11 Days Vietnam Insight

Immerse yourself in the cultural, historical, and scenic beauty of Vietnam in this 11-day itinerary. From the bustling streets of Hanoi to the dynamic city of Ho Chi Minh, this tour offers a deep dive into Vietnam's iconic landmarks, cuisine, and rich heritage.

Duration: 11 Days

Route: Hanoi → Halong Bay → Hue → Da Nang → Hoi An → Ho Chi Minh

Highlights:

- Explore Hanoi's historic sites, including the Ho Chi Minh Complex, Temple of Literature, and the Old Quarter.
- Enjoy an overnight cruise on the picturesque Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Visit the Imperial Citadel, Thien Mu Pagoda, and tombs of the Nguyen emperors in Hue.
- Discover Da Nang's Cham Museum and Marble Mountain, and walk through the ancient streets of Hoi An.
- Take part in a cooking class in Hoi An to learn the secrets of Vietnamese cuisine.
- Explore Ho Chi Minh City's colonial architecture and cultural landmarks, including the Cu Chi Tunnels and Cao Dai Temple, and cruise the Mekong Delta.

Itinerary Highlights

- **Day 1**: Arrive in Hanoi and explore its vibrant atmosphere.
- **Day 2**: Take a full-day city tour of Hanoi, including the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Museum of Ethnology, and Water Puppet Show.
- **Day 3**: Drive to Halong Bay for an overnight cruise amidst stunning limestone peaks.
- **Day 4**: Spend the morning cruising Halong Bay and then fly to Hue.
- **Day 5**: Explore Hue's historical sites, including a boat trip on the Perfume River and a visit to the Imperial Citadel and tombs.
- **Day 6**: Travel to Da Nang by the Heritage Train, having a boat trip in Bay Mau Coconut Forest and exploring Hoian by Night
- **Day 7**: Join a cooking class in Hoi An and take a walking tour through its ancient town.

- **Day 8**: Fly to Ho Chi Minh City and explore its colonial landmarks, such as Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office.
- **Day 9**: Visit the Cu Chi Tunnels and Cao Dai Temple, and learn about the country's resilience during the war.
- **Day 10**: Take a boat trip through the Mekong Delta, visiting local farms and pagodas.
- **Day 11**: Free time in Ho Chi Minh City before your departure.

Why Choose This Tour?
This itinerary offers a perfect blend of historical exploration, cultural immersion, and scenic beauty across Vietnam. With a balance of city sightseeing, hands-on cooking experiences, and serene nature, this tour provides a thorough and immersive experience of the country's heritage and traditions. Perfect for those seeking a comprehensive Vietnamese adventure.

DETAILS ITINERARY

DAY 01: HANOI ARRIVAL

Upon arrival in Noi Bai International Airport, you will be greeted by local guide and transfer you to your hotel in Hanoi that is Vietnam's capital, ranks amongst the world's most attractive and interesting cities. It was first the capital of Vietnam in A.D. 1010, and though the nation's capital moved to Hue under the Nguyen dynasty in 1802, the city continued to flourish after the French took control in 1888. In 1954, after the French departed, Hanoi was declared Vietnam's capital once again. The remnants of over 1,000 years of history are still visible here, with that of the past few hundred years wonderfully preserved. After checking in hotel, you are free at leisure. There's plenty to do and see or you may choose to find a spot on the lakeside and just watch the world go by - Hanoi is a truly unique city. In the evening you can choose from one of the many restaurants near Hoan Kiem lake or in the Old Quarter. Hanoi is also a fascinating city to enjoy an alfresco drink. Overnight in Hanoi.

Meals included: Local Dinner

DAY 02: HANOI CITY TOUR

This morning enjoy a full day city tour of Hanoi. First, visit **Ba Dinh Square**, where silent sentries guard the marble and granite mausoleum where Ho Chi Minh lies in state (closed every Friday & Monday and in October & November). See the

simple cottage where Uncle Ho lived and worked. Nearby, visit the **Ho Chi Minh Museum**, an extraordinary tribute in abstract form to the life of the 'father of the country' and the evolution of Vietnamese independence. French architecture is a feature of Hanoi, and the nearby former **Governor's Residence** is a fine example as well as the **One Pillar Pagoda**. Continue to the **Temple of Literature**, built in 1070 and then dedicated to Confucius, it is a serene retreat from the busy streets outside, and later became Vietnam's first university.

