# 10 DAY ESCAPE TO VIETNAM

### 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.

Trusted in Travel	Returned Flight Included	Relaxed Itinerary
7 Day Change Of Mind		

### **Day by Day Itinerary**

Hanoi (2 nights), Halong (1 night), Hoi An (3 nights), Ho Chi Minh City (2 nights)

# HIGHLIGHTS

- Return flight included
- 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 busting city of Ho Chi Minh City.
- Comfortable group experience with no more than 30 persons
- 2 domestic flights in Vietnam
- Airport transfers included on the first and last day of tour
- 8 nights in 3\* or 4\* hotel accommodation
- Dedicated transportation in comfortable, air-conditioned vehicles
- Daily Breakfast Buffet, 1 lunch
- Fully escorted by English-speaking local guides

# ITINERARY

### **Hanoi Arrival**

Today, depart New Zealand for Hanoi – the Capital of Vietnam.

Upon arrival to the airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel for check-in

Accommodation: Chalcedony Hotel 4\* or similar

Remark: You might departure one day earlier if you are in Queenstown/Christchurch. The hotel is not included and you might pre-book with the extra cost.

## Hanoi City tour - Halong -

After breakfast, at 10AM, 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, leave the bustle of the big city and drive to Halong Bay.

On arrive in Tuan Chau Island, check in your hotel and free time at leisure or you might buy an optional tour such as Dinner on Halong Bay Cruise Tour.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Paradise Suites Hotel 4\* or similar

## **Optional Tour: Dinner on Halong Bay Cruise Tour**

In the evening, you will enjoy a classy and sophisticated buffet dining experience with more than 100 European – Asian delicacies and fresh seafood in the heritage bay. The unique experience is elevated to the next level with top-notch entertainment with an exclusive spectacle and state-of-the-art visual effects.

### **Halong Bay Cruise - Hanoi**

Today enjoy a day cruise on Halong Bay: a UNESCO World Heritage Site and natural wonderland composed of jutting limestone islands and sparkling turquoise waters, located in the Gulf of Tonkin. After breakfast at the hotel, drive to the Halong harbor to board your private junk cruise for a 4-hour journey. Cruise along the calm waters, between looming, limestone outcrops to visit Dau Go Cave, where, in 1288, one of Vietnam's most famous generals, Tran Hung Dao, stored hundreds of stakes before battling the invading Mongolian army. A short walk away, visit the newly discovered Thien Cung, famous for its stalagmites and stalactites. Savor a fresh seafood lunch, served on board before sailing back to Tuan Chau harbour, where your transport will be waiting to take you back to Hanoi. In this evening, you are free time at leisure or you book a Street Tour optional with us.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

**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.

## Hanoi - Da Nang - Hoi An

Enjoy your free time in the morning before you will leave Hanoi for flight to Danang.

Upon arrival, you will be transferred to the UNESCO World Heritage listed town of Hoi An. After that, you will explore Hoi An on foot, visiting an old merchant's home, Hoi An Market, a local Chinese temple and the Japanese Covered Bridge. The bridge was first constructed here in the 1590s by the Japanese community to link them with the Chinese quarters. Over the centuries the ornamentation has remained relatively faithful to the original Japanese design. The French flattened out the roadway for cars, but the original arched shape was restored in 1986

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hoi An Rosemary Boutique Hotel 4\* or similar

### Hoi An

Today you can enjoy a day of leisure to explore Hoi An or join our optional tours to Golden Bridge in Ba Na Hills.

Meals: Breakfast

**Accommodation**: Hoi An Rosemary Boutique Hotel 4\* or similar

# **Optional Tour: Golden Bridge Tour**

The trip starts when our guide & car driver pick you up for the transfer. On arrival at the Ba Na mountain foot, we'll travel by cable car up to the Marseille station. Get out and take a short walk to the Golden Bridge – a break point of the trip – to feel like walking on the clouds. Just newly opened to the public in early June 2018 the bridge which was built in the midst of the forest stands out in yellow. Noteworthy, this unique architecture with the bridge image supported by grey hands, creates a beautiful scenery surprised. Time for taking photos and enjoying the easy breeze, breathtaking view and afterwards, we'll walk further to a romantic flower garden – Le Jardin D'Amour. The 9 gardens are 9 interesting stories in 9 unique architectural styles. These create a poetic and colourful space. Next, walk to visit Linh Ung Pagoda to admire its sophisticated architecture together with a 27m high Shakyamuni statue which brings us peaceful feeling as visiting this place. Finally, we'll catch the cable car downhill and then transfer to Hoi An.

