of King Dinh Tien Hoang and Le Dai Hanh**. Then you will return to Tam Coc by bike, for about 15 km. On the way, you will cross again the Trang An landscapes - Halong Bay. Continuing the **bike ride** (for about 1 km) to the temple of Thai Vi. You will contemplate a part of the Tam (Tam Coc means three caves also named inland Halong Bay). You will feel **the clean air of mountain chains invading the above rice fields**, you will continue the road through typical Vietnamese villages to go to **Thung Nang where you will make a 2 hour boat cruise** (return). You will stay in the boat to enjoy the peaceful scenery and the daily activities of the local. On the way back, **you will visit Bich Dong Pagoda (Bich Dong means jade's cave)**. It is an ancient pagoda built into the mountain which is considered as the second most beautiful cave in Vietnam. A three-floor pagoda, accessible by a staircase carved on the occasion of the visit of Emperor Minh Mang in 1821. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 10: Tam Coc – Mai Chau

(150km/3h30 journey)

Mai Chau, which is located in the southwest of Hanoi, is an ideal destination for those who are looking for outdoor trips or hiking to villages of ethnic groups in the valleys. Mai Chau is also considered as the cradle of Thai minority inhabitants and Muong. So far they have kept their customs and traditions. **By visiting Mai Chau, you will have the opportunity to learn about the life of ethnic groups in the mountains.** After breakfast, you will go to Mai Chau. You will be able to admire the beauty of the mountainous region with its rice fields terraces lined with banana groves. Sometimes you will see the homes of Thai and Muong hiding under trees.

Arrival at Mai Chau. In the afternoon, you will make a **nice bike ride to visit the villages Poom Coong, Nhot, Na Phon, and Lake Van** and observe the daily activities of local people. Overnight at the homestay (basic comfort). In the evening, you will participate to a **folk music show** of the

Thai inhabitants, dancing with khene (traditional flute of the minority ethnic groups), and **taste rice wine**.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 11: Mai Chau – Son La

(187km/ 4h30 journey)

Departure to **Son La** - the town where different minorities live. There are Thai minority villages nearby. **Stop in Moc Chau, visit of the hills of tea plantations**. Then continue the road towards west and discover the beautiful landscape of mountains, green valleys, rice fields and villages of **Black Thai**. Arrival in Son La. Check-in. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 12: Son La – Tuan Giao – Dien Bien

(151km/ 3h30 journey)

Breakfast and drive to the town of Dien Bien via Tuan Giao. Then fork to Dien Bien Phu. You will invade **Pha Din Pass** (one of the 4 longest passes of North Vietnam) and beautiful scenery from the top. **Visit the villages of black and white Thai**. Visit the remains of the **ancient battlefield, hills, museum and PC General De Castrie**. Arrival at the hotel. Check-in, Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 13: Dien Bien - Hanoi

You will **have free time** and afterwards go to the airport. Flight to Hanoi and return flight.

Included meals: breakfast

END OF THE TRIP.

ESTIMATED PRICE

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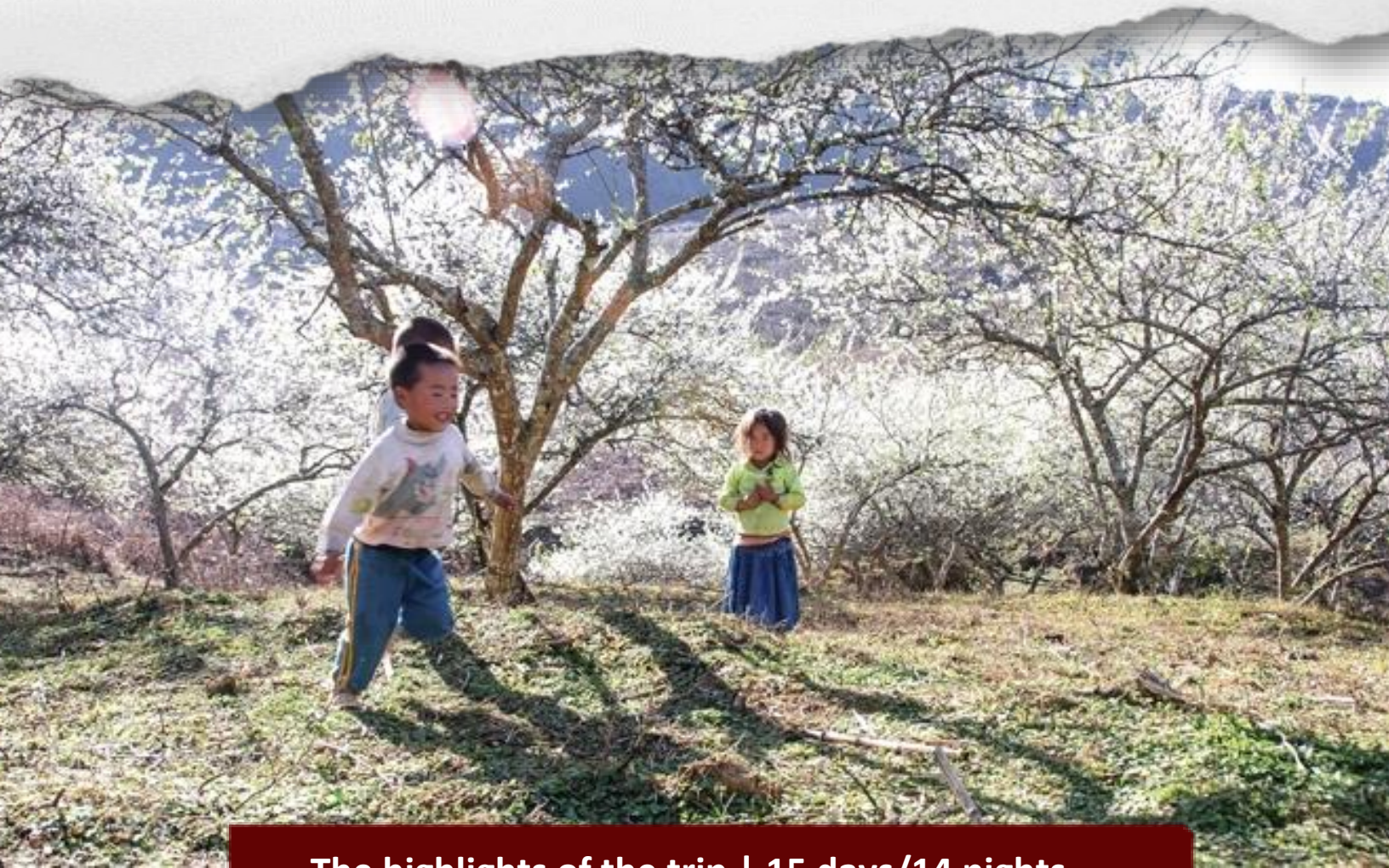
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MAI CHAU	Mai Chau Sunset Boutique** http://maichausunset.com/	Mai Chau Lodge*** https://maichaulodge.com	Mai Châu Ecolodge**** https://maichau.ecolodge.asia/vi/index.html
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DIEN BIEN	Him Lam Dien Bien** https://himlamresort.vn/	Muong Thanh Grand Dien Bien*** http://dienbienphu.muongthanh.com	Muong Thanh Grand Dien Bien*** http://dienbienphu.muongthanh.com

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WONDERS AND HERITAGE FROM SOUTH AND NORTH





The highlights of the trip | 15 days/14 nights

- A circuit that offers you beautiful must see places: **from the Mekong Delta to the Red River Delta (south to north)**
- **Discover the historical and traditional values of the remains of the ancient capital**, the old quarters of Hoi An and the city of a thousand years ...
- **Authentic cruises contemplating local daily life**, visiting the floating market in the south, exploring the tombs in the center and the picturesque beauty of the bay of sea and land along.



Wonders and heritage from south to north

Day 1: Arrival in Saigon. Visit of the city.

Speaking of Saigon, we immediately think of a big city, bustling with shopping malls, tall buildings, which never sleeps. But in depth, the city reveals its "precious pearls" - historical, cultural testimonies expressing the life and spirit of the local people.

You will visit the city. **Cho Lon is very well known by visitors.** It was founded in the 17th century by Chinese migrants, it has attracted many traders from other countries. Until now, Cho Lon and its surroundings are the cohabitation of space and trade of Chinese, Indian and Vietnamese. By visiting the region of Cho Lon (market), you'll discover another face of the city of Saigon, a multicultural place.

Visit the Hindu Temple Mariaman : the temple is located in the middle of Saigon, we recognize it through its native architecture and mystical. It is appreciated as a famous heritage among three current Hindu monuments in Saigon. This is the place where we practised the Mariaman cult - Indian woman genius. By visiting this temple, visitors can watch the statutes, sculptures, antiques, listen to the story of the foundation, and discover the spirits of the temple. **Then you will head to the mosque at number 66 Dong Du Street.** The mosque is one of the Islamic centers, which was built as early as in Saigon in 1935. The mosque attracts many believers and tourists. Its architecture is simple, spacious and airy with arches, columns and long corridors that symbolize the typical Indian art. Outside the religious function, the mosque is still the place where public activities are organized and where children learn about the ideologies of the Koran. You will be able to go and watch believers pray every friday. A Muslim spectacle in the heart of Saigon. Then you will visit: **the former Catinat Street, the Cathedral, the Temple of the Jade Emperor, the Temple of the Protecting Goddess of the Sailors Thien Hau.**



In the evening, **we'll take you on the Indochina junk for a romantic dinner.** You will spend a romantic moment in a charming and intimate space. You will make a 2-hour cruise on the Saigon River and admire the city on the other side. While tasting wine and specialties, you will look at the buildings full of lights as bright as crystals. You'll feel a romantic and poetic Saigon. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: lunch and dinner.

Day 2: Saigon – My Tho – Mo Cay

(118 km/ 2h40 journey)

In Vietnamese, the Mekong is called Song Cuu Long, which means the river of the Nine Dragons, referring to its nine major tributaries that flow into the South China Sea. In this region known as the "rice bowl" of Vietnam, Mother Nature delivers its benefits besides. Rich and fertile land, clear water and fish, dreamy landscapes, actually nothing is missing.

Departure to the Mekong Delta, vast and fertile plain which is the rice bowl of Vietnam. On the way, **stop to visit a Cao Dai temple**. Arrival at the pier and crossing a major arm of the Mekong, arrival at Ben Tre where the river is divided into multiple channels, you **will embark on a boat and go through the islands** planted with tropical orchards, natural streams river of Ham Luong and get to Mo Cay. Installation at the homestay and **bike ride around the village to discover the art of craftsmanship**. By late afternoon, you will help the inhabitants of the house to cook, it will be a very good opportunity to understand the art of traditional cuisine in the South of Vietnam. Overnight at the homestay.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 3: Mo Cay – Cai Be

(75 km/ 1h40 journey)

7.30am : Departure for the **bike ride into the village to discover the daily life of local... Boat trip to visit the Thom Market** 20km away of Mo Cay - the largest coconut selling market.

10.30am : You will move out of the room and take the boat to Cuu Long port. Your driver will take you to Cai Be at noon, **enjoy welcome drink. Have introduction to the ship and crew, check in the cabins**. You depart towards Cho Lach in Tien Giang. Enjoy lunch, en route. Rest on the deck. The Boat slips into the Chợ Lách canal, in the middle of the hustle and bustle of the river traffic, between markets and churches, a unique opportunity for a glimpse of the very varied life on the banks as well as on the water. Spend a visit to a village on the banks of river Mang Thit, an opportunity to appreciate the way of life and hospitality of the local inhabitants. Visit of the orchard or rice fields nearby. Board back, complimentary drink as a welcome back on board. Rest on the deck enjoying the sunset. The

crew will serve dinner while the Boat is cruising Mang Thit River. **The Boat sets anchor just downstream from the little Tra On Floating Market for overnight.**

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 4 : Tra On – Can Tho

(180 km/ 4h flight)

Breakfast is served from 6:30 AM, while the ship is cruising towards **Tra On Floating Market**. Then, continue to depart towards Can Tho. Arrival in Cai Rang Floating Market, check out and **transfer onto a local boat to visit the floating market**, the nearby arroyos and gardens and return to the Ninh Kieu pier. After lunch, you will visit **Ong pagoda to discover the culture of an ethnic Chinese**, and a **Khmer pagoda Muniransay**. Then you will visit **the former home of over 135 years of Binh Thuy and the Museum of Can Tho**. Overnight at hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 5: Can Tho – Chau Doc

(110 km/ 2h30 journey)

The road continues to **Chau Doc**, a pleasant small town near the Cambodian border which has significant Chinese communities, Cham and Khmer. You will **visit the Vinh Te canal**, created in 1814 under Minh Mang Dynasty and Preah Ang Chan, King of the Khmer. 80,000 Vietnamese workers and Khmers digs the 91 km long, 25 meters wide and 3 meters deep channel. It serves provinces of Cambodia Peam (Ha Tien) to the province of Moat Chrouk Vietnam (Chau Doc). **You will stop at the port of Hotel Da Nui Sam for a walk to discover the pagoda Ba Chua Xu**. Visit of the famous pilgrimage site of Nui Sam, of 230 meters high. It is a sacred mountain for the Vietnamese who come on pilgrimage. It brings together many temples of Chinese influence like the Cham and Khmer. Climb to the top of Night Sam and see the Cambodian border. At the Sam top, you will have a panoramic view of the Mekong Delta. On the way back, **you will visit a floating fish farm** where they breed thousands of fish for exporting. **Then you will visit the village of Cham** in the town of Tan Chau, discover embroidery and discover the mosque of the village. Check-in at the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 6: Chau Doc – Sai Gon. Flight to Da Nang – Hoi An

(210 km/ 5h00 journey 859km/2h flight)

You will visit the floating market in Chau Doc before landing. Road to Saigon and direct transfer to Tan Son Nhat Airport. Flight to Da Nang. Arriving at Da Nang, welcomed by the driver and transfer to your hotel in Hoi An. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 7: Hoi An. Visit of the city

Arrival in Hoi An - a city with the old quarters regarded as one of the 8 heritages of Vietnam by UNESCO. Passengers, travelers, merchants... there are lots of people but older homes are still hiding in a quiet space. Yellow walls and small shops represent the traditional face of Hoi An. You will discover the beauty of the city. The guide will take you to the **pagoda Phuc Thanh** - the oldest one in Hoi An which was built in 1454 by a Chinese monk, in addition with the **Japanese bridge, the town hall Phuoc Kien, and the traditional house of Tan Ky**. You'll be able to taste the specialties of Hoi An.

At around 3.00pm: you will be picked up from your hotel and transferred to the meeting point. Then you will make a walk on the quay Bach Dang watching the landscape around. Take a sail boat cruise along the Thu Bon River and enjoy this beautiful tour on the water ! Cruise to the mouth Cua Dai, then you will go to the Coco river, towards the nipas forest Bay Mau. Back to Hoi An. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 8: Hoi An. Free time.

Breakfast at your hotel. **Free day in Hoi An** for your personal discovery (without driver or guide). Possibility to go to the beach (4 km away from the center) or walking in the surrounding countryside. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast

Day 9: Hoi An – Da Nang – Hue

(130 km/ 2h30 journey)

Stop at **Da Nang, colonial Touran** to visit the **Cham Museum**, which houses a large collection of sculptures typical of Champa Kingdoms. Arrival in Hue. Hue is the ancient capital of Vietnam under the Nguyen Dynasty. Hue has a simple beauty, quiet and taciturn. Perfume River increased the romance of the city every sunset.

Start your bike ride through the streets of the former capital and feel the rhythm of local life. Shops, homes and people are quiet and peaceful. When you reach the front door of the **Royal Citadel**, you will discover the world's heritage of UNESCO in Vietnam. The citadel is considered as a real art museum, historical testimony, and as a place of the last kings of Vietnam. Under the roofs of the palace, watch the images, sculptures symbolizing the typical oriental Vietnamese art. Drive to the mausoleum of **Emperor Tu Duc & Khai Dinh**, another royal monument. Before ending the day, you will learn how to make incense sticks and poetic hats in **both professional villages**. Stop to visit the pagoda "**énuques- Tu Hieu**" Back to Hue. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 10: Hue. Visit of the city. Flight to Hanoi

08:00 Depart from your hotel, Embarking on **boat for cruise along the poetic Perfume River** you can see a pavilion that the king and royal family used to have bath. You also experience the daily life of local people as well as contemplate the beauty of landscapes and fill your heart and mind with fresh air. Main destination of our journey is the iconic **Thien Mu Pagoda** (Heavenly Lady Pagoda) which was built in 1601-the symbol of Hue city.