This afternoon, visit **Museum of Ethnology** (closed Mon) and enjoy an orientation of the tree-lined streets of Hanoi, resplendent with French colonial architecture, including the recently restored **Opera House**. Pass by **Hoan Kiem Lake**, also known as Lake of the Restored Sword from the legend that surrounds it en-route to one of the city's fascinating museums. Then take to the streets on foot for a **walking tour of the Ancient Quarter** or 36 Streets District. This densely populated corner of the city was once a centre of commerce where goods were sold under the street name of a particular guild. Still a thriving community of sellers today, you will see street names such as Sugar Street, Tin Street and Paper Street. Ancient homes and temples are interspersed with stores in this souvenir hunter's paradise! Enjoy a performance of the renowned **Water Puppet show** - an ancient Vietnamese form of entertainment, which enables the puppeteers to control their active marionettes by levers hidden under the water. Water puppet skits generally enact ancient folklore and legends that are rural in origin, and the theme of water is often present, as it defines so much of Vietnam’s landscape. Drive to your hotel and overnight in Hanoi.

Meals included: Buffet Breakfast, Local Lunch, Local Dinner

DAY 03: HANOI - HALONG BAY OVERNIGHT ON CRUISE

After having a breakfast at your chosen hotel, drive through green rice paddy fields to Ha Long Bay where is located in East Hanoi about 170 kilometers (approximate 3,5 hours). You will board a sailing junk for a cruise amongst hundreds of islets of Ha Long Bay. Enjoy a seafood lunch and a swim (if weather permits) before visiting a grotto of gigantic stalactites and stalagmites. Drop anchor in the late evening for an overnight stay amongst the dramatic limestone peaks rising out of the sea. Overnight on Cruise.

Meals included: Buffet Breakfast, Seafood Lunch & Dinner on Cruise

DAY 04: HALONG - HANOI - HUE BY FLIGHT (EXCLUDED AIRFARE)

You will spend the morning cruising through the limestone cliffs and emerald waters of Ha Long Bay before returning to the wharf. On the way to Noi Bai Domestic Airport for flight to Hue, stop at a ceramic factory. Upon arrival in Phu Bai Domestic Airport, you will be greeted by local guide and transfer you to your hotel in Hue that Hue is a beautiful and welcoming city. As Vietnam's capital throughout the Nguyen Dynasty (1802-1945), as a centre of Vietnamese Buddhism and scholarship and finally as the setting for some of the Vietnam War's most bloody fighting, Hue provides a unique window into Vietnam and its complex past. Overnight in Hue.

Meals included: Brunch, Local Dinner

DAY 05: HUE CITY TOUR

Have a boat trip on the romantically named **Perfume River**, passing the 10-metre thick protective walls of the Citadel on board a Vietnamese 'dragon boat'. A short distance up river is perhaps Hue's best-known religious site, the **Thien Mu Pagoda** with its distinctive seven-storey octagonal tower. This serene and picturesque landmark is also an important Buddhist sight. From here, in 1963, the monk Thich Quang Duc travelled in his pale blue Austin to Sai Gon and publicly burned himself to death to protest against the anti-Buddhist stance of the President. Visit the **Imperial Citadel**, a vast complex built in the early 19th century and modelled after the Forbidden City of Peking. The original walls stretched for 10 km and were surrounded by a wide moat. Today, most of the buildings have been destroyed due to bombing during the Vietnam-American War, but the monuments that remain provide a fascinating glimpse into the court life of the Nguyen Dynasty.

