

Day 1: Hanoi arrival (D)

Hanoi welcome: After a long plane ride, you will reach Vietnam – the S-shaped land, inhabited by 54 different ethnic minorities. You will be warmly welcomed by our guide and driver at the airport and transferred to your hotel in the city center of Hanoi. Free on explore on your own after arrival and check-in at hotel.

Hotel: Silk Path or similar.

Day 2: Hanoi city tour (B/L/D)



At 08:00 a.m, our guide and driver will meet you at your hotel then you start your day to discover Hanoi city. You will pay a visit to Ho Chi Minh mausoleum, a building to commemorate the merits of Ho Chi Minh Uncle – a great leader of Vietnam, and the surrounding sites of One Pillar Pagoda (one of Vietnam’s most historic temples) and his ancient

house. Enjoy a beautiful show entitled “soul of Vietnamese village” that reflects Vietnamese culture in the past. After the show, you will go to the next site of the Temple of Literature, a well-preserved example of Vietnamese architecture, which was the first University of Vietnam and dedicated to Confucius (Khong Tu). After renewing your energy with lunch, you will do some sightseeing. First up, after lunch, is The Vietnam Museum of Ethnology, which focuses on the 54 officially recognized ethnic groups in Vietnam. After about 2 hours at the museum then you will be transferred back to the Old Quarter and Hoan Kiem lake. You’ll enjoy a half our Cyclo Tour (3 wheeled sightseeing bike) through the heart of the city. Back to your hotel.

Hotel: Silk Path or similar.

Trip’s useful note(s):

Museum of Ethnology will be closed on Monday and Friday so Hoa Lo prison will be the alternative for those days. Wear modest clothing (cover your knees and shoulders) to visit some spiritual/cultural sites.

Day 3: Hanoi – Sapa – Cat Cat Village (B/L/D)

SaPa welcome: SaPa, a quiet mountain town, attracts travelers with its breathless views and inclusion of its multiple ethnic groups. Sapa always is often considered a highlight of travelers holiday.



At 08:00 am.m. the private car and guide will pick you up from your hotel in Hanoi and transport you to your hotel in SaPa. At about 12:00 p.m, you will arrive in Sapa. After storing your luggage in the hotel, our guide will lead you to a pre-selected restaurant to have lunch. In the afternoon. You will be transferred to Cat Cat Village, where you will see many H’mong people (an indigenous group of South Asia). Visiting Cat Cat, tourists will be impressed by the peacefully picturesque sceneries. You will catch sight of women sitting in front of looms, creating art or clothing, with colorful pieces of brocade while children play around with pets or even livestock.

Return to hotel in SaPa, relax.

Hotel: Sapa Highland or similar.

Day 4: Sapa - Lao Chai – Ta Van – Sapa (B/L/D)

At 08:00 a.m, you will be met up at your hotel by a local guide and driver then transferred to Lao Chai village. First, you will visit Lao Chai Village – a Black Hmong ethnic minority village. Then, you will then be able to walk from Lao Chai to Tavan village where the Giay ethnic minority hill tribe lives.

After lunch, the car is ready for your journey back to SaPa. You will have plenty of leisure time to relax or explore on your own

Hotel: Sapa Highland or similar.

Ngày 5: Fansipan (Cáp treo) - Hà Nội (B/L/D)

At 08:30 a.m : You begin your trip to Fansipan Mountain (via cable car). After leaving exiting the cable car, you will have to climb 636 steps to arrive near the top of the mountain. In the event that you wish to skip these steps, or are unable to climb them, you may choose go



up to the peak by mountain train. After admiring the landscape of SaPa from the peak of Fansipan, you will take the cable car on a return ride and our driver will transfer you to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day as you wish. In the afternoon, you will say goodbye this quiet, romantic, town and be transferred by bus, departing at 3:00pm. (the bus will pick you up at your hotel) It will be about a 5-6 hour trip. Arrive in Hanoi in the late evening. You will be dropped off at your hotel in Hanoi

Hotel: Silk Path or similar.