10:00 Continue your trip biking around the village which is located in the city center and the Nguyen Emperors' tombs. Thuy Bieu is a wonderland of pomelo that possesses a very special taste and fragrance. Keep cycling toward **Thuy Bieu Village** along verdant paths; you can see local people's daily life. Thuy Bieu Village has been well-known with its immense grapefruit gardens, which its **grapefruit** is different from other species throughout Viet Nam. It's smaller but sweeter and known under the name of Thanh Tra people which was only provided for the Royal Family. Have a nice biking and walking around quiet Thuy Bieu Village, feeling the comfortable relax in a friendly air of local. While biking, taking short stop in schools, communal houses, ancient temples and especially the garden house - Its housing architecture is typical of Hue and the Nguyen dynasty with small cottages hidden in large luxuriant gardens, long gates and fences carved out of ornamental trees. Thuy Bieu is a hidden gem of untouched nature and culture. Keep biking

through 2 most pristine hamlets **Nguyet Bieu and Luong Quan** where you can contemplate lush greens, laid back lifestyle. We continue biking through an orphanage. to fulfill their dream to go to school.

12:00 Come back to a local house in Thuy Bieu for **cooking class, you will prepare lunch by yourself with our chief's instruction.** Have lunch with Hue traditional dishes you have just cooked.

13:30 Relax by steeping your foot in **medicinal herb** water – a traditional therapeutic practice. Retour to your hotel at 14h.

Transfer directly to Noi Bai airport for the flight to Hanoi. On arrival you will be greeted by English speaking guide and driver, and overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 11: Hanoi. Visit of the city

You will go to the **Literature Temple**. This is an important monument since it is regarded as the first university of Vietnam. By visiting the temple, you can watch the old objects that reflect the past kingdoms of Thang Long. In the afternoon, you will visit the **Ethnographic museum** in which is retraced the ethnic minorities life in Vietnam. The objects, houses, clothes, documents are gathered among the museum. You will have the opportunity to enter in the long house of Ede, Jarai the Rong house or the earthen house of Ha Nhi. You will arrive at the **Tran Quoc Pagoda** (the pagoda of the defense of the Fatherland), which was built in the 6th century under the Ly Antérieur Dynasty. It was the Buddhist center of the Thang Long Citadel during the dynasties of Ly, Tran (for about 250 years). Currently, it still preserves many ancient artifacts: the Buddhist canonical books, statutes, bells and drums... You will hear the story of the founding and development of Buddhism in Vietnam, a religion with a national character. In addition, you will have the opportunity to explore the charm of the West Lake Pagoda which is located on the side of the lake. You will explore the city and the old quarters in **a rickshaw**. Then you will go to **Hoan Kiem Lake** (Lake of the Restored Sword) and you will listen to its legend. Foreigners cannot miss when they arrive in Hanoi because this lake is considered to be the heart of the city. Although the city is becoming more and more dynamic, active and modern, we can still feel past vibrations

in the neighborhood of the 36 streets : **the Kim Ngan Dinh (communal house jewelry), the old house at 87 Ma May, Hoan Kiem Lake, temple of Jade, the Brush tower.** Then, you will attend **a water puppet show.** This is a traditional Vietnamese art that combines folk music and actions of wooden puppets.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 12: Hanoi – Hoa Lu – Tam Coc

(100km/ 2h journey)

At 95 km away from Hanoi in Ninh Binh province, there is a large number of rich historical heritages of Vietnam, as it was the ancient capital of the country according to the 11th century. Ninh Binh attracts visitors with its historic highness, and culturally rich destination. At Ninh Binh, visit the most authentic sights of this beautiful province Kenh Ga (natural hot springs), Thung Nang (Sun Valley) with a portion of the inland Halong Bay, Tam Coc (three caves also named the HaLong Bay inland), Thai Vi temple, Pagoda Bich Dong.



After breakfast you will go to Ninh Binh. Arrive in Hoa Lu, visit the ancient capital of Vietnam under the Ly Dynasty and Le antérieur. Discovery of **two temples dedicated to the Dinh and Le Kings.** Then you will go on an excursion in a **rowing boat on the River Tam Coc** (three caves). The cruise will last approximately 2 hours. Tam Coc is a small village whose inhabitants organize walks on the Ngo Dong River. You will see the rocks having the same appearance as Phoenix in mandarin hat, turtle. It will be beautiful. Sometimes the river will merge with rice fields and give you the impression of riding a real sea. Such a nice cruise ! By late afternoon **bike ride to visit Bich Dong Pagoda and the Temple of Thai Vy.** Overnight at the hotel.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 13: Tam Coc – Ha Long

Two days one night cruise to untouched Bai Tu Long Bay is ideal for you to discover natural beauty and local life, you will get to visit cave, go kayaking and visit a floating village. This trip takes you deep into natural wonder and experience a memorable night in the majestic bay. The

route is off the beaten track and our staffs are keen on taking care of customer's request, it is quite potential to be your highlight trip in Vietnam.

You will cross all the northern basin of the Red River to reach Halong Bay.

12h15 Embark. Enjoy welcome drink as Cruise Manager gives you a brief overview of the itinerary and important safety guideline. Check in your cabin.

13h00 Start cruising among famous Islets (Indochina studio, Am Islet...) of Bai Tu Long Bay, the wildest beauty with the panoramic natural views. Admire the grace of the bay while enjoying the delicious lunch in the restaurant at the first deck.

14h30 Explore the well-hidden Co Cave (known as Thien Canh Son Cave). Relax on white sandy beach or walk along the beach at Hon Co Island (no swimming).

15h45 Return and enjoy the wonderful beauty of Bai Tu Long Bay at sunset; admire the striking islands and islets, savoring the fresh and peaceful atmosphere **which could hardly be found in land while cruising to Cong Do sleeping area.**



16h30 Enjoy kayaking at Cong Do or relaxing on the cruise.

18h00 Onboard the vessel, surrounded by a stunning, setting in motion, **attend our chef's cooking demonstration and try your skills in the art of traditional Vietnamese cooking (spring roll)** on the sundeck.

19h15 Dinner is served in the restaurant at the first desk. **You can enjoy the charm of Bai Tu Long Bay at night.**

21h00 Evening activities: relax at leisure; enjoy our Movie Night, Board Games or our Massage & Spa services (massage and spa fee is not included in the price), **squid fishing.** Overnight on Bai Tu Long Bay

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 14: Ha Long – Hanoi

06h30 Welcome a new day with an amazing dawn on Bai Tu Long Bay. **Refresh your body and soul with a Tai-chi session on the sundeck.**

07h00 Catch the morning view of seascapes **while enjoying the breakfast with cookies an tea, coffee at the restaurant.**

07h30 Visit Vung Vieng village - the famous fishing farm by bamboo boat and discover life of local people living on the surface of Halong Bay

08h30 Return to boat

09h15 Pack up the luggage and check out of the cabin.

09h30 Enjoy the brunch in the restaurant while cruising back to Vinashin tourist harbor.

11h00 Disembark. Back to Hanoi and then transfer directly to Noi Bai airport for Return flight.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch

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BEN TRE	Homestay (Basic comfort)	Homestay (Basic comfort)	Homestay (Basic comfort)
LE MEKONG	LE COCHINCHINE*** https://lecochinchine.com/en/	AUTHENTIC MEKONG*** https://mekongcruise.com/cruise/authentic-mekong-cruise.html	BASSAC*** https://transmekong.com/
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MEETING with the ETHNIC groups of VIETNAM





The highlights of the trip | 17 days/16 nights

- A trip that takes you **into the splendors of northern Vietnam, while crossing the major destinations.**
- A circuit that will show you the sights off the beaten track you will **explore the beauties of ethnic minorities in Sapa, Hue, the Highlands.**
- Time to observe **the daily life of local** and original customs.
- A discovery tour of cultural, traditional, discovery of **an incredible heritage, and visit of the most beautiful sites.**
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Meeting with the ethnic groups of Vietnam

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(53km/ 1h20 de route)

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After breakfast, you will start your stay with a **pleasant walk in the old village**. You will visit **the tomb of King Ngo Quyen, the temple of the king of Phung Hung, the communal house of Mong Phu**. The people still keep their ancient customs in their daily lives such as the market, small shops in the streets, or wells. You will have a little time to rest under the roof all while tasting the « che lam » (type of candy, the village specialty) and green tea. In the afternoon, you will **explore the Tay Phuong Pagoda** (Tay Phuong means the world of Western Buddhas), an ancient pagoda which is located on the hill in the middle of a rural area. Return to Hanoi. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



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(170 km/ 3h30 journey)

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- 19h15** Dinner is served in the restaurant at the first desk. **You can enjoy the charm of Bai Tu Long Bay at night.**
- 21h00 Evening activities: relax at leisure; enjoy our Movie Night, Board Games or our Massage & Spa services** (massage and spa fee is not included in the price), **squid fishing.** Overnight on Bai Tu Long Bay

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 4: Ha Long – Hanoi. Night train to Lao Cai

(170 km/ 3h30 de route)

- 06h30** Welcome a new day with an amazing dawn on Bai Tu Long Bay. **Refresh your body and soul with a Tai-chi session on the sundeck.**
- 07h00** Catch the morning view of seascapes **while enjoying the breakfast with cookies and tea, coffee at the restaurant.**
- 07h30 Visit Vung Vieng village - the famous fishing farm by bamboo boat** and discover life of local people living on the surface of Halong Bay
- 08h30** Return to boat
- 09h15** Pack up the luggage and check out of the cabin.
- 09h30** Enjoy the brunch in the restaurant while cruising back to Vinashin tourist harbor.

11h00 Disembark. Then transfer to Hanoi train station for the night train to Lao Cai - Sapa / **KING EXPRESS train (or LIVITRANS EXPRESS, or CHAPA EXPRESS)** - Cabin with 4 berths for categories STANDARD & SUPERIOR; Cabin with 2 berths for DELUXE category/ Departure 20:40. Night on board.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 5: Lao Cai – Ma Tra – Sa Pa

(40 km/ 1h00 journey)

Located 367 km away from Hanoi, Sapa is considered as a very attractive destination by visitors, as the heart of the North-East region of Vietnam thanks to its pleasant climate and beautiful landscape. It is also a place where ethnic minorities live together with their own traditions. These specialties are the face of a the "city in the clouds" that travelers would like to reach.

Arrival at Lao Cai train station, you will be welcomed by the driver and the guide. Along the way you will visit **the village of Ma Tra** lying 7 km from Sapa. Village life remained authentic, which will be a great opportunity to discover the traditions and customs of the inhabitants. You will definitely have the opportunity to meet the minorities. You will continue your road to Sapa. Upon arrival, you'll make a city tour : **Old Cathedral, market, and the colonial houses**. Overnight in the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 6: Sa Pa – Ban Khoang – Ta Giang Phinh – Sapa

After breakfast, you will hike to the village of Ban Khoang while exploring the beauty of a region off the beaten tracks. You can admire the rice fields, the activities of the inhabitants. Arrival at the village of **Ban Khoang**. After a short break to have some rest, you will continue hiking to **the village of Ta Giang Phinh** - the cohabitation space between black ethnic Hmong and Dao red. You will discover authentic landscapes. Then drive to Sapa. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 7: Sa Pa – Bac Ha – Lao Cai – Night train to Hanoi

(130 km/ 3h00 journey)

Located in the mountains, 76 km away from the town of Lao Cai, **Bac Ha weekly market is considered as a unique, attractive, interesting and authentic place by visitors. The market operates every sunday**, it is the place of exchange of agricultural products essential to everyday life of the North Vietnamese. The merchants gather at dawn on a wide field under small tents with their products, the women sell skirts, hats, belts... handmade with colorful fabric emblematic of the region. Other women shout customers to buy vegetables, fruits, medicinal roots or corn alcohol. This is a strong exchanging place, where young people laugh, sing, dance and play the flute pan. Moreover, this market is considered as a center of trade livestock such as horses, buffaloes and dogs. Then start walking to visit the hamlets around **Bac Ha Ban Pho Ban Pho 1 and 2** inhabited by the ethnic Hmong colorful. Visit the abandoned remains of Huang A Tuong, a **former head Hmong**. Transfer to Lao Cai for the night train to Hanoi/ **KING EXPRESS train (or LIVITRANS EXPRESS, or CHAPA EXPRESS)** - Cabin with 4 berths for categories STANDARD & SUPERIOR; Cabin with 2 berths for DELUXE category/ Departure 20:40. Night on board.

Note : *Bac Ha market opens every Sunday, so if your stay does not fall on a Sunday, we suggest you either change the route a bit, or we'll take you to other authentic ethnic markets as, the market Coc Ly on Tuesday morning, the market Lung Khau Ninh Thursday morning or Can Cau market on Saturday morning.*

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner



Day 8: Hanoi – Flight to Hue

(700 km/ 1h10 flight)

Arrival in Hanoi Railway Station at 5.00am, transfer and accommodation at the two-star hotel to rest and have breakfast. Transfer to Noi Bai airport for the flight **Hanoi-Hue**. On arrival you will be greeted by our guide and driver to explore the city.

Hue is the ancient capital of Vietnam under the Nguyen Dynasty. Hue has a simple beauty, taciturn and quiet with the sun covering the red roofs of the royal palaces. Perfume River increased the romance of the city every sunset.

Start your bike ride through the streets of the former capital and feel the rhythm of local life. Shops, homes and people are quiet and peaceful. When you reach the front door of the **Royal Citadel**, you will discover the world's heritage of UNESCO in Vietnam. The citadel is considered as a real art museum, historical testimony, and as a place of the last kings of Vietnam. Under the roofs of the palace, watch the images, sculptures symbolizing the typical oriental Vietnamese art.

Drive to the mausoleum of **Emperor Tu Duc & Khai Dinh**, another royal monument. Before ending the day, you will learn how to make incense sticks and poetic hats in **both professional villages**. Stop to visit the pagoda "**énuques- Tu Hieu**" Back to Hue. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 9: Hue

08:00 Depart from your hotel, Embarking on **boat for cruise along the poetic Perfume River** you can see a pavilion that the king and royal family used to have bath. You also experience the daily life of local people as well as contemplate the beauty of landscapes and fill your heart and mind with fresh air. Main destination of our journey is the iconic **Thien Mu Pagoda** (Heavenly Lady Pagoda) which was built in 1601-the symbol of Hue city.



10:00 Continue your trip biking around the village which is located in the city center and the Nguyen Emperors' tombs. Thuy Bieu is a wonderland of pomelo that possesses a very special taste and fragrance. Keep cycling toward **Thuy Bieu Village** along verdant paths; you can see local people's daily life. Thuy Bieu Village has been well-known with its immense grapefruit gardens, which its **grapefruit** is different from other species throughout Viet Nam. It's smaller but sweeter and known under the name of Thanh Tra people which was only provided for the Royal Family. Have a nice biking and walking around quiet Thuy Bieu Village, feeling the comfortable relax in a friendly air of local. While biking, taking short stop in schools, communal houses, ancient temples and especially the garden house - Its housing architecture is typical of Hue and the Nguyen dynasty with small cottages hidden in large luxuriant gardens, long gates and fences carved out of ornamental trees. Thuy Bieu is a hidden gem of untouched nature and culture Keep biking through 2 most pristine hamlets **Nguyet Bieu and Luong Quan** where you can contemplate lush greens, laid back lifestyle. We continue biking through an orphanage. to fulfill their dream to go to school.

12:00 Come back to a local house in Thuy Bieu for **cooking class, you will prepare lunch by yourself with our chief's instruction**. Have lunch with Hue traditional dishes you have just cooked.

