

11 Day Authentic Vietnam

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Local knowledge, adventures of a lifetime.

Discover the world with our team of experts, and 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 prices. Your bucket list dreams are ticked off on these all-encompassing vacations.

Travel with the confidence. Your trip has been carefully crafted by our team with you in mind and it's that same team that takes you on the journey. One amazing team to help and guide you, not only as your local travel expert but also as a friend with helpfulness and sincerity.

Specialists in Asia touring since 2015, we are proud to be the people who craft your itinerary, help you at each step, plus guide and operate your tour.

Australian Owned Company	Return Flights Included	7 Day Change Of Mind
Fully Escorted by local English speaking guide		

Day by Day Itinerary

Hanoi, Ninh Binh, Halong Bay, Hoi An, Ho Chi Minh City

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Hanoi's Historical Sites:** Discover the charm of Hanoi, where French colonial architecture blends with ancient oriental pagodas. Explore the Ho Chi Minh Complex, One Pillar Pagoda, and the tranquil Temple of Literature. Hanoi provides an in-depth look at Vietnam's rich history and cultural legacy
- **Cruising Halong Bay:** Embark on a breathtaking journey through Halong Bay. Witness stunning limestone islands emerging from emerald waters. Enjoy Tai Chi sessions, explore the mystical Dark & Bright cave, and unwind with sunset cocktails on the deck.
- **Hoi An's Ancient Town:** Stroll through the charming streets of Hoi An, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Hoi An's well-preserved architecture and traditional culture provide a captivating glimpse into Vietnam's past.
- **Highlights of Ho Chi Minh City:** Discover the vibrant energy and rich history of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam's bustling economic hub, visiting the iconic Notre Dame Cathedral and historic Central Post Office before shop for traditional handicrafts in bustling local markets.
- **Cu Chi Tunnels:** Discover the fascinating Cu Chi Tunnels, an intricate network of underground passages that reveal the strategic ingenuity of wartime defenses.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Hanoi Arrival

Xin chao! Welcome to Hanoi – the Capital of Vietnam. Upon arrival at the airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel for check-in.

Meals: On-flight meals

Accommodation: Chalcedony Hotel 4* or similar

Day 2: Hanoi - Ninh Binh - Hanoi

Explore Hoa Lu, the ancient capital of Vietnam during the Dinh and Le dynasties, on a day trip from Hanoi. Marvel at vibrant green rice fields interspersed with limestone formations, a sight that captivates every visitor.

Upon arrival at Tam Coc, embark on a private sampan boat to journey along the Ngo Dong River. Traverse the famous caves featured in "Indochine" – Hang Ca, Hang Giua, and Hang Cuoi.

Visit the tranquil Bich Dong Pagoda nestled amidst blooming lotus ponds, providing stunning panoramic views of

the area. Conclude your exploration with a delightful Vietnamese lunch in Tam Coc before returning to your hotel in Hanoi in the afternoon.

Meals: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Chalcedony Hotel 4* or similar

Day 3: Hanoi - Halong Bay -

Embark on a scenic coach journey through the fertile landscapes of the Red River Delta, culminating in a visit to Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1994. Halong Bay's breathtaking cluster of islands, adorned with naturally sculpted caves and grottoes shaped by wind and waves, presents a mesmerizing spectacle. Upon arrival, board your ship to explore the myriad limestone islands, each harboring caves of various sizes and shapes. Experience the picturesque sight of junks and sampans gracefully navigating the bay's crystal-clear emerald waters, blending seamlessly with the sky. Delve into the hidden grottoes nestled beneath towering cliffs for an unforgettable adventure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Oriental Sails Cruise or similar

Day 4: - Halong Bay - Hanoi

Start your day with an early morning Tai Chi session on the upper deck or savor a serene sunrise over Halong Bay's majestic islands.

Relax with a cup of coffee or tea before embarking on a rowboat excursion to nearby islands. After returning to the junk for breakfast, soak in the stunning rock formations of Halong Bay from the sundeck. Indulge in a light lunch onboard before your return to shore. Your driver will await you at the Halong jetty for the journey back to Hanoi in the afternoon.

Meals: Brunch

Accommodation: Chalcedony Hotel 4* or similar

Day 5: Hanoi City Tour - Da Nang - Hoi An

Embark on a city tour of Hanoi today, discovering iconic landmarks including the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's inaugural university, the Ho Chi Minh Complex encompassing the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and One Pillar Pagoda, and Tran Quoc Pagoda, renowned as one of Vietnam's oldest pagodas.

