

8D7N – Vietnam Culture Tour



Brief Itinerary:

- Day 1 – Arrive in Ho Chi Minh – Half Day City
- Day 2 – Ho Chi Minh – Mekong Delta – Ho Chi Minh
- Day 3 – Cu Chi Tunnels – Flight to Da Nang – Land transfer to Hue
- Day 4 – Hue’s Highlights – Land transfer to Da Nang
- Day 5 – Da Nang – Hoi An Ancient Town – Da Nang Half Day – Flight to Hanoi
- Day 6 – Hanoi – Ha Long Bay
- Day 7 – Ha Long Bay – Hanoi Half Day City
- Day 8 – Hanoi - Departure

Day 1: Ho Chi Minh Arrival – Half Day City (-/L/D)

- Xin Chao! Welcome to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam! You will be welcomed at the airport with warmest atmosphere. Guide and driver will pick you up from airport to city center.
- Lunch at local restaurant
- In the afternoon, visit **Reunification Palace**, the home and workplace of the President of South Vietnam during the Vietnam War. It witnessed the end of the Vietnam War during the Fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975, when a North Vietnamese Army tank crashed through its gates. Today this building is a museum and sometimes a venue for official receptions. You can visit the “War Room” from where the South Vietnamese forces were controlled, and most poignantly, the room where the North Vietnamese army took official control in 1975.
- Then visit the **Notre Dame Cathedral**, built between 1877 and 1883, most materials for Saigon's Notre Dame Cathedral were imported from France. Neo-Romanesque in form, it is a major centre of Catholicism in modern Vietnam, and one of the city’s major landmarks. ***It will be closed until Dec 2019 so you will visit the outside only.***
- Next to the cathedral stands the **Saigon Post Office**, a classic French colonial structure, is still a functioning post office today and features huge ceilings, a giant portrait of Uncle Ho, and many beautiful details.
- Final visit of the day is to **Ben Thanh Market** –a symbol of the city, stands in the centre of District 1. Packed to the rafters with everything from fruits to nuts, from tourist kitsch to true bargains, it is a definite must-see.
- Check in hotel
- Dinner at local restaurant
- Overnight in Ho Chi Minh.

Day 2: Ho Chi Minh – Mekong Delta – Ho Chi Minh (B/L/D)

- Today, you will drive to Mekong Delta area to enjoy **One Day Mekong Delta Tour (My Tho)**, visiting villages and markets.
- After breakfast at hotel, you will depart from hotel at 0830am. Our guide will meet you at hotel and leave the hustle of Saigon and head to My Tho, the closet delta town to HCMC.
- After the 90 minutes drive, we arrive in My Tho. Starting our delta trip with a visit to Vinh Trang Pagoda, the most beautiful and ancient pagoda in Mekong Delta.
- After that, we continue to the boat quay, enjoying a scenic cruise, crossing Tien River to Thoi Son 5 Island. Here, you will visit fruit orchards, listen to the traditional music performance, “cai luong” by local people & and enjoy fruits.
- Get in horse cart on nice road the next Thao Nguyen orchid flower gardens and have a great chance to while tasting tea – honey bees.
- Leaving Thoi Son, we continue our boat trip to fishing villages around the Phoenix Island. You can visit houseboats and learn how the locals feed Red Tilapias fish.
- Continue to boating to Ankhanh Canal & Mrs. Ut Phím’s house in Ben Tre is our next destination where you can communicate with the locals -taste the coconut candy- special products of Ben Tre province. After a walk on a village path, we take a wooden rowing boat along narrow channels under the shadow of water coconut trees for deep look into the Mekong river life.
- Have lunch in southern style at Mien Tay riverside restaurant (or Vuondau- depend for time) that is famous for Elephant Fish as well as other delicious local specialties.

- Back to land where our waiting vehicle will transfer you back to Ho Chi Minh
- Upon arrival in hotel. Free at leisure by your own
- Dinner at local restaurant
- Overnight in Ho Chi Minh

Day 3: Ho Chi Minh – Cu Chi Tunnels – Flight to Da Nang – Land transfer to Hue (B/L/D)

- After breakfast at hotel, drive 70kms from Ho Chi Minh City, stopping en route to visit a rice paper making village, and you will reach **Cu Chi Tunnels**.
- After an introductory video, viewing various mantraps, the remains of an American tank and numerous bomb craters, you will spend the next hour exploring the maze of tunnels to see how the Viet Cong survived in this underground network.
- Lunch at local restaurant before transfer back to Ho Chi Minh for flight to Da Nang.
- Upon arrival at Da Nang airport, meet our guide and driver. Transfer to Hue city
- Upon arrival after 2 hours driving, check in hotel
- Free at leisure by your own
- Dinner at local restaurant
- Overnight in Hue.