13:30 Relax by steeping your foot in **medicinal herb** water – a traditional therapeutic practice. Retour to your hotel at 14h. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 10: Hue – A Luoi – A Roang

(70km / 2h30 journey)

*Located 70 km away from the center of Hue, A Luoi is a mountain town where we find the **Pako, Katu, Pa Hy, and Ta Oi inhabitants**. You will be in direct contact with the villagers, and that will be the opportunity for you to discover the various minorities' state of mind. You will have the opportunity to admire the beautiful wild landscapes.*



While leaving the town, you will take the bus to the **town of A Luoi**. You will pass through the mountains and forests. From above, you will be able to watch the streams and the small houses hidden on the hill. Despite urbanization, people retain a traditional lifestyle. Arrival in A Luoi, you will begin the discovery with a visit in **the home of the regional culture**. It looks like a small museum that features objects related to history, for travelers' culture. You will continue your way to **A Roang** - the coexistence of space Kotu communities and Ta Oi. In the afternoon, **the chief of the village takes you to watch the daily life of residents. You will discover how to fish...** Then **you will be able to swim in the natural mineral hot water**. Then return to the communal house and **prepare food**. You will taste the specialties of the region. It will be possible to try dishes of insects. Unforgettable night in the town hall. Overnight in the communal house

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 11: A Roang – Hue

(70km / 2h30 journey)

Get up early and you'll have the chance to admire the dawn with white clouds kissing the red sun. Breakfast. Then head to trek for about 4 hours in the forest of A Roang. You will have the opportunity to discover the beauty, the tranquility, the authenticity of Hue. You will listen to nature : birds, sources, animals... Swimming in the village of A Ka. In the afternoon, visit **the Zen**

village where you will learn to weave with the legs, with the Van Kieu and Pako women. Then return to Hue. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 12: Hue – Da Nang – Hoi An

(130 km/ 2h30 journey)

*You will continue your tour to Hoi An - one of the main ports of Vietnam in the 17th and 18th centuries. You will ascend the **hill of Hai Van** (Hill clouds). From above, you will be able to watch the beautiful coastal landscapes of the Centre.*

Stop at **Da Nang** - the colonial **Touran** to visit the **Cham Museum**, which contains a large collection of sculptures typical of Champa Kingdoms. Arrival in Hoi An - a city with the old quarters regarded as one of the 8 heritages of Vietnam by UNESCO. Passengers, travelers, merchants... there are lots of people but older homes are still hiding in a quiet space. Yellow walls and small shops represent the traditional face of Hoi An. You will continue to discover the beauty of the city. The guide will take you to the **pagoda Phuc Thanh** - the oldest one in Hoi An which was built in 1454 by a Chinese monk, in addition with the **Japanese bridge, the town hall Phuoc Kien, and the traditional house of Tan Ky**. You'll be able to taste the specialties of Hoi An. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 13 : Hoi An – Tra Nhieu- Tra Que - Hoi An

*We invite you to come discover Hoi An and its surrounding countryside differently. Together, we will guide you away from the usual tours. We will help you discover **little known locations that have maintained their charm and authenticity**. Each of our tours is limited in size to ensure maximum **comfort, service and quality**. And, rather than offering a run-of-the-mill tour. We organize custom-tailored excursions, according to your personal interests. And, we personally accompany you on a cycling “adventure”, taking the time to answer your questions, so that you will discover and share our love for this marvelous country.*

The guide takes you from your hotel and riding to where you board the shuttle to cross the river Thu Bon for about 15 minutes, to the Kim Bong carpenters village. **You will visit the shipbuilding workshop, wood carving, mosaic and other workshops.** The locals will teach you how to make the traditional wooden boats that move the rivers, try the famous basket boats at Mr. Kha's workshop has 85 years, which manufactures cart boats, woven by bamboo and palm trees. **Continue your ride to the Tra Nhieu mat village;** you will be listened to the presentation of the war history and their activities. The fishermen leave their nets, boats and prepare their tools for a long ride 2-3 weeks at sea. Taking the path along the river, you will see coconut water, fishing nets, and wild birds, then visit the craft mats making. Go back at the dock, **you board the boat with residents and cycling to the Tra Que vegetable village** - *About 150 farmers and 400 owners live on site, cultivate about 20 types of vegetables and herbs including mint, salad, basil, cilantro, broccoli among the other more than 40 hectares of land, 8 tons of Tra Que vegetables are sold each year. The farmers do not use pesticides or OGM but natural fertilizers in particular, a kind of*



seaweed that is in the river, harvested by gardeners by boat every morning. To Tra Que village, you will be warmly greeted by Mr. Minh family, 3 generations one, a welcome drink "basil juice", stroll through the village and meet local people who work in the garden. The local farmer will teach you all about cultivation methods and how to protect developing vegetable from the insects as well as join the farmers in preparing gardening activities such as raking the ground, sowing, watering greens, transplanting and tending greens. Then relax and soak your feet with a mix of local herbal remedy and Chinese traditional medicine in order to reduce your aches and pains, rheumatism. Prepare lunch with a local family. You will learn how to make "Tam Huu" spring roll, "Xeo" pancake. Your lunch will consist of many local delicacies including "Tam Huu" spring roll, "Banh Xeo" or local pancake of people in Centre of Viet Nam. After lunch, take a bit rest before returning to your hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 14: Hoi An – Kon Tum

(230km / 5h journey)

Tay Nguyen (the highlands) is part of Central Vietnam, which contains the 5 provinces : Kon Tum, Gia Lai, Dak Lak, Dak Nong and Lam Dong. It is a territory that still retains the specific traditions

and cultures. It is also the space of coexistence of people of Gia Rai, Ede, M-nong, K-ho... members of the 54 Vietnamese ethnic minorities. With a wealth of spirits, Tay Nguyen attracts many travelers. Visiting this area will be a great opportunity to discover a dynamic picture of the Centre minorities daily life.

After breakfast, the guide and driver will welcome you at your hotel and you will begin the journey of discovery of the highlands. You will take the national road 14B, also called the **Ho Chi Minh Trail** through the hills, forests and villages of minority residents of the Centre as Jarai, Bahnar, Ede, or M'nong. Breakfast in a local restaurant. You will continue the journey and visit historic war landmarks : **the crossroads of Indochina, Dakto, or the Phoenix Airport**. Arrival in Kontum, **visit of the wooden cathedral, orphanage Vinh Son I, the Thua Sai seminary, and the Konklor bridge**. Overnight at hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 15: Kontum - Pleiwer – Pleiku

(90km / 2h journey)

After breakfast, departure to a **trek** through the villages of Bahnar people. You **will make a canoe trip on the wild river of Dakbla**. You will continue to **Pleiku**. Along the way you will visit the **village of Pleiwer** (or Pleiphun) of Jarai, one of the largest ethnic minorities in the Central Highlands, but also collective tombs with statues, and the water point. And then you will go to **Lake Sea** to contemplate an ancient volcano extinct for hundreds of millions of years. Overnight at hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 16: Pleiku - Buon Ma Thuot

(190 km/ 4h30 journey)

After breakfast, you will start the tour by **Minh Thanh Pagoda**, the largest and beautiful one of the region. You will continue to the city of **Buon Ma Thuot**. On the road, you will make a short stop in the large and vast coffee plantations of rubber and pepper. **Arrival in Buon Ma Thuot**. In the afternoon, you will **visit the Ethnographic Museum of Buon Ma Thuot**. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 17: Buon Ma Thuot – Dray Sap –De Don Village

(40km / 1h journey)

After breakfast, you will make a walk to **the Falls Dray Sap**, mist falls because its waters rush violently and noisily into the valley forming a veil of mist. Then you will enter in the **Don village**, the village of elephants and the ancient capital of Dak Lak province in the 19th century. Lunch with the locals. **You will make a ride on an elephant and visit the bamboo suspension bridge, the old house on stilts over 100 years of Laos, the tomb of the elephant's king.** Back to Buon Ma Thuot. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 18 : Buon Ma Thuot - Vol pour Hanoï/ Sai Gon - Return flight

After breakfast, you will **have a free time** before going to Buon Ma Thuot airport for the flight to Hanoi, & return flight

Included meals: breakfast

ESTIMATED PRICE

(Depending on season, types of accommodation and activities)

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(Price by person in USD)

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HALONG	Aclass*** https://www.aclasscruises.com/	Ancora**** http://ancoracruisehalong.com/	Athena Cruise***** https://athenacruise.com/
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SA PA	Amazing Sapa*** https://amazinghotel.com.vn/	Bamboo Sapa Hotel**** http://www.bamboosapahotel.com.vn/	Silk Path Grand Resort & Spa***** https://www.silkpathhotel.com/en/Sapa/
HUE	Alba Spa hotel*** https://www.albaboutiquehotels.com	Eldora hotel**** http://www.eldorahotel.com/	La Residence Hue- MGallery Collection***** https://azerai.com/vi/resorts/azerai-la-residence-hue/
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- *Excursion in boat as mentionned*
- *Elephant ride*



PANORAMA of VIETNAM





The Highlights of the trip | 11 days /10 nights

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(100km/ 2h journey)

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After breakfast you will go to Ninh Binh. Arrive in Hoa Lu, visit the ancient capital of Vietnam under the Ly Dynasty and Le antérieur. Discovery of **two temples dedicated to the Dinh and Le Kings**. Then you will go on an excursion in a **rowing boat on the River Tam Coc** (three caves). The cruise will last approximately 2 hours. Tam Coc is a small village whose inhabitants organize walks on the Ngo Dong River. You will see the rocks having the same appearance as Phoenix in mandarin hat, turtle. It will be beautiful. Sometimes the river will merge with rice fields and give you the impression of riding a real sea. Such a nice cruise ! By late afternoon **bike ride to visit Bich Dong Pagoda and the Temple of Thai Vy**. Overnight at the hotel.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner



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(170 km/ 3h30 journey)

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- 18h00** Onboard the vessel, surrounded by a stunning, setting in motion, **attend our chef's cooking demonstration and try your skills in the art of traditional Vietnamese cooking (spring roll)** on the sundeck.
- 19h15** Dinner is served in the restaurant at the first desk. **You can enjoy the charm of Bai Tu Long Bay at night.**
- 21h00** Evening activities: **relax at leisure; enjoy our Movie Night, Board Games or our Massage & Spa services** (massage and spa fee is not included in the price), **squid fishing.** Overnight on Bai Tu Long Bay

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner



Day 4: Ha Long – Hanoi- Hue.

(170km/ 3h30 journey + 700km/ 1h10 flight)

- 06h30** Welcome a new day with an amazing dawn on Bai Tu Long Bay. **Refresh your body and soul with a Tai-chi session on the sundeck.**
- 07h00** Catch the morning view of seascapes **while enjoying the breakfast with cookies and tea, coffee at the restaurant.**
- 07h30** Visit Vung Vieng village - the famous fishing farm by bamboo boat and discover life of local people living on the surface of Halong Bay
- 08h30** Return to boat

09h15 Pack up the luggage and check out of the cabin.

09h30 Enjoy the brunch in the restaurant while cruising back to Vinashin tourist harbor.

11h00 Disembark. Back to Hanoi and then transfer directly to Noi Bai airport for the flight to Hue. On arrival you will be greeted by English speaking guide and driver, and overnight at the hotel.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 5: Hue. Visit of the city

Hue is the ancient capital of Vietnam under the Nguyen Dynasty. Hue has a simple beauty, taciturn and quiet with the sun covering the red roofs of the royal palaces. Perfume River increased the romance of the city every sunset.

After breakfast, you will **board at the Toa Kham wharf for a cruise on the Perfume River. You will disembark to visit the Thien Mu pagoda** - the symbol of Hue city. The pagoda is situated on the hill. You will walk step by step on the stairs listening to the legend of the heavenly Lady. The river is like a mirror embracing the pagoda. Following the visit of Hue with the historical sites: **the Imperial City, the mausoleum of Tu Duc, Minh Mang & Khai Dinh**. Back to Hue city. Overnight at the hotel.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner



Day 6: Hue – Da Nang – Hoi An *(126km/2h45 journey)*

You will ascend the **hill of Hai Van (Hill clouds)**. From above, you will be able to watch the beautiful coastal landscapes of the Centre. Stop at Da Nang - colonial Touran to **visit the Cham Museum**, which houses a large collection of sculptures typical of Champa Kingdoms. Arrival in Hoi An - a city with the old quarters regarded as one of the 8 heritages of Vietnam by UNESCO. Passengers, travelers, merchants... there are lots of people but older homes are still hiding in a quiet space. Yellow walls and small shops represent the traditional face of Hoi An. You will continue to discover the beauty of the city. The guide will take you to the **pagoda Phuc Thanh** - the oldest one in Hoi An which was built in 1454 by a Chinese monk, in addition with the **Japanese**

bridge, the town hall Phuoc Kien, and the traditional house of Tan Ky. You'll be able to taste the specialties of Hoi An. Overnight at the hotel.

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The guide takes you from your hotel and riding to where you board the shuttle to cross the river Thu Bon for about 15 minutes, to the Kim Bong carpenters village. **You will visit the shipbuilding workshop, wood carving, mosaic and other workshops.** The locals will teach you how to make the traditional wooden boats that move the rivers, try the famous basket boats at Mr. Kha's workshop has 85 years, which manufactures cart boats, woven by bamboo and palm trees. **Continue your ride to the Tra Nhieu mat village;** you will be listened to the presentation of the war history and their activities. The fishermen leave their nets, boats and prepare their tools for a long ride 2-3 weeks at sea. Taking the path along the river, you will see coconut water, fishing nets, and wild birds, then visit the craft mats making. Go back at the dock, **you board the boat with residents and cycling to the Tra Que vegetable village** - About 150 farmers and 400 owners live on site, cultivate about 20 types of vegetables and herbs including mint, salad, basil, cilantro, broccoli among the other more than 40 hectares of land, 8 tons of Tra Que vegetables are sold each year. The farmers do not use pesticides or OGM but natural fertilizers in particular, a kind of seaweed that is in the river, harvested by gardeners by boat every morning. To Tra Que village, you will be warmly greeted by Mr. Minh family, 3 generations one, a welcome drink "basil juice", stroll through the village and meet local people who work in the garden. The local farmer will teach you all about cultivation methods and how to protect developing vegetable from the insects as well as join the farmers in preparing gardening activities such as raking the ground,

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(180km/ 4h journey)

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Departure for the **Mekong Delta**, huge and fertile plain that constitutes the rice granary of Vietnam. Tourist will be on board at the tourist boat station in Cai Be and welcomed with cold towels, fresh coconut. Boating and enjoying the fresh air on the Mekong river, **the tourists visit the Cai Be floating market**, the original style of commerce on the Mekong river. **Visiting the local poprice, coconut candy workshop and knowing the ways bee-breeding tasting honey tea by breezy river**. Boating to visit the local fruit gardens and a way of horticulture **and listening to the traditional music, is the best chance for relaxation. Taking about 20 minutes for rowing sampan with discovery feelings**. Crossing the Mekong river **to An Binh island** to see the daily life along the river. Visiting the brick & pottery factory where the tourist know how to make the brick and the pottery from the local clay and styles with the traditional technique. Continuation for Can Tho. Overnight at the hotel.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 10: Can Tho – Sai Gon
(180km/ 4h journey)

After breakfast at the hotel, departure by motorboat to visit **one of the most lively floating markets of the Mekong Delta - Cai Rang**, with its hundreds of boats jostling and clashing against each other, while their owners try to sell their goods. Cruise along this river gives the opportunity to see closely

the daily life of the delta inhabitants and an authentic Vietnam. Here, the real roads are the waterways, crisscrossed with sampans and boats. The Mekong Delta is crisscrossed by a **multitude of canals, paddy fields and gardens, islands and villages** punctuated by the pulsations of the river. Here we slide on the water with boats or canoes. The people of the delta have been fascinated by the waters of the river that governs the lives of men from birth to death. Everything depends on the Mekong: the work of the fields, the orchards or the rice fields, the fishing, the transports, the traditions ... Transfer by **boat to the orchards** where you will taste the fruits of season. Then you will visit the **old house Binh Thuy**. There, the driver of your vehicle awaits you to take you back to Saigon. Arrival in Saigon and check in at the hotel. Overnight in Saigon.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 11: Sai Gon. Return flight

You will have **some free time** in Saigon until the transfer to Tan Son Nhat airport. Return flight.

Meals included: breakfast

END OF THE TRIP

ESTIMATED PRICE

(Depending on season, types of accommodation and activities)

- The estimated budget for this trip is from 1117 € / person.
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PRICE OF THE TRIP

(Price by person in USD)

Those price are valid till 09/30/2023

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City name/ List of hotels	Standard	Superior	Deluxe
HA NOI	Church Boutique Hotel Nha Tho*** http://nhatho.churchhotel.com.vn/	Hanoi Marvellous Hotel & Spa**** http://www.hanoimarvelloushotel.com/	Hotel de l'Opera Hanoi-MGALLERY Collection***** http://hoteldelopera.com/
HALONG	Aclass*** https://www.aclasscruises.com/	Ancora**** http://ancoracruisehalong.com/	Athena Cruise***** https://athenacruise.com/
NINH BINH	The Reed Hotel*** http://thereedhotel.com	Ninh Binh Hidden Charm Hotel & Resort**** http://hiddencharmresort.com/	Aravinda Resort Ninh Binh**** https://aravinda-resort.com/
HUE	Alba Spa hotel*** https://www.albaboutiquehotels.com	Eldora hotel**** http://www.eldorahotel.com/	La Residence Hue Hotel & Spa - MGALLERY Collection***** https://azerai.com/vi/resorts/azerai-la-residence-hue/
HOI AN	Hoi An Odyssey Hotel*** https://hoianodysseyhotel.com/	River Suites Hoi An**** http://www.riversuiteshoian.com/	Hotel Royal Hoi An-MGALLERY Collection***** https://hotelroyal-hoian.com/
SAI GON	Blue Diamond Signature Hotel***	Liberty Central Saigon hotel Riverside****	Intercontinental Asiana Saigon Hotel*****

	https://www.bluediamondhotel.com.vn/blue-diamond-signature-hotel	https://www.libertycentralsaigonriverside.com/en/	https://www.icsaigon.com/
CAN THO	Kim Tho Hotel*** http://kimthohotel.vn	Victoria Can Tho Resort**** https://www.victoriahotels.asia/vi/hotels-resorts/cantho.html	Vinpearl Can Tho***** https://vinpearl.com/vi/hotels/vinpearl-hotel-can-tho

<i>The price includes</i>	<i>The price excludes</i>
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- ***Actual contacts with local** via the floating market and exchanges during the drive.*



Flavor of Vietnam

Day 1: Arrival in Hanoi

*Hanoi also known as "**Thang Long**", its historical name meaning "flying dragon", was the main feudal capital of the country for hundreds of years - from the Ly Dynasty (11th century) to the dynasty of Le postérieur (late 17th century), so far the city of Hanoi still preserves the historical, traditional and typical monuments of Vietnamese culture and values of the immortal spirits of Hanoians.*

Arrival at Hanoi airport, the guide and the driver will welcome you and proceed to the transfer to the city center. You will explore the city and the old quarters in a **rickshaw**. Then you will go to **Hoan Kiem Lake** (Lake of the Restored Sword) and you will listen to his legend. Foreigners cannot miss when they arrive in Hanoi because this lake is considered to be the heart of the city. **Small visit of the Jade Temple and the Brush tower.**

Option: *If you don't want to visit the city right after because of the long flight, we will suggest you a massage. You will have one hour to relax, extra cost of 15\$ per person will be ask.*

Included meals: lunch and dinner.



