



13 Day 5 Star Spirit of Vietnam

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Discover the world with AVG Travels, where our team of destination experts combines local knowledge with a passion for adventure to offer you the vacation of a lifetime. At AVG Travels, we not only provide an immersive travel experience, prioritise your comfort, safety, and enjoyment, but also showcase the beauty and cultural richness of stunning destinations.

Specialists in touring since 2015, AVG Travels, previously known as Asia Vacation Group, are proud to craft your itinerary and create memories that last a lifetime. Travel with confidence knowing your trip has been thoughtfully crafted by our experts with you personally in mind.

Australian Owned Company	Return Flights Included	7 Day Cooling Off Period
Best for Family Vacation		

Day by Day Itinerary

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Mekong Delta Day Trip:** Explore the vibrant Mekong Delta, starting with a cruise along the Ben Tre River, a bustling tributary of the Mekong. Witness local river life, visit a traditional brickworks, and explore a coconut processing workshop, gaining insights into these vital industries.
- **Ho Chi Minh City Tour:** Discover the iconic landmarks of Ho Chi Minh City, beginning with the historic Notre Dame Cathedral and the French colonial Saigon Central Post Office. Delve into Vietnam’s tumultuous past at the War Remnants Museum and experience the lively atmosphere of Ben Thanh Market.
- **Hoi An Walking Tour:** Stroll through the enchanting streets of Hoi An, a UNESCO World Heritage site, filled with well-preserved buildings and vibrant silk lanterns. Visit the iconic Japanese Covered Bridge, the Chinese Temple, and the historic Phung Hung Old House to get a glimpse of the town’s rich cultural heritage.
- **Hue Citadel Tour:** Explore the historical treasures of Hue, starting with a visit to the majestic Royal Citadel, a symbol of Vietnam’s imperial past. Discover the Imperial Museum and the intricately designed tombs of the Nguyen Dynasty, immersing yourself in the city’s regal history.
- **Halong Bay Cruise:** Sail through the breathtaking Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its thousands of limestone karsts and islets. Enjoy exploring hidden caves and grottoes, and marvel at the stunning scenery as junks and sampans glide along the emerald waters.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Home - Ho Chi Minh City

Today, depart from your home for your flight to Vietnam!

Welcome to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam’s modern metropolis. On arrival, you will be transferred downtown to your joining hotel.

Spend your free time relaxing in Ho Chi Minh City.

Meals: In-flight meals

Accommodation: Caravelle Hotel 5* or Similar

Day 2: Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta Day trip

After breakfast, embark on a journey to explore the Mekong Delta, specifically Ben Tre Province. Cruise along the Ben Tre River, a tributary of the Mekong to witness vibrant, local river life. Visit a traditional brickworks where you can see the age-old process of making bricks by hand.

Explore a local coconut processing workshop nestled along the canal, gaining an insight into this vital industry. Navigate natural scissor creeks, gradually narrowing until you reach a local village.

Enjoy a leisurely walk to a family workshop where traditional sleep mats are crafted, and enjoy a refreshing break with tropical fruits and tea.

Enjoy a riverside restaurant lunch before continuing your adventure in the afternoon.

Later, embark on a boat excursion along creeks, soaking in the tranquil surroundings. Return to Hung Vuong Pier where your transport awaits to journey back to Ho Chi Minh City.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Caravelle Hotel 5* or Similar

Day 3: Ho Chi Minh City Tour - Danang - Hoi An

This morning, 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.

In the afternoon, drive to the airport for flight to Danang.

On arrival, meet and transfer to the hotel for check in. Relax and overnight in Hoi An.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Bliss Hoi An Beach Retreat and Wellness 5* or Similar

Day 4: Hoi An

Embark on a walking tour of enchanting Hoi An today, discovering some of the city's renowned landmarks.

Hoi An's Old Town is a maze of meticulously preserved buildings adorned with ornate wooden carvings and vibrant silk lanterns.

The iconic Japanese Covered Bridge, dating back to the 16th century, serves as a poignant symbol of the town's historical heritage and remains a beloved landmark. Continue your exploration with a visit to the Chinese Temple, also known as the Assembly Hall of the Fujian Chinese Congregation, a cultural gem reflecting Hoi An's deep-rooted connections with China.

Conclude your tour at the Phung Hung Old House, an impeccably preserved traditional Vietnamese merchant's residence. This historic dwelling offers a glimpse into Hoi An's affluent past, showcasing its distinctive lifestyle and architecture.