The hills surrounding Hue are dotted with the tombs of the Nguyen dynasty emperors. Built not only as an eternal resting place, the tombs were designed for recreation; somewhere the Emperor could fish, hunt and enjoy the company of concubines in his twilight years. Your tour combines visits to two of the most contrasting tombs. First, you will visit **the tomb of Emperor Tu Duc**, resplendent in traditional architecture, paved walkways, resting pavilions overlooking tranquil lotus ponds, and a small forest for hunting. In stark contrast, you will continue on to **Khai Dinh's Tomb**. Remembered as the "Puppet Emperor" because of his affiliation with the French, this tomb was designed with colonial flair, and a glass mosaic frieze dominates the interior. Overnight in Hue.

Meals included: Buffet Breakfast, Local Lunch, Local Dinner

DAY 06: HUE - DA NANG BY HERITAGE TRAIN – BAY MAU COCONUT FOREST - HOI AN ANCIENT TOWN

Depart at 07h35, the **Heritage Train with three-hour journey** takes passengers through the Hai Van Pass, known as the "most spectacular pass under heaven". From their comfortable seats, travelers can admire a breathtaking natural panorama – the majestic Truong Son Mountain Range on one side and the vast expanse of the sea on the other.

10h35: Arrive at Danang Train Station, Anvui Travel Guide & Driver pick up up and transfer to the ***Bay Mau Coconut Forest***. Upon arrival, enjoy a brief introduction to the area's history and significance. Begin the journey through the water coconut forest in a traditional Vietnamese basket boat. Learn the basics of rowing with guidance from a local. Enjoy a lively demonstration and experience the fun of a basket boat race. Then traveling to Hoi An - the unique trading town; a civilization cut off by destroyed rail lines and a silted river, leaving it untouched by war and almost frozen in time. No cars are allowed to pass through **Hoi An**, rendering it an excellent walking village. Check in hotel and overnight in Hoi An.

Meals included: Buffet Breakfast, Local Lunch, Local Dinner

DAY 07: HOI AN COOKING CLASS & WALKING TOUR

Start the day with a drink at a local restaurant which is the meeting point then visit Hoi An's colourful market, and experience the amazing sights, sounds and aromas of this busy market. You will have the opportunity to interact with the local sellers and purchase some of the ingredients to be used in the cooking lesson later. Board a boat for a leisurely cruise along the Hoi An River to the local restaurant. This is a chance to view local river life along riverbanks. On arrival, explore the cooking school's herb and vegetable garden, before learning about some of Hoi An's and Vietnam's well-known dishes. The cooking lesson runs for about 2 hours, each dish is first demonstrated by a local chef's, before you prepare the same dish ourselves. Included in the class is a brief introduction to Vietnamese food carving (plate decoration). After the lesson, enjoy the meal you have cooked. Hoi An is the unique trading town; a civilization cut off by destroyed rail lines and a silted river, leaving it untouched by war and almost frozen in time. No cars are allowed to pass through Hoi An, rendering it an excellent walking village. You start your **walking tour** which includes a visit to Chinese communal houses/pagodas, the unique Japanese covered bridge, architecture reminiscent of traders of a bygone era -

Japanese, French, Chinese, and Indian, as well as beautifully preserved ancient houses. You will also have chance to visit the Hoi An local market or shop for art at one of the numerous galleries and enjoy the riverside ambience. Overnight in Hoi An.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch at Cooking class, Local Dinner

DAY 08: HOI AN - DA NANG - HO CHI MINH BY FLIGHT (EXCLUDED AIRFARE)

Take an early domestic flight to Ho Chi Minh. Upon arrival in Tan Son Nhat Domestic Airport, you will be greeted by local guide and transfer you to your hotel in Sai Gon - a vibrant metropolis, Sai Gon teems with energy, activity and motion. Everywhere you look, you see the meeting of traditional and modern life. The emerging modern skyline stands cheek by jowl with colonial buildings and traditional temples. Outside on the streets, young professionals zip by on motorcyles, chatting on cellphones; inside the quiet temple courtyards, worshippers pray amidst clouds of incense.