Day 2: Hanoi - Visit of the city.

You will go to the **Literature Temple**. This is an important monument since it is considered as the first university of Vietnam. By visiting the temple, you can watch the old objects that reflect the past kingdoms of Thang Long.

You will visit the **Ethnographic museum** in which is retraced the ethnic minorities life in Vietnam. The objects, houses, clothes, documents are gathered among the museum. You will have the opportunity to enter in the long house of Ede, Jarai the Rong house or the earthen house of Ha Nhi.

You will arrive at the **Tran Quoc Pagoda** (the pagoda of the defense of the Fatherland), which was built in the 6th century under the Ly Antérieur Dynasty. It was the Buddhist center of the Thang Long Citadel during the dynasties of Ly, Tran (for about 250 years). Currently, it still

preserves many ancient artifacts : the Buddhist canonical books, statutes, bells and drums... You will hear the story of the founding and development of Buddhism in Vietnam, a religion with a national character. In addition, you will have the opportunity to explore the charm of the West Lake Pagoda which is located on the side of the lake.

You will feel the rhythm of the daily Hanoian life entering the old quarters. Although the city is becoming more and more dynamic, active and modern, we can still feel past vibrations in the neighborhood of the 36 streets: **the Kim Ngan Dinh (communal house jewelry), the old house at 87 Ma May, Hoan Kiem Lake,...**

By late afternoon, you will **attend a water puppet show**. This is a traditional Vietnamese art that combines folk music and actions of wooden puppets. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 3: Hanoi – Hoa Lu – Tam Coc
(100km/ 2h journey)

At 95 km away from Hanoi in Ninh Binh province, there is a large number of rich historical heritages of Vietnam, as it was the ancient capital of the country according to the 11th century. Ninh Binh attracts visitors with its historic highness, and culturally rich destination. At Ninh Binh, visit the most authentic sights of this beautiful province Kenh Ga (natural hot springs), Thung Nang (Sun Valley) with a portion of the inland Halong Bay, Tam Coc (three caves also named the HaLong Bay inland), Thai Vi temple, Pagoda Bich Dong.

After breakfast, you will go to Ninh Binh. Arrival in Hoa Lu, visit the ancient capital of Vietnam under the Ly Dynasty and Le antérieur. Discovery of **two temples dedicated to the Dinh and Le Kings. Then you will go on an excursion in a rowing boat on the River Tam Coc (three caves).** The cruise will last approximately 2 hours. Tam Coc is a small village whose inhabitants organize walks on the Ngo Dong River. You will see the rocks having the same appearance as Phoenix in mandarin hat, turtle. It will be beautiful. Sometimes the river will merge with rice fields and give you the impression of riding a real sea. Such a nice cruise ! By late afternoon, **bike ride to visit Bich Dong Pagoda and the Temple of Thai Vy.** Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Jour 4 : Tam Coc - Baie de Bai Tu Long

(170 km / 3h30 de route)

Two days one night cruise to untouched Bai Tu Long Bay is ideal for you to discover natural beauty and local life, you will get to visit cave, go kayaking and visit a floating village. This trip takes you deep into natural wonder and experience a memorable night in the majestic bay. The route is off the beaten track and our staffs are keen on taking care of customer's request, it is quite potential to be your highlight trip in Vietnam.



You will cross all the northern basin of the Red River to reach Halong Bay.

12h15 Embark. Enjoy welcome drink as Cruise Manager gives you a brief overview of the itinerary and important safety guideline. Check in your cabin.

13h00 Start cruising among famous Islets (Indochina studio, Am Islet...) of Bai Tu Long Bay, the wildest beauty with the panoramic natural views. Admire the grace of the bay while enjoying the delicious lunch in the restaurant at the first deck.

14h30 Explore the well-hidden Co Cave (known as Thien Canh Son Cave). Relax on white sandy beach or walk along the beach at Hon Co Island (no swimming).

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Day 6: Hanoi. Flight to Dong Hoi

(488km/1h flight)

The Quang Binh province is 500 km away from Hanoi and 1220 km from Ho Chi Minh City. 85% of its surface is covered with mountains, forests and beaches on nearly 117 km in length. It becomes an ideal destination for beach holidays and discovery travel. A UNESCO heritage site, the National Park Phong Nha-Ke Bang aims to protect the most important karst formations in the world. The park is famous for its caves, the vast Phong Nha cave, the largest in the world which flows the longest underground river in the world.

Breakfast and transfer to the airport for the flight **Hanoi-Dong Hoi**. The guide and driver will welcome you. Then you will take the road and go to Phong Nha national park - Ke Bang where you will **take a cruise on rowing boat on the underground river, length of 1500 meters**. You will

enter in a pure space to explore the **Phong Nha cave**, a natural rock together forming a maze of 8 km length, dug 14 caves bristling with stalactites and stalagmites. Then you can stroll into the cave and admire the natural rock carvings. This walk will be very relaxing. You will continue the tour by visiting the **Thien Duong cave** (Paradise Cave). It was discovered by scientists of the British Speleological Association in 2005. With a length of 31 km, it is considered as the longest dry cave in Asia. With natural primitive characteristics, the cave looks like a picturesque landscape painting which is very attractive for visitors. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 7: Dong Hoi - Quang Tri – Hue

(230km / 4h30 journey)

After breakfast you will **visit the citadel of Quang Binh**, built in 1631 under the Nguyen Dynasty. This monument was intended to protect the ancient royal citadel. By visiting the citadel, you will admire the original architecture in harmony with the military art of the time. Old of 4 centuries, the fortress reflects the history symbolizing vitality and longevity of this territory. In Quang Tri, you will have the opportunity to visit the **DMZ (Demilitarized Zone), Ben Hai River and Hien Luong Bridge**. These are important sites, they mark the violence of the fights in the province of Quang Tri during the American war. Drive to Hue. Arrival in Hue, transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

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Day 9: Hue - Da Nang - Hoi An

(130 km/ 2h30 journey)

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Breakfast at the hotel. Around 8.00am, you will head to Ben Tre province in the middle of the Mekong Delta. After 2.30pm, you will go to the Vietnam capital of coconut trees. From the pier of Hung Vuong, **you will make a motorized sampan trip on the river Tien towards Ben Tre. A quick stop in the brick-making workshop. Visit of a workshop production of coconut candies.** You'll continue the tour to the **village of Thanh Nhon.** You will visit the **mats workshop.** Then you will take "**xe loi**" or the bike for a ride through the coconut gardens, rice paddies and vegetable fields to discover the local life. In the afternoon, **you will make a rowing boat cruise**

through the canals of water surrounded by palm trees. Transfer by boat back to the pier and landing. Drive to Can Tho. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 13: Can Tho – Chau Doc

(110 km/ 2h30 journey)

The road continues to Chau Doc, a pleasant small town near the Cambodian border which has significant Chinese communities, Cham and Khmer. You will visit the Vinh Te canal, created in 1814 under Minh Mang Dynasty and Preah Ang Chan, King of the Khmer. 80,000 Vietnamese workers and Khmers dig the 91 km long, 25 meters wide and 3 meters deep channel. It serves provinces of Cambodia Peam (Ha Tien) to the province of Moat Chrouk Vietnam (Chau Doc). **You will stop at the port of Hotel Da Nui Sam for a walk to discover the pagoda Ba Chua Xu.** Visit of the famous pilgrimage site of Nui Sam, of 230 meters high. It is a sacred mountain for the Vietnamese who come on pilgrimage. It brings together many temples of Chinese influence like the Cham and Khmer. Climb to the top of Night Sam and see the Cambodian border. At the Sam top, you will have a panoramic view of the Mekong Delta. On the way back, **you will visit a floating fish farm** where they breed thousands of fish for exporting. **Then you will visit the village of Cham** in the town of Tan Chau, discover embroidery and discover the mosque of the village. Check-in at the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner



Day 14: Chau Doc- Sai Gon

(300 km/ 7h00 journey)

You will visit the floating market in Chau Doc before landing. Then drive to Saigon. Arrival in Saigon and transfer to your hotel. Overnight in Saigon.

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 15: Sai Gon. Return flight.

You will have free time in Saigon until your transfer at Tan Son Nhat airport for your return flight.

Included meals: Breakfast

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HA NOI	Church Boutique Hotel Nha Tho*** http://nhatho.churchhotel.com.vn/	Hanoi Marvellous Hotel & Spa**** http://www.hanoimarvelloushotel.com/	Hotel de l'Opera Hanoi-MGallery Collection***** http://hoteldelopera.com/
NINH BINH	The Reed Hotel***	Ninh Binh Hidden Charm Hotel & Resort****	Aravinda Resort Ninh Binh****

	http://thereedhotel.com	http://hiddencharmresort.com/	https://aravinda-resort.com/
HALONG	Aclass*** https://www.aclasscruises.com/	Ancora**** http://ancoracruisehalong.com/	Athena Cruise***** https://athenacruise.com/
QUANG BINH	Amanda Quang Binh Hotel*** https://amandaquangbinh.com/	Muong Thanh Luxury Quang Binh**** http://luxuryinhathle.muongthanh.com/	Vinpearl Hotel Quang Binh***** https://vinpearl.com/vi/hotels/vinpearl-hotel-quang-binh
HUE	Alba Spa hotel*** https://www.albaboutiquehotels.com	Eldora hotel**** http://www.eldorahotel.com/	La Residence Hue- MGallery Collection***** https://azerai.com/vi/resorts/azerai-la-residence-hue/
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CAN THO	Kim Tho Hotel*** http://kimthohotel.vn	Victoria Can Tho Resort**** https://www.victoriahotels.asia/vi/hotels-resorts/cantho.html	Vinpearl Can Tho***** https://vinpearl.com/vi/hotels/vinpearl-hotel-can-tho
CHAU DOC	Murray Guesthouse** http://www.themurrayguesthouse.com/	Victoria Nui Sam Lodge*** https://www.victoriahotels.asia/vi/hotels-resorts/nuisam.html	Victoria Chau Doc Hotel***** https://www.victoriahotels.asia/vi/hotels-resorts/chaudoc.html

<i>The price includes</i>	<i>The price excludes</i>
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Mysteries of VIETNAM



The highlights of the trip | 19 days/18 nights

- A trip that will take you all over the country, **from North to South across the major destinations.**
- A discovery tour of cultural, traditional, discovery of **an incredible heritage, and visit of the most beautiful sites.**
- **Contact with the ethnic people in the high mountains, in the nature:** Sapa, Highlands, Dalat.
- **.Amazing cruises** on Halong Bay, on the romantic Perfume river and on the dynamic Mekong delta.
- The opportunity to see **regional specific markets:** ethnic weekly market in Bac Ha, floating market on the river of the "nine dragons".



Mysteries of Vietnam

Day 1: Arrival in Hanoi

*Hanoi also known as "**Thang Long**", its historical name meaning "flying dragon", was the main feudal capital of the country for hundreds of years - from the Ly Dynasty (11th century) to the dynasty of Le postérieur (late 17th century), so far the city of Hanoi still preserves the historical, traditional and typical monuments of Vietnamese culture and values of the immortal spirits of Hanoians.*

Arrival at Hanoi airport, the guide and the driver will welcome you and proceed to the transfer to the city center. You will explore the city and the old quarters in a **rickshaw**. Then you will go **to Hoan Kiem Lake** (Lake of the Restored Sword) and you will listen to his legend. Foreigners cannot miss when they arrive in Hanoi because this lake is considered to be the heart of the city. **Small visit of the Jade Temple and the Brush tower.**

Option: *If you don't want to visit the city right after because of the long flight, we will suggest you a massage. You will have one hour to relax, extra cost of 15\$ per person will be ask.*

Included meals: lunch and dinner.



Day 2: Hanoi - Visit of the city

You will go to the **Literature Temple**. This is an important monument since it is considered as the first university of Vietnam. By visiting the temple, you can watch the old objects that reflect the past kingdoms of Thang Long.

You will visit the **Ethnographic museum** in which is retraced the ethnic minorities life in Vietnam. The objects, houses, clothes, documents are gathered among the museum. You will have the opportunity to enter in the long house of Ede, Jarai the Rong house or the earthen house of Ha Nhi.

You will arrive at the **Tran Quoc Pagoda** (the pagoda of the defense of the Fatherland), which was built in the 6th century under the Ly Antérieur Dynasty. It was the Buddhist center of the Thang Long Citadel during the dynasties of Ly, Tran (for about 250 years). Currently, it still preserves many ancient artifacts : the Buddhist canonical books, statues, bells and drums... You

will hear the story of the founding and development of Buddhism in Vietnam, a religion with a national character. In addition, you will have the opportunity to explore the charm of the West Lake Pagoda which is located on the side of the lake.

You will feel the rhythm of the daily Hanoian life entering the old quarters. Although the city is becoming more and more dynamic, active and modern, we can still feel past vibrations in the neighborhood of the 36 streets: **the Kim Ngan Dinh (communal house jewelry), the old house at 87 Ma May, Hoan Kiem Lake,...**

By late afternoon, you will **attend a water puppet show**. This is a traditional Vietnamese art that combines folk music and actions of wooden puppets. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 3: Hanoi – Ha Long
(170 km/ 3h30 journey)

Two days one night cruise to untouched Bai Tu Long Bay is ideal for you to discover natural beauty and local life, you will get to visit cave, go kayaking and visit a floating village. This trip takes you deep into natural wonder and experience a memorable night in the majestic bay. The route is off the beaten track and our staffs are keen on taking care of customer's request, it is quite potential to be your highlight trip in Vietnam.



You will cross all the northern basin of the Red River to reach Halong Bay.

12h15 Embark. Enjoy **welcome drink** as Cruise Manager gives you a brief overview of the itinerary and important safety guideline. Check in your cabin.

13h00 Start cruising among famous Islets (Indochina studio, Am Islet...) of Bai Tu Long Bay, the wildest beauty with the panoramic natural views. Admire the grace of the bay while enjoying the delicious lunch in the restaurant at the first deck.

14h30 Explore the well-hidden Co Cave (known as Thien Canh Son Cave). Relax on white sandy beach or walk along the beach at Hon Co Island (no swimming).

15h45 Return and enjoy the wonderful beauty of Bai Tu Long Bay at sunset; admire the striking islands and islets, savoring the fresh and peaceful atmosphere **which could hardly be found in land while cruising to Cong Do sleeping area.**

16h30 Enjoy kayaking at Cong Do or relaxing on the cruise.

18h00 Onboard the vessel, surrounded by a stunning, setting in motion, **attend our chef's cooking demonstration and try your skills in the art of traditional Vietnamese cooking (spring roll)** on the sundeck.

19h15 Dinner is served in the restaurant at the first desk. **You can enjoy the charm of Bai Tu Long Bay at night.**

21h00 Evening activities: relax at leisure; enjoy our **Movie Night, Board Games or our Massage & Spa services** (massage and spa fee is not included in the price), **squid fishing.** Overnight on Bai Tu Long Bay

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner



Day 4: Ha Long – Hanoi. Night train to Lao Cai
(170 km/ 3h30 journey)

06h30 Welcome a new day with an amazing dawn on Bai Tu Long Bay. **Refresh your body and soul with a Tai-chi session on the sundeck.**

07h00 Catch the morning view of seascapes **while enjoying the breakfast with cookies and tea, coffee at the restaurant.**

07h30 Visit Vung Vieng village - the famous fishing farm by bamboo boat and discover life of local people living on the surface of Halong Bay

08h30 Return to boat

09h15 Pack up the luggage and check out of the cabin.

09h30 Enjoy the brunch in the restaurant while cruising back to Vinashin tourist harbor.

11h00 Disembark. Then transfer to Hanoi train station for the night train to Lao Cai - Sapa / **KING EXPRESS train (or LIVITRANS EXPRESS, or CHAPA EXPRESS)** - Cabin with 4 berths for categories

STANDARD & SUPERIOR; Cabin with 2 berths for DELUXE category/ Departure 20:40. Night on board.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 5: Lao Cai – Ma Tra – Ta Phin - Sapa
(40 km/ 1h00 journey)

Located 367 km away from Hanoi, Sapa is considered as a very attractive destination by visitors, as the heart of the North-East region of Vietnam thanks to its pleasant climate and beautiful landscape. It is also a place where ethnic minorities live together with their own traditions. These specialties are the face of a the "city in the clouds" that travelers would like to reach.