Day 4: Hue's Highlights – Land transfer to Da Nang (B/L/D)

- After breakfast at hotel, depart from hotel at 0800am to visit the beautiful **Pagoda of Thien Mu**. Then get on a **boat cruise** (45 minutes) upstream on the **Perfume River** which will give us a taste of the scenic countryside.
- Next, visit Hue's **massive citadel**, containing the Imperial City and the Purple Forbidden City. This Royal Residence was destroyed during the 1968 Tet Offensive; however it is still fascinating to walk among the ruins.
- Lunch at local restaurant
- In the afternoon, visit our trip is the elaborate **Royal Tomb of Emperor Tu Duc** and the famous pagoda of Tu Hieu.
- Upon leaving this symbol of Hue we continue navigating to the mausoleum of **Emperor Minh Mang**, in a tranquil setting of gardens and lakes.
- Transfer back to Da Nang.
- Dinner at local restaurant.
- Check in hotel
- Overnight in Da Nang.

Day 5 : Da Nang – Hoi An Ancient Town – Da Nang Half Day City – Flight to Ha Noi (B/L/D)

- After breakfast at hotel, depart at 0800am. Today, you will visit Da Nang Highlights.
- Visit **Son Tra Peninsula** named as Monkey mountain - famous for its white-sand beaches and glistening emerald waters. Here, visit the **Linh Ung Pagoda**, which is home to the enormous statue of Lady Buddha, or the Goddess of Mercy.
- Next to **Marble Mountain** (Ngu Hanh Son), discover the stunning natural caves of the mountain and enjoy the beautiful view from the top of the Marble Mountain. You also visit the stone sculpturing village.
- Transfer to Hoi An Ancient Town.
- Lunch at local restaurant.
- In the afternoon, take a walking tour around visiting to the former merchants' home, the 400 year-old **Japanese Covered Bridge, Phuc Kien Pagoda** and **the colorful riverside market**.
- You also see a numerous art galleries and tailor shops, have some made-to-order clothes if you like.
- Transfer back to Da Nang for flight to Hanoi.
- Upon arrival in Hanoi, guide and driver will escort you from airport to city center
- Dinner at local restaurant
- Check in hotel
- Overnight in Hanoi

Day 6 : Ha Noi – Ha Long Bay (B/L/D)

- Breakfast at hotel before heading out to Ha Long Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- In Ha Long you will board your boat for an overnight cruise amongst more than 3,000 limestone islands rising majestically out of the turquoise bay. Pass by grand rock formations and quaint fishing towns, and sample a delicious lunch of freshly caught fish and seafood.
- In the afternoon, you can choose from several interesting activities: a cooking demonstration with chef on board, an optional traditional massage, or a refreshing swim.
- End the day with a spectacular set-menu gastronomic dinner.
- Overnight on board.

Note : Cruise itinerary and schedule are subject to change due to weather, tide levels and operating conditions without prior notice. Swimming or kayaking excursions may be cancelled due to poor weather.

Day 7 : Ha Long Bay – Ha Noi Day City (Brunch/D)

- Start the day with calming Tai Chi, often accompanied by an amazing sunrise and the quiet breath-taking beauty of the bay's landscape.
- The cruise passes beautiful spots such as Trong, Trinh Nu and the Me Cung Caves, and you will have a chance to explore Surprise Cave before having buffet brunch on board.
- Back at the dock, where you will be met and transferred back to your Hotel in Hanoi.
- On the way, visit the hand – made pottery villages for shopping of souvenirs.
- Up on arrival in Hanoi, check in hotel and take a short rest.
- Gather at the hotel lobby after a short rest and proceed for the Hanoi City Tour by '**cyclo trishaw**' (1 hour) bustling of 36 streets (partial street only) for about an hour. From this cyclo tour, you will get to see some of local trades.
- Dinner at local restaurant.
- Overnight in Ha Noi.

