

# 10 Day Highlights of Vietnam

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Local knowledge, adventures of a lifetime.

Discover the world with our team of experts, and a carefully selected, value-packed exploration of the world'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.

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Specialists in Asia touring since 2015, we are proud to be the people who craft your itinerary, help you at each step, plus guide and operate your tour.

<b>New Zealand Company Owned</b>	<b>Returned Flight Included</b>	<b>Fully Escorted by English speaking guide</b>
<b>7 Day Change of Mind</b>		

## Day by Day Itinerary

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

## HIGHLIGHTS

- **Returned flights included from New Zealand**
- 2 domestic flights in Vietnam
- Incredible sightseeing including discovering the vibrant capital Hanoi, the beautiful stunning views of the UNESCO-listed Halong Bay, the picturesque town of Hoi An, the bustling city of Ho Chi Minh City and the famous Cu Chi Tunnels
- Comfortable group experience with no more than 30 persons
- Airport transfers included on the first and last day of tour
- 8 nights comfortable accommodation
- Overnight cruise on a deluxe, 4-star traditional junk boat on Halong Bay, including all meals
- Dedicated transportation in comfortable, air-conditioned vehicles
- Daily Breakfast Buffet, 2 lunches, 1 dinner
- Fully escorted by English-speaking local guides
- In-depth sightseeing and all entry fees as per the itinerary

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Hanoi Arrival

Xin chao!

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:** Chalcedony Hotel 4\* or similar

#### Remark:

– If you depart from Queenstown/Christchurch, you might need to stay overnight in Auckland or Sydney before connecting flight to Vietnam.

– We use Air New Zealand/Qantas Airways from New Zealand to Sydney and connect by Vietnam Airlines flight to Vietnam

### Day 2: 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 3: 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:** Chalcedony Hotel 4\* or similar

#### **Optional Tour: Hanoi Street Food (Dinner included)**

Enjoy a walk around the Old Quarter in the afternoon and appreciate the local lifestyles as you wind through Hanoi's streets. You will have a taste of Northern Vietnamese delicacies such as:

Stuffed pancake, banh my, stuffed sticky rice balls, the unique egg coffee and many more.

### **Day 4: Hanoi City Tour - Da Nang**

After breakfast, you will have a bustling day to visit a city tour of Hanoi and will explore attractions such as the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university, Ho Chi Minh Complex (Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, One Pillar Pagoda) and Tran Quoc Pagoda, one of the oldest pagodas in Vietnam. In the afternoon, you take a flight to Da Nang. On arrival, you will be greeted and transferred to your hotel for check-in and spend your free time at leisure.

**Meal:** Breakfast.

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

### **Day 5: 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 6: 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

#### **Optional Tour: My Son Sanctuary and Thanh Ha Village Tour**

You will be picked up at your hotel for a 40-kilometre drive to My Son Sanctuary, a World Heritage Site. Upon arrival, get ready to stand astounded by the abandoned and partially ruined Hindu temples constructed by the kings of Champa. We will journey back to Hoi An, embark on a cruise down the poetic Thu Bon River. Enjoy the idyllic and scenic view along the river's banks before stopping by a famous traditional ceramic village, Thanh Ha Pottery Village. Have fun experiencing the villagers' daily life.

#### **Optional Tour: Hoi An Memories Show**

As Vietnam's largest outdoor visual art-show, Hoi An Memories is guaranteed to sweep you off reality. Featuring 500 performers with superb choreography, this open-air theatrical extravaganza tells a story about the quintessence of Hoi An throughout 400 years of history while shining the spotlight on Ao Dai and the hidden charming beauty of Vietnamese women. Right in front of your eyes, Hoi An will transform from a small farming village to an international trading port where East meets West. A spot in the VIP seat zone ensures a full view of the 1000-meter road stage featuring nearby mountains and sodden river flood, which will leave you an unforgettable experience.

### **Day 7: Hoi An - Da Nang - Ho Chi Minh City - City tour**

Today, you will take a flight to the bustling Ho Chi Minh City and 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 8: 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

#### **Optional Tour: Mekong visit the locals (Lunch included)**

Embark on a cruise to Ben Tre River and visit brickwork, coconut processing workshop, a local village making sleep mattresses. Continue taking a motor cart (xe lôi) or cycling through the green rice fields and vegetable plains.

Lunch is served at the restaurant riverside. In the afternoon, sail through water palm creek by rowboat and get back to Hung Vuong Pier for departing to Saigon.

