

# 15 Day Vietnam Luxury Escape

## Asia Vacation Group – World Travel Expert

Local knowledge, adventures of a lifetime.

Explore the world with our team of experts and embark on a carefully selected, value-packed exploration of the world's most iconic destinations. Our tours offer must-visit sights, rich experiences, and quality inclusions all at an unbeatable price. Your bucket list dreams are ticked off on these all-encompassing vacations. Specializing in travel tours that span the globe since 2015, we are proud to be the people who craft your itinerary, help you at each step, plus guide and operate your tour. You can travel with confidence, knowing our team has curated these itineraries based on their first-hand travel experience.

<b>Relaxed Itinerary</b>	<b>Small Group</b>	<b>Return Flights by Vietnam Airlines</b>
<b>Two night on Luxury Halong Bay Cruise</b>		

## Day by Day Itinerary

Hanoi, Halong Bay, Hue, Hoi An, Ho Chi Minh City, Mekong Delta

## HIGHLIGHTS

- **Return flights with Vietnam Airlines**
- 2 nights sailing the stunning Halong Bay on your luxury cruise boat – Elite of the Seas
- Explore Vietnam in style, visiting the tranquil capital city of Hanoi, two nights on a luxury Halong Bay cruise, the historic old capital of Hue, the ancient town of Hoi An and dynamic Ho Chi Minh City
- Experience 13 night of luxury hotels, Halong Bay Cruise and resorts on this incredible trip
- Explore the charming, ancient alleys of Hoi An and Hue
- Enjoy dinner on a Saigon River Cruise
- Fully escorted by English speaking tour guide and driver
- Enjoy full and friendly service with Vietnam Airlines on every flight

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Hanoi Arrival

Xin chao!

Welcome to Hanoi! Depart from your home city on a Vietnam Airlines flight to the vibrant capital of Vietnam.

Upon arrival, you will be greeted by our representative and transferred to your 5-star hotel. Check in, relax, and unwind after your journey. Enjoy the evening at your leisure, exploring the local area or indulging in the hotel's amenities.

**Meals:** In-flight meals.

**Accommodation:** Grand Mercure Hanoi 5\* or similar.

### Day 2: Hanoi - Halong Bay -

Start your day with breakfast at your hotel before departing for Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its breathtaking seascapes. Board your ship to explore the bay's stunning limestone pillars and caves. Enjoy lunch on board as you sail through the emerald waters.

- In the afternoon, participate in kayaking activities at Ao Ech area or take a dip in the cruise pool.
- Capture stunning photos of the cruise from the sundeck and witness a beautiful sunset while enjoying afternoon tea.
- Join a cooking demonstration on the pool deck, followed by Happy Hour at the Sky Bar.
- End the day with an exquisite 8-course fine dining dinner.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

**Accommodation:** Elite of the Seas 5\*

### **Day 3: Halong Bay -**

Rise early to witness a breathtaking sunrise over Halong Bay. Maybe join a Tai Chi session on the top deck or a leisurely breakfast on the cruise before exploring more of Halong Bay's natural wonders.

– Visit the Viet Hai floating village by electric car or bicycle, and then relax on the pristine beach of Ba Trai Dao area in Lan Ha Bay.

– Return to the cruise for some relaxation time and afternoon tea.

– Maybe participate in another cooking demonstration and enjoy Happy Hour at the Sky Bar as the sun sets.

– Savor a delectable dinner and unwind with evening activities like fishing, swimming, mini-golf, or spa treatments.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

**Accommodation:** Elite of the Seas 5\*

### **Day 4: Halong Bay - Hanoi**

It's another glorious day for Start a Tai Chi session or just enjoy sunrise over the bay's towering islands. Savor a morning cup of coffee or tea before exploring nearby islands by rowboat.

Later this morning return to the ship and admire Halong Bay's majestic rock formations from the sundeck. Enjoy brunch on board before disembarking where your driver will meet you at the jetty and transfer you back to Hanoi.

