

## 10 Day Highlights 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, an Australian owned company previously known as Asia Vacation Group, are excited to expand their value-driven tours to New Zealand travellers, offering exceptional travel experiences matched with top-notch service. AVG Travels 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.

<b>New Zealand Owned</b>	<b>Return Flights Included</b>	<b>Fully Escorted by English speaking guide</b>
<b>7 Day Change of Mind</b>		

#### Day by Day Itinerary

Hanoi, Halong Bay, Da Nang, 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.
- **Explore More:** Looking for a longer tour? Here are some options that allow you to gain a deeper insight into the region.

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[20 Day Highlights of Vietnam, Cambodia & Thailand](#)

## ITINERARY

#### Day 1: - Hanoi, Vietnam

Xin chao!

Today, you will depart from your home to Vietnam's capital – Hanoi. On arrival at Noi Bai International Airport, you

will be met at the airports and transferred to your hotel for check-in.

**Meal:** In-flight meals.

**Accommodation:** Chalcedony Hotel 4\* or similar

**Remark:**

– If you depart from Queenstown/Christchurch, you might need to stay overnight in Auckland or Sydney before connecting flight to Vietnam.

– We use Air New Zealand/Qantas Airways from New Zealand to Sydney and connect to Vietnam Airlines

**Day 2: Hanoi - Halong Bay -**

After breakfast, embark on the scenic drive to Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its breathtaking limestone islands and emerald waters. Board your cruise junk and indulge in a gourmet seafood lunch as you sail through this natural wonderland. In the afternoon, cruise around some of Halong's many islands. Stop at an island cove with a sheltered white-sand beach and maybe take a dip in the warm waters of the Gulf of Tonkin (weather permitting). Pass the night on your junk, lulled to sleep by the gentle rocking of calm waters.

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

**Accommodation:** Overnight on Cruise.

**Day 3: - 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.

**Meal:** Brunch

**Accommodation:** Chalcedony Hotel 4\* or similar

**Day 4: Hanoi City Tour - Da Nang**

A big day of exploration awaits today on a city tour of Hanoi. Explore attractions such as the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university, Ho Chi Minh Complex (Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, One Pillar Pagoda) and Tran Quoc Pagoda – one of the oldest pagodas in Vietnam. In the afternoon, transfer to the airport for the short flight to Da Nang.

On arrival, you will be greeted and transferred to Hoi An. The rest of the day is yours to spend at leisure.

**Meal:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** Belle Maison Danang Hotel 4\* or similar

**Day 5: Da Nang - Hoi An**

Enjoy a walking tour of atmospheric Hoi An today, visiting some of this historic cities 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 6: 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 7: Hoi An - Da Nang - Ho Chi Minh City - City tour**

Fly to vibrant Ho Chi Minh City and embark on a city tour, visiting landmarks like Notre Dame Cathedral, a photo op

at the Post Office, The war Remnant Museum before diving right into the colourful Ben Thanh Market, one of Chi Minh's liveliest areas.

**Meal:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** Lotus Saigon Hotel 3\* or similar

#### **Day 8: 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.

**Meal:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** Lotus Saigon Hotel 3\* or similar

#### **Day 9: 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.

**Meal:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** On Plane

#### **Day 10: Home**

Arrive home today. We hope you enjoyed your holiday with AVG Travels.

## **INCLUSIONS**

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- **Return flights included from New Zealand**
- 2 domestic flights in Vietnam – Hanoi – Danang and Danang – Ho Chi Minh City
- Incredible sightseeing including discovering the vibrant capital Hanoi, the beautiful stunning views of the UNESCO-listed Halong Bay, the picturesque town of Hoi An, the bustling city of Ho Chi Minh City and the famous Cu Chi Tunnels
- Comfortable group experience with no more than 30 persons
- Airport transfers
- 8 nights comfortable accommodation
- Overnight cruise on a deluxe, 4-star traditional junk boat on Halong Bay, including all meals
- Dedicated transportation in comfortable, air-conditioned vehicles
- Daily Breakfast Buffet, 2 lunches, 1 dinner
- Fully escorted by English-speaking local guides
- In-depth sightseeing and all entry fees as per the itinerary