This afternoon, you have the freedom to further explore Hoi An at your leisure or opt to join an additional guided tour.

Meals: Breakfast

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

Day 5: Hoi An

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

Meals: Breakfast

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

Day 6: Hoi An - Danang - Hue

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before checking out and beginning your journey to Hue, Vietnam's former capital and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Along the way, take a refreshing break at the picturesque Lang Co Beach, known for its stunning scenery.

Upon arrival in Hue, embark on a relaxed walking tour through this ancient city, soaking in its rich history and cultural landmarks.

After a day of exploration, unwind and enjoy an overnight stay at your hotel in Hue, ensuring a rejuvenating end to your day.

Meals: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Silk Path Grand Hue Hotel 5* or similar

Day 7: Hue

Today offers further exploration of Hue, Vietnam's historical former capital, filled with captivating sights and cultural experiences.

Begin your day with a visit to the majestic Royal Citadel, a UNESCO World Heritage site and a symbol of imperial power during the Nguyen Dynasty.

Next, delve into history at the Imperial Museum, where artifacts and exhibits offer insights into Hue's royal past and Vietnamese heritage. Admire tranquil gardens, pavilions, and the intricate tomb of one of Vietnam's longest-reigning monarchs.

In the afternoon, return to your hotel to relax or seize the opportunity to personalize your experience by tailoring your own "ao dai," the elegant traditional Vietnamese long dress, a symbol of Hue's cultural richness and refinement.

Meals: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Silk Path Grand Hue Hotel 5* or similar

Day 8: Hue - Hanoi

This morning, drive to Phu Bai Airport for the short flight to Hanoi, Vietnam's capital city.

In the late afternoon, immerse yourself in the charm of Hanoi with a leisurely stroll through its historic heart. Discover the architectural splendor of the Opera House, a testament to French colonial influence in Vietnam. Wander through the atmospheric lanes of the Old Quarter, where ancient temples, bustling markets, and traditional shops offer a glimpse into Hanoi's rich cultural tapestry.

Continue your exploration to the tranquil shores of Hoan Kiem Lake, a serene oasis in the midst of the city.

After a day filled with sightseeing and cultural immersion, retreat to your comfortable accommodation.

Meals: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Grand Mercure Hanoi Hotel 5* or similar

Day 9: Hanoi - Ninh Binh (Hoa Lu, Tam Coc)

After breakfast, depart for Ninh Binh to explore Hoa Lu, Vietnam's ancient capital during the Dinh and Le dynasties. Marvel at lush green rice fields interspersed with limestone formations. Glide leisurely on a sampan boat through the caves of Tam Coc, known for their scenic beauty and frequent appearances in photography.

Visit the filming locations of the renowned movie "Indochine," which brought international fame to Vietnam. The journey from your hotel to Tam Coc takes approximately two and a half hours, allowing stops along the way to capture picturesque local villages and landscapes.

Explore Bich Dong Pagoda nestled amidst blooming lotus ponds, offering breathtaking views of the surroundings. Return to Tam Coc for a delightful Vietnamese lunch.

In the afternoon, return to your hotel in Hanoi, reflecting on a day filled with cultural exploration and natural beauty in Vietnam's picturesque countryside.

Meals: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Grand Mercure Hanoi Hotel 5* or similar

Day 10: Hanoi - Halong Bay -

Today, you will travel by coach through the rich farmland of the Red River Delta to arrive at Ha Long Bay. Designated a World Heritage site in 1994, Ha Long Bay's spectacular scatter of islands, dotted with wind- and wave-eroded grottoes, is a vision of ethereal beauty.

Upon arrival you will board a ship to visit the thousands of limestone islands filled with caves of all shapes and sizes. The sails of junks and sampans gliding along the clear and emerald waters of the bay form a magnificent scene that blends into the sky. You will also have the opportunity to visit some of the hidden grottoes beneath the towering cliffs.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Capella Cruise 5* or Similar

Day 11: - Halong Bay - Hanoi

Wake to a tranquil morning with a Tai Chi session or simply savor the sunrise from the deck with a cup of tea or coffee. Explore nearby islands by rowboat and marvel at Halong Bay's surreal landscapes.

After brunch, return to Hanoi and settle back into your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Grand Mercure Hanoi Hotel 5* or similar

Day 12: Hanoi City Tour - Home -

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, continue to the airport for your scheduled flight home.

