# 14 Day Vietnam Discovery with Sapa

### Asia Vacation Group - Authentic Asia!

Local knowledge, adventures of a lifetime.

Discover <u>Asia</u> with our team of experts, and a carefully selected, value-packed exploration of Asia's most iconic destinations. Our tours offer must-visit sights, rich experiences and quality inclusions all at an unbeatable prices. Your bucket list dreams are ticked off on these all-encompassing vacations.

Travel with the confidence. Your trip has been carefully crafted by <u>our team</u> with you in mind and it's that same team that takes you on the journey. One amazing team to help and guide you, not only as your local travel expert but also as a friend with helpfulness and sincerity.

Specialists in Asia touring since 2015, <u>Asia Vacation Group</u> is proud to be the people who craft your itinerary, help you at each step, plus guide and operate your tour.

7 Day Change Of Mind	Returned Flight Included	Australian Company owned
Fully escorted by English-speaking local tour guide		

# **Day by Day Itinerary**

Hanoi, Halong Bay, Sapa, Da Nang, Hoi An, Ho Chi Minh City

# HIGHLIGHTS

- Return international flights included
- Incredible sightseeing including an overnight cruise on Halong Bay and guided tours of Sapa, Hanoi, Danang, Hoi An, Ho Chi Minh City.
- 12 nights in 3-4\* hotel at centrally location.
- Daily breakfasts
- Fully escorted by professional English-speaking tour guides in each city
- Comfortable, dedicated transportation throughout
- In-depth sightseeing and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Airport transfers included

# ITINERARY

### Day 1: Hanoi Arrival

Xin chào! Today, you will depart from your home to Vietnam's capital – Hanoi.

On arrival at Noi Bai International Airport, you will be met at the airports and transferred to your hotel for check-in. **Meal**: In-flight meals.

Accommodation: Babylon Grand Hotel 3\* or similar

# Day 2: Hanoi - Sapa

This morning, you will leave Hanoi for Sapa after your breakfast. On arrival in the afternoon, discover Lao Chai village, Muong Hoa Valley, Black H'mong village and take a soft-trekking further to Ta Van village.

Please noted that today requires comfortable walking shoes as the trek will take approximately 3 hours.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel De Sapa 4\* or similar

### Day 3: Sapa - Y Linh Ho - Lao Chai - Ta Van

After breakfast, descend down the valley on a trail through rice paddy terraces, enjoying the spectacular scenery on the way. Once reaching the narrow river running on the bottom of the valley, you will walk along its bank for a

while and eventually arrive at the Black H'mong minority village of Y Linh Ho. You will get a first-hand look into their lives and traditions, hear stories, and enjoy a great social interaction.

Take a rest and then head to the Muong Hoa Valley. You will pass through Lao Chai Village of Black H'mong minority and Ta Van Village of Zay minority by following more rice terraces with spectacular mountain scenery.

Meal: Breakfast.

**Accommodation**: Hotel De Sapa 4\* or similar

### Day 4: Sapa - Hanoi

Enjoy your last day in Sapa before leaving to Hanoi in the afternoon. Check in your hotel in Hanoi and free time at leisure.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Babylon Grand Hotel 3\* or similar

### Day 5: Hanoi - Halong Bay -

After breakfast, we will leave Hanoi and head to Halong Bay – the UNESCO World Heritage Site and spend 24 hours on a Cruise in the amazing bay: a natural wonderland composed of jutting limestone islands and sparkling turquoise waters. Arrive at the dock around noon and board your junk. Savor a gourmet lunch of fresh seafood onboard as you sail out into the mystical bay. In the afternoon, cruise around some of Halong's many islands. Stop at an island cove with a sheltered white-sand beach and take a dip in the warm waters of the Gulf of Tonkin (weather permitting). Pass the night on your junk, lulled to sleep by the gentle rocking of calm waters.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Accommodation: Overnight on Cruise.

### Day 6: Halong Bay - Hanoi

Awake early and join a Tai Chi session on the top deck or simply relax and enjoy the sunrise over the bay's towering islands. Enjoy a morning cup of coffee or tea before exploring nearby islands by rowboat. Return to the junk and admire the amazing rock formations of Halong Bay from the sundeck. Your driver will meet you at the Halong jetty then we drive back to Hanoi.