## **EXCLUSIONS**

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- Meals and drinks are not mentioned in the program
- Visa fee in Vietnam
- Tipping for driver and tour guide (NZ\$10/per person/day)
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (we strongly recommend you hold a valid travel insurance policy for all domestic and overseas travel)
- 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**

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DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
<b>Thursday</b> 13 Mar 2025	<b>Saturday</b> 22 Mar 2025	\$3,399		<b>Sold Out</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 27 Mar 2025	<b>Saturday</b> 05 Apr 2025	\$4,099		<b>Book</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 17 Apr 2025	<b>Saturday</b> 26 Apr 2025	\$3,899		<b>Book</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 01 May 2025	<b>Saturday</b> 10 May 2025	\$3,899		<b>Book</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 15 May 2025	<b>Saturday</b> 24 May 2025	\$3,399		<b>Book</b>
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<b>Thursday</b> 24 Jul 2025	<b>Saturday</b> 02 Aug 2025	\$4,149		<b>Book</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 07 Aug 2025	<b>Saturday</b> 16 Aug 2025	\$3,399		<b>Book</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 21 Aug 2025	<b>Saturday</b> 30 Aug 2025	\$3,399		<b>Book</b>
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## OPTIONAL TOURS



**Hanoi Street Food (Dinner included)**  
\$93



**Golden Bridge Tour (Lunch Included)**  
\$201



**Mekong visit the locals**  
\$186



**My Son Sanctuary and Thanh Ha Village Tour**  
\$102



**Dinner on Saigon River Cruise**  
\$150



**Vespa Adventure - Saigon after Dark Tour**  
\$246

## FINE PRINT

### FLIGHT INFORMATION

This package includes international flights from Auckland with a surcharge of **\$250**

There is a Regional Surcharge of \$450 from **Queenstown, Christchurch or Wellington**

**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. AVG Travels 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.

We would be more than happy to provide you with a quote for the following requests:

- Airline Preferences – You may wish to fly with a particular airline
- Cabin Preferences – These include upgrading to premium economy or business class
- Extensions (start and end cities must remain the same) – You may request to extend your stay pre or post tour.
- Meal Requests – You may request a specific meal for dietary requirements.
- Seat Requests – If you would like to request particular seating. However please note, not all airlines allow the selection of pre-purchased seat arrangements.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Tour by AVG Travels

Our AVG Travels Experts have crafted this itinerary, blending local insights and travellers preferences to create this unforgettable experience. We have considered attractions, logistics, and unique opportunities, ensuring each detail aligns perfectly. Our expertise transforms trips into seamless adventures, offering bespoke inclusions that will ultimately enhance your time touring with AVG Travels.

### 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 **NZ\$ 600** in addition to the twin share price.

### Paired Solo Traveler

Not available.

### Triple Share

Upon request except for cruises

#### **Group Size**

15-30 people

#### **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 **Kiwi Holidays 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**

It is the traveller'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. Visa conditions are subject to change at short notice, so it is the responsibility of the traveller to consult with the relevant consulates to ensure they have the appropriate visa for entry to the countries being visited.

#### ***Vietnam***

New Zealanders must have a valid visa to enter Viet Nam. In advance of your travel, ensure that the visa issued matches the details of your passport, as any errors, including incorrect spelling, may result in you being refused entry.

AVG Travels 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.(max 30 day stay)

Please note that these details are subject to change without notice. We recommend visiting <https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/> for up-to-date information in terms of entry requirements.

#### **Children**

Children must be 5 years old or above and share a room with parents at all times. Children 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 pay extra for arriving early or extension your trip.

**Pre-tour night:** NZ\$150/room/night based on twin/double room sharing

**Post-tour night:** NZ\$150/room/night based on twin/double room sharing

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