### Hoi An

Today, you are free or you can buy optional tours we suggest below:

Meal: Breakfast

**Accommodation**: Hoi An Rosemary Boutique Hotel 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.

## Hoi An - Da Nang - Ho Chi Minh City

After breakfast, you will have your free time before transferred to the airport for the flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Upon arrival, enjoy an orientation tour through Ho Chi Minh City's bustling streets en route to the hotel. Have lunch at your own and visit the War Remnants Museum, learn about Vietnam's recent history at Reunification Palace, visit the nearby neo-Romanesque Notre Dame Cathedral and the City's Centre Post Office before passing by the ornate Opera Theatre and the City Hall. Finally, end up at the Ben Thanh Market, where vendors display a vast array of goods and handicrafts, appealing to every taste.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Aristo Saigon Hotel 3\* or similar

## **Optional Tour: Dinner on Saigon River Cruise (Dinner Included)**

Dinner on Saigon River Cruise offers an opportunity to witness another side of Saigon. The city is not only a bustling metropolis but also a romantic land. Hop on a huge wooden barge and sail down the river. Feel the gentle breeze caressing your skin and enjoy a lovely dinner accompanied by the traditional music and dance performances.

### Ho Chi Minh City - Optional tour to Mekong Delta

You are free day today or you buy an optional tour to Mekong Delta.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Aristo 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.

### Ho Chi Minh City - Cu Chi Tunnels - Home

You are free at leisure in the morning.

Check out at your hotel and then visit Cu Chi Tunnels in the afternoon. Explore Cu Chi tunnels. During the Vietnam War, guerrilla fighters built a labyrinth of narrow tunnels, using them to hide in during bombing raids and to stage surprise attacks. Today, the remaining tunnels have become a major tourist attraction, giving visitors a unique understanding of what life was like during the Vietnam War.

Late afternoon, we drive you to the airport for flight back home. Overnight on Plane.

**Meal**: Breakfast

Accommodation: On Plane

### Home

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

# INCLUSIONS

- Returned flight 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
- 8 nights in 3\* or 4\* hotel accommodation
- Dedicated transportation in comfortable, air-conditioned vehicles
- Daily Breakfast Buffet, 1 lunch
- Fully escorted by English-speaking local guides
- In-depth sightseeing and all entry fees as per the itinerary

# **EXCLUSIONS**

- Meals and drinks are not mentioned in the program
- Visa fee in Vietnam
- Tipping for driver and tour guide (NZ\$ 10/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 NZ\$ PER PERSON

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
<b>Tuesday</b> 26 Mar 2024	<b>Thursday</b> 04 Apr 2024	NZ\$2,399		Book
<b>Tuesday</b> 09 Apr 2024	<b>Thursday</b> 18 Apr 2024	NZ\$2,399		Book
<b>Tuesday</b> 16 Apr 2024	Thursday 25 Apr 2024	NZ\$2,299		Book
<b>Tuesday</b> 07 May 2024	Thursday 16 May 2024	NZ\$2,299		Book
<b>Tuesday</b> 21 May 2024	Thursday 30 May 2024	NZ\$1,899		Book
<b>Tuesday</b> 04 Jun 2024	Thursday 13 Jun 2024	NZ\$2,399		Book
<b>Tuesday</b> 18 Jun 2024	<b>Thursday</b> 27 Jun 2024	NZ\$1,899		Book
<b>Tuesday</b> 02 Jul 2024	Thursday 11 Jul 2024	NZ\$2,399		Book
<b>Thursday</b> 18 Jul 2024	Saturday 27 Jul 2024	NZ\$1,899		Book
<b>Tuesday</b> 06 Aug 2024	Thursday 15 Aug 2024	NZ\$1,899		Book

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
Tuesday 20 Aug 2024	<b>Thursday</b> 29 Aug 2024	NZ\$1,899		Book
Tuesday 03 Sep 2024	<b>Thursday</b> 12 Sep 2024	NZ\$2,399		Book
Tuesday 17 Sep 2024	<b>Thursday</b> 26 Sep 2024	NZ\$2,399		Book
Tuesday 08 Oct 2024	Thursday 17 Oct 2024	NZ\$1,899		Book
Tuesday 22 Oct 2024	Thursday 31 Oct 2024	NZ\$1,899		Book

# **OPTIONAL TOURS**



Hanoi Street Food (Dinner included) NZ\$90



Golden Bridge Tour (Lunch Included) NZ\$201



Hoi An Memories Show NZ\$120



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



Dinner on Saigon River Cruise NZ\$123



Mekong visit the locals NZ\$186



Vespa Adventure - Saigon after Dark Tour NZ\$245

# **FINE PRINT**

#### **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

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### **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. Please be advised that tipping for tour guides, drivers and bellmen are required and will be collected by your travel consultant 7 days before you depart. A gratuity of NZ\$10 per person/day can make a big difference to locals employed in the tourism industry as they have done an impeccable job to serve you through your holiday.

### **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\$ per person** in addition to the twin share price.

## **Paired Solo Traveler**

Not available.

### **Group size:**

Maximum 30 persons

### **Triple Share**

Upon your request except for cruises

### **Travel Insurance**

Travel insurance is required 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 for Vietnam Visa.

## **Tour Documentation**

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

### Children

Children must be 2 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are the same price as adults.

# **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**

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 /room/night **Post-tour night:** NZ /room/night

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