**Meals:** Brunch.

**Accommodation:** Grand Mercure Hanoi 5\* or similar.

### **Day 5: Hanoi - Hue**

Embark on a half-day tour of Hanoi's highlights, beginning with a visit to the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum. Next, the historic One Pillar Pagoda, an iconic temple renowned for its unique architectural design and spiritual significance. Continue your journey to the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university, where you can marvel at its ancient courtyards, pavilions, and statues that have stood the test of time.

Your tour will also take you to the serene Tran Quoc Pagoda, one of the oldest Buddhist temples in Vietnam, beautifully situated on the banks of West Lake.

Later, will be transferred to the airport to catch your flight to Hue, the ancient capital of Vietnam. You'll be met on arrival and transferred to your hotel. Spend your evening at leisure, exploring the charming streets of Hue or indulging in dinner at a local restaurant.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Silk Path Grand Hue 5\* or similar

### **Day 6: Hue**

Delve into the rich history of Hue. Visit the Imperial Citadel and Tu Duc's tomb, the longest-reigning Nguyen Dynasty emperor. Enjoy a cycle tour around Hue, discovering its historic sites and local culture.

Next up, cruise up the Perfume River to visit Minh Mang's tomb and the traditional Thien Mu Pagoda.

finish off your tour exploring the vibrant Dong Ba market in the late afternoon before returning to your hotel to relax.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Silk Path Grand Hue 5\* or similar

### **Day 7: Hue - Hoi An - Golden Bridge Tour**

Check out from your hotel after breakfast and head to the iconic Golden Bridge on Ba Na Mountain. Travel by cable car up to the Marseille station, and take a short walk to the Golden Bridge, known for its unique architecture and stunning views.

Explore the romantic Le Jardin D'Amour flower garden with its nine themed gardens and visit Linh Ung Pagoda, featuring sophisticated architecture and a 27-meter-high Shakyamuni statue.

Afterwards, descend by cable car and transfer to the charming town of Hoi An. Check into your hotel and spend the evening at your leisure.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** Bliss Hoi An Beach Resort & Wellness 5\* or similar

#### **Day 8: Hoi An**

Enjoy a day of leisure in the UNESCO World Heritage site of Hoi An. Wander through the ancient town's narrow streets, admire the well-preserved architecture, and experience the vibrant local culture. Maybe participate in an optional tour.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** Bliss Hoi An Beach Resort & Wellness 5\* or similar

#### **Day 9: Hoi An**

Enjoy another day of leisure to explore Hoi An.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** Bliss Hoi An Beach Resort & Wellness 5\* or similar

#### **Day 10: Hoi An**

Your last free day in Hoi An today. Relax by the pool or head to the beach for a relaxing day.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** Bliss Hoi An Beach Resort & Wellness 5\* or similar

#### **Day 11: Hoi An - Da Nang - Ho Chi Minh City**

Check out from your resort and transfer to the airport for your flight to the dynamic city of Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon). Upon arrival, check into your hotel and spend the evening exploring the city's vibrant nightlife or relaxing at your hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** Rex Hotel Saigon Hotel 5\* or similar.

#### **Day 12: Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong River Cruise Tour**

Travel to the Mekong Delta to immerse yourself in vibrant local culture and discover the region's unique heritage. Begin your journey with a scenic cruise through the lush coconut forests that define this picturesque delta. As you glide along the waterways, you'll have the opportunity to visit traditional Vietnamese farmers, observe their daily activities.

Visit local handicraft workshops where skilled artisans create beautiful handcrafted items. These workshops provide a glimpse into the region's rich craft traditions and offer a chance to purchase unique souvenirs.

For lunch, savor a delicious meal at a local restaurant on Turtle Island, renowned for its fresh, flavorful dishes that showcase the best of Mekong Delta cuisine.

After lunch, wander through vibrant fruit and bonsai gardens. Discover the art of making coconut candy at a local workshop, where you can see firsthand how this sweet treat is crafted. Explore a traditional rice paper mill, learning about the production process of this essential ingredient in Vietnamese cuisine.

Experience the Mekong Delta's rural charm with a bike ride or a relaxing horse carriage ride along the village roads and sample local delicacies and tropical fruit.

As your day winds down, visit the stunning Vinh Trang Pagoda, a beautifully ornate temple. Return to Ho Chi Minh City this evening.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch.