#### **Optional Tour: Vespa Adventure – Saigon after Dark Tour**

Discover Saigon's nightlife on the back of a vintage Vespa scooter. You will be picked up at your hotel and start off your amazing night with some cocktail and appetizer at Café Zoom. Afterwards, enjoy some Saigon's best authentic local food, followed by a stop at a Vietnamese-style coffee shop featuring live music. Your perfect evening will be wrapped up at an exciting music bar where local people party.

#### **Day 9: Ho Chi Minh City - Cu Chi Tunnels - Home**

After breakfast, check out your hotel and then 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, we drive straight to the airport for flight back home.

**Meal:** Breakfast.

**Accommodation:** On Plane

#### **Day 10: Home**

Arrive your home today and we hope you enjoy our amazing trip with Asia Vacation Group.

## **INCLUSIONS**

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- **Returned flights from New Zealand.**
- 2 domestic flights: Hanoi – Danang and Danang – Ho Chi Minh City
- 02 water bottles per person per day
- Airport transfers included on the first and last day of tour
- 7 nights comfortable accommodation
- Overnight cruise on a deluxe, 4-star traditional junk boat on Halong Bay, including all meals
- Dedicated transportation in comfortable, air-conditioned vehicles
- Daily Breakfast Buffet, 2 lunches, 1 dinner
- Fully escorted by English-speaking local guides
- In-depth sightseeing and all entry fees as per the itinerary

## **EXCLUSIONS**

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- Meals and drinks are not mentioned in the program
- Visa fee in Vietnam
- Tipping for driver and tour guide (NZ\$10/per person/day) and 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.

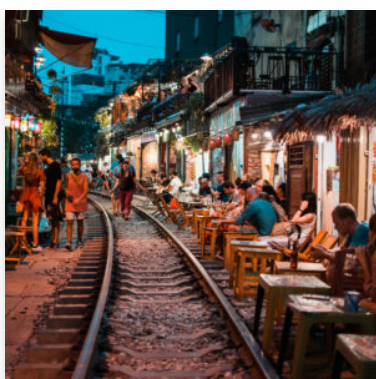
## DEPARTURE DATES: PRICE IS QUOTED IN NZ\$ PER PERSON

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
<b>Thursday</b> 06 Jun 2024	<b>Saturday</b> 15 Jun 2024	NZ\$3,599		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Thursday</b> 13 Jun 2024	<b>Saturday</b> 22 Jun 2024	NZ\$3,999		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Thursday</b> 20 Jun 2024	<b>Saturday</b> 29 Jun 2024	NZ\$3,999		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Thursday</b> 27 Jun 2024	<b>Saturday</b> 06 Jul 2024	NZ\$3,999		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Thursday</b> 11 Jul 2024	<b>Saturday</b> 20 Jul 2024	NZ\$4,099		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Thursday</b> 25 Jul 2024	<b>Saturday</b> 03 Aug 2024	NZ\$4,099		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Thursday</b> 08 Aug 2024	<b>Saturday</b> 17 Aug 2024	NZ\$3,599		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Thursday</b> 15 Aug 2024	<b>Saturday</b> 24 Aug 2024	NZ\$3,599		<a href="#">Book</a>
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<b>Thursday</b> 12 Sep 2024	<b>Saturday</b> 21 Sep 2024	NZ\$3,599		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Thursday</b> 19 Sep 2024	<b>Saturday</b> 28 Sep 2024	NZ\$3,999		<a href="#">Book</a>
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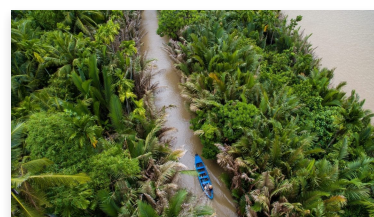
## OPTIONAL TOURS



**Hanoi Street Food (Dinner included)**  
NZ\$90



**Golden Bridge Tour (Lunch Included)**  
NZ\$201



**Mekong visit the locals**  
NZ\$186



**My Son Sanctuary and Thanh Ha Village Tour**  
NZ\$102



**Dinner on Saigon River Cruise**  
NZ\$123



**Vespa Adventure - Saigon after Dark Tour**  
NZ\$245

## FLIGHT INFORMATION

This package includes international flights from Auckland and surcharge **NZ\$500** from Queenstown and Christchurch, surcharge **NZ\$450** from Wellington

In this packages, we will use some different airlines such as: Air New Zealand, Qantas Airlines, Jetstar Airlines, Vietnam Airlines, China Airlines, China Southern 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 NZ\$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 NZ\$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 NZ\$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.

## 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 NZ\$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 **NZ\$ 600 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.

**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 NZ\$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:** NZ\$150/room/night based on twin/double room sharing

**Post-tour night:** NZ\$150/room/night based on twin/double room sharing

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