

**Welcome to the**  
**Vietnam Trip- Saigon-Mekong delta 2days- Hoian ancient town- Halong Bay Cruises-Hanoi**  
**capital 11 days**  
**Tripcode: 809**  
**Tour length: 11**

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## **DETAILED ITINERARY**

### **DAY 1: ARRIVAL SAIGON**

Upon your arrival at Tan Son Nhat Airport, you will be met and picked up to transfer to your hotel in downtown.  
Overnight in Saigon

### **DAY 2: SAIGON- CUCHI TUNNELS- CITY TOUR**

Early in the morning, we pick you up at your hotel and depart for cu chi tunnels. By 1965, 250 km of tunnels criss-crossed Cu Chi and surrounding areas -just across the Saigon River was the notorious guerrilla power base known as the IRON TRIANGLE.

The Cu Chi tunnels played a vital part in the American war in that they allowed the Viet Cong to control a large rural area only 30 to 40 km from Saigon. At its height, the tunnel system stretched from Saigon to the Cambodian border. The network, parts of which were several levels deep, included innumerable trap doors, specially constructed living areas, storage facilities, weapons factories, field hospitals, command centres and kitchens. Today the remaining tunnels have become a major tourist attraction giving the visitor a unique experience and feel of what underground life in the American War must have been like.

The tunnels have been widened for our benefit (otherwise we would not be able to enter them!) For those interested there's even the opportunity to fire off rounds from an AK47 or MK16 at the nearby rifle range.

Return back to Saigon for lunch, next will be visiting the Reunification Palace, war Museum, China Town and Notre Dame Cathedral. Tour ends, transfer back your hotel and Overnight Saigon (B/L)

### **DAY 3: SAIGON- MY THO- CAN THO (MEKONG DELTA)**

Pick up at hotel in Saigon, next will heading for My Tho. A full day trip to water world of the Mekong Delta.

Take a boat trip along narrow waterways, you will enjoy a cruise on boats and viewing the daily activities of the local people along the Mekong River and taste fresh tropical fruits in the orchards, enjoy honey tea from bee hives with opera renovated or Local music shows. Lunch will be served with special dish named Fried Elephant's Ear Fish.

Cruise ends, continue our driving trip to Can Tho, check in hotel on arrival, free at leisure until dinner will be served at local restaurant. Overnight in Can Tho (B/L/D)

### **DAY 4: CAN THO - CAI RANG FLOATING MARKET- BANG LANG BIRD SANCTUARY**

Start our cruise trip early this morning ( best time is around 5.30 am) to visit the famous floating market Cai Rang, a great chance to see daily local life, all farming products are selling on boats.

Visit one of the local family and their orchard, taste tropical fruits, green tea.

This floating market is just open very early in the morning and end around 8.00 am. the cruise trip ends, we will drive back the hotel for breakfast and fresh up, next will start for Bang Lang - Bird sanctuary. The Bang Lang bird sanctuary is located near Long Xuyen ( some 45 from Can Tho) . The large area is mainly overgrown by huge bamboo and is home to thousands of storks and many other birds.

You will have a good view over the entire bird sanctuary from a viewing platform which can be reached via a spiral staircase. As you are more or less on the same level with the treetops, you can watch the tall animals with their long beaks from here

extremely well.

In the distance the birds are discernible as many white patches in the green of the trees. tour ends, next will drive back Saigon and Overnight Saigon (B/L)

#### **DAY 5: SAIGON- DANANG- HOIAN ANCIENT TOWN/ FLIGHT**

Have breakfast at hotel and next will transfer back Tan Son Nhat airport for 2 hours flying to Danang city in central Vietnam. Meet our guide on arrival in Da Nang visit Cham museum, one of the 5 oldest museums in The ASIA, containing the finest collection of Cham sculptures and next to visit marble mountains :

The Marble Mountains are a cluster of five hills made from limestone and marble in Da Nang. It's also a well-known pilgrimage site with peaks, caves, tunnels and temples all just waiting to be discovered. Named after the elements metal, wood, water, fire and earth, Marble Mountains exist in a coastal area that is renowned for stone-cutting and sculpture about 9km south of Da Nang.