Arrival at Lao Cai train station, you will be welcomed by the driver and the guide. Breakfast and shower in a mini hotel near the station. Then you will take the road to Sapa. You will visit the **village of Ma Tra** which is 7 km away from Sapa. Village life remained authentic, which will be a great opportunity to discover the traditions and customs of the inhabitants. You will definitely have the opportunity to meet the minorities. Leaving the village, you will continue the excursion to the village of **Ta Phin**, boasts of beautiful rice field terraces. Visit of the cave of Ta Phin. Then you will go to Sapa. Arrival in Sapa, you will continue the visit along the small streets, visit the old church and the market. You will visit a local "shopping center". It is here that ethnic minorities do business. Immersing yourself in their daily lives remains simple. Then you will have free time for personal discovery. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 6: Sapa – Y Linh Ho - Lao Chai - Ta Van

After breakfast, you will start the day with a hike to the ethnic villages of Red Zao, flower H'mong, and Tay. You will go through beautiful rice field terraces. If you come to Sapa in August or September, you will have the chance to discover the most beautiful landscapes of the region. All space is covered with yellow rice ready to be picked. From the top, you'll see the landscape of valleys, the springs flow along the hills, roofs balms are hiding in the shade and children laughing in the yard. In the village of Ta Van, you will have the chance to meet the locals in a traditional Hmong house. Preparation of food and alcohol tasting and cooked meals for yourself. Lunch, dinner and overnight at the homestay (housing conditions are basic comfort).

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 7: Ta Van – Giang Ta Chai – Su Pan – Ban Ho

After breakfast, you will start hiking to the village of **Giang Ta Chai**. You will walk to the edge of the rice field terraces, along the bamboo forests, climbing to Cau May (the deck of clouds) and Thac Bac (silver drop). Stop to observe the beauty of these sites. Lunch with the locals. Crossing the sources, you will continue to the village of Su Pan, the village of Black Hmong and Red Dzao. The stilt houses built on the hill, stone walls, green peach, and rice fields... all contribute to the daily life of the villagers. Arriving at the village of Ban Ho, you'll be able to see the valleys, hear the birds singing and watch the inhabitants of the forest. Overnight at the homestay. Another meal will be served at the home of the Tay. You will have the opportunity to taste the specialties of each ethnicity.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 8: Ban Ho – Sapa – Lao Cai – Hanoi. Flight to Hue *(317km/ 5h journey)*

Breakfast. You will visit the waterfall discovered by french people. After that, the bus will be waiting for you and then return to Sapa. You will have some free time for sightseeing, visit the morning market and buy small souvenirs. Leaving Sapa, take the road towards the town of Lao Cai. City stop for lunch. Then you will visit the **Thuong temple** (the temple up the mountain) by practicing the cult of Vietnam's national heroes. This is the place where we practice the Tran Hung Dao cult hero, a Vietnamese real historical figure who led the people against the Mongolians in the 13th century. Garden tour of the 12 animals made of stone. Before going back to Hanoi, explore the local spirit by visiting the **Holy Mother Temple** located next to the national gate of Vietnam and China. Return to Hanoi by the highway. Between Hanoi and Lao Cai, the trip lasts about 4 hours and 30 minutes. On the road, you'll be able to admire the landscapes that change gradually as one move from the plains to the mountains. While an overnight train cannot offer you this experience. Back to Hanoi, direct transfer to Noi Bai airport for the flight Hanoi-Hue in the evening. Arrival in Hue, the guide and the driver will welcome you and transfer you to the city center. Dinner in town and overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 9: Hue

Hue is the ancient capital of Vietnam under the Nguyen Dynasty. Hue has a simple beauty, taciturn and quiet with the sun covering the red roofs of the royal palaces. Perfume River increased the romance of the city every sunset.

Start your bike ride through the streets of the former capital and feel the rhythm of local life. Shops, homes and people are quiet and peaceful. When you reach the front door of the **Royal Citadel**, you will discover the world's heritage of UNESCO in Vietnam. The citadel is considered as a real art museum, historical testimony, and as a place of the last kings of Vietnam. Under the roofs of the palace, watch the images, sculptures symbolizing the typical oriental Vietnamese art. Drive to the mausoleum of **Emperor Tu Duc & Khai Dinh**, another royal monument. Before ending the day, you will learn how to make incense sticks and poetic hats in **both professional villages**. Stop to visit the pagoda "énuques- Tu Hieu" Back to Hue. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 10: Hue - Da Nang - Hoi An (130 km/ 2h30 journey)

08:00 Depart from your hotel, Embarking on **boat for cruise along the poetic Perfume River** you can see a pavilion that the king and royal family used to have bath. You also experience the daily life of local people as well as contemplate the beauty of landscapes and fill your heart and mind with fresh air. Main destination of our journey is the iconic **Thien Mu Pagoda** (Heavenly Lady Pagoda) which was built in 1601-the symbol of Hue city.

10:00 Continue your trip biking around the village which is located in the city center and the Nguyen Emperors' tombs. Thuy Bieu is a wonderland of pomelo that possesses a very special taste and fragrance. Keep cycling toward **Thuy Bieu Village** along verdant paths; you can see local people's daily life. Thuy Bieu Village has been well-known with its immense grapefruit gardens, which its **grapefruit** is different from other species throughout Viet Nam. It's smaller but sweeter and known under the name of Thanh Tra people which was only provided for the Royal Family. Have a nice biking and walking around quiet Thuy Bieu Village, feeling the comfortable relax in a friendly air of local. While biking, taking short stop in schools, communal houses, ancient temples and especially the garden house - Its housing architecture is typical of Hue and the Nguyen

dynasty with small cottages hidden in large luxuriant gardens, long gates and fences carved out of ornamental trees. Thuy Bieu is a hidden gem of untouched nature and culture. Keep biking through 2 most pristine hamlets **Nguyet Bieu and Luong Quan** where you can contemplate lush greens, laid back lifestyle. We continue biking through an orphanage, to fulfill their dream to go to school.

12:00 Come back to a local house in Thuy Bieu for **cooking class, you will prepare lunch by yourself with our chief's instruction.** Have lunch with Hue traditional dishes you have just cooked.

13:30 Relax by steeping your foot in **medicinal herb** water – a traditional therapeutic practice. Retour to your hotel at 14h.

*You will continue your tour to Hoi An - one of the main ports of Vietnam in the 17th and 18th centuries. You will ascend the **hill of Hai Van** (hill clouds). From above, you will be able to watch the beautiful coastal landscapes of the Centre.*



Stop at **Da Nang - colonial Touran** to visit the **Cham Museum**, which houses a large collection of sculptures typical of Champa Kingdoms. Arrival in Hoi An - a city with the old quarters regarded as one of the 8 heritages of Vietnam by UNESCO. Passengers, travelers, merchants... there are lots of people but older homes are still hiding in a quiet space. Yellow walls and small shops represent the traditional face of Hoi An. You will continue to discover the beauty of the city. The guide will take you to the **pagoda Phuc Thanh** - the oldest one in Hoi An which was built in 1454 by a Chinese monk, in addition with the **Japanese bridge, the town hall Phuoc Kien, and the traditional house of Tan Ky**. You'll be able to taste the specialties of Hoi An. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 11: Hoi An. Free time

Breakfast at your hotel. **Free day in Hoi An for your personal discoveries.** Possibility of going to the beach (4km away from the center) or walking in the surrounding countryside. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast

Day 12: Hoi An – Kontum
(254km/5h journey)

Tay Nguyen (the highlands) is part of Central Vietnam, which contains the 5 provinces : Kon Tum, Gia Lai, Dak Lak, Dak Nong and Lam Dong. It is a territory that still retains the specific traditions and cultures. It is also the place of coexistence of people of Gia Rai, Ede, M-nong, and K-ho, members of the 54 Vietnamese ethnic minorities. With a wealth of spirits, Tay Nguyen attracts many travelers. The visit of this area will be a great opportunity to discover a dynamic picture of the daily life of the Centre minorities.

After breakfast, the guide and driver will welcome you from your hotel and you will begin the journey of discovery of the highlands. You will take the national road 14B, also called the **Ho Chi Minh Trail** through the hills, forests and villages of minority residents of the Centre as Jarai, Bahnar, Ede, or M'nong. Breakfast in a local restaurant. You will continue the journey by visiting historic war landmarks such as **the crossroads of Indochina, Dakto or Phoenix Airport**. Arrival in Kontum, **visit of the wooden cathedral, the orphanage Vinh Son I, the Thua Sai seminary, the Konklor bridge**. Overnight at hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 13: Kontum – Pleiwer – Pleiku
(90km/2h journey)

After breakfast depart for a **trek** through the villages of Bahnar people. You will make a **canoe trip on the wild river Dakbla**. You will continue to **Pleiku**. Along the way, you will visit the village of Pleiwer (or Pleiphun) of Jarai, one of the largest ethnic minorities in the Central Highlands : collective tombs with statues, the water point... And then you will go to **Lake Sea** to contemplate an ancient volcano extinct for hundreds of millions of years. Overnight at hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Jour 14 : Pleiku – Buon Ma Thuot
(190 km/ 4h30 journey)

After breakfast, you will start the tour by **Minh Thanh Pagoda**, the largest and beautiful of the region. You will continue to the city of **Buon Ma Thuot**. On the road, you will make a short stop in a large and vast coffee plantations of rubber and pepper. Arrival in **Buon Ma Thuot**, lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, you will head up to the Ban Don Village to visit the bamboo suspension bridge, the old Lao house, houses the grave of elephant hunters. Then visit of the fall of Draysap "fall Mist". Dray Nu is 30 km away from Buon Ma Thuot. Back to Buon Ma Thuot. Overnight at your hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 16: Buon Ma Thuot – Da Lat. Visit of the city

After breakfast, you will head up to the city of Da Lat, the city of flowers. Arrival in the city of **Da Lat**. Installation at the hotel. Visit Da Lat, a **pretty little town** characterized by its mild climate. Visit Dalat and discover its history, its culture and its unique architecture by visiting **the Valley of Love, Lake Ho Xuan Huong, the XQ embroidery center, Domaine de Marie church, the market and the train station**. Dinner in a local restaurant and overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 17: Da Lat – Saigon

(300km/6h journey)

After breakfast at the hotel, free time to stroll through the city before taking the road back to Saigon through rubber plantations, tea plantations and coffee plantations. Stop at Bao Loc to visit a tea plantation and coffee. Arrival in the afternoon in Ho Chi Minh City, to your hotel.

Speaking of Saigon, we immediately think of a big city, bustling with shopping malls, tall buildings, which never sleeps. But in depth, the city reveals its "precious pearls" - historical, cultural testimonies expressing the life and spirit of the local people.

You will visit the city. **Cho Lon is very well known by visitors**. It was founded in the 17th century by Chinese migrants, it has attracted many traders from other countries. Until now, Cho Lon and its surroundings are the cohabitation of space and trade of Chinese, Indian and Vietnamese. By visiting the region of Cho Lon (market), you'll discover another face of the city of Saigon, a multicultural place.

Visit the Hindu Temple Mariaman : the temple is located in the middle of Saigon, we recognize it through its native architecture and mystical. It is appreciated as a famous heritage among three current

Hindu monuments in Saigon. This is the place where we practised the Mariaman cult - Indian woman genius. By visiting this temple, visitors can watch the statutes, sculptures, antiques, listen to the story of the foundation, and discover the spirits of the temple. **Then you will head to the mosque at number 66 Dong Du Street.** The mosque is one of the Islamic centers, which was built as early as in Saigon in 1935. The mosque attracts many believers and tourists. Its architecture is simple, spacious and airy with arches, columns and long corridors that symbolize the typical Indian art. Outside the religious function, the mosque is still the place where public activities are organized and where children learn about the ideologies of the Koran. You will be able to go and watch believers pray every friday. A Muslim spectacle in the heart of Saigon. Then you will visit: **the former Catinat Street, the Cathedral, the Temple of the Jade Emperor, the Temple of the Protecting Goddess of the Sailors Thien Hau.**

In the evening, **we'll take you on the Indochina junk for a romantic dinner.** You will spend a romantic moment in a charming and intimate space. You will make a 2-hour cruise on the Saigon River and admire the city on the other side. While tasting wine and specialties, you will look at the buildings full of lights as bright as crystals. You'll feel a romantic and poetic Saigon. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 18: Saigon – My Tho – Mo Cay
(70 km/ 1h30 journey)

In Vietnamese, the Mekong is called Song Cuu Long which means the river of the Nine Dragons, referring to its nine major tributaries that flow into the South China Sea. In this region known as the "rice bowl" of Vietnam, Mother Nature delivers its benefits besides. Rich and fertile land, clear water and fish, dreamy landscapes : nothing is missing.

Departure to the **Mekong Delta**, vast and fertile plain which is the rice bowl of Vietnam. On the way, stop to visit a Cao Dai temple. **Arrival at the pier and crossing a major arm of the Mekong, arrival at Ben Tre** where the river is divided into multiple channels, you will embark on a boat and go through the islands planted with tropical orchards, natural streams river of Ham Luong and get to **Mo Cay**. Installation at the homestay and you'll make a **bike ride around the village** to discover the art of craftsmanship. By late afternoon, you will help the inhabitants of the house

to cook, it will be a very good opportunity to understand the art of traditional cuisine in the South of Vietnam. Dinner and overnight at the homestay.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 19: Mo Cay - My Tho – Sai Gon. Return flight
(80 km/ 1h30 journey)

07h30 : Departure for the bike ride into the village to discover the daily life of local **Boat trip to visit the Thom Market 20km away of Mo Cay - the largest coconut selling market.** Back to Saigon. Transfer to the airport. Return flight.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch

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BEN TRE	Homestay (Basic comfort)	Homestay (Basic comfort)	Homestay (Basic comfort)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport by road with a private vehicle and air conditioned. • Accommodations as mentioned in the program and breakfast included • Transfer in night train (4 people cabin with air conditioned) • Domestic flights with Vietnam airlines in economy class with airport taxes : Hanoi – Hue ; Da Nang - Sai Gon • Meals included, full board except the free day in Hoi An as mentioned in the program • Professional guide during the whole trip • Entrance fees for the visits mentioned in the program • Day on board of a junk in Halong Bay including seafood lunch and dinner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International flights • Visa fees to the Vietnamese Embassy, in your country or at the airport • Supplements for late or early check-in/check-out in the hotels • Beverages, tip and personal expenses • Insurances and assistance • Every other service that has not been mentioned as « included »



Splendors from SOUTH TO CENTER





The highlights of the trip | 13 days /12 nights

- *A circuit that offers beautiful must see places: **from the Mekong Delta to the Perfume River (south center)***
- *Discover the historical, traditional relics **of the ancient capital, Hoi An old neighborhoods.***
- ***Authentic cruises contemplating local daily life**, visiting the floating markets in the south, and exploring tombs in the center.*
- ***Beautiful seaside stays in Nha Trang, Mui Ne**, which are among the best beaches in the world.*



Splendors from south to center

Day 1: Arrival in Saigon. Visit of the city

Speaking of Saigon, we immediately think of a big city, bustling with shopping malls, tall buildings, which never sleeps. But in depth, the city reveals its "precious pearls" - historical, cultural testimonies expressing the life and spirit of the local people.



You will visit the city. **Cho Lon is very well known by visitors.** It was founded in the 17th century by Chinese migrants, it has attracted many traders from other countries. Until now, Cho Lon and its surroundings are the cohabitation of space and trade of Chinese, Indian and Vietnamese. By visiting the region of Cho Lon (market), you'll discover another face of the city of Saigon, a multicultural place.

Visit the Hindu Temple Mariaman : the temple is located in the middle of Saigon, we recognize it through its native architecture and mystical. It is appreciated as a famous heritage among three current Hindu monuments in Saigon. This is the place where we practised the Mariaman cult - Indian woman genius. By visiting this temple, visitors can watch the statutes, sculptures, antiques, listen to the story of the foundation, and discover the spirits of the temple. **Then you will head to the mosque at number 66 Dong Du Street.** The mosque is one of the Islamic centers, which was built as early as in Saigon in 1935. The mosque attracts many believers and tourists. Its architecture is simple, spacious and airy with arches, columns and long corridors that symbolize the typical Indian art. Outside the religious function, the mosque is still the place where public activities are organized and where children learn about the ideologies of the Koran. You will be able to go and watch believers pray every friday. A Muslim spectacle in the heart of Saigon. Then you will visit: **the former Catinat Street, the Cathedral, the Temple of the Jade Emperor, the Temple of the Protecting Goddess of the Sailors Thien Hau.**

In the evening, **we'll take you on the Indochina junk for a romantic dinner.** You will spend a romantic moment in a charming and intimate space. You will make a 2-hour cruise on the Saigon River and admire the city on the other side. While tasting wine and specialties, you will look at the buildings full of lights as bright as crystals. You'll feel a romantic and poetic Saigon. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: lunch and dinner.

