



# Vietnam Explorer

## 11 day tour to HCMC (Saigon), Da Nang, Hoi An, Ha Long Bay Cruise & Hanoi

Discover the historic cities, verdant agriculture, and glittering bays of Vietnam and be captivated by the warmth of the people you meet. Uncover the youthful excitement of Saigon, learn about the Cu Chi tunnels, shop at the living museum city of Hoi An; float across Ha Long Bay on boat and enjoy the unique water puppet show in Hanoi.



### Day 1 Australia ✈ HCMC (Saigon)

Fly from Australia to Ho Chi Minh City, formally called Saigon, the economic and commercial center of Vietnam. Overnight in HCMC.

### Day 2 Ho Chi Minh City Meal: B/L/D

This morning, you head to Cu Chi, 70km north of Saigon, which is famous for its 200-kilometre-long tunnels and it was the base for the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Return to Ho Chi Minh City for lunch, followed by a city tour featuring the War Remnant Museum, Cho Ben Thanh Markets, Thien Hau Temple and a lacquer workshop.

Dinner on Saigon River Cruise on Indochina Junk.

Tonight you will board modern and safety boat "Indochina Junk" for a magnificent and memorable dining and entertainment spectacle on the Saigon River.

### Day 3 Ho Chi Minh City ✈ Da Nang Hoi An Meal: B/D

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Da Nang. Upon arrival, you visit the Cham Sculpture Museum, which boasts the finest collection of Cham sandstone sculptures in the world. Continue to Hoi An, the most charming town in Vietnam. Here you will stay 3 nights.

### Day 4 Hoi An Meal: B/L/D

Today your guide will show you the ancient town. Hoi An, is so called a 'Living Museum City' because of its well-kept original historical buildings and ancient backstreets. Visit one of the three city's oldest homes, each built over 200 years ago and still occupied by descendants of the families that originally built them. you then tour to the Chinese Assembly Hall, followed by a one hour cruise along the river. Later on you visit to the unique Japanese Bridge. Dinner is served at a local restaurant by the river.

### Day 5 Hoi An Meal: B

Today is at leisure to explore more of Hoi

An at your own pace, possibly to do some shopping, get some tailor-made clothes or enjoy a rest on the beach or join one of our optional tours below.

#### A: Optional Red Bridge Cooking Class with Lunch

The staff from the restaurant will show you around the market in the morning, then take you to the restaurant and teach you how to cook simple and healthy Vietnamese food. You will enjoy your cooking, plus another two courses from the chef. Please book direct with the local guide, estimate cost USD35 pp. This is subject to final confirmation, minimum 2 participants.

#### B: Optional Half Day My Son Excursion with Lunch

This morning you are transferred to the Ruins of My Son to see Cham Holy See. Return to Hoi An late in the afternoon. Please book direct with the local guide, estimate cost USD40 pp.





**Day 6 Hoi An ⇄ Da Nang ✈️ Hanoi**  
**⇄ Ha Long Bay Meal: B/D**

After breakfast, transfer to Da Nang airport for your flight to Hanoi. Your tour guide will meet you at the airport and then drive to Ha Long Bay, 170km from Hanoi (it takes approximately 3-4 hours). You stopover at the ceramic and hand embroidery workshops en route. Check in at hotel in Ha Long Bay.

**Day 7 Ha Long Bay Cruise**  
**Meal: B/L/D**

Morning city highlights tour in Ha Long. Board your deluxe cruise - Pelican Cruise for a beautiful cruise along Ha Long Bay, a World Heritage site recognised by UNESCO in 1994. You will also visit some magical grottoes and relax in the best scenic beauty Vietnam has to offer. You could also do kayaking, local boat rowing, attend a morning Tai Chi class & cooking demonstration, squid fishing, or a



movie show. Overnight on the cruise.

**Day 8 Ha Long Bay ⇄ Hanoi**  
**Meal: Brunch**

This morning continue your visit to some of the caves in Ha Long Bay. After brunch served on board, you are transferred to Hanoi, Vietnam's capital city which boasts tree-lined streets and centuries-old temples. You stay 2 nights in Hanoi.

**Day 9 Hanoi**  
**Meal: B/L/D**

This morning's sightseeing tour features both cultural and historical highlights, comprising of Ho Chi Minh's Former Residence, the West Lake, the Temple of Literature, the Ethnology Museum, Lake Hoan Kiem, the old quarters and a downtown pedi-cab ride for approximately one hour. An evening show includes the famous Water Puppets (1st class seats).

