12 Day 5 Star Vietnam Vacation

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.

| New Zealand Company Owned | Returned Flight Included | Small Group Size |
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| 7 Day Change Of Mind to receive full refund | | |

Day by Day Itinerary

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

HIGHLIGHTS

• Returned International flights

- Incredible sightseeing, 5-star hotels and resort stays including an overnight luxury cruise on Halong Bay as well as guided tours of Hanoi, Sapa, Hoi An, Ho Chi Minh City and the Mekong Delta
- Small group tour, maximum of 16 travelers
- 11 nights in 5-star hotels & resorts
- Overnight on Halong Bay Luxury 5* Cruise
- Domestic flights from Hanoi to Danang and Da Nang to Ho Chi Minh City
- Daily breakfasts, 03 lunches and 2 dinners
- Follow your expert local guide on a walking tour through the narrow, cobblestone streets of Hoi An, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- The services of a professional, English-speaking guide in each city
- Dedicated, air-conditioned transportation

ITINERARY

Day 1: Hanoi Arrival

Welcome to Hanoi – Vietnam's bustling colonial capital. Your driver and guide will meet you outside the baggage claim of Noi Bai Airport and take you to your hotel in the city centre. Check in at the 5-star hotel located in the heart of Hanoi

Meals: In-flight meals

Accommodation: Grand Mercure Hanoi 5* or similar

Day 2: Hanoi City tour

Today you have a full day to explore Vietnam's charming capital. With its wide tree-lined boulevards, French colonial architecture, peaceful lakes and ancient oriental pagodas, Hanoi is an eclectic mix that offers something for everyone. Your city tour will take you to Hanoi's key sites: the Ho Chi Minh Complex (Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum and stilt house), the Presidential Palace, the nearby One Pillar Pagoda; the Temple of Literature; West Lake including the sedate Tran Quoc Pagoda and one of the city's museums (a choice between the History Museum and the Ethnology Museum). Later in the afternoon, enjoy a traditional Water Puppet Performance – a unique Vietnamese art form hailing from Southeast Asia's wet-rice culture.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Grand Mercure Hanoi 5* or similar

Day 3: Hanoi - Halong Bay -

After breakfast at hotel, your driver will meet you at hotel to take you on a 4-hour drive passing the countryside of the Red River Delta to Halong Bay.

Welcome on Heritage Binh Chuan Cruise and set sail through Halong Bay while seafood lunch is served. Rest your eyes on the azure waters of this magical bay, where thousands of sculpted limestone islands rise from the waves like dragons' teeth, passing picturesque area around Frog Lagoon area and Lan Ha Bay. Enjoy sunset cocktails and Dinner served on cruise.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Heritage Cruise Binh Chuan Cat Ba Archipelago 5* or similar

Day 4: Halong Bay - Hanoi

Early wake up and welcome the energetic new day with Tai-chi Class on the deck and watch the sunrise at Ocean Sky Sundeck. A light breakfast is served at the Harmony of the Sea Restaurant. Visit the Dark & Bright cave by traditional rowing bamboo boats. Cruising to Bright Cave, you will see an angled passageway opening the cave at water level and a serene round lake surrounded by lush trees and precipitous stone cliffs. Return to the Capella cruise after the time of sightseeing. This is the time that you return to the cabin and recheck your personal belongings before checking out. Brunch served at Harmony of the Sea Restaurant after check-out while cruising towards the port. Back to Tuan Chau International Port by tender boat and get back to Hanoi

Meals: Brunch

Accommodation: Grand Mercure Hanoi 5* or similar

Day 5: Hanoi - Sapa

This morning, you will drive from Hanoi to Sapa. 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.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Silk Path Grand Resort & Spa 5* or similar

Day 6: Sapa - Tribal Villages Excursions

After breakfast, continue exploring Sapa's local life on foot. The soft-trekking will last approximately 3 hours to Ta Phin Village. In the afternoon, free time at leisure as you wish.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Silk Path Grand Resort & Spa 5* or similar

Day 7: Sapa - Drive to Hanoi - Flight to Danang - Hoi An

This morning, you will leave Sapa back to Hanoi for flight to Danang.

On arrival in Danang airport, our driver picks up to transfer to the resort. Overnight at resort.

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Bliss Hoi An Beach Resort & Wellness 5* or similar

Day 8: Hoi An Walking Tour

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: Bliss Hoi An Beach Resort & Wellness 5* or similar

Day 9: Hoi An

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

Meal: Breakfast

Accommodation: Bliss Hoi An Beach Resort & Wellness 5* or similar

Day 10: Hoi An - Danang - Flight to 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: Eastin Grand Hotel Saigon 5* or similar

Day 11: Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta Day Trip

After breakfast, you leave your hotel for Mekong delta. 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.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Eastin Grand Hotel Saigon 5* or similar

Day 12: Ho Chi Minh City - Home

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your flight back home or your next destination.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: On Plane

INCLUSIONS

- Returned flight from New Zealand to Hanoi and back from Ho Chi Minh City
- 02 domestic flights from Hanoi to Danang and Danang to Ho Chi Minh City.
- Vietnam e-visa
- Bottled water per person per day
- Airport transfers included on the first and last day of tour
- 11 nights in 5* hotel accommodation
- 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

- International flights from Australia/New Zealand
- Meals and drinks are not mentioned in theprogramm
- Tipping for driver and tour guide
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- 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 |
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| Monday 10 Jun 2024 | Wednesday 19 Jun 2024 | NZ\$3,999 | | Book |
| Monday 24 Jun 2024 | Wednesday 03 Jul 2024 | NZ\$4,499 | | Book |
| Monday 22 Jul 2024 | Wednesday 31 Jul 2024 | NZ\$4,499 | | Book |
| Monday 12 Aug 2024 | Wednesday 21 Aug 2024 | NZ\$3,999 | | Book |
| Monday 26 Aug 2024 | Wednesday 04 Sep 2024 | NZ\$3,999 | | Book |
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| Monday 28 Oct 2024 | Wednesday 06 Nov 2024 | NZ\$3,999 | | Book |
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OPTIONAL TOURS



Golden Bridge Tour (Lunch Included) NZ\$201



Hanoi Street Food (Dinner included) NZ\$90



Dinner on Saigon River Cruise NZ\$123

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FLIGHT INFORMATION

This package includes international flights from Auckland and surcharge **NZ\$450** from Queenstown, Christchurch and 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 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\$1,199 per person in addition to the twin share price.

Paired Solo Traveler

Not available.

Group size:

From 2 to 16 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\$ 280/room/night based on twin/double sharing **Post-tour night:** NZ\$ 210?room/night based on twin/double sharing

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