Meal: Brunch

Accommodation: Babylon Grand Hotel 3\* or similar

## Day 7: Hanoi - Da Nang

After breakfast, you will check out your hotel in the morning and get ready for a flight to Da Nang Airport.

On arrival, you will be greeted and transferred to your hotel for check-in and spend your free tim at leisure.

Meal: Breakfast.

**Accommodation**: Belle Maison Danang Hotel 4\* or similar

### Day 8: Da Nang - Hoi An

Today, you will have a walking tour around Hoi An and visit popular highlights including the Japanese Bridge, the Chinese Temple and Phung Hung Old House. In the afternoon, freely explore the town or join one of our exciting optional tours.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Hoi An Garden Palace 4\* or similar

# Day 9: Hoi An

Today you are free at leisure to explore the city as you wish or buy an optional tour with us.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Hoi An Garden Palace 4\* or similar

### Day 10: Hoi An - Da Nang - Ho Chi Minh City - City Tour

Today, you will take a flight from Da Nang to Ho Chi Minh City – the bustling Ho Chi Minh City. On arrival, you will visit the famous attractions of Ho Chi Minh City such as Notre Dame Cathedral, Post Office (photo spot only), War Remnant Museum and dive into the colorful Ben Thanh market, one of Ho Chi Minh's liveliest areas.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Lotus Saigon Hotel 3\* or similar

# Day 11: Ho Chi Minh City

Explore Saigon at your own pace or book our optional tour to Mekong River area and enjoy an unforgettable experience along the mighty Mekong river.

Meal: Breakfast.

Accommodation: Lotus Saigon Hotel 3\* or similar

### Day 12: Ho Chi Minh City Tour - Cu Chi Tunnels

After breakfast, you will head to Cu Chi Tunnels, a byzantine maze of underground passages, chambers and booby traps used by both the Viet Minh and the Viet Cong during Vietnam-US war. The tunnel system had become legendary during the 1960s as a strategic military base and underground community life.

Late afternoon, return to your hotel and free time at leisure. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Lotus Saigon Hotel 3\* or similar

### Day 13: Ho Chi Minh City - Home

Today you are free time until we drive to the airport for flight back home.

**Meals**: Breakfast, In-flight meals **Accommodation**: On Plane

### Day 14: Home

You will arrive home today and we hope you will have an amazed holiday with Asia Vacation Group.

# INCLUSIONS

# • Return international flight from Australia

- 02 internal flights: Hanoi Da Nang, Da Nang Ho Chi Minh City
- 3\* & 4\* hotel accommodations at the central location.
- Daily breakfasts, and meals in the itinerary (2 lunches, 1 dinner)
- All entrance fees and sightseeing as mentioned in the program.
- Water bottles during tours.
- Transportation by air-conditioning vehicles.
- Fully escorted by professional English-speaking tour guides in each city

# **EXCLUSIONS**

- Meals and drinks are not mentioned in the program
- Visa fee in Vietnam
- Tipping for driver and tour guide (AUD10/per person/day)
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (we strongly recommend you hold a valid travel insurance policy for all domestic and overseas travel)
- Trip delay or interruption by airline schedule change
- Extra cost or missing tour caused by flight delay or cancel
- Any service not clearly mentioned in the program

# DEPARTURE DATES: PRICE IS QUOTED IN AU\$ PER PERSON

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
Monday 22 Apr 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 05 May 2024	AU\$3,199		Book

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<b>Monday</b> 06 May 2024	Sunday 19 May 2024	AU\$2,999		Book
Monday 13 May 2024	Sunday 26 May 2024	AU\$2,799		Book
Monday 20 May 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 02 Jun 2024	AU\$2,799		Book
<b>Monday</b> 10 Jun 2024	Sunday 23 Jun 2024	AU\$2,799		Book
<b>Monday</b> 24 Jun 2024	Sunday 07 Jul 2024	AU\$2,799		Sold Out
<b>Monday</b> 08 Jul 2024	Sunday 21 Jul 2024	AU\$3,199		Sold Out
Monday 22 Jul 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 04 Aug 2024	AU\$3,199		Book
<b>Tuesday</b> 06 Aug 2024	Monday 19 Aug 2024	AU\$2,799		Book
Monday 12 Aug 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 25 Aug 2024	AU\$2,799		Sold Out
<b>Monday</b> 19 Aug 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 01 Sep 2024	AU\$2,799		Book
<b>Monday</b> 26 Aug 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 08 Sep 2024	AU\$2,799		Book
<b>Monday</b> 02 Sep 2024	Sunday 15 Sep 2024	AU\$2,799		Book
<b>Monday</b> 09 Sep 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 22 Sep 2024	AU\$2,799		Book
<b>Monday</b> 16 Sep 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 29 Sep 2024	AU\$2,799		Book
<b>Monday</b> 23 Sep 2024	Sunday 06 Oct 2024	AU\$3,199		Sold Out
<b>Monday</b> 07 Oct 2024	Sunday 20 Oct 2024	AU\$3,199		Book
Monday 14 Oct 2024	Sunday 27 Oct 2024	AU\$2,799		Book
Monday 21 Oct 2024	Sunday 03 Nov 2024	AU\$2,799		Book
Monday 04 Nov 2024	Sunday 17 Nov 2024	AU\$2,799		Book