There are also Buddhist sanctuaries and places of worship dotted across the mountains which are a much-visited spiritual site. You can even see a special circular cave here. It leads to the summit, where you can enjoy spectacular panoramic views. Continue car trip to Hoi an ancient town. Overnight Hoian town(B)

#### **DAY 6: HOIAN ANCIENT TOWN- HALF DAY WALKING TOUR**

Hoi An Ancient Town is an exceptionally well-preserved example of a South-East Asian trading port dating from the 15th to the 19th century. Its buildings and its street plan reflect the influences, both indigenous and foreign, that have combined to produce this unique heritage site.

Hoi An was a thriving international commercial port for Chinese, Dutch, French, Japanese, Portuguese and Arab traders.

These people came primarily to trade in the high grade silk, which is still produced in the area, as well as ceramics.

Depart at 8.00 am from your hotel and our walking tour through the narrow winding streets of the Ancient Quarter visiting Chua Ong Pagoda, Chinese Assembly Halls, the 200 - year old, Tam Ky ancestral house, and the Japanese Bridge.

Tour ends at 12.00am and free time our own walking and shopping at the ancient town. Overnight in Hoian (B)

#### **DAY 7: HOIAN -HUE SIGHTSEEING TOURS- HANOI/ FLIGHT**

This morning, we will drive north to Hue, some 120 km from Hoian, follow the road crossing over the scenic Hai Van Pass before arriving in Hue, Vietnam's last imperial capital of Vietnam, start our visit to the beautiful pagoda of Thien Mu.

Upon leaving this symbol of Hue we continue navigating to the mausoleum of Emperor Minh Mang, in a tranquil setting of gardens and lakes. The next stop of our trip is the elaborate royal tomb of Emperor Tu Duc.

This afternoon, we will transfer to Phu Bai airport in Hue for flying to Hanoi (some over 1 and half hours).

Meet our guide on arrival and transfer to your hotel in downtown. Overnight Hanoi (B)

#### **DAY 8: HANOI-HALONG BAY CRUISE**

Have breakfast at hotel and At 8.30 in the morning, Leave Hanoi for Halong Bay Cruise Trip of 2Days 1night, Halong bay is some 165 km away from Hanoi Capital, we will drive through the second biggest rice delta of Vietnam, the Red River Delta, there are many opportunity for your stop and taking pictures of farming life or relax along the way.

12:30 pm. Welcome on board of Boat Junk and set sail through the bay while lunch is served. Passage into the magical bay, where thousands of sculpted limestone islands rise from the waves like dragons' teeth.

After lunch, we cruise to the inside of magical landscape of Dinh Huong island, Ga Choi Island, Dog Island, Binh Phong mountain, Sung Sot Cave, Round over Titov Beach. Enjoy sunset on the top of the Titov mountain or you take a bamboo row boat to discover a water tunnels with many coral reefs in a scenic lagoon.

Back on board Junk, enjoy dinner on boat.(B/L/D)

#### **DAY 9: HALONG BAY - HANOI**

Rise to the sound of the ocean coming to life for another lovely day. Before breakfast, you may have an opportunity to view the sunrise over the bay. After breakfast, we cruise to the Bai Tho Mountain in the other beautiful Bai Tu Long Bay and we cruise

back to the Halong dock.

Lunch on boat before checkout is at 11:45. Boat arrive at harbor by 12:00 free time for shopping.

12h45 Transfer back to Hanoi by road and transfer to hotel on arrival. Overnight Hanoi (B/L)

#### DAY 10: HANOI CITY TOUR

At 9.00 AM, pick you up the hotel, our city tour including visit Hochiminh President Complex (Hochiminh Mausoleum, the house on stilts, presidential palace, the One Pillar Pagoda).