Day 6: Hanoi – Halong Bay /A night on a peaceful bay (B/L/D)



Halong welcome: Halong Bay is a natural UNESCO world Heritage site that is considered a MUST SEE in Vietnam. It is Vietnam’s number one tourist hub thanks to it’s ethereal beauty, emerald waters and towering rainforest.

At 08:00 a.m, our guide and driver will pick you up and transfer you to Halong bay, which

will be a 4.0 hour ride through small villages with beautiful fields of rice and vegetables. 01:00 p.m: Leave Tuan Chau International Harbour, discover the Halong Bay - a natural wonder of the world. Have lunch while cruising through famous sights including Ba Hang fishing village, Dinh Huong island, Cho Da islet, Ga Choi islet... 02:30 p.m: Cruise stops at Bo Nau Cave, the core area of the world natural heritage site. Transfer by tender to the Surprise Cave – one of the most beautiful caves in Halong Bay. 03:45 p.m: Leaving Surprise cave, transfer by tender, to Titov island. Enjoy swimming, relaxing on the beach or climb the steps of the rock to the top of the island for a priceless photo op. On the top of the mountain, you can see corner to corner of the magical Halong Bay. 04:45 p.m: Back to the cruise for the return trip. Relax and enjoy sunset on the sun deck. Cruise to the overnight anchorage. 06:30 p.m: Join the cooking class and learn how to cook traditional

Vietnamese dishes. 07:00 p.m: Dinner is served with a variety of Vietnamese fusion cuisine. 08:30 p.m: Evening activities include: Film entertainment in the dining room. Squid fishing with our crew. Foot reflexology & massage

(chargeable): please contact the cruise team to book the service.

Trip useful note(s):

Be ready for swimming and/or water activities by packing swimsuits or any suitable clothes and sun screen

Day 7: Ha Long Bay – Hanoi (B/L/D)

06:30 a.m: Enjoy instructed Tai Chi on the sundeck for 30 minutes whilst cruising to Luon Cave. 07:00 a.m: Enjoy a light breakfast in the restaurant. Coffee, tea, fresh milk, water, pastries, fresh fruit, cereals will be served in the dining room. 08:00 a.m: Transfer to Luon Cave by tender. Visit Luon cave by a traditionally woven bamboo boat rowed by a local boatman. 08:30 a.m: Return to the cruise boat, 6



time allocated to freshen up and check out of the cabins. Please leave your luggage outside your cabins (staff will then transfer it to the pier upon arrival for you). Depart for Tuan Chau International Harbour. 09:15 a.m: Enjoy brunch, served in the dining room. Settle bills in the dining room after brunch (if any). 11:00 a.m, you disembark the cruise and load up the car to return to Hanoi. On the way, you will make a stop and have a full lunch. Dinner will be served in a local restaurant

Hotel: Silk Path or similar.

Day 8: Hanoi – Fly to Danang – city tour (B/L/D)



Our driver will meet you at hotel and take you to the airport for your flight to Danang. Upon arrival, our guide and driver will transfer you to the city center. After your arrival to the city center, you will have the opportunity to visit Linh Ung pagoda which houses the highest Lady Buddha statue in Vietnam

(67 meters height, approximately 30 stories). Lunch at local restaurant You’ll discover Ngu Hanh Son (Marble Mountain), where you will visit the stunning natural caves, enjoy the beautiful view from the top of the mountain, and visit the mysterious pagodas and the sculpturing village. Then, you will explore Non Nuoc Stone Carving Village, where the local sculptors create an assortment of marble products that are exported to many countries worldwide. Next up: Han market will give you a glimpse of local people and life. This is one of the city’s major traditional markets and among its most-visited attractions for both domestic and foreign visitors. This market is well-known for its live seafood, as well as its fresh fruits, vegetables and local specialties. 05.00 p.m: Tour will wrap up and you will be transported back to the hotel