Later this afternoon, proceed to the airport for the short flight to Da Nang.

Upon arrival, transfer to the charming town of Hoi An. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Hoi An Garden Palace 4* or similar

Day 6: Hoi An

Enjoy a walking tour of atmospheric Hoi An today, visiting some of this historic city's popular highlights.

The Old Town of Hoi An is a labyrinth of well-preserved buildings adorned with intricate wooden carvings and colorful silk lanterns. Its iconic Japanese Covered Bridge, built in the 16th century, symbolizes the town's historical connections and remains a popular landmark. Next up, visit the Chinese Temple, also known as the Assembly Hall of the Fujian Chinese Congregation, a cultural gem that reflects the town's historical ties with China.

Finish your tour at the Phung Hung Old House, a well-preserved example of a traditional Vietnamese merchant's residence, offering insight into the lifestyle and architecture of Hoi An's prosperous past.

This afternoon, you're free to explore more of Hoi An by yourself or join an optional tour.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Hoi An Garden Palace 4* or similar

Day 7: Hoi An

Enjoy a day at leisure in Hoi An, exploring the town's charm or selecting an optional tour.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Hoi An Garden Palace 4* or similar

Day 8: Hoi An - Da Nang - Ho Chi Minh City

Fly to vibrant Ho Chi Minh City and 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 Ho Chi Minh’s liveliest areas.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Athena Hotel Saigon 4* or similar

Day 9: Ho Chi Minh City

Explore Ho Chi Minh City at your own pace or opt for an optional tour to the Mekong to enjoy an unforgettable experience on the mighty Mekong River.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Athena Hotel Saigon 4* or similar

Day 10: Ho Chi Minh City - Cu Chi Tunnels - Home

After breakfast, check out your hotel and then 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 the Vietnam-US war. The tunnel system had become legendary during the 1960s as a strategic military base with underground community life.

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

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: On Plane

Day 11: Home

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

INCLUSIONS

- **Return international flights**
- 02 internal flights: Hanoi – Da Nang, Da Nang – Ho Chi Minh City
- 9 nights at 4* centrally located hotel
- Daily breakfast, and meals mentioned in the itinerary
- All entrance fees and sightseeing as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Transportation by air-conditioning vehicle
- Fully escorted by professional English-speaking tour guides in each city
- Drinking water on tour

EXCLUSIONS

- Meals and drinks not mentioned in the program
- Visa fee in Vietnam
- Tipping for driver and tour guide (\$10/per person/day) and personal expenses
- Travel insurance (we strongly recommend you hold a valid travel insurance policy for all domestic and overseas travel)
- Trip delay or interruption caused by airline schedule change
- Extra cost for missing tour caused by flight delays or cancellation
- Any service not clearly mentioned in the program

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

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Wednesday 16 Oct 2024	Saturday 26 Oct 2024	AU\$2,199		Book
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Wednesday 06 Nov 2024	Saturday 16 Nov 2024	AU\$2,199		Book
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Wednesday 04 Dec 2024	Saturday 14 Dec 2024	AU\$3,199		Book
Wednesday 18 Dec 2024	Saturday 28 Dec 2024	AU\$3,599		Book
Wednesday 08 Jan 2025	Saturday 18 Jan 2025	AU\$2,999		Book
Wednesday 12 Feb 2025	Saturday 22 Feb 2025	AU\$2,899		Book
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OPTIONAL TOURS

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FLIGHT INFORMATION

This package includes return flights from Sydney/Melbourne.

Flights from Adelaide, Brisbane and Perth attract a **\$400 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. Please be advised that tipping for tour guides, drivers and bellmen are required and will be collected by your travel consultant 7 days before you depart. A gratuity of \$10 per person/day can make a big difference to locals employed in the tourism industry as they have done an impeccable job to serve you through your holiday.

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 **\$750 per person** in addition to the twin share price.

Paired Solo Traveler

Not available.

Group size:

15-20 travellers

Triple Share

Upon request except for cruises

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

We have partnered with Nib Travel Insurance to offer you competitive rates for your travel insurance. You can book comprehensive or budget cover simply to arrange your policy.

Visa & Passport information

It is the traveler's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return and must have more than 2 blank pages.

A visa is required for travel to Vietnam . The visa is easiest to complete with Asia Vacation Group and just need to pay \$160 for single entry for Vietnam

Tour Documentation

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

Children

Children must be 2 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are the same price as adults.

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

\$135 per room, per night

Post Tour Accommodation

\$135 per room, per night

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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