Our next stop is the Temple of literature, which is built in 1070 and it is the first university of Vietnam. Before having lunch, we visit the Army museum where different kinds of US, Russian aircraft and tanks from Vietnam wars are on display.

Your lunch will be served at one of the best local restaurants with special of Hanoi cuisine.

After lunch, continue our visit to Hoa Lo or Hanoi hilton prison.

PM sightseeing and enjoy one hour of Cycling trip for sightseeing Hanoi old quarters. Taking this mean of transportation is the best way to have a close look at the 36 streets in Hanoi.

At late afternoon, we will see the water puppet show. Overnight Hanoi (B/L)

#### DAY 11: HANOI- DEPARTURE

Breakfast at hotel.

You will have chance to enjoy some last minutes in Hanoi, relax or go shopping for souvenir. Check out before transfer back Noi Bai International airport for flight onwards. End of service(B)

#### TOUR PRICES IN LOW SEASON/(PER/PERSON) ( LOW SEASON FROM 1 MAY- 1 SEPT)

Hotel rates/group	1 Star	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star
2 Paxs	----	----	1,198 \$	----	----
4 Paxs	----	----	868 \$	----	----
6 Paxs	----	----	749 \$	----	----
8 Paxs	----	----	706 \$	----	----
10 Paxs	----	----	651 \$	----	----
Single Supplement	0 \$	0 \$	419 \$	0 \$	0 \$

#### TOUR PRICES IN HIGH SEASON/(PER/PERSON) (HIGH SEASON FROM 2 SEPT- 31 APRIL)

Hotel rates/group	1 Star	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star
2 Paxs	----	----	1,235 \$	----	----

4 Paxs	----	----	905 \$	----	----
6 Paxs	----	----	786 \$	----	----
8 Paxs	----	----	743 \$	----	----
10 Paxs	----	----	688 \$	----	----
Single Supplement	0.0 \$	0.0 \$	432.1 \$	0.0 \$	0.0 \$

HOTELS OR SIMILAR STANDARD				
Hotel names	Category	Room type	Link website	Location
Alagon Western Hotel (Hoang Hai Long 2)	3	deluxe window	<a href="http://www.alagonhotels.com">www.alagonhotels.com</a>	SAI GON
SAIGON CAN THO	3	Premium Room	<a href="http://www.saigoncantho.com.vn">www.saigoncantho.com.vn</a>	CAN THO
Acacia Heritage Hoian (Formed Van Loi Hotel)	4	Deluxe Room	<a href="http://www.acaciaheritagehotel.com">www.acaciaheritagehotel.com</a>	HOIAN
Adamas Hanoi Hotel (Former name Demantoid)	3	Deluxe Room	<a href="http://www.adamashanoi.com">www.adamashanoi.com</a>	HANOI

## INCLUSION

Transportation in private air-conditioned vehicle with driver

**Shuttle bus Hanoi- Halong Bay- Hanoi for group from 2-4 people, private van from 6 people up**

Accommodation: twin sharing room at mentioned hotel or similar one

Private cabin of twin share on boat in Halong bay ( Aclass Boat or Bien Ngoc Deluxe Boat)- all meals

Private boat for cruising Cai Be, Cai Rang in Mekong delta

Entrance Fees to indicated sight

English speaking guide

Meals as indicated in itinerary details (**B = breakfast, L = Lunch, D = dinner**)

## EXCLUSION

Other meals, tip, drinks on boat or restaurants

Single room supplement

Personal expenses

Vietnam Visa approval letter: 25 \$/ per person ( Scan passport to send us)

**Other domestic flights not mentioned:**

**Saigon- Danang= 120 USD/ one way/ Eco class**

**Hue- Hanoi = 120 USD/ one way/ Eco class**

Any optional additional tours or activities during free time

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**Check in time at 02.00 pm and check out at 12.00 am**