In the afternoon, Visit **the neo-Romanesque Notre Dame Cathedral, Central Post Office**. Strolling along Dong Khoi Street, formerly known as the Rue Catinat, the main shopping thoroughfare and heart of old colonial Sai Gon, passing by classic European-style landmarks such as the ornate **City Hall** (Hotel De Ville), **the old Opera House** (both may only be viewed from the outside). Afterwards, visit Cholon District, the **Thien Hau Pagoda** and the bustling **Ben Thanh Market**. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh.

Meals included: Buffet Breakfast, Local Lunch, Local Dinner

DAY 09: HO CHI MINH - CU CHI TUNNEL - CAO DAI TEMPLE

Breakfast at hotel and today you will start your journey with a 3-hour drive northwest of Sai Gon to the **Cao Dai Great Temple**. This modern sect, founded in the 1920s, is a fusion of Buddhism, Confucism, Taoism, and Christian beliefs, with a dash of Islam thrown in. The temple holds a very colorful service at midday which outsiders can observe. Followed by another 1.5 hour drive to the **Cu Chi tunnels** to have lunch at local halal restaurant. This tunnel complex was dug in 1948 for the guerrillas to hide from French air and ground sweeps. The tunnels also served as communication routes, food and weapon caches, and as hospitals and living quarters for guerrilla fighters throughout the American war. Visit the underground villages to better understand the tunnels' history, life in the tunnels

and the Vietnamese people's resilience during combat. Return to Sai Gon for the evening. Overnight at hotel in Ho Chi Minh city.
Meals included: Buffet Breakfast, Local Lunch, Local Dinner

DAY 10: HO CHI MINH - MY THO/ MEKONG DELTA

After having a breakfast at your hotel, you will be met by your guide at your hotel and depart Ho Chi Minh City for a scenic morning drive through the **Mekong Delta**. At My Tho, take a boat to an orchard garden. Enjoy a brief walk on the island, trying some tropical fruits grown in the region. Boat along green and empty creek before experience horse cart. Stop at local family to visit bee farm. Sipping Vietnamese tea mixed with bee honey and lemons. Enjoy the Mekong beauty and quietness when rowing sampan through narrow water coconut- creek. After lunch at local restaurant, visit a family-run business making coconut candies. Before returning to My Tho, visit the 150 year old **Vinh Trang Pagoda** combines Vietnamese Khmer and French architecture which reflects the religion and history of the land. Drive back to Ho Chi Minh for overnight.
Meals included: Buffet Breakfast, Local Lunch, Local Dinner

DAY 11: HO CHI MINH CITY - DEPARTURE

After having a breakfast at your hotel, free at leisure until transferring to Tan Son Nhat International Airport for departure.
Meals included: Breakfast

COMPETITIVE PRICE FOR B2B TRAVEL PARTNER:
ONE PRICE ONLY FOR THE PERIOD OF 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER. 2026

NO. OF ADULTS	PRICE PER ADULT					
	STANDARD	SINGLE SUP	SUPERIOR	SINGLE SUP	DELUXE	SINGLE SUP
2	1,566 USD	387 USD	1,653 USD	475 USD	1,873 USD	695 USD
3	1,294 USD		1,381 USD		1,602 USD	
4	1183 USD		1,270 USD		1,490 USD	
5 – 6	1116 USD		1,204 USD		1,424 USD	
7 – 8	1040 USD		1127 USD		1,347 USD	
9 – 11	1024 USD		1112 USD		1,332 USD	
12 – 15	976 USD		1063 USD		1,283 USD	
15 + 1 FOC	955 USD		1042 USD		1,262 USD	

16 – 20 + 1 FOC	946 USD		1034 USD		1,254 USD	
21 – 24 + 1 FOC	916 USD		1004 USD		1,224 USD	
25 – 30 + 1 FOC	905 USD		993 USD		1,213 USD	
31 – 35 + 1 FOC	889 USD		976 USD		1196 USD	

Note:

- ***Child with Bed (5 – 11,9 years old): 80 % of Adult's Price***
- ***Child No Bed (5 – 11,9 years old): 60 % of Adult's Price***
- ***Child Under 5 years old: No Charge and sharing with Parents***
- ***1 FOC is based on half sharing room***
- ***Surcharge is applied on the period of 17th – 22nd February, 2026 (Vietnamese Lunar New Year) & 30th April, 2026 (Reunification Day) & 1st May, 2026 (International Labor Day) & 31st December, 2026 – 1st January, 2027 (New Year)***

HOTELS USED:

OPTION	CITY	CLASS	HOTEL NAME	WEBSITE	ROOM TYPE
Standard	Hanoi	3*	San Boutique Hotel	Click Here	Deluxe
	Halong	3*	Aquamarin Cruise	Click Here	Deluxe
	Hue	4*	Eldora Hue Hotel	Click Here	Deluxe
	Hoian	3*	Silkian Hoian Hotel	Click Here	Deluxe
	Ho Chi Minh	3*	Acnos Grand Hotel	Click Here	Deluxe
Superior	Hanoi	4*	Le Soleil Boutique Hotel	Click Here	Deluxe
	Halong	4*	Aqua of the Sea	Click Here	Deluxe
	Hue	4*	Eldora Hue Hotel	Click Here	Deluxe
	Hoian	4*	Hadana Boutique Resort Hoian	Click Here	Deluxe
	Ho Chi Minh	4*	The Odys Boutique Hotel	Click Here	Deluxe
Deluxe	Hanoi	5*	Grand Hotel Du Lac	Click Here	Deluxe
	Halong	5*	Mon Cheri Cruise	Click Here	Deluxe
	Hue	5*	Indochine Palace	Click Here	Deluxe
	Hoian	5*	Silk Sense Hoian Resort	Click Here	Deluxe
	Ho Chi Minh	5*	Grand Saigon Hotel	Click Here	Deluxe

VEHICLE USED:

NO. OF ADULTS	TYPE OF VEHICLE	INFORMATION OF VEHICLE
2 Adults	7 Seats Car	Slide No. 4
3 – 8 Adults	16 Seats Van	Slide No. 8
9 – 15 Adults	29 Seats Coach	Slide No. 11
16 – 24 Adults	35 Seats Coach	Slide No. 12
25 – 36 Adults	45 Seats Bus	Slide No. 13 & 14

SERVICES INCLUDED	SERVICES EXCLUDED
✔ Accommodation bases on Twin/Double sharing room with daily breakfast ✔ 2 Days/ 1 Night Cruise on Halong Bay ✔ Heritage Train from Hue to Danang ✔ Transfer by private A/C vehicles ✔ Regional English Speaking Guides ✔ Meals as mentioned in the itinerary ✔ All entrance fees as indicated in itinerary ✔ Hoian Cooking Class ✔ 02 Bottle of pure water per pax per day (500 ml) ✔ Boat trip on Perfume River & Mekong Delta & Coconut Forest ✔ Water Puppet Show ✔ Reconfirmation of flight ticket ✔ Government Tax ✔ Services Charge	✔ International & Domestic Airfare/ Alcoholic drinks & drinks at mealtime + Optional visits + Personal expenses (Telephone, laundry...) ✔ Domstic Airfare: ▯ Hanoi - Hue: 115 USD/ Adult by Vietnam Airlines (Included All Tax) ▯ Da Nang - Ho Chi Minh: 115 USD/ Adult by Vietnam Airlines (Included All Tax) ✔ Personal travel insurance ✔ **Surcharge of Regional German or Italian or Spanish Speaking Guide is at 220 USD/ Group** ✔ Tips for guide, driver ▯ 2 – 4 Adults: 5 – 7 USD/ Adult/ Day ▯ 5 – 7 Adults: 3 USD/ Adult/ Day ▯ Free Tipping for Children (1 – 11 Years Old) & Tour Leader ✔ Tips for hotels' porters ✔ Meals not indicated in the itinerary

	✔ Vietnam Visa ✔ Other services not clearly indicated in the Package Inclusion above

**** Remark:***

- *Tour fare and proposal above based on special rate for B2B only.*
- *All tour fare are nett in US Dollar and none commissionable*

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