Day 9: Danang (B/L)

At 08:00 after breakfast, you will be met by our guide and driver then start your drive to Ba Na hills. Then you will take a Cable Car which gains 5 world scores to Ba Na hills station. You make a stop at By Night station to visit Vong Nguyet hills, Linh Ung pagoda, The Old Villas of French. Continue



moving up by cable car to the Nui Chua Mountain – the top of Ba Na range, you will visit Nghinh Phong top, Le Nim Villas, Orchid Garden... You also experience hill climbing train (first and unique funicular in Vietnam), an alpine coaster, visit an old French cellar (Debay Ancient Wine Cellar), flower garden Le Jardin D'amour. It is optional to get in Wax Museum and take hundreds of exciting photos with the Wax Celebrities (exclusive). At noon time, you will have buffet lunch in the restaurant. After lunch, you have free time for joining games in Fantasy Park – the third biggest indoor games zone in Vietnam with series of interesting games: 4 – 5D film, skiver, The death race, dinosaur park ... Later you will pay a visit to Golden Bridge, which is newly opened in Jun 2018 and considered the highlight of this area. Around 15:30, you will start returning to Da Nang city and have your own free time for beach after reaching the hotel.

Day 10 : Danang - Tra Que village – Hoi An: walking/ local farming (B/L/D)



At 08:00 a.m, our guide and driver will meet you at your hotel then you begin your bicycle trek to Tra Que village. You will be briefed on the history of the village, the cultivation of the vegetables, and learn about the use of vegetables in traditional Vietnamese medicine. You will then take a trip around a vegetable garden and join

the farmers in preparing the land and fertilizing it with seaweed from the local lake. Continue doing activities such as raking, sowing, watering greens, picking greens and many more gardening activities before spending the rest of the morning working the land in the time honored way. Upon completion of the garden activities, you will take a break and prepare lunch with a local family. Lunch at

local house with many local delicacies including Tam Huu spring roll, Banh xeo or the local pancake of the people from the middle region. After your lunch and the farm/garden experience, you may take participate in even more traditional Vietnamese practices: a post-prandial nap before learning how to harvest and wrap the vegetables. At around 03:00 p.m, you will ride back to the town of Hoi An to behold this World Heritage site. You will be introduced to many delights that Hoi An has to offer. From expert dressmakers and tailors, who will craft a complete outfit for you in a couple of days, to scheduling a photo trip at dawn along the river. You may opt for a fun visit to Hoi An Market and follow small, winding, alleys to the Chinese Assembly Hall, the famous Japanese Covered Bridge and Tan Ky Ancient House. You may find China Town on the other side of the canal. When you



leave you'll find yourself missing this one-of-a-kind port town. At around 05:00 p.m, the tour will come to a close and you will ride back to your hotel and enjoy some free time.

Hotel: Ancient House Village or similar

Today useful note(s):

Wearing suitable clothes to join in on the farming activities

If you cannot ride a bike, a private car will be offered

Day 11: Lantern Making Class – free time (B/L/D)

At 09:30 a.m after breakfast at hotel, you will be guests in the home of a local lantern craftsman. You will have a hands-on workshop to learn the traditional art

of lantern making. You will bend the frame and select the cloth to build your own

lantern from scratch and be able to take it home with you when you are done. This is the perfect souvenir for you to show off your craftsmanship to your friends and family. After a break with delicious local food you will head back to your hotel for your own free time.

Hotel: Ancient House Village or similar

Ngày 12: Hội An - Đà Nẵng - Thành phố Hồ Chí Minh - Cu Chi Tunnels / Back to The War Time (B/L/D)



After having breakfast, you will be transfer to the airport for a domestic flight from Danang to Ho Chi Minh. Upon your arrival to Ho Chi Minh airport, you will be warmly welcomed by our local guide then transferred to Cu Chi tunnels. Cu Chi tunnels are famed for its 200-kilometre-long tunnels, an incredible underground network built by Vietcong during the Vietnam war. When visiting this site, you will have a peak into what war-time in Vietnam was like. Lunch and dinner at a local restaurant.

