

Vietnam from North to South | 8 Days / 7 Nights

1nt Hanoi • Halong Bay • 1nt Hai Phong • 2nts Hoi An • Danang • 1nt Hue • 2nts Ho Chi Minh City

Day 1: Arrive Hanoi (D) Arrive in Hanoi and transfer to your city hotel. Afternoon Hanoi city tour including: Hoan Kiem Lake & Ngoc Son Temple, Army and Historical Museum, Hanoi 36 Ancient Streets where you will see temples, homes and shops nestled together plus a one-hour early evening cyclo journey to the theatre where the ancient and unique art-form of water puppetry is enacted. Afterwards you will have dinner at Wild Lotus, one of Hanoi's finest Vietnamese restaurants.

Accommodation: Sofitel Plaza Or Melia/ Sunway Hotel

Day 2: Hanoi - Halong - Haiphong (B/L/D) After breakfast start for a visit of Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum & his house. Afterwards depart for a day cruise on a traditional Chinese-style junk on the Halong Bay, often called Vietnam's eighth wonder of the world. Stop off and climb through caves and grottoes, marvelling at stalactite and stalagmite formations. After lunch on board, walk through one of the many caves before cruising back to Halong City, with the option for a swim at Titov Beach. Later, return to Hai Phong, Northern Vietnam's busiest port.

Accommodation: Harbour View (Deluxe Room)/ (Roh Room)

Day 3: Haiphong - Hanoi - Danang - Hoi An (B/L/D) After breakfast take a tour of Hai Phong city. Visit Du Hang Pagoda - founded three centuries ago. Though it has been rebuilt several times, it remains a good example of traditional Vietnamese architecture and sculpture. Continue to Hang Kenh Communal House which is known for its 500 relief sculptures in wood. Travel back to Hanoi for afternoon flight to Danang: VN317/ 1700-1815. On arrival in Hoi An check into your hotel and enjoy dinner at the resort.

Accommodation: Life Resort/ Hoi An Hotel

Day 4: Hoi An (B/L/D) After breakfast drive from Danang to the trading town of Hoi An. See architecture reminiscent of traders of a bygone era - as well as beautifully preserved ancient houses. No cars are allowed to pass through Hoi An, rendering it an excellent walking village. Visit the Japanese covered bridge and a Chinese communal house. Lunch at The Brother Café. In the afternoon, you will take to the countryside of Danang, for an insight into the every day life of a local village community. A stroll through the small settlement of Hoa Chau, nestled among seemingly endless rice fields, allows you to experience first hand the very backbone of Vietnam's rural culture. Return to Hoi An for dinner at Pho Hoi Restaurant.

Accommodation: Life Resort/ Hoi An Hotel

Day 5: Hoi An - Hue (B/L/D) Overland to Hue. The sleepy provincial town of Hue was once the religious, economic and cultural epicentre of Vietnam, the mighty Imperial headquarters, and the political capital of the country until 1945. Visit the tomb of Emperor Tu Doc, The Imperial Citadel, Thien Mu Pagoda then take a boat trip on Perfume (Huong) River that divides the city. Dinner at the hotel.

Accommodation: La Residence/ Morin Hotel

Day 6: Hue - Saigon (B/L/D) Depart Hue to Ho Chi Minh City. On arrival you'll take a short city tour to discover the contrasts of bustling Ho Chi Minh. Stops are included at the Notre Dame Cathedral, the Post Office building, the former Presidential Palace, now Reunification Hall. Lunch at Maxim's Nam An Restaurant. Afterwards visit Cholon, which literally translates to 'big market'. See Cha Tam Church, visit the Thien Hau Temple dedicated to the goddess of the seas, Binh Tay market & the surrounding area & Cao Dai temple. Dinner at Temple Club restaurant.

Accommodation: Duxton/ Kim Do Or Windsor Plaza Hotel

Day 7: Saigon - Tay Ninh - Cu Chi Tunnels (B/L/D) After breakfast visit the Great Temple at Tay Ninh. A highlight of this tour is the very colourful yet formal service held at midday, which you can observe. Afterwards lunch at Thu Thao Restaurant, then onto Cu Chi where you will visit the vast underground network of tunnels built first as a defence against the French, and later expanded during the American war. Dinner at Mandarin Restaurant.

Accommodation: Duxton/ Kim Do Or Windsor Plaza Hotel

Day 8: Morning at leisure until transfer out for onward journey.

DEPARTURES	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
1 Jan - 31 Oct	853	272
1 Nov - 31 Dec	1023	327

Prices are in £'s per person

Compulsory gala meal supplements apply for 24 & 31 Dec 08, prices to be advised at time of booking & dependent on which hotel you are staying at. **Prices include:** Domestic airfares, accommodation as stated, full board meals, entrance fees, all transfers & tours with English speaking guide in air-conditioned vehicle. Bottled water & cold towels in vehicle.



Sapa Experience | 5 Days / 4 Nights

Departures: Daily Except Sunday

DAY 1: Hanoi To Lao Cai (D) Transfer to Hanoi railway station for Victoria Express overnight train from Hanoi to Lao Cai. Travel will be in Superior (shared four-berth sleeper cabin).

DAY 2: Arrive Lao Cai/Sapa (B/L/D) On arrival in Lao Cai you will be met and transferred to Sapa, passing through the rugged mountain scenery for 40km. After check-in you can have breakfast and will have the rest of the morning at leisure. After lunch you will visit to the former French hill station of Sapa via a panoramic winding road through the terraced mountainsides, followed by walking to Cat Cat area, about 4 km from Sapa. Followed by climbing the Ham Rong Tourist Mountain before returning to the hotel for dinner.

Accommodation: Victoria Sapa (Superior Room)

DAY 3: Lao Chai & Ta Van Trekking (B/L/D) After breakfast travel to Lao Chai for a trek of the nearby villages of Lao Chai and Ta Van. This scenic valley is home to Dao, Giay and Hmong settlements, each distinguishable by their colourful dress. Picnic lunch on stream/by the river. Afterwards transfer back to hotel (depend on time or clients' request then a trekking can be available including Hau Thao Ethnic village and Bai Da Co about 17 km from Sapa town). Dinner at hotel

Accommodation: Victoria Sapa (Superior Room)

DAY 4: Sapa To Bac Ha Market/Return Hanoi (B/L/D) Early breakfast at hotel and check-out. A visit to Sapa's local ethnic market (on Sunday only), alternatively there will be further trekking in the Sapa valley. In the afternoon visit Palace of The former H'Mong King and walk around the Town, then drive to Lao Cai station for night train turn back to Ha Noi by Victoria Express.

Overnight Victoria Express carriage in Superior cabin (four-berth cabin share)

DAY 5: Arrive Hanoi (B) On arrival Hanoi Railway Station you will be met and transferred to your hotel (on own arrangement).

DEPARTURES	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
1 Jan - 31 Oct	412	90
1 Nov - 31 Dec	494	108

Prices are in £'s per person

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