



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, we 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, then the war theme continues with a visit to the War Remnant Museum, the Reunification Palace & Cho Ben Thanh Markets, Thien Hau Temple and a lacquer workshop.

Dinner on Saigon River Cruise on Indochina Junk.

Tonight you will board a modern "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 our flight to Da Nang. Upon arrival, we 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 we 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. We then tour to the Chinese Assembly Hall, followed by a one hour cruise along the river. Later on we 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 USD33 pp. This is join- in tour and subject to final confirmation.

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 USD48 pp.

Day 6 Hoi An 🚢 Da Nang ✈ Hanoi Meal: B

After breakfast, transfer to Da Nang airport for your flight to Hanoi, Vietnam's capital city which boasts tree-lined streets and centuries-old temples. Afternoon is at leisure to explore Hanoi's Old Quarter.





Day 7 Hanoi 🚗 Ha Long Bay Meal: B/L/D
 This morning we depart from Hanoi and travel by road through the Red River Delta to the beautiful Ha Long Bay. The scenic drive will pass through rural landscapes before arriving at this World Heritage site, recognised by UNESCO in 1994. Upon arrival board the deluxe Junk Boat where you will enjoy a welcome drink and freshly caught seafood lunch whilst sailing out of the bay passing amazing shaped mountains. You will also visit some magical grottoes and relax in the best scenic beauty Vietnam has to offer. You could also do Kayaking or local boat rowing (own expense), attend a morning Tai Chi class & Cooking demonstration, Squid Fishing, or a movie show. Overnight is on the cruise.

Day 8 Ha Long Bay 🚗 Hanoi Meal: Brunch
 This morning continues our visit to some of the caves or a pearl farm in Ha Long Bay. After brunch which is served on board, you are transferred back to Hanoi. 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 to 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
VE180131	31-Jan-18	09-Feb-18	\$2,650	\$2,850	\$2,950
VE180214	14-Feb-18	23-Feb-18	\$2,650	\$2,850	\$2,950
VE180228	28-Feb-18	09-Mar-18	\$2,650	\$2,850	\$2,950
VE180314	14-Mar-18	23-Mar-18	\$2,650	\$2,850	\$2,950
VE180328	28-Mar-18	06-Apr-18	\$2,650	\$2,850	\$2,950
VE180411	11-Apr-18	20-Apr-18	\$2,750	\$2,950	\$3,050
VE180425	25-Apr-18	04-May-18	\$2,650	\$2,850	\$2,950
VE180516	16-May-18	25-May-18	\$2,650	\$2,850	\$2,950
VE180620	20-Jun-18	29-Jun-18	\$2,650	\$2,850	\$2,950
VE180718	18-Jul-18	27-Jul-18	\$2,650	\$2,850	\$2,950
VE180912	12-Sep-18	21-Sep-18	\$2,650	\$2,850	\$2,950
VE181010	10-Oct-18	19-Oct-18	\$2,650	\$2,850	\$2,950
VE181031	31-Oct-18	09-Nov-18	\$2,650	\$2,850	\$2,950
VE181114	14-Nov-18	23-Nov-18	\$2,650	\$2,850	\$2,950
VE181128	28-Nov-18	07-Dec-18	\$2,650	\$2,850	\$2,950
VE181226	26-Dec-18	04-Jan-19	\$3,200	\$3,400	\$3,500
VE190123	23-Jan-19	01-Feb-19	\$2,780	\$2,980	\$3,080
VE190206	06-Feb-19	15-Feb-19	\$2,780	\$2,980	\$3,080
VE190227	27-Feb-19	08-Mar-19	\$2,780	\$2,980	\$3,080
VE190313	13-Mar-19	22-Mar-19	\$2,780	\$2,980	\$3,080
VE190327	27-Mar-19	05-Apr-19	\$2,780	\$2,980	\$3,080
Land only: \$1880			Single supplement: \$550		

* 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 [Tour Inclusions](#) and [Extending Your Holiday](#) 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 Arrival transfer in HCMC (Saigon) to Departure transfer in Hanoi, 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. Those depart from Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra or Hobart will fly Virgin to connect Vietnam Airlines with surcharge of \$150 pp.

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 Prince Hotel; 4* Hoi An Thanh Binh Riverside Hotel Garden-view room; 4* Ha Long Bay La Vela Premium Cruise; 4* Hanoi Silk Path Hotel or similar.

Pre / Post Stay Hotel: \$160 (HCMC) / \$160 (Hanoi) - per room per night with breakfast