Hotel: Hamony sai Gon or similar.

Today useful note(s):

Wearing comfortable clothes, bring walking shoes.

Rain may occur at anytime, so you should prepare an umbrella or light rain coat.

Day 13 My Tho Day Trip/ Taste of Mekong River (B/L/D)

At 8.30 a.m, you will be met up by our guide and driver at your hotel and leave the hustle and bustle of Saigon and head to My Tho, the closet delta town to Ho Chi Minh city. It will be a 90-minute drive through the small villages in the western region. You will start your delta trip with a visit to Vinh Trang Pagoda, the most beautiful and ancient pagoda in Mekong Delta. Following



your pagoda visit: a boat trip on the great Mekong River (Tien River) to visit fish farms where fish are bred in wooden cages suspended under floating houses on the river. You will also see 4 islets: Long (Dragon) islet, Lan (Unicorn) islet, Quy (Turtle) Islet and Phung (Phoenix) islet. Proceeding to Thoi

Son Islet, you will visit farmer's houses and gardens. Enjoy fruits and honey

tea served by local people while listening to Tai Tu music – Traditional music of the Mekong people. Discover small canals of Mekong Delta by hand rowing boat Leaving Thoi Son, move by boat to visit a coconut – candy workshop and taste hot coconut candy. Coconut handicrafts will be available as a souvenir. Finally, you may take short walk and enjoy riding a horse-drawn carriage on

country lanes to see some activities of the local farmers. Lunch at southern style at Mien Tay riverside restaurant (or Vuon dau- depending on time), which is famous for Elephant Fish as well as other delicious local specialties. After lunch, you will get back to the mainland where your private car is waiting to return you to Ho Chi Minh city. Dinner.

Hotel: Hamony sai Gon or similar.

Today useful note(s):

