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## Vietnam Explorer

### 11 days/10 nights

### From \$2518\* p.p. Land only

**Experience the unique atmosphere of each of these historic cities on a journey from north to south.**

#### Day 1: Hanoi

We'll meet you at the airport and bring you to your hotel in Vietnam's stately capital.

#### Day 2: Hanoi - Halong Bay

This morning we join local people paying their respects to President Ho Chi Minh in his Mausoleum, before exploring his former home, the House of Stilts and the One Pillar Pagoda. Then sit back and enjoy your first view of the northern countryside as we drive to Halong Bay, stopping for lunch on the way. (B/L/D)

#### Day 3: Halong Bay - Hanoi

Sail one of the world's greatest natural wonders. This mesmerising seascape of thousands of limestone islands rising mystically from the water is filled with caves and grottos to explore. Lunch is onboard. Seafood, naturally. Then it's back to Hanoi to enjoy the city by night. (B/L/D)

#### Day 4: Hanoi

Tune into your inner culture vulture with a visit to the Temple of Literature and Fine Art Museum in the morning. The afternoon is free. You could head to the lively Old Quarter to shop, or sip sweet Vietnamese coffee while watching the world go by. (B/L)

#### Day 5: Hanoi - Hue

Today we fly to the former imperial city of Hue. Get your bearings with a tour that takes in the impressive remains of the walled Citadel. The rest of your day is free. Why not explore the tranquil streets further away from the river by foot or hire a bike? (B/L/D)

#### Day 6: Hue - Hoi An

There's so much to see as we cruise down the Perfume River to the iconic Thien Mu pagoda before visiting the vast and ornate tombs of Vietnam's last imperial dynasties, Emperors Minh Mang, Khai Dinh and Tu Duc,

with its intricate porcelain decorations. This afternoon we take a scenic drive over the stunning Hai Van Pass to Hoi An, visiting China Beach, Cham Museum and Marble Mountain on the way. (B/L)

#### Day 7: Hoi An

Once a thriving river port, historic Hoi An will charm you as we get to know its narrow streets, and explore ancient merchant houses, temples and covered Japanese bridges. It's a free afternoon. Order something special from the local tailors. Or head to the beach; it's just a bike or taxi ride away. (B/L)

#### Day 8: Hoi An - Danang - HCMC

Use this morning to do any last minute things around town before we head to Danang to fly to Ho Chi Minh City and our first dinner in this modern and vividly chaotic city. (B/L/D)

#### Day 9: HCMC - Cu Chi Tunnels

This morning we drive out to the famous Cu Chi Tunnels – so don't eat too much breakfast. We'll explore a section of this amazing underground network of tunnels that stretched for hundreds of kilometres. Back in town recent history is recalled at the War Remnants Museum and Reunification Palace before some serious retail therapy. (B/L)

#### Day 10: HCMC - My Tho

We make our way through the lush countryside of the Mekong Delta, aka the 'rice bowl', to My Tho. Cruise waterways, stopping at abundant orchards to taste exotic fruits and delicious honey. The afternoon's free back in town. Take the time to enjoy great French-style cafes, visit a beauty spa or check out the galleries and local markets. (B/L)

#### Day 11: HCMC

Your day's free before we take you to the airport for your flight home. (B)

#### Price includes:

- Domestic connections with Vietnam Airlines
- Accommodation in Superior & Tourist class hotels
- English-speaking tour guides
- Air-conditioned vehicles
- All admission costs to itinerary attractions
- Meals as per the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=dinner)

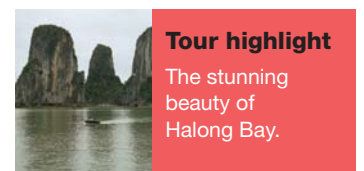
#### Tour hotels (or similar):

- Hanoi: Majestic Salute Hotel
- Halong Bay: Halong Plaza Hotel
- Hue: Huong Giang Hotel
- Hoi An: Hoi An Hotel
- HCMC: Sophia Hotel

Single Supplement: \$823

\* Price is based on two persons travelling together, twin share or double bedded room.

**Ask us about our special group discount for six passengers or more.**



#### Tour highlight

The stunning beauty of Halong Bay.