



# Vietnam Highlights

## 13 day tour to HCMC (Saigon), Ben Tre, Can Tho, Da Nang, Hoi An, Ha Long Bay Cruise & Hanoi

From the boisterous energy of Saigon to the tranquil islands of Ha Long Bay, discover the contrasting regions of this diverse country. An insight into traditional Vietnamese life, learn about the people's life at Mekong Delta, wander around antiquated streets in Hoi An and drive through the lush agriculture and stunning coastal vistas of provincial Vietnam from Hoi An to Hue; then cruise on the World UNESCO site of Ha Long Bay and finish in the historic city of 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 Ben Tre 🚗 Can Tho

Meal: B/L/D

After checking out of your hotel, please leave your big luggage at the hotel and simply take an overnight bag with you. Enjoy a full day excursion to Ben Tre, 80km south of Saigon, a peaceful town on the banks of the Mekong River. The Tour comprises of a cruise on the Mekong River, a visit to local homes & orchards, a taste of season fruit and honey tea, a performance of traditional southern singing, a horse drawn cart through the village paths and a sampan ride along palm-shaded creeks. Lunch is served as a Mekong specialty at a restaurant on the islet. Continue your journey to Can Tho (110km). Words simply cannot describe this surreal adventure. If time permits you can relax by the pool or take in a massage at the hotel spa on the banks of the Delta. Overnight in Can Tho.

### Day 3 Can Tho 🚗 Ho Chi Minh City

Meal: B/L/WD

Enjoy an early morning boat ride along the Mekong River to the bustling Cai Rang floating market, thronged with buyers and sellers moving around in boats laden with produce. This is a journey you won't forget and is a "must-see" to appreciate the simplicity of the lives and culture of the Vietnamese people. Return to the hotel for a late breakfast and some time to relax. After lunch drive to Ho Chi Minh City and check into your hotel. A buffet dinner is served tonight.

### Day 4 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 5 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 6 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 7 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 8 Hoi An ✈ Da Nang ✈ Hanoi Meal: B/D**  
✈ Ha Long Bay

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 9 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 is on the cruise.

**Day 10 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 11 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 12 Hanoi ✈ Australia Meal: B**

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

**Day 13 Australia**  
Arrive in Australia this morning.



**Vietnam Highlights Dates & Prices**

Tour code	Start HCMC Monday	End Hanoi Friday	Full package with international airfare departing from Sydney / Melbourne / Brisbane# / Adelaide# / Perth#		
			Vietnam Air	Cathay Pacific	Singapore Air
VH170213	13-Feb-17	24-Feb-17	\$3,250	\$3,450	\$3,600
VH170227	27-Feb-17	10-Mar-17	\$3,250	\$3,450	\$3,600
VH170313	13-Mar-17	24-Mar-17	\$3,250	\$3,450	\$3,600
VH170410	10-Apr-17	21-Apr-17	\$3,250	\$3,450	\$3,600
VH170424	24-Apr-17	05-May-17	\$3,150	\$3,350	\$3,500
VH170508	08-May-17	19-May-17	\$3,150	\$3,350	\$3,500
VH170522	22-May-17	02-Jun-17	\$3,150	\$3,350	\$3,500
VH170612	12-Jun-17	23-Jun-17	\$3,150	\$3,350	\$3,500
VH170703	03-Jul-17	14-Jul-17	\$3,150	\$3,350	\$3,500
VH170724	24-Jul-17	04-Aug-17	\$3,150	\$3,350	\$3,500
VH170814	14-Aug-17	25-Aug-17	\$3,150	\$3,350	\$3,500
VH170904	04-Sep-17	15-Sep-17	\$3,150	\$3,350	\$3,500
VH170925	25-Sep-17	06-Oct-17	\$3,250	\$3,450	\$3,600
VH171009	09-Oct-17	20-Oct-17	\$3,250	\$3,450	\$3,600
VH171016	16-Oct-17	27-Oct-17	\$3,250	\$3,450	\$3,600
VH171030	30-Oct-17	10-Nov-17	\$3,250	\$3,450	\$3,600
VH171113	13-Nov-17	24-Nov-17	\$3,250	\$3,450	\$3,600
VH171127	27-Nov-17	08-Dec-17	\$3,250	\$3,450	\$3,600
VH171218	18-Dec-17	29-Dec-17	\$3,550	\$3,750	\$3,900
VH180129	29-Jan-18	09-Feb-18	\$3,250	\$3,450	\$3,600
VH180212	12-Feb-18	23-Feb-18	\$3,250	\$3,450	\$3,600
VH180226	26-Feb-18	09-Mar-18	\$3,250	\$3,450	\$3,600
VH180312	12-Mar-18	23-Mar-18	\$3,250	\$3,450	\$3,600
VH180326	26-Mar-18	06-Apr-18	\$3,250	\$3,450	\$3,600
VH180409	09-Apr-18	20-Apr-18	\$3,250	\$3,450	\$3,600

  

Land only: \$2650	Single supplement: \$790
* 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* Can Tho TTC Hotel Premium; 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	