Day 2: Saigon – Cu Chi – Tay Ninh – Saigon

(120 km/ 3h00 journey)

After breakfast, departure for Tay Ninh province to discover the long history of this territory. The guide will tell you the evolution of foundation and development of Tay Ninh. Visit the **Thanh That Cao Dai (the Great Cao Dai Temple)** which was founded in 1926 by Ngo Minh Chieu, according to Cao Dai sect, one of the main religion in Vietnam which currently has about 2.5 million practitioners. At noon, you will have the opportunity to watch a ceremony in the temple. Taking the road to Cu Chi. 70 km away from Ho Chi Minh City, **Cu Chi is famous for its huge network of underground tunnels.** It was first used by the Viet Minh during the war. By visiting this historical relic, you can dive in the past of Vietnam and in the soldiers lives. Above, the eucalyptus forest gradually reasserts itself, gradually erasing the scars left by the defoliants and bombs. End of the tour, and back to Saigon. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 3: Saigon – Ben Tre - Can Tho

(180 km/ 3h30 journey)

In Vietnamese, the Mekong is called Song Cuu Long, which means the river of the Nine Dragons, referring to its nine major tributaries that flow into the South China Sea. In this region known as the "rice bowl" of Vietnam, Mother Nature delivers its benefits besides. Rich and fertile land, clear water and fish, dreamy landscapes, actually nothing is missing.

From the pier of Hung Vuong, you will **make a motorized sampan trip on the river Tien towards Ben Tre.** A quick stop in the brick-making workshop. Visit of a workshop production of coconut candy. You will continue the tour to the **village of Thanh Nhon.** You will visit the mats workshop. Then you will take "**xe loi**" or the bike for a ride through the coconut gardens, rice paddies and vegetable fields to discover local life. In the afternoon, you will make **a rowing boat cruise through the water canals surrounded by palm trees.** Transfer by boat back to the pier and landing. Drive to Can Tho. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 4: Can Tho – Sai Gon. Flight to Nha Trang

(180 km/ 3h30 journey)

At 34 km away in Vinh Long's southwest, on the banks of the Song Hau (Hau River), Can Tho is located in the heart of the Mekong Delta. It is the main city of the province of the same name and is the political, economical and academical center. Can Tho is a good base to go by boat to discover the Mekong arm, villages and floating markets.

After breakfast at the hotel, you will take a motor boat to visit the **floating market of Cai Rang**, one of the most lively floating markets of the Mekong Delta. You have to go at the right time, at dawn. Hundreds of boats come together over water under the splendid sun. The seller with his conical hats will be happy to choose, from the pyramids of fruit piled up in their boats, your fruit, and they will peel it off and prepare it in front of you. Transfer to **an orchards** where you can enjoy the seasonal fruits. Then you will visit **an ancient house in Binh Thuy**. The driver will be waiting for you there, and you will go back to Saigon. Arrived in Saigon you will go to the airport for the flight to Nha Trang. Arrival in Nha Trang, transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Nha Trang.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 5 : Nha Trang. Visit of the city

Located 18 km away from **Nha Trang**, **Nha Phu is probably the most popular bay by travelers**. Among the best attractions of this place, **you will find Monkey Island** which is considered as a pearl in the middle of the sea and a natural reserve in which more than a thousand of monkeys are living. Aside from beach activities, you will have the opportunity to discover the real circus made by very smart monkeys with couples racing "monkey-dog," unique, a show you shouldn't miss ! You can also get very close and even touch these adorable animals because they aren't wild. Next to the island of Nha Phu **you will find the island of Hoa Lan (Orchid) which has a cool climate and the most romantic landscapes**. It is also a special place reserved for fans of orchids with over a hundred of different varieties. You can enjoy the An Binh beach, with its white sand and incredibly clear and pure water. You can swim in the mild sun, play sports under the spray or even visit the zoo. Return to the mainland. Visit the **Cham towers of Po Nagar** in the north of the city, on a hill overlooking the Cai River. The largest, 25 meters high, is dedicated to the worship of the goddess Yan Po Inu Nagar Cham, venerated by Buddhists as the Thien Y Ana, the Holy Mother of the Kingdom of Champa or Shiva female version. Her statue stands in the main temple. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 6: Free time in Nha Trang

Free day for personal moments and to relax at the beach. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast

Day 7: Nha Trang- Quy Nhon

(230 km/ 5h00 journey)

Long day journey through the **city of Tuy Hoa**. A short stop **to visit the Swallow tower**. This road is dominated by mountains of the Annamite Cordillera under the curves along the coastline of beautiful beaches such as Dai Lanh (former Cape Varella). Arrival in **Quy Nhon, ancient capital of the Cham under the name of "Vijaya"**. In this region you can admire beautiful remains such as **Cham towers sanctuaries from 11th to 15th century tower of Copper, Silver round**. Installation at the hotel. Overnight in Quy Nhon.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 8: Quy Nhon- My Son- Hoi An

(380 km/ 8h00 journey)

Departure to Hoi An via My Son, the **"Sacred Valley" of the Champa kingdom** with over 70 towers sanctuaries from the 7th to the 13th century. It is surrounded by a natural amphitheater of hills and symbolizes nature. This site is the Shiva pedestal, the privileged place of contact between the human world and the cosmic world. You will discover all the spirituality that ruled the kingdom for more than five centuries and you will try to penetrate its mysteries. After visiting the "territory of Saint My Son", you will continue the journey to Hoi An. Arrival in Hoi An. Check-in at the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 9: Hoi An – Tra Nhieu- Tra Que

*We invite you to come discover Hoi An and its surrounding countryside differently. Together, we will guide you away from the usual tours. We will help you discover **little known locations that have maintained their charm and authenticity**. Each of our tours is limited in size to ensure maximum **comfort, service and quality**. And, rather than offering a run-of-the-mill tour. We organize custom-tailored excursions, according to your personal interests. And, we personally accompany you on a cycling "adventure", taking the time to answer your questions, so that you will discover and share our love for this marvelous country.*

The guide takes you from your hotel and riding to where you board the shuttle to cross the river Thu Bon for about 15 minutes, to the Kim Bong carpenters village. **You will visit the shipbuilding workshop, wood carving, mosaic and other workshops.** The locals will teach you how to make the traditional wooden boats that move the rivers, try the famous basket boats at Mr. Kha's workshop has 85 years, which manufactures cart boats, woven by bamboo and palm trees. **Continue your ride to the Tra Nhieu mat village;** you will be listened to the presentation of the war history and their activities. The fishermen leave their nets, boats and prepare their tools for a long ride 2-3 weeks at sea. Taking the path along the river, you will see coconut water, fishing nets, and wild birds, then visit the craft mats making. Go back at the dock, **you board the boat with residents and cycling to the Tra Que vegetable village** - *About 150 farmers and 400 owners live on site, cultivate about 20 types of vegetables and herbs including mint, salad, basil, cilantro, broccoli among the other more than 40 hectares of land, 8 tons of Tra Que vegetables are sold each year. The farmers do not use pesticides or OGM but natural fertilizers in particular, a kind of seaweed that is in the river, harvested by gardeners by boat every morning.* To Tra Que village, you will be warmly greeted by Mr. Minh family, 3 generations one, a welcome drink "basil juice", stroll through the village and meet local people who work in the garden. The local farmer will teach you all about cultivation methods and how to protect developing vegetable from the insects as well as join the farmers in preparing gardening activities such as raking the ground, sowing, watering greens, transplanting and tending greens. Then relax and soak your feet with a mix of local herbal remedy and Chinese traditional medicine in order to reduce your aches and pains, rheumatism. Prepare lunch with a local family. You will learn how to make "Tam Huu" spring roll, "Xeo" pancake. Your lunch will consist of many local delicacies including "Tam Huu" spring roll, "Banh Xeo" or local pancake of people in Centre of Viet Nam. After lunch, take a bit rest before returning to your hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner



Day 10: Hoi An – Da Nang – Hue
(130 km/ 2h30 journey)

Stop at **Da Nang, colonial Touran** to visit the **Cham Museum**, which houses a large collection of sculptures typical of Champa Kingdoms. Arrival in Hue. Hue is the ancient capital of Vietnam under the Nguyen Dynasty. Hue has a simple beauty, quiet and taciturn. Perfume River increased the romance of the city every sunset. **Start your bike ride through the streets of the former capital** and feel the rhythm of local life. Shops, homes and people are quiet and peaceful. When

you reach the front door of the **Royal Citadel**, you will discover the world's heritage of UNESCO in Vietnam. The citadel is considered as a real art museum, historical testimony, and as a place of the last kings of Vietnam. Under the roofs of the palace, watch the images, sculptures symbolizing the typical oriental Vietnamese art. Drive to the mausoleum of **Emperor Tu Duc & Khai Dinh**, another royal monument. Before ending the day, you will learn how to make incense sticks and poetic hats in **both professional villages**. Stop to visit the pagoda "**énuques- Tu Hieu**" Back to Hue. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 11: Hue

08:00 Depart from your hotel, Embarking on **boat for cruise along the poetic Perfume River** you can see a pavilion that the king and royal family used to have bath. You also experience the daily life of local people as well as contemplate the beauty of landscapes and fill your heart and mind with fresh air. Main destination of our journey is the iconic **Thien Mu Pagoda** (Heavenly Lady Pagoda) which was built in 1601-the symbol of Hue city.



10:00 Continue your trip biking around the village which is located in the city center and the Nguyen Emperors' tombs. Thuy Bieu is a wonderland of pomelo that possesses a very special taste and fragrance. Keep cycling toward **Thuy Bieu Village** along verdant paths; you can see local people's daily life. Thuy Bieu Village has been well-known with its immense grapefruit gardens, which its **grapefruit** is different from other species throughout Viet Nam. It's smaller but sweeter and known under the name of Thanh Tra people which was only provided for the Royal Family. Have a nice biking and walking around quiet Thuy Bieu Village, feeling the comfortable relax in a friendly air of local. While biking, taking short stop in schools, communal houses, ancient temples and especially the garden house - Its housing architecture is typical of Hue and the Nguyen dynasty with small cottages hidden in large luxuriant gardens, long gates and fences carved out of ornamental trees. Thuy Bieu is a hidden gem of untouched nature and culture

Keep biking through 2 most pristine hamlets **Nguyet Bieu and Luong Quan** where you can contemplate lush greens, laid back lifestyle. We continue biking through an orphanage. to fulfill their dream to go to school.

12:00 Come back to a local house in Thuy Bieu for **cooking class, you will prepare lunch by yourself with our chief's instruction.** Have lunch with Hue traditional dishes you have just cooked.

13:30 Relax by steeping your foot in **medicinal herb** water – a traditional therapeutic practice.

Retour to your hotel at 14h. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 12: Hue – Flight to Saigon/ Hanoi. Return flight

You **will have free time** until the transfer to Phu Bai Airport (Hue) for the flight to Hanoi (or Saigon), then for the return flight.

Included meals: breakfast

END OF THE TRIP

ESTIMATED PRICE

(Depending on season, types of accommodation and activities)

- The estimated budget for this trip is from 1024 € / person.
- Talking about fixed prices when discussing about a tailored trip makes little sense. Indeed, it varies depending on many factors (quality of services, period, turnaround time and many more).
- The only exact price will be the one of your personalized quote.

PRICE OF THE TRIP

(Price by person in USD)

Those price are valid till 09/30/2023

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Standard	Contact us	Contact us	Contact us	Contact us
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CAN THO	Kim Tho Hotel*** http://kimthohotel.vn	Victoria Can Tho Resort**** https://www.victoriahotels.asia/vi/hotels-resorts/can tho.html	Vinpearl Can Tho***** https://vinpearl.com/vi/hotels/vinpearl-hotel-can-tho
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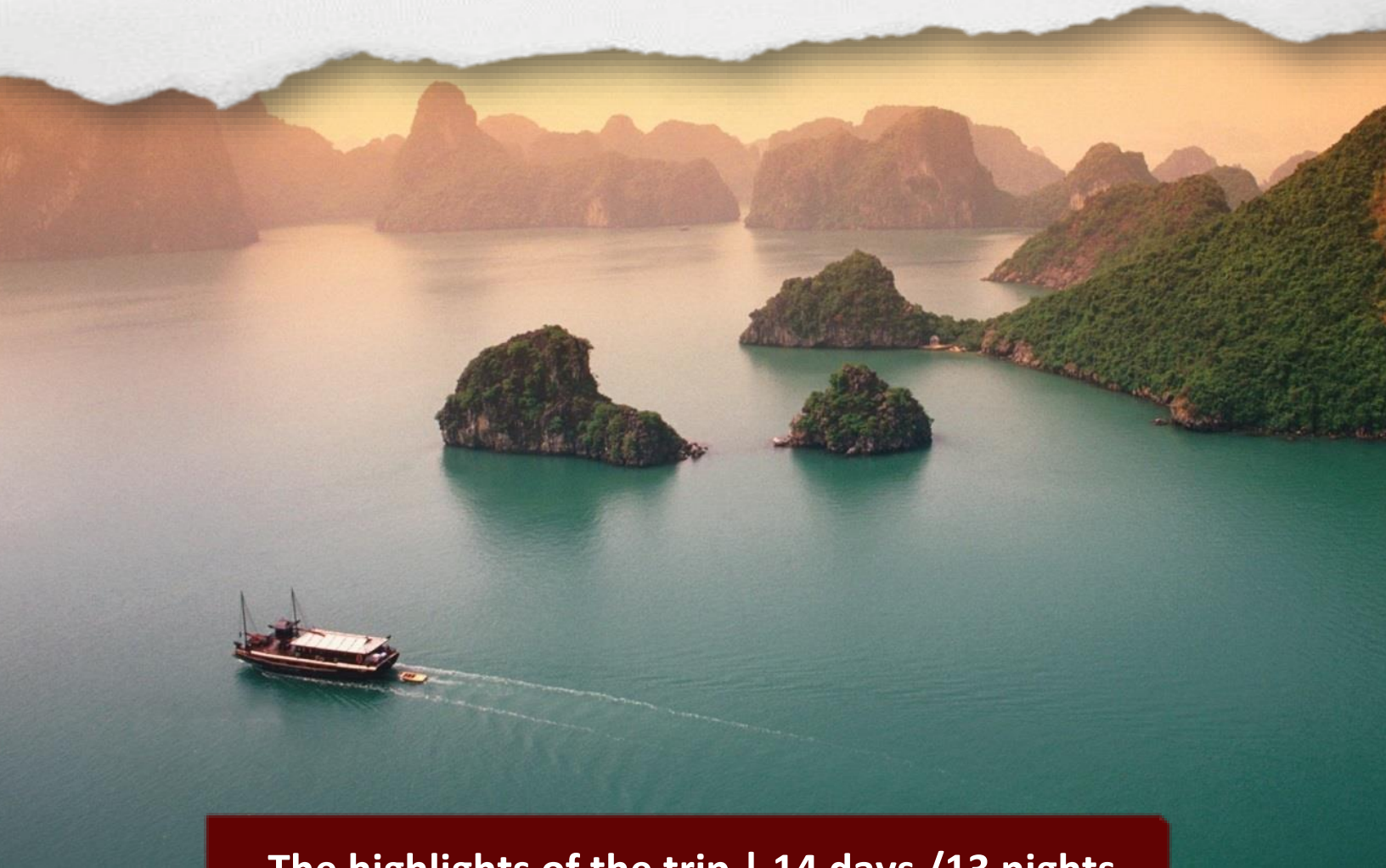
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- *Meals included in the program except free day.*
- *Professional guide during the whole trip*
- *Entrance fees for the visits mentioned in the program*
- *Boat trip in the Mekong delta, in Hue, and excursion mentioned in the program.*
- *Every other service that has not been mentioned as « included »*



LEGENDS of INDOCHINA





The highlights of the trip | 14 days /13 nights

- A trip that will make you discover **Vietnam and Cambodia** crossing the most important places such as **historical relics, famous monuments and beautiful landscapes**.
- Discover the 8th wonder of the world, **Halong Bay**, and world heritage as the ancient capital of **Hue** and **Hoi An** old neighborhoods.
- **Beautiful cruise**: from the Red River Delta to the Mekong Delta
- **Actual contacts with local** via the floating market and exchanges during the drive.



Legends of Indochina

Day 1: Arrival in Hanoi

Hanoi also known as "**Thang Long**", its historical name meaning "flying dragon", was the main feudal capital of the country for hundreds of years - from the Ly Dynasty (11th century) to the dynasty of Le postérieur (late 17th century), so far the city of Hanoi still preserves the historical, traditional and typical monuments of Vietnamese culture and values of the immortal spirits of Hanoians.