**Accommodation:** Rex Hotel Saigon Hotel 5\* or similar.

#### **Day 13: Ho Chi Minh City - Cu Chi Tunnels**

After breakfast, head to **Cu Chi Tunnels**, a byzantine maze of underground passages, chambers and booby traps used by both the Viet Minh and the Viet Cong during Vietnam-US war. The tunnel system had become legendary during the 1960s as a strategic military base and underground community life.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch.

**Accommodation:** Rex Hotel Saigon Hotel 5\* or similar.

### Day 14: Ho Chi Minh City Tour - Departure

Your last day in Vietnam today see you embark on a city tour, visiting such landmarks as Notre Dame Cathedral – situated in the heart of Ho Chi Minh City, the cathedral stands adjacent to the Saigon Central Post Office, another architectural gem from the French colonial period. Stop for a photo op at the Post Office before continuing on to the war Remnant Museum. Next dive right into the colourful Ben Thanh Market, one of Chi Minh’s liveliest areas.

Later this afternoon, transfer to the airport for your flight home.

**Meals:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** On Plane

### Day 15: Home

Arrive home today and we hope you enjoyed your holiday with Asia Vacation Group.

## INCLUSIONS

- Return flights with Vietnam Airlines
- Experienced 13 night at the luxury 5-star hotels and Halong Bay cruise in the itinerary
- Breakfast daily
- Local boat rentals and cycling as mentioned in the itinerary
- Entrance fees and sightseeing as mentioned in the itinerary
- Drinking water during tours
- Transportation by private air-conditioned vehicles
- Fully escorted by English-speaking tour guides

## EXCLUSIONS

- Meals and drinks are not mentioned in the program
- Visa fees in Vietnam
- Tipping for driver and tour guide & personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Highly recommended)
- Trip delay or interruption caused by airline schedule changes
- Extra costs incurred or missing tour caused by flight delay or cancelation
- Any service not clearly mentioned in the itinerary

## DEPARTURE DATES: PRICE IS QUOTED IN AU\$ PER PERSON

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
<b>Sunday</b> 08 Sep 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 22 Sep 2024	AU\$4,799	<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAY</b>	<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Sunday</b> 22 Sep 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 06 Oct 2024	AU\$5,249		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Sunday</b> 06 Oct 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 20 Oct 2024	AU\$4,899		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Sunday</b> 20 Oct 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 03 Nov 2024	AU\$4,899		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Sunday</b> 10 Nov 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 24 Nov 2024	AU\$4,599		<a href="#">Book</a>

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<b>Sunday</b> 05 Jan 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 19 Jan 2025	AU\$5,299		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Sunday</b> 23 Feb 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 09 Mar 2025	AU\$4,899		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Sunday</b> 09 Mar 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 23 Mar 2025	AU\$4,749		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Sunday</b> 23 Mar 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 06 Apr 2025	AU\$4,899		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Sunday</b> 06 Apr 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 20 Apr 2025	AU\$5,249		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Sunday</b> 20 Apr 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 04 May 2025	AU\$5,249		<a href="#">Sold Out</a>
<b>Sunday</b> 11 May 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 25 May 2025	AU\$4,699		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Sunday</b> 25 May 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 08 Jun 2025	AU\$4,599		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Sunday</b> 22 Jun 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 06 Jul 2025	AU\$4,999		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Sunday</b> 13 Jul 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 27 Jul 2025	AU\$4,999		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Sunday</b> 10 Aug 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 24 Aug 2025	AU\$4,599		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Sunday</b> 24 Aug 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 07 Sep 2025	AU\$4,599		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Sunday</b> 14 Sep 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 28 Sep 2025	AU\$4,799		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Sunday</b> 28 Sep 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 12 Oct 2025	AU\$5,299		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Sunday</b> 12 Oct 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 26 Oct 2025	AU\$4,799		<a href="#">Book</a>
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## OPTIONAL TOURS



**Half-Day Guided Tour  
Australian Beef with Wine  
Tasting & Rickshaw in**  
**AU\$120**



**My Son Sanctuary and  
Thanh Ha Village Tour**  
**AU\$93**



**Dinner on Saigon River  
Cruise**  
**AU\$135**

## FINE PRINT

### FLIGHT INFORMATION

This package includes return flights from Sydney/Melbourne with Vietnam Airlines.