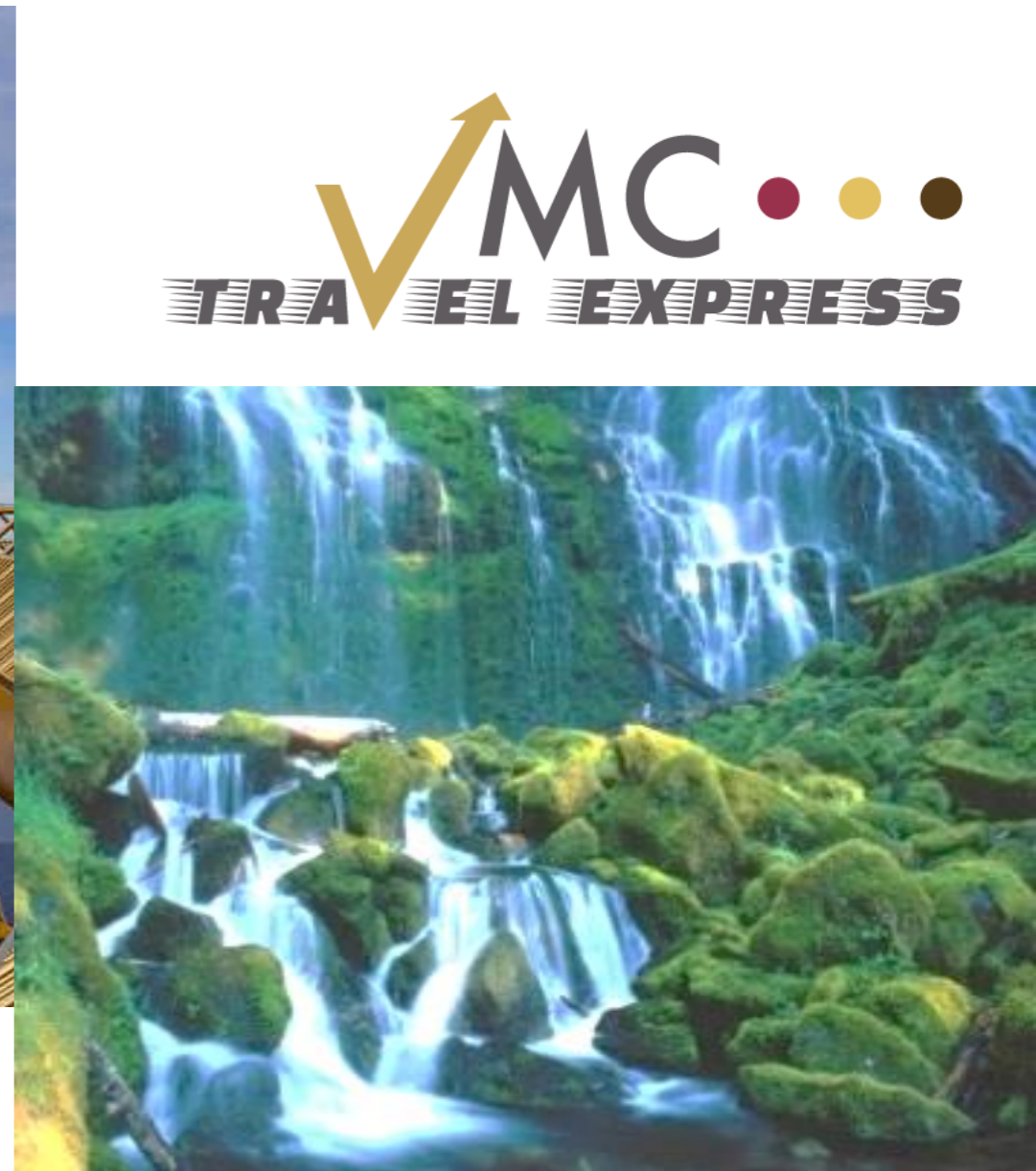
Wear clothes covering your shoulder and knees to visit the pagoda but comfortable enough to do the boat trip and some walking, Sunscreen is recommended to protect from the sun

Day 14: Ho Chi Minh – Home (B/L)



At 08:00 a.m, you will be met up by our guide at the lobby of the hotel after you have breakfast, You will visit The Reunification Palace, whose architecture is a blend of traditional ritual and modern architecture, typical of Vietnam in the 60s'.

The central Post Office is one of the oldest buildings in Ho Chi Minh. Being a mixture of Gothic, Renaissance and French influences, this building fascinates tourists with its colonial French features, and combination of interior and exterior embellishments. Notre Dame Cathedral, a revered spot of dynamic city, is located in the downtown of Ho Chi Minh and reaches a height of up to 60 meters. Notre Dame Cathedral is under renovation. This renovation is projected to be completed in June 2020. We are able to visit the outside only. If you are not interested in visiting Notre Dame Cathedral during its renovation, we could visit Tan Dinh Church (Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus) instead. Tan Dinh Church was built during the French colonial period in the 1880s. It is the second famous Church in HCM city. The last destination is Ben Thanh Local market, which is a bustling market in the daytime and a social center after sunset. Then transferred to international airport for your departure flight



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Accommodations based on twin/double occupancy with breakfast (Central location, Good Value)	Meals, Beverages which are not specified in the program
Experienced English speaking local guide	Any unclarified flight tickets
All entrance fee and sightseeing tickets as listed	Personal travel insurance
Delicious meals with local food and cuisines as listed (others are upon your request)	Any personal expenses
Air-conditioned transfer during the whole tour	Any gratuities and tips to driver and tour guide (\$3-5/person/day for both guide and driver, \$1 for boat rower, cyclo rider)
Complimentary 1 bottle of water each day	Bank fee
Service charges and government tax Flight ticket: domestic and international	Visa

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Plus \$600 (Single Room)

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