Day 8 : Ha Noi – Departure (B/-/-)

- Morning free at leisure in Ha Noi and do some last minute shopping before taking your flight
- End of service

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Inclusions:

- 06 nights' accommodation with daily breakfast
- 01 night accommodation on boat (shared cruise)
- English speaking guide :
 - o South (Saigon – Mekong)
 - o Centre (Hue – Da Nang – Hoi An)
 - o North (Hanoi – Ha Long Bay)
- Private boat trip in Perfume River
- Private boat trip in Mekong Delta
- Meals as indicated in the program

Conditions:

- Minimum 02 travellers required. Must travel together on whole itinerary.
- Single person travelling may be arranged, surcharges apply.
- Prices are subjected to change or withdrawal without prior notice.
- Strictly no refund for unused transfer and/or room.
- Early Check-In / Late Check-Out is subjected to availability by hotel.
- Travellers to ensure own arrangement of valid passports and visas, if required.
- Not valid for travel during peak periods.

Cash prices in SGD per person

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Period 1 : Jan 2018 – April 2018 (Except for 14 – 18 Feb, 29 – 30 April)

Description	No. of Pax					
	1	2	3	4	5-6	7-9
Option 1	2155	1275	1165	1060	1000	990
Option 2	2465	1400	1290	1180	1120	1110
Option 3	3105	1720	1610	1505	1445	1435

Period 2 : May 2018 – Sep 2018 (Except for 1 – 2 May, 30 Aug – 2 Sep)

Description	No. of Pax					
	1	2	3	4	5-6	7-9
Option 1	2145	1270	1160	1055	990	985
Option 2	2415	1370	1265	1155	1095	1085
Option 3	2975	1655	1545	1440	1375	1370

Period 3 : Oct 2018 – Dec 2018 (Except for 24 Dec & 31 Dec)

Description	No. of Pax					
	1	2	3	4	5-6	7-9
Option 1	2155	1275	1165	1160	1000	990
Option 2	2465	1400	1290	1180	1120	1110
Option 3	3105	1720	1610	1505	1445	1435

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Hotel Category / Room Type			
City	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Ho Chi Minh	Hoang Phu Gia Hotel (ROH) or similar class	Muong Thanh Saigon Centre (ROH) or similar class	New World Saigon Hotel (Superior) or similar class
Da Nang	Avatar Da Nang Hotel (Superior) or similar class	Avatar Da Nang (Deluxe) or similar class	Muong Thanh Luxury Da Nang (Deluxe Ocean View) or similar class
Hue	Mondial Hue Hotel (Standard) or similar class	Eldora Hue Hotel (Deluxe) or similar class	Indochine Palace Hue (Palace Deluxe) or similar class
Ha Noi	Hong Ha Hotel (ROH) or similar class	MK Premier Boutique (Luxury) or similar class	InterContinental Hanoi Westlake (Superior) or similar class
Ha Long	Garden By Cruise 10 & 11 Cabins (Deluxe) or similar class	Bhaya Classic (Deluxe) or similar class	Bhaya Classic (Premium Balcony) or similar class

Surcharge for Peak Seasons				
Cities	Hotels	From	To	Surcharge (per room per night)
Hue	Indochine Palace	01 Nov 2018	31 Dec 2018	SGD 9
	Eldora			
Da Nang	Avatar Da Nang Hotel	International firework competition		TBA
		14 Feb 2018 – 18 Feb 2018 30 Apr 2018 – 01 May 2018 02 Sep 2018		SGD 45 – SGD 55
	Muong Thanh Luxury Da Nang	01 Jan 2018 14 Feb 2018 – 18 Feb 2018 25 Apr 2018 30 Apr 2018 – 01 May 2018 02 Sep 2018		SGD 19

Compulsory Festive Dinners			
City	Hotels	Period	Surcharge
Da Nang	Avatar Da Nang Hotel	24 th Dec & 31 st Dec	SGD 37/Adult SGD 19/Child
	Muong Thanh Luxury Da Nang	24 th Dec & 31 st Dec	SGD 67/Adult SGD 47/Child
Hue	Mondial Hue Hotel	24 th Dec & 31 st Dec	SGD 34/Adult Child TBA
	Indochine Palace	24 th Dec	SGD 87/Adult SGD 64/Child
		31 st Dec	SGD 95/Adult SGD 73/Child
Ha Long	Garden Bay Cruise	15 th to 17 th Feb 24 Dec & 31 st Dec	SGD 24/Adult SGD 14/Child
	Bhaya Classic Cruise (Deluxe and Premium Balcony)	24 th Dec & 31 st Dec	SGD 73/Adult SGD 37/Child

For more information, **LET'S TALK** with us on our website
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