Flights from Adelaide, Brisbane attract a **\$400 surcharge**. Perth attracts a **\$300 surcharge**.

**Airline Selection:** We book the best available airlines for your journey, which may include a mix of full-service and low-cost carriers. Specific airline requests can be made at the time of purchase. This includes upgrades to your preferred carrier, premium economy or business class cabins or specific seats. Whilst we will try our best, not all requests can be confirmed.

**Flight Conditions:** Flights may not be direct and could involve a maximum of two transits.

**Ticketing Information:** Once issued, tickets are non-refundable. Changes are subject to airline rules, airline change fees, and an Asia Vacations Group change fee of \$250 per person.

**Passenger Details:** Please ensure all traveller names are as per passports. This includes all middle names. Errors may incur a name change fee of \$150 plus airline charges, or require the purchase of a new ticket.

**Flight Schedule Changes:** Any changes or cancellations to airline schedules are outside our control. We recommend staying updated with airline schedules before departure. Additional expenses for extended transits or alternative arrangements are the traveller's responsibility.

**Internal Airfares:** Local flights included in your itinerary may utilise low-cost carriers without meals or entertainment. Checked baggage is included; any additional baggage fees are payable at check-in.

**Booking Considerations:** If travelling with others on separate bookings, we may not be able to guarantee all flights are the same due to availability.

**Luggage and Fees:** You are responsible for your luggage at all times. Excess baggage fees, if incurred, are payable directly to the airline. All tickets will include 20 kg checked baggage per person, plus 7 kg of hand luggage. We recommend travelling with a max 20kg per person due to restrictions on internal flights (where applicable), as well as coach and train transportation. Please note, you will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters are not included.

**No-Show Policy:** Missing your flight may result in fees including a no-show fee, airline reissue fee, and possible new ticket purchase. Asia Vacations Group charges a \$250 admin fee for re-booking assistance.

**Price Adjustments:** Prices are final at the time of ticketing. Any subsequent changes may result in additional costs due to factors beyond our control, such as currency fluctuations or airline surcharges.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Physical Requirements

A reasonable level of fitness is required but it's more about spending time on your feet rather than covering large distances. You'll be getting on and off coaches and boats, walking around the sights and climbing some steps.

### Tipping

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. Tipping is AU\$10/person per day. Tipping is collected by agent before travelling or the day of your arrival.

### Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

### Single Supplement

Single supplement is **\$1,250** per person in addition to the twin share price.

### Paired Solo Traveler

Not available.

### Triple Share

Upon your request except for cruises

### Group Size

From 2 – 16 Travellers

### Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is recommended to protect yourself against the unexpected. In addition to the support that a policy may provide, you may be asked to present a copy of your travel insurance documentation while traveling.

We have partnered with **NibTravel Insurance** to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book Comprehensive or Essentials cover for your domestic, international or multi-trip journeys simply with us.

### Visa & Passport information

Please ensure that your passport has at least 6 months validity from your travel date. You should also have a minimum of 2 blank pages in your passport. Please ensure that all names match passport, including all middle names.

A visa is required for travel to Vietnam. Asia Vacation Group can assist you with the visa process. Please speak to our reservations team for assistance. The visa and handling cost is \$160 per person for a single entry visa.

### Children

Children must be 12 month old or above and share a room with parents at all times. Children up to 5 years old are charged the same price as adults.

### Tour Documentation

Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

### Tour Length

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule, please refer to the day by day itinerary for the time spent on land.

## HOW TO EXTEND YOUR STAY

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour. On this tour you can choose from the following options:

### Pre Tour Accommodation

AU\$240 per room, per night based on double/twin room share

### Post Tour Accommodation

AU\$ 240 per room, per night based on double/twin room share

Please select the number of extra nights required in the 'Additional Nights Accommodation' field when making your purchase. The additional cost for these arrangements will be added to your final payment invoice and are subject to availability.

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