Meals: Breakfast, In-flight-meal

Accommodation: On Plane

Day 13: Home

Arrive at your home today and we hope you enjoy your trip with Asia Vacation Group.

INCLUSIONS

- **Return International flights**
- Domestic flights from Ho Chi Minh City to Danang and Hue to Hanoi
- Small group experience with no more than 16 travellers
- Airport transfers included on the first and last day of tour
- 11 nights 5-star hotels including Halong Bay Cruise
- Dedicated transportation in comfortable, air-conditioned vehicles
- Daily Breakfast Buffets, lunch and dinner as mentioned in the itinerary
- Fully escorted by English-speaking local guides on the day tour
- In-depth sightseeing and all entry fees as per the itinerary

EXCLUSIONS

- Meals and drinks are not mentioned in the program
- Visa fees in Vietnam
- Tipping for driver and tour guide & personal expenses
- Highly recommended Travel insurance
- Trip delay or interruption by airline schedule change
- Extra cost or missing tour caused by flight delay or cancel
- Any service not clearly mentioned in the program

DEPARTURE DATES: PRICE IS QUOTED IN \$ PER PERSON

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
Wednesday 06 Nov 2024	Monday 18 Nov 2024	\$3,499	HIGH SEASON	Sold Out

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Wednesday 20 Nov 2024	Monday 02 Dec 2024	\$3,899	HIGH SEASON 	Sold Out
Wednesday 18 Dec 2024	Monday 30 Dec 2024	\$4,499	BEST FOR FAMILY 	Book
Wednesday 25 Dec 2024	Monday 06 Jan 2025	\$5,299	X-MAS 	Book
Wednesday 01 Jan 2025	Monday 13 Jan 2025	\$4,599	NEW YEAR 	Book
Wednesday 22 Jan 2025	Monday 03 Feb 2025	\$4,799	Lunar New Year in Vietnam	Book
Wednesday 19 Feb 2025	Monday 03 Mar 2025	\$3,999	BEST FOR FAMILY 	Book
Wednesday 12 Mar 2025	Monday 24 Mar 2025	\$4,099	HIGH SEASON 	Book
Wednesday 26 Mar 2025	Monday 07 Apr 2025	\$4,199	BEST FOR FAMILY 	Book
Wednesday 02 Apr 2025	Monday 14 Apr 2025	\$4,199	BEST FOR FAMILY 	Book
Wednesday 16 Apr 2025	Monday 28 Apr 2025	\$3,999	BEST FOR FAMILY 	Book
Wednesday 14 May 2025	Monday 26 May 2025	\$3,499	BEST FOR FAMILY 	Book
Wednesday 28 May 2025	Monday 09 Jun 2025	\$3,699	BEST FOR FAMILY 	Book
Wednesday 04 Jun 2025	Monday 16 Jun 2025	\$3,999	BEST FOR FAMILY 	Book
Wednesday 02 Jul 2025	Monday 14 Jul 2025	\$4,199	BEST FOR FAMILY 	Book
Wednesday 13 Aug 2025	Monday 25 Aug 2025	\$3,899	BEST FOR FAMILY 	Book
Wednesday 17 Sep 2025	Monday 29 Sep 2025	\$4,199	BEST FOR FAMILY 	Book
Wednesday 08 Oct 2025	Monday 20 Oct 2025	\$3,999		Book
Wednesday 22 Oct 2025	Monday 03 Nov 2025	\$3,999		Book

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Wednesday 11 Mar 2026	Monday 23 Mar 2026	\$3,899		Book
Wednesday 25 Mar 2026	Monday 06 Apr 2026	\$3,899		Book
Wednesday 08 Apr 2026	Monday 20 Apr 2026	\$4,399		Book
Wednesday 06 May 2026	Monday 18 May 2026	\$3,899		Book
Wednesday 03 Jun 2026	Monday 15 Jun 2026	\$4,399		Book
Wednesday 17 Jun 2026	Monday 29 Jun 2026	\$4,399		Book
Wednesday 01 Jul 2026	Monday 13 Jul 2026	\$4,399		Book
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OPTIONAL TOURS

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FLIGHT INFORMATION

This package includes Vietnam Airlines 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. 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 **\$1,400** 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 **Nib Travel 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

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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 (30-day-stay-limited)

Children

Children must be 12 month old or above and share a room with parents at all times. Free Trip for one kid under 5 year old. Second kid is up 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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