



**Day 3:**      **Half day Cu Chi Tunnels – Saigon**      **(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

Travel to ***Cu Chi Tunnels*** which is about 50km from Saigon and visit the tunnel network built by the South Vietnamese Communists in 1946. This immense network of connecting underground tunnels were part of the network which were used in the Vietnam War (which the Vietnamese called the American War) against the South Vietnamese Government, Americans & allies. Watch a documentary film made at the time, showing us what it was like in wartime Vietnam and see how the Vietnamese Communists (Viet Cong) survived in the tunnels.

Return to Saigon in the early afternoon and have free time for shopping.

**Accommodation: Ho Chi Minh City**

**Day 4:**      **Mekong Delta**      **(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

This morning, you will go to Ben Tre, a southern province in ***Mekong Delta***. On the way you will see the rice fields, fruit farms and many rural communities.

On arrival, take a short stroll through a shaded area of coconut farm, stopping to enjoy the locally grown tropical fruits and folk music. Enjoy the short journey by sampan as we paddle through the palm lined canals then sample the coconut candy made in the local workshops.

After lunch, in the garden, visit ***Vinh Trang Pagoda***, which was built in 1849 and features a mixture of Chinese, Vietnamese and Angkor (Cambodian) architectural styles. Finish the tour in Saigon late afternoon.

**Accommodation: Ho Chi Minh City**

**Day 5:**      **Danang – Hoian**      **(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

Fly to Danang this morning, pausing at ***Marble Mountain*** for a photo stop. The five marble and limestone hills are named after the five elements and contain numerous tunnels and caves. Several Buddhist sanctuaries can be found within the mountains and for the more agile a visit is well worth the climb. The area is famous for stone sculpture making and stone-cutting crafts.

Travel to Hoian to enjoy some free time to shop or maybe visit a tailor and order a custom suit. Check in to your hotel to freshen up before dinner.

**Accommodation: Hoian**

**Day 6: Hoian Old Town City Tour (Breakfast / Lunch)**

Visit the highlights in the old town including the **Japanese covered bridge, Phuk Kien Chinese Town Hall**, temples, a typical old house in Hoian and the local market. Enjoy a leisurely lunch then spend time in the afternoon shopping or relaxing. Tonight is your choice for dinner at one of the local restaurants (own expense).

**Accommodation: Hoian**

**Day 7: Hoian free day (Breakfast)**

Hoian is a beautiful village and offers so many experiences for visitors. Today you have a free day to explore, take a Vietnamese cooking class, shop or just relax by the pool. There are numerous restaurants, shops and markets within walking distance from the hotel.

**Accommodation: Hoian**

**Day 8: Hue – Forbidden City (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

Check out of the hotel and travel about 150 km to Hue this morning. Drive through Hai Van Pass and stopping at Lang Co Beach on the way. This afternoon tour to the **Citadel of Hue** and visit the **Forbidden City** of the royal Nguyen Dynasty, which was built from 1802 to 1945. Pause at **Thien Mu Pagoda**, which was built in 1601 and is considered as the first Buddhist Pagoda in Hue, before cruising along the **Perfume River** by boat.

**Accommodation: Hue**

**Day 9: Hue — Hanoi (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

This morning you will fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's capital. Your guide will transfer you to Hanoi hotel. In the afternoon be taken on a **cyclo ride** (rickshaw) in the Old Quarter then enjoy a traditional **Water Puppet Show**. Later, spend some free time in the Old Quarter by yourself.

**Accommodation: Hanoi**

**Day 10: Hanoi – Halong Bay (Breakfast/ Lunch / Dinner)**

Today, travel 170 km to **Halong Bay** (3½ hour drive with a rest stop). Upon arrival we board a famous Halong Junk for a seafood lunch. Spend the afternoon cruising Halong Bay and viewing thousands of limestone rock formations. Visit one of the biggest caves in the area and stop at a nice beach for a swim. This evening, enjoy a drink whilst relaxing on board watching the sun sink beneath the sea. The boat will be anchored at a quiet bay for overnight.

**Accommodation: Overnight on Junk (Twin / Double Sharing Cabin)**

Note: 1 - 12 people will share the boat trip with other tourists in Halong Bay

**Day 11: Halong Bay – Hanoi (Breakfast/ Brunch / Dinner)**

Spend this morning cruising world heritage Halong Bay. Visit Bai Tu Long Bay then have brunch on board before disembark at 11.30 am. Drive back to Hanoi, arriving mid-afternoon allowing time for shopping

**Accommodation: Hanoi**

**Day 12: Hanoi city tour (Breakfast)**

This morning we visit **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum** and the beautiful surroundings of his home. View the nearby **One Pillar Pagoda** which is regarded as one of Vietnam's iconic temples and was built in 1049. See the **Temple of Literature** built in 1010 and dedicated to the teaching of Confucius followed by a walking tour in the Old Quarter.

**Accommodation: Hanoi**

**Day 13: Transfer to airport and flight home (Breakfast)**

Our tour finishes in Hanoi where you'll have free time until your transfer to the airport and flights home.

## Accommodation:

Destination	Hotel	Room	Websites
Ho Chi Mihn City	Aquari Hotel	Superior	<a href="http://www.aquarihotel.vn">www.aquarihotel.vn</a>
Hoian	Vinh Hung Resort	Superior	<a href="http://www.vinhhungresort.com">www.vinhhungresort.com</a>
Hue	Hue Green Hotel	Superior	<a href="http://www.greenhotel-hue.com">www.greenhotel-hue.com</a>
Hanoi	Lan Vien Hotel	Superior	<a href="http://www.lanvienhotel.com.vn">www.lanvienhotel.com.vn</a>
Halong	Baitho Junk	Deluxe	<a href="http://www.baithojunks.com">www.baithojunks.com</a>

## Inclusions:

- International airfares
- Meals as indicated (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- 12 night's accommodation (3 or 4 star)
- Private air conditioned vehicle
- Entrance fees and boat rides
- English speaking guide
- Domestic flights: **Saigon - Danang, Hue - Hanoi**
- 2 bottles of water per day on tour

## Exclusions

- Drinks
- Meals unless indicated
- Travel insurance
- Visa costs
- Tips (rough guide is USD2 for guide per day per person & USD1 for driver per day per person)