Arrival at Hanoi airport, the guide and the driver will welcome you and proceed to the transfer to the city center. You will explore the city and the old quarters in a **rickshaw**. Then you will go to **Hoan Kiem Lake** (Lake of the Restored Sword) and you will listen to his legend. Foreigners cannot miss when they arrive in Hanoi because this lake is considered to be the heart of the city. **Small visit of the Jade Temple and the Brush tower.**

Option: If you don't want to visit the city right after because of the long flight, we will suggest you a massage. You will have one hour to relax, extra cost of 15\$ per person will be ask.

Included meals: lunch and dinner.



Day 2: Hanoi. Visit of the city

You will go to the **Literature Temple**. This is an important monument since it is considered as the first university of Vietnam. By visiting the temple, you can watch the old objects that reflect the past kingdoms of Thang Long.

You will visit the **Ethnographic museum** in which is retraced the ethnic minorities life in Vietnam. The objects, houses, clothes, documents are gathered among the museum. You will have the opportunity to enter in the long house of Ede, Jarai the Rong house or the earthen house of Ha Nhi.

You will arrive at the **Tran Quoc Pagoda** (the pagoda of the defense of the Fatherland), which was built in the 6th century under the Ly Antérieur Dynasty. It was the Buddhist center of the Thang Long Citadel during the dynasties of Ly, Tran (for about 250 years). Currently, it still preserves many ancient artifacts : the Buddhist canonical books, statutes, bells and drums... You will hear the story of the founding and development of Buddhism in Vietnam, a religion with a

national character. In addition, you will have the opportunity to explore the charm of the West Lake Pagoda which is located on the side of the lake.

You will feel the rhythm of the daily Hanoian life entering the old quarters. Although the city is becoming more and more dynamic, active and modern, we can still feel past vibrations in the neighborhood of the 36 streets: **the Kim Ngan Dinh (communal house jewelry), the old house at 87 Ma May, Hoan Kiem Lake,...**

By late afternoon, you will **attend a water puppet show**. This is a traditional Vietnamese art that combines folk music and actions of wooden puppets. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 3: Hanoi-Ninh Binh-Tam Coc

(130 km / 2h journey)

At 95 km away from Hanoi in Ninh Binh province, there is a large number of rich historical heritages of Vietnam, as it was the ancient capital of the country according to the 11th century. Ninh Binh attracts visitors with its historic highness, and culturally rich destination. At Ninh Binh, visit the most authentic sights of this beautiful province Kenh Ga (natural hot springs), Thung Nang (Sun Valley) with a portion of the inland Halong Bay, Tam Coc (three caves also named the HaLong Bay inland), Thai Vi temple, Pagoda Bich Dong.



After breakfast you will go to Ninh Binh. Arrive in Hoa Lu, visit the ancient capital of Vietnam under the Ly Dynasty and Le antérieur. Discovery of **two temples dedicated to the Dinh and Le Kings**. Then you will go on an excursion in a **rowing boat on the River Tam Coc** (three caves). The cruise will last approximately 2 hours. Tam Coc is a small village whose inhabitants organize walks on the Ngo Dong River. You will see the rocks having the same appearance as Phoenix in mandarin hat, turtle. It will be beautiful. Sometimes the river will merge with rice fields and give you the impression of riding a real sea. Such a nice cruise ! By late afternoon **bike ride to visit Bich Dong Pagoda and the Temple of Thai Vy**. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 4: Tam Coc –Bai Tu Long Bay

(175 km/ 3h30 journey)

Two days one night cruise to untouched Bai Tu Long Bay is ideal for you to discover natural beauty and local life, you will get to visit cave, go kayaking and visit a floating village. This trip takes you deep into natural wonder and experience a memorable night in the majestic bay. The route is off the beaten track and our staffs are keen on taking care of customer's request, it is quite potential to be your highlight trip in Vietnam.

You will cross all the northern basin of the Red River to reach Halong Bay.

12h15 Embark. Enjoy welcome drink as Cruise Manager gives you a brief overview of the itinerary and important safety guideline. Check in your cabin.

13h00 Start cruising among famous Islets (Indochina studio, Am Islet...) of Bai Tu Long Bay, the wildest beauty with the panoramic natural views. Admire the grace of the bay while enjoying the delicious lunch in the restaurant at the first deck.

14h30 Explore the well-hidden Co Cave (known as Thien Canh Son Cave). Relax on white sandy beach or walk along the beach at Hon Co Island (no swimming).

15h45 Return and enjoy the wonderful beauty of Bai Tu Long Bay at sunset; admire the striking islands and islets, savoring the fresh and peaceful atmosphere which could hardly be found in land while cruising to Cong Do sleeping area.

16h30 Enjoy kayaking at Cong Do or relaxing on the cruise.

18h00 Onboard the vessel, surrounded by a stunning, setting in motion, attend our chef's cooking demonstration and try your skills in the art of traditional Vietnamese cooking (spring roll) on the sundeck.

19h15 Dinner is served in the restaurant at the first desk. You can enjoy the charm of Bai Tu Long Bay at night.

21h00 Evening activities: relax at leisure; enjoy our Movie Night, Board Games or our Massage & Spa services (massage and spa fee is not included in the price), **squid fishing.** Overnight on Bai Tu Long Bay

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 5: Bai Tu Long Bay – Halong Bay– Hanoi. Flight to Hue.

(175 km/ 3h30 journey 700 km/ 1h10 flight)

06h30 Welcome a new day with an amazing dawn on Bai Tu Long Bay. Refresh your body and soul with a Tai-chi session on the sundeck.

07h00 Catch the morning view of seascapes **while enjoying the breakfast with cookies an tea, coffee at the restaurant.**

07h30 Visit Vung Vieng village - the famous fishing farm by bamboo boat and discover life of local people living on the surface of Halong Bay

08h30 Return to boat

09h15 Pack up the luggage and check out of the cabin.

09h30 Enjoy the brunch in the restaurant while cruising back to Vinashin tourist harbor.

11h00 Disembark. Back to Hanoi and then transfer directly to Noi Bai airport for the flight to Hue. On arrival you will be greeted by English speaking guide and driver, and overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 6: Hue. Visit of the city

Hue is the ancient capital of Vietnam under the Nguyen Dynasty. Hue has a simple beauty, taciturn and quiet with the sun covering the red roofs of the royal palaces. Perfume River increased the romance of the city every sunset.

After breakfast, you will **board at the Toa Kham wharf for a cruise on the Perfume River. You will disembark to visit the Thien Mu pagoda** - the symbol of Hue city. The pagoda is situated on the hill. You will walk step by step on the stairs listening to the legend of the heavenly Lady. The river is like a mirror embracing the pagoda. Following the visit of Hue with the historical sites: **the Imperial City, the mausoleum of Tu Duc, Minh Mang & Khai Dinh.** Back to Hue city. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 7: Hue - Da Nang - Hoi An

(130 km/ 2h30 journey)

You will ascend the **hill of Hai Van (Hill clouds)**. From above, you will be able to watch the beautiful coastal landscapes of the Centre. Stop at Da Nang - colonial Touran to **visit the Cham Museum**, which houses a large collection of sculptures typical of Champa Kingdoms. Arrival in

Hoi An - a city with the old quarters regarded as one of the 8 heritages of Vietnam by UNESCO. Passengers, travelers, merchants... there are lots of people but older homes are still hiding in a quiet space. Yellow walls and small shops represent the traditional face of Hoi An. You will continue to discover the beauty of the city. The guide will take you to the **pagoda Phuc Thanh** - the oldest one in Hoi An which was built in 1454 by a Chinese monk, in addition with the **Japanese bridge, the town hall Phuoc Kien, and the traditional house of Tan Ky**. You'll be able to taste the specialties of Hoi An. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 8: Hoi An – Tra Nhieu – Tra Que – Hoi An

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The guide takes you from your hotel and riding to where you board the shuttle to cross the river Thu Bon for about 15 minutes, to the Kim Bong carpenters village. **You will visit the shipbuilding workshop, wood carving, mosaic and other workshops.** The locals will teach you how to make the traditional wooden boats that move the rivers, try the famous basket boats at Mr. Kha's workshop has 85 years, which manufactures cart boats, woven by bamboo and palm trees. **Continue your ride to the Tra Nhieu mat village;** you will be listened to the presentation of the war history and their activities. The fishermen leave their nets, boats and prepare their tools for a long ride 2-3 weeks at sea. Taking the path along the river, you will see coconut water, fishing nets, and wild birds, then visit the craft mats making. Go back at the dock, **you board the boat with residents and cycling to the Tra Que vegetable village** - About 150 farmers and 400 owners live on site, cultivate about 20 types of vegetables and herbs including mint, salad, basil, cilantro, broccoli among the other more than 40 hectares of land, 8 tons of Tra Que vegetables are sold

each year. The farmers do not use pesticides or OGM but natural fertilizers in particular, a kind of seaweed that is in the river, harvested by gardeners by boat every morning. To Tra Que village, you will be warmly greeted by Mr. Minh family, 3 generations one, a welcome drink "basil juice", stroll through the village and meet local people who work in the garden. The local farmer will teach you all about cultivation methods and how to protect developing vegetable from the insects as well as join the farmers in preparing gardening activities such as raking the ground, sowing, watering greens, transplanting and tending greens. Then relax and soak your feet with a mix of local herbal remedy and Chinese traditional medicine in order to reduce your aches and pains, rheumatism. Prepare lunch with a local family. You will learn how to make "Tam Huu" spring roll, "Xeo" pancake. Your lunch will consist of many local delicacies including "Tam Huu" spring roll, "Banh Xeo" or local pancake of people in Centre of Viet Nam. After lunch, take a bit rest before returning to your hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 9: Hoi An - Da Nang. Flight to Saigon
(972 km/ 1h10 flight)

Free time until the transfer to the airport for your flight Danang - Saigon.

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Day 10: Saigon - Cai Be – Tra On

(180 km/ 4h journey)

(180 km/ 4h drive)

The Boat take you into the greener areas of the Mekong Delta, overnight on the river and into the middle of the life about the river. They are entirely built of wood in the Mekong delta and according to the local marine traditions, and adapted for discovery cruises, open to outside and offering an immediate contact with the green surrounding of the ship.

After breakfast at your hotel, you will leave **for the Mekong Delta**, the vast and fertile full which constitutes the rice granary of Vietnam. **You board at Cai Be at noon, enjoy welcome drink. Have introduction to the ship and crew, check in the cabins.** You depart towards Cho Lach in Tien Giang. Enjoy lunch, en route. Rest on the deck. The Boat slips into the Chợ Lách canal, in the middle of the hustle and bustle of the river traffic, between markets and churches, a unique opportunity for a glimpse of the very varied life on the banks as well as on the water. Spend a visit to a village on the banks of river Mang Thit, an opportunity to appreciate the way of life and hospitality of the local inhabitants. Visit of the orchard or rice fields nearby. Board back, complimentary drink as a welcome

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Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner



Day 11: Tra On - Can Tho - Sai Gon. Flight to Siemreap

(180 km/ 4h journey)

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Included meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 12: Visit of Siem Reap

Visit Angkor Thom, a vast architectural complex which is accessed by five monumental gates and includes in its center the Bayon. It is famous for its towers with 172 faces of Avalokitesvara. Walk on the grounds of the Royal Palace where **the sanctuary of Phimeanakas is and discover the terrace of Elephants and the Leper King**. Afternoon devoted to **Angkor Wat, a huge funerary temple built in the 12th century**. The architecture, statuary and reliefs mark the peak of Khmer art. **Ascent the Phnom Ba Kheng** and watch the sunset throughout the site. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 13: Visit of Siem Reap

In the morning, you will visit the pre-Angkorian temples (from the 9th century) of **Roluos : Bakong, Prah Ko and Lolei**. Followed by the visit of the most amazing temples of all of Angkor which are the **Ta Prohm, Ta keo**, lost in lush vegetation and small temples of **Neak Pean, Preah Khan, Thommanon** and large basins (**the Baray**). Overnight at hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 14: Siem Reap –Tonlé Sap Lake. Return flight

Continuing with **the tour at the center of the silk** where is raised silkworms and where they still weave silk with old method with stunning Khmers designs. Transfer to the airport for your return flight.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch



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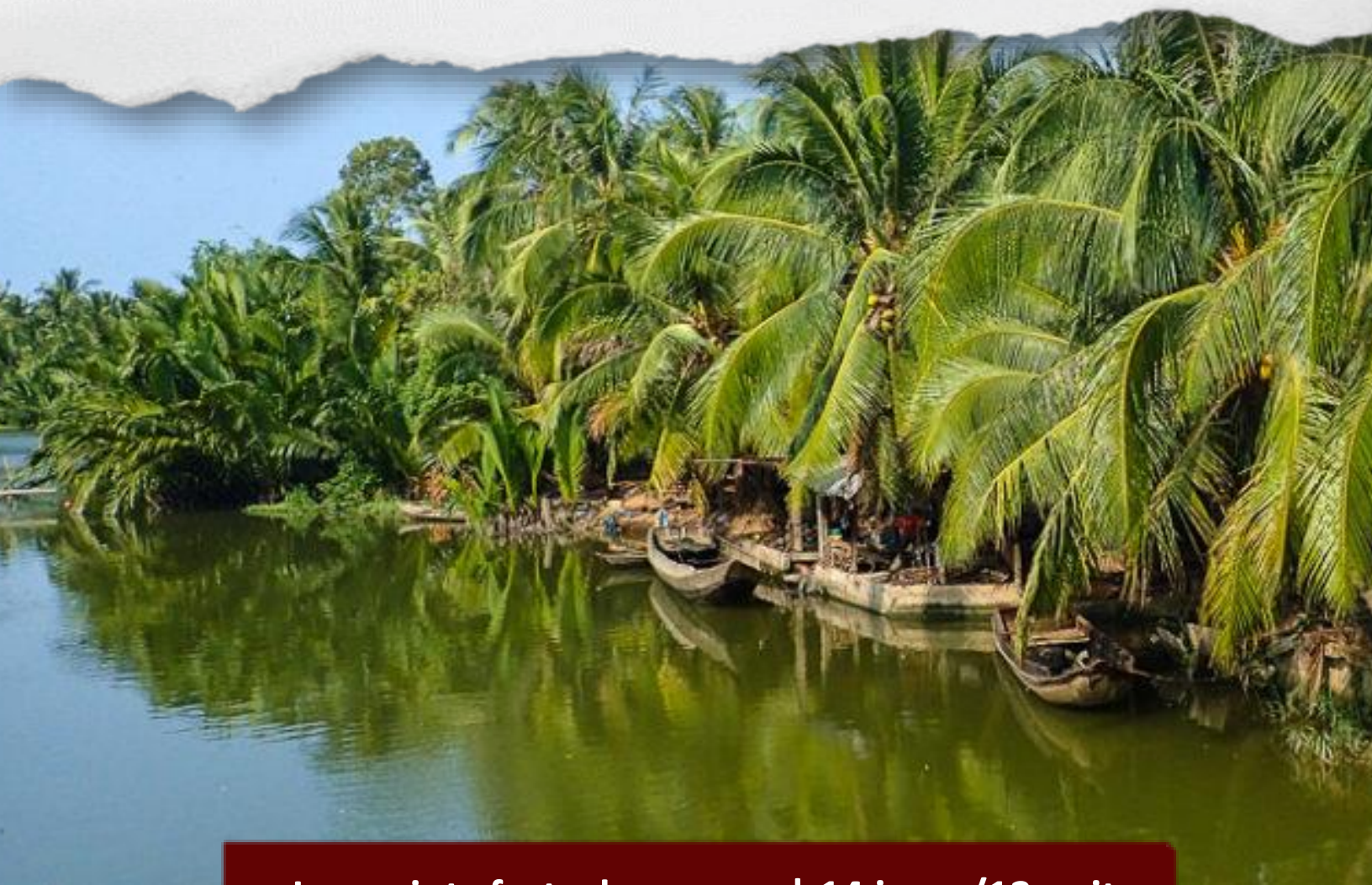
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- *Professional guide during the whole trip except during free time*
- *Entrance fees for the visits mentioned in the program*
- *Excursion on a shared junk in Halong Bay*
- *Excursion on the boat on the Mekong delta*
- *Excursion in private boat in Hue and Siem Reap*
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- *Supplements for late or early check-in/check-out in the hotels*
- *Beverages, tip and personal expenses*
- *Insurances and assistance*
- *Every other service that has not been mentioned as « included »*



WONDERS AND HERITAGE FROM SOUTH TO NORTH



VIETNAM



Les points forts du voyage | 14 jours/13 nuits

- *A circuit that offers you beautiful must see places: **from the Mekong Delta to the Red River Delta (south to north)***
- ***Discover the historical and traditional values of the remains of the ancient capital, the old quarters of Hoi An and the city of a thousand years ...***
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Day 2: Saigon – My Tho – Mo Cay

(118 km/ 2h40 journey)

In Vietnamese, the Mekong is called Song Cuu Long, which means the river of the Nine Dragons, referring to its nine major tributaries that flow into the South China Sea. In this region known as the "rice bowl" of Vietnam, Mother Nature delivers its benefits besides. Rich and fertile land, clear water and fish, dreamy landscapes, actually nothing is missing.