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Monday 18 Nov 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 01 Dec 2024	AU\$2,799		Sold Out
Monday 02 Dec 2024	Sunday 15 Dec 2024	AU\$3,599		Book
Monday 16 Dec 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 29 Dec 2024	AU\$3,599		Book
<b>Monday</b> 06 Jan 2025	Sunday 19 Jan 2025	AU\$2,799		Book
Monday 10 Feb 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 23 Feb 2025	AU\$2,799		Sold Out
<b>Monday</b> 24 Feb 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 09 Mar 2025	AU\$2,799		Book
Monday 10 Mar 2025	Sunday 23 Mar 2025	AU\$2,799		Book
Monday 24 Mar 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 06 Apr 2025	AU\$2,799		Book
Monday 14 Apr 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 27 Apr 2025	AU\$3,199		Book
<b>Monday</b> 28 Apr 2025	Sunday 11 May 2025	AU\$3,199		Book
Monday 12 May 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 25 May 2025	AU\$2,799		Book
Monday 26 May 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 08 Jun 2025	AU\$2,799		Book
<b>Monday</b> 09 Jun 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 22 Jun 2025	AU\$2,799		Sold Out
Monday 23 Jun 2025	Sunday 06 Jul 2025	AU\$2,799		Book
<b>Monday</b> 07 Jul 2025	Sunday 20 Jul 2025	AU\$3,299		Sold Out
Monday 21 Jul 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 03 Aug 2025	AU\$3,299		Book
<b>Monday</b> 04 Aug 2025	Sunday 17 Aug 2025	AU\$2,799		Book
Monday 18 Aug 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 31 Aug 2025	AU\$2,799		Book
Monday 08 Sep 2025	Sunday 21 Sep 2025	AU\$2,799		Sold Out

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Monday 22 Sep 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 05 Oct 2025	AU\$3,299		Book
Monday 06 Oct 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 19 Oct 2025	AU\$3,299		Sold Out
Monday 20 Oct 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 02 Nov 2025	AU\$2,799		Book
Monday 10 Nov 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 23 Nov 2025	AU\$2,799		Book
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# **OPTIONAL TOURS**



Hanoi Street Food Tour AU\$85



Golden Bridge Tour AU\$183



My Son Sanctuary and Thanh Ha Village Tour AU\$93



Hoi An Cooking Class Tour AU\$112



Hoi An Memories Show AU\$116



Mekong visit the locals AU\$169



Dinner on Saigon River Cruise AU\$135

# FINE PRINT

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION**

## **FLIGHTS, UPGRADES & EXTENSIONS**

This package includes international flights from Sydney/Melbourne and surcharge from Adelaide, Brisbane or other city if requested when selecting your departure city.

### **Interstate Surcharge**

# Surcharge of \$400 for departures from Adelaide & Brisbane & and \$300 for departures from Perth

In this packages, we will use some different airlines such as: Vietnam Airlines, Vietjet Air or similar airlines (20kg for checked baggage per passenger and 7kg hand luggage per passenger, 01-piece check-in baggage).