**Day 10 Hanoi ✈️ Australia**  
**Meal: B**

This morning is at leisure followed by a transfer to the airport for your overnight flight bound for Australia.

**Day 11 Australia**  
 Arrive in Australia this morning.



**Vietnam Explorer Dates & Prices**

Tour code	Start HCMC Wednesday	End Hanoi Friday	Full package with international airfare departing from Sydney / Melbourne / Brisbane# / Adelaide# / Perth#		
			Vietnam Air	Cathay Pacific	Singapore Air
VE170215	15-Feb-17	24-Feb-17	\$2,750	\$2,950	\$3,150
VE170301	01-Mar-17	10-Mar-17	\$2,750	\$2,950	\$3,150
VE170315	15-Mar-17	24-Mar-17	\$2,750	\$2,950	\$3,150
VE170412	12-Apr-17	21-Apr-17	\$2,850	\$3,050	\$3,250
VE170426	26-Apr-17	5-May-17	\$2,750	\$2,950	\$3,150
VE170510	10-May-17	19-May-17	\$2,650	\$2,850	\$3,050
VE170524	24-May-17	2-Jun-17	\$2,650	\$2,850	\$3,050
VE170614	14-Jun-17	23-Jun-17	\$2,650	\$2,850	\$3,050
VE170705	05-Jul-17	14-Jul-17	\$2,750	\$2,950	\$3,150
VE170726	26-Jul-17	4-Aug-17	\$2,650	\$2,850	\$3,050
VE170816	16-Aug-17	25-Aug-17	\$2,650	\$2,850	\$3,050
VE170906	06-Sep-17	15-Sep-17	\$2,650	\$2,850	\$3,050
VE170927	27-Sep-17	06-Oct-17	\$2,850	\$3,050	\$3,250
VE171011	11-Oct-17	20-Oct-17	\$2,750	\$2,950	\$3,150
VE171018	18-Oct-17	27-Oct-17	\$2,750	\$2,950	\$3,150
VE171101	01-Nov-17	10-Nov-17	\$2,850	\$3,050	\$3,250
VE171115	15-Nov-17	24-Nov-17	\$2,850	\$3,050	\$3,250
VE171129	29-Nov-17	08-Dec-17	\$2,850	\$3,050	\$3,250
VE171220	20-Dec-17	29-Dec-17	\$3,150	\$3,350	\$3,550
VE180131	31-Jan-18	09-Feb-18	\$2,850	\$3,050	\$3,250
VE180214	14-Feb-18	23-Feb-18	\$2,850	\$3,050	\$3,250
VE180228	28-Feb-18	09-Mar-18	\$2,850	\$3,050	\$3,250
VE180314	14-Mar-18	23-Mar-18	\$2,850	\$3,050	\$3,250
VE180328	28-Mar-18	06-Apr-18	\$2,850	\$3,050	\$3,250
VE180411	11-Apr-18	20-Apr-18	\$2,850	\$3,050	\$3,250

  

Land only: \$2,150	Single supplement: \$650
* This tour is a guaranteed departure based on a minimum of 2 people. Full package prices above include airport taxes and fuel surcharges.	
* Please refer to Page 7 for <b>Tour Inclusions</b> and <b>Extending Your Holiday</b> details.	
* Triple share on Ha Long cruise not available, a single cabin with surcharge of \$180 can be arranged.	
* Land only price: Tour starts from <b>Arrival transfer in HCMC (Saigon)</b> to <b>Departure transfer in Hanoi</b> , including domestic Saigon - Da Nang - Hanoi air tickets & taxes but excluding any international air tickets.	
* Vietnam arrival single entry visa fee included.	
* Package prices of Vietnam Airlines are for departures from Sydney or Melbourne only.	
# Package prices of Singapore Airlines and Cathay Pacific are for departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth. Any cost including hotel or meals incurred due to the connecting flight in Hong Kong or Singapore will be at your own expenses.	
* Stopover in Singapore permitted if flying with Singapore Airlines; One stopover in Hong Kong permitted if flying with Cathay Pacific. Extra airport taxes apply. Land arrangement in Singapore or Hong Kong can be arranged at additional cost.	
Hotels used for this tour: 4* Saigon Millennium Boutique Hotel; 4* Hoi An Thanh Binh Riverside Hotel Garden-view room; 4* Ha Long Bay Royal Lotus Hotel; 4* Ha Long Bay La Vela Premium Cruise; 4* Hanoi Mercure Hotel or similar.	
Pre / Post Stay Hotel: \$135 (HCMC) / \$145 (Hanoi) - per room per night with breakfast	