Departure to the Mekong Delta, vast and fertile plain which is the rice bowl of Vietnam. On the way, **stop to visit a Cao Dai temple**. Arrival at the pier and crossing a major arm of the Mekong, arrival at Ben Tre where the river is divided into multiple channels, you **will embark on a boat and go through the islands** planted with tropical orchards, natural streams river of Ham Luong and get to Mo Cay. Installation at the homestay and **bike ride around the village to discover the art of craftsmanship**. By late afternoon, you will help the inhabitants of the house to cook, it will be a very good opportunity to understand the art of traditional cuisine in the South of Vietnam. Overnight at the homestay.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 3: Mo Cay – Cai Be

(75 km/ 1h40 journey)

7.30am : Departure for the **bike ride into the village to discover the daily life of local... Boat trip to visit the Thom Market** 20km away of Mo Cay - the largest coconut selling market.

10.30am : You will move out of the room and take the boat to Cuu Long port. Your driver will take you to Cai Be at noon, **enjoy welcome drink. Have introduction to the ship and crew, check in the cabins**. You depart towards Cho Lach in Tien Giang. Enjoy lunch, en route. Rest on the deck. The Boat slips into the Chợ Lách canal, in the middle of the hustle and bustle of the river traffic, between markets and churches, a unique opportunity for a glimpse of the very varied life on the banks as well as on the water. Spend a visit to a village on the banks of river Mang Thit, an opportunity to appreciate

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Day 4 : Tra On – Can Tho

(180 km/ 4h flight)

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Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 5: Can Tho – Chau Doc

(110 km/ 2h30 journey)

The road continues to Chau Doc, a pleasant small town near the Cambodian border which has significant Chinese communities, Cham and Khmer. You will visit the Vinh Te canal, created in 1814 under Minh Mang Dynasty and Preah Ang Chan, King of the Khmer. 80,000 Vietnamese workers and Khmers digs the 91 km long, 25 meters wide and 3 meters deep channel. It serves provinces of Cambodia Peam (Ha Tien) to the province of Moat Chrouk Vietnam (Chau Doc). **You will stop at the port of Hotel Da Nui Sam for a walk to discover the pagoda Ba Chua Xu**. Visit of the famous pilgrimage site of Nui Sam, of 230 meters high. It is a sacred mountain for the Vietnamese who come on pilgrimage. It brings together many temples of Chinese influence like the Cham and Khmer. Climb to the top of Night Sam and see the Cambodian border. At the Sam top, you will have a panoramic view of the Mekong Delta. On the way back, **you will visit a floating fish farm** where they breed thousands of fish for exporting. **Then you will visit the village of Cham** in the town of Tan Chau, discover embroidery and discover the mosque of the village. Check-in at the hotel. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 6: Chau Doc – Sai Gon. Flight to Da Nang – Hoi An

(210 km/ 5h00 journey 859km/2h flight)

You will visit the floating market in Chau Doc before landing. Road to Saigon and direct transfer to Tan Son Nhat Airport. Flight to Da Nang. Arriving at Da Nang, welcomed by the driver and transfer to your hotel in Hoi An. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 7: Hội An. Visit of the city

Arrival in Hoi An - a city with the old quarters regarded as one of the 8 heritages of Vietnam by UNESCO. Passengers, travelers, merchants... there are lots of people but older homes are still hiding in a quiet space. Yellow walls and small shops represent the traditional face of Hoi An. You will discover the beauty of the city. The guide will take you to the **pagoda Phuc Thanh** - the oldest one in Hoi An which was built in 1454 by a Chinese monk, in addition with the **Japanese bridge**, **the town hall Phuoc Kien**, and **the traditional house of Tan Ky**. You'll be able to taste the specialties of Hoi An.

At around 3.00pm: you will be picked up from your hotel and transferred to the meeting point. Then you will make a walk on the quay Bach Dang watching the landscape around. Take a sail boat cruise along the Thu Bon River and enjoy this beautiful tour on the water ! Cruise to the mouth Cua Dai, then you will go to the Coco river, towards the nipas forest Bay Mau. Back to Hoi An. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 8: Hoi An. Free time.

Breakfast at your hotel. **Free day in Hoi An** for your personal discovery (without driver or guide). Possibility to go to the beach (4 km away from the center) or walking in the surrounding countryside. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast

Day 9: Hoi An – Da Nang – Hue

(130 km/ 2h30 journey)

Stop at **Da Nang, colonial Touran** to visit the **Cham Museum**, which houses a large collection of sculptures typical of Champa Kingdoms. Arrival in Hue. Hue is the ancient capital of Vietnam under the Nguyen Dynasty. Hue has a simple beauty, quiet and taciturn. Perfume River increased the romance of the city every sunset.

Start your bike ride through the streets of the former capital and feel the rhythm of local life. Shops, homes and people are quiet and peaceful. When you reach the front door of the **Royal Citadel**, you will discover the world's heritage of UNESCO in Vietnam. The citadel is considered as a real art museum, historical testimony, and as a place of the last kings of Vietnam. Under the roofs of the palace, watch the images, sculptures symbolizing the typical oriental Vietnamese art. Drive to the mausoleum of **Emperor Tu Duc & Khai Dinh**, another royal monument. Before ending the day, you will learn how to make incense sticks and poetic hats in **both professional villages**. Stop to visit the pagoda "**énuques- Tu Hieu**" Back to Hue. Overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 10: Hue. Visit of the city. Flight to Hanoi

08:00 Depart from your hotel, Embarking on **boat for cruise along the poetic Perfume River** you can see a pavilion that the king and royal family used to have bath. You also experience the daily life of local people as well as contemplate the beauty of landscapes and fill your heart and mind with fresh air. Main destination of our journey is the iconic **Thien Mu Pagoda** (Heavenly Lady Pagoda) which was built in 1601-the symbol of Hue city.

10:00 Continue your trip biking around the village which is located in the city center and the Nguyen Emperors' tombs. Thuy Bieu is a wonderland of pomelo that possesses a very special taste and fragrance. Keep cycling toward **Thuy Bieu Village** along verdant paths; you can see local people's daily life. Thuy Bieu Village has been well-known with its immense grapefruit gardens, which its **grapefruit** is different from other species throughout Viet Nam. It's smaller but sweeter and known under the name of Thanh Tra people which was only provided for the Royal Family. Have a nice biking and walking around quiet Thuy Bieu Village, feeling the comfortable relax in a friendly air of local. While biking, taking short stop in schools, communal houses, ancient temples and especially the garden house - Its housing architecture is typical of Hue and the Nguyen

dynasty with small cottages hidden in large luxuriant gardens, long gates and fences carved out of ornamental trees. Thuy Bieu is a hidden gem of untouched nature and culture

Keep biking through 2 most pristine hamlets **Nguyet Bieu and Luong Quan** where you can contemplate lush greens, laid back lifestyle. We continue biking through an orphanage. to fulfill their dream to go to school.

12:00 Come back to a local house in Thuy Bieu for **cooking class, you will prepare lunch by yourself with our chief's instruction.** Have lunch with Hue traditional dishes you have just cooked.

13:30 Relax by steeping your foot in **medicinal herb** water – a traditional therapeutic practice. Retour to your hotel at 14h.

Transfer directly to Noi Bai airport for the flight to Hanoi. On arrival you will be greeted by English speaking guide and driver, and overnight at the hotel.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Day 11: Hanoi. Visit of the city

You will go to the **Literature Temple**. This is an important monument since it is regarded as the first university of Vietnam. By visiting the temple, you can watch the old objects that reflect the past kingdoms of Thang Long. In the afternoon, you will visit the **Ethnographic museum** in which is retraced the ethnic minorities life in Vietnam. The objects, houses, clothes, documents are gathered among the museum. You will have the opportunity to enter in the long house of Ede, Jarai the Rong house or the earthen house of Ha Nhi. You will arrive at the **Tran Quoc Pagoda** (the pagoda of the defense of the Fatherland), which was built in the 6th century under the Ly Antérieur Dynasty. It was the Buddhist center of the Thang Long Citadel during the dynasties of Ly, Tran (for about 250 years). Currently, it still preserves many ancient artifacts: the Buddhist canonical books, statutes, bells and drums... You will hear the story of the founding and development of Buddhism in Vietnam, a religion with a national character. In addition, you will have the opportunity to explore the charm of the West Lake Pagoda which is located on the side of the lake. You will explore the city and the old quarters in **a rickshaw**. Then you will go to **Hoan**

Kiem Lake (Lake of the Restored Sword) and you will listen to its legend. Foreigners cannot miss when they arrive in Hanoi because this lake is considered to be the heart of the city. Although the city is becoming more and more dynamic, active and modern, we can still feel past vibrations in the neighborhood of the 36 streets : **the Kim Ngan Dinh (communal house jewelry), the old house at 87 Ma May, Hoan Kiem Lake, temple of Jade, the Brush tower**. Then, you will attend **a water puppet show**. This is a traditional Vietnamese art that combines folk music and actions of wooden puppets.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 12: Hanoi – Hoa Lu – Tam Coc

(100km/ 2h journey)

At 95 km away from Hanoi in Ninh Binh province, there is a large number of rich historical heritages of Vietnam, as it was the ancient capital of the country according to the 11th century. Ninh Binh attracts visitors with its historic highness, and culturally rich destination. At Ninh Binh, visit the most authentic sights of this beautiful province Kenh Ga (natural hot springs), Thung Nang (Sun Valley) with a portion of the inland Halong Bay, Tam Coc (three caves also named the HaLong Bay inland), Thai Vi temple, Pagoda Bich Dong.



After breakfast you will go to Ninh Binh. Arrive in Hoa Lu, visit the ancient capital of Vietnam under the Ly Dynasty and Le antérieur. Discovery of **two temples dedicated to the Dinh and Le Kings**. Then you will go on an excursion in a **rowing boat on the River Tam Coc** (three caves). The cruise will last approximately 2 hours. Tam Coc is a small village whose inhabitants organize walks on the Ngo Dong River. You will see the rocks having the same appearance as Phoenix in mandarin hat, turtle. It will be beautiful. Sometimes the river will merge with rice fields and give you the impression of riding a real sea. Such a nice cruise ! By late afternoon **bike ride to visit Bich Dong Pagoda and the Temple of Thai Vy**. Overnight at the hotel.

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 13: Tam Coc – Ha Long

Two days one night cruise to untouched Bai Tu Long Bay is ideal for you to discover natural beauty and local life, you will get to visit cave, go kayaking and visit a floating village. This trip takes you deep into natural wonder and experience a memorable night in the majestic bay. The route is off the beaten track and our staffs are keen on taking care of customer's request, it is quite potential to be your highlight trip in Vietnam.

You will cross all the northern basin of the Red River to reach Halong Bay.

12h15 Embark. Enjoy welcome drink as Cruise Manager gives you a brief overview of the itinerary and important safety guideline. Check in your cabin.

13h00 Start cruising among famous Islets (Indochina studio, Am Islet...) of Bai Tu Long Bay, the wildest beauty with the panoramic natural views. Admire the grace of the bay while enjoying the delicious lunch in the restaurant at the first deck.

14h30 Explore the well-hidden Co Cave (known as Thien Canh Son Cave). Relax on white sandy beach or walk along the beach at Hon Co Island (no swimming).



15h45 Return and enjoy the wonderful beauty of Bai Tu Long Bay at sunset; admire the striking islands and islets, savoring the fresh and peaceful atmosphere which could hardly be found in land while cruising to Cong Do sleeping area.

16h30 Enjoy kayaking at Cong Do or relaxing on the cruise.

18h00 Onboard the vessel, surrounded by a stunning, setting in motion, attend our chef's cooking demonstration and try your skills in the art of traditional Vietnamese cooking (spring roll) on the sundeck.

19h15 Dinner is served in the restaurant at the first desk. You can enjoy the charm of Bai Tu Long Bay at night.

21h00 Evening activities: relax at leisure; enjoy our Movie Night, Board Games or our Massage & Spa services (massage and spa fee is not included in the price), **squid fishing.** Overnight on Bai Tu Long Bay

Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 14: Ha Long – Hanoi

06h30 Welcome a new day with an amazing dawn on Bai Tu Long Bay. **Refresh your body and soul with a Tai-chi session on the sundeck.**

07h00 Catch the morning view of seascapes **while enjoying the breakfast with cookies and tea, coffee at the restaurant.**

07h30 Visit Vung Vieng village - the famous fishing farm by bamboo boat and discover life of local people living on the surface of Halong Bay

08h30 Return to boat

09h15 Pack up the luggage and check out of the cabin.

09h30 Enjoy the brunch in the restaurant while cruising back to Vinashin tourist harbor.

11h00 Disembark. Back to Hanoi and then transfer directly to Noi Bai airport for Return flight.

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Deluxe	Contact us	Contact us	Contact us	Contact us

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SAI GON	Blue Diamond Signature Hotel*** https://www.bluediamondhotel.com.vn/blue-diamond-signature-hotel	Liberty Central Saigon hotel Riverside**** https://www.libertycentralsaigonriverside.com/en/	Intercontinental Asiana Saigon Hotel***** https://www.icsaigon.com/
BEN TRE	Homestay (Basic comfort)	Homestay (Basic comfort)	Homestay (Basic comfort)
LE MEKONG	LE COCHINCHINE*** https://lecochinchine.com/en/	AUTHENTIC MEKONG*** https://mekongcruise.com/cruise/authentic-mekong-cruise.html	BASSAC*** https://transmekong.com/
CAN THO	Kim Tho Hotel*** http://kimthohotel.vn	Victoria Can Tho Resort**** https://www.victoriahotels.asia/vi/hotels-resorts/cantho.html	Vinpearl Can Tho***** https://vinpearl.com/vi/hotels/vinpearl-hotel-can-tho
CHAU DOC	Murray Guesthouse** http://www.themurrayguesthouse.com/	Victoria Nui Sam Lodge*** https://www.victoriahotels.asia/vi/hotels-resorts/nuisam.html	Victoria Chau Doc Hotel***** https://www.victoriahotels.asia/vi/hotels-resorts/chaudoc.html
HOI AN	Hoi An Odyssey Hotel*** https://hoianodysseyhotel.com/	River Suites Hoi An**** http://www.riversuiteshoian.com/	Hotel Royal Hoi An-MGallery Collection***** https://hotelroyal-hoian.com/
HUE	Alba Spa hotel*** https://www.albaboutiquehotels.com	Eldora hotel***** http://www.eldorahotel.com/	La Residence Hue Hotel and Spa - MGallery Collection***** https://azerai.com/vi/resorts/azerai-la-residence-hue/

HA NOI	Church Boutique Hotel Nha Tho*** http://nhatho.churchohotel.com.vn/	Hanoi Marvellous Hotel & Spa**** http://www.hanoimarvelloushotel.com/	Hotel de l'Opera Hanoi-MGallery Collection***** http://hoteldelopera.com/
NINH BINH	The Reed Hotel*** http://thereedhotel.com	Ninh Binh Hidden Charm Hotel & Resort**** http://hiddencharmresort.com/	Aravinda Resort Ninh Binh**** https://aravinda-resort.com/
HALONG	Aclass*** https://www.aclasscruises.com/	Ancora**** http://ancoracruisehalong.com/	Athena Cruise***** https://athenacruise.com/

<i>The price includes</i>	<i>The price excludes</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport by road with a private vehicle and air conditioned. • Accommodations as mentioned in the program and breakfast included • Transfer in night train • Domestic flights with Vietnam airlines in economy class with airport taxes : Sai Gon – Da Nang ; Hue - Hanoi • Meals included, full board except the free day in Hoi An as mentioned in the program • Professional guide during the whole trip • Entrance fees for the visits mentioned in the program • Day on board of a junk in Halong Bay including seafood lunch and dinner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International flights • Visa fees to the Vietnamese Embassy, in your country or at the airport • Supplements for late or early check-in/check-out in the hotels • Beverages, tip and personal expenses • Insurances and assistance • Every other service that has not been mentioned as « included »



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The hotel rooms are officially at your disposal from 2.00pm the day of your arrival and until 12.00am the day of your departure from the hotel.

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For your safety :

Health : No vaccine is required. However, we advise you to be **updated regarding your classical vaccinations** (diphtheria, tetanus, typhoid, poliomyelitis, hepatitis).

An appropriate antimalarial treatment may be necessary. Ask your doctor for advice. Do not forget to check your dentist before you leave - see the *General Information* section of our website.

Food / water : The Vietnamese cuisine is healthy, very varied and light. Westerners find common features with their daily food, but also typical asian tastes.

Regarding **water**, we advise you to buy bottled water bottles (mineral water or purified) or take Pure Micro pellets. Note that tap water in hotels is not always drinkable.

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