- Some flights will require a minimum of 1 transit (maximum 2).
- All tickets will include 20 kilos checked baggage per person, along with 7 kilos of hand luggage.
- Despite the airlines baggage allowance, we recommend travelling with 20 kilos per person due to restrictions with internal flights (where applicable), as well as coach and train transportation. Also, you will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters is not included. If travelling over this amount, you will be liable for any excess baggage fees enforced by the airline, payable direct.
- Once ticketed, flights are non-refundable. Any changes will be subject to the airline rules, Airline change fees and an Asia Vacation Group change fee of \$250 per person.
- Full names as per passport (including all middle names) are required. Any error in the names submitted will be subject to an Asia Vacation Group name change fee of \$150 plus any applicable fees charged by the airline, or the ticket may be non-refundable with the purchase of a new ticket required.
- Any airline schedule changes or cancellations are beyond our control. It is important that you, as the customer, stay up-to-date with the latest airline schedule information prior to your departure. If a schedule change results in extended transits or an earlier/later departure from your destination, any additional accommodation or alternative arrangements will be at the traveler's expense.
- Any airline 'extras' such as pre-allocated seating is at your own arrangement (additional charges apply)
- After booking, the price payable may be subject to change as a result of factors beyond the control of Asia Vacation Group. Asia Vacation Group reserves the right to increase the price payable and this will be reflected on the customer's invoice. Increases may be in relation to, but not limited to, currency fluctuations, airline taxes, airfare increases and fuel surcharges.
- Internal airfares (where applicable and included in the itinerary) will be using a local carrier and may include low-cost carriers without meals or entertainment. Checked baggage will still be included for each passenger. Any additional baggage required is payable at time of check-in.
- If you are travelling with another party on a separate booking, we cannot guarantee that the same flights will be booked for all parties, as this strictly depends on availability.
- You will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters are not included. If travelling over the recommended amount, you will be liable for any excess baggage fees enforced by the airline, payable directly.
- In the event of that you no-show on your scheduled flight, please be aware the airline will require you to pay a no show fee, Airline reissue fee plus any additional airfare and taxes. Asia Vacation Group will also charge a \$250 admin fee to assist re accommodating you on the next available flight. Please note that depending on the airline's policy, purchasing a new ticket may be required.

# Flight requests, amendments or preferences

We understand customers may wish to request changes to their included airfares. If you wish to fly with a certain airline, land at a certain time or change your flight in other ways we will gladly provide you with a personalized quote tailored to your specific requirements.

We would be more than happy to provide you with a quote for the following requests:

- Airline Preferences You may wish to fly with a particular airline
- Cabin Preferences These include upgrading to premium economy or business class
- Extensions (start and end cities must remain the same) You may request to extend your stay pre or post tour.
- Meal Requests You may request a specific meal for dietary requirements.
- Seat Requests If you would like to request particular seating. However please note, not all airlines allow the selection of pre-purchased seat arrangements.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### **Physical Requirements**

A reasonable level of fitness is required but it's more about spending time on your feet rather than covering large distances. You'll be getting on and off coaches and boats, walking around the sights and climbing some steps.

#### Tipping

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. Tipping is AU\$10/person per day. Tipping is collected by agent before travelling or the day of your arrival.

#### Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

### **Single Supplement**

Single supplement is \$729 per person in addition to the twin share price.

#### **Paired Solo Traveler**

Not available.

### **Triple Share**

Upon your request except for cruises

### **Group Size**

15-30 people

### **Travel Insurance**

Travel insurance is recommended to protect yourself against the unexpected. In addition to the support that a policy may provide, you may be asked to present a copy of your travel insurance documentation while traveling.

We have partnered with **NibTravel Insurance** to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book Comprehensive or Essentials cover for your domestic, international or multi-trip journeys simply with us.

# **Visa & Passport information**

It is the traveler's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return and must have more than 2 blank pages.

A visa is required for travel to Vietnam. The visa is easiest to complete with Asia Vacation Group and just need to pay \$160 for single entry (30-day-stay-limited)

### Children

Children must be 5 years old or above and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

# **Tour Documentation**

Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

### **Tour Length**

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule, please refer to the day by day itinerary for the time spent on land.

### **HOW TO EXTEND YOUR STAY**

If you wish to do so, please follow these steps:

- 1. Follow the "Book Now" prompts, until you reach the "Anything else we need to know?" field
- 2. Here, please specify your preferred flight arrangements and if you require additional accommodation, with the number of nights needed.
- 3. After finalizing your purchase and submitting your booking form, a member of our Reservation team will be in contact with you via email to verify your request.

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour. On this tour you can pay extra for arriving early or extension your trip.

**Pre-tour night:** AU\$140/room/night **Post-tour night:** AU\$140/room/night

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