

ESSENTIAL VIETNAM: 7 DAYS

(Hanoi – Halong bay – Duong Lam Village – Ho Chi Minh city – Mekong Delta – Cai Be – Vinh Long - Ho Chi Minh city)

BRIEF:

- DAY 1 (, 2018) : HANOI ARRIVAL – CITY TOUR – WATER PUPPET SHOW (None)
- DAY 2 (, 2018) : HANOI – HALONG BAY – OVERNIGHT ON CRUISE (B / L / D)
- DAY 3 (, 2018) : HALONG BAY CRUISE TOUR – HANOI (B / L)
- DAY 4 (, 2018) : HANOI COUNTRYSIDE TO DUONG LAM VILLAGE & TAY PHUONG PAGODA, FLIGHT TO HCM (B / L)
- DAY 5 (, 2018) : HO CHI MINH CITY TOUR – CU CHI TUNNELS (B , L)
- DAY 6 (, 2018) : HO CHI MINH CITY – MEKONG – CAI BE – VINH LONG – HO CHI MINH CITY (B , L)
- DAY 7 (, 2018) : HO CHI MINH CITY – FARE WELL (B)

ITINERARY

DAY 1 (, 2018) : HANOI ARRIVAL – CITY TOUR – WATER PUPPET SHOW (None)

- Welcome to Hanoi Noi Bai international airport
- You are welcomed by Impress Travel's guide & driver then it takes about 50 minutes by vehicle to get into Hanoi city. (Notice: hotel official check in is from 14:00, hotel early check in is NOT included, and is subject to hotel availability and regulation; hotel early check in can be available on request)
- In the afternoon, sightseeing tour begins with a visit to the Temple of Literature – Vietnam's first National University. It was built in 1070 by Ly Emperor which are dedicated to Confucius, sages and scholars.
- Next is a visit to one of the most beautiful lakes of Hanoi – the Hoan Kiem lake (Restore Sword Lake) & Ngoc Son Temple located on a beautiful islet in middle of the lake.
- Watching water puppet show
- Return to the hotel for check in, free & easy
- Your own arrangement for dinner on own payment
- Free time & overnight at hotel in central Hanoi city



OPTIONAL TOUR: STREET FOOD TOUR AVAILABLE ON REQUEST
SURCHARGE, PRICE: **\$26 USD/ PER PERSON**

Day Inclusions: Private A/C transfer, English speaking tour guide, entrance fees, water puppet tickets, hotel accommodation, water

DAY 2 (, 2018) : HANOI – HALONG BAY – OVERNIGHT ON CRUISE (B / L / D)

- Breakfast at the hotel, check out

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- Pick up at 07:30 from your hotel to travel to Halong Bay (distance 160km, a stop for a break time on half way for a refreshment).
- You enjoy the drive and sightseeing the peaceful country side scenery during the bus trip (4 hours), we arrive at the at Ha Long bay sea port at around noon time
- At 12.00 noon, you aboard the cruise, check in & enjoy a welcome drink while your cabin will be assigned.
- Check in your cabin and put your luggage in, relax and may do a short inspection tour by moving around the cruise to discover about the cruise's architecture & design
- Relax, sightseeing and taking photographs before lunch is served.
- A sumptuous lunch with fresh seafood meal will be served while cruise slowly gliding out into the Halong bay.
- It's a wonderful opportunity to admire thousands of islands and islets with magnificent caves and grottoes at the inside the islands, admiring sparkling stalactites and stalagmites like germs and listening to the legends of the Dragons and the land and sea scape in the area,
- You may enjoy extra activities organized on board (depends on each cruise' program, such as visiting a floating village, going for kayaking (notice: extra activities subject to availability, kayking fee is on own expense, can be available on request at Cruise's reception)
- Relax on cruise during the happy hours or may join in a cooking demonstration, watching the sunset on Cruise.
- Dinner is served on cruise
- After dinner, free at leisure time to relax on Cruise and socialize with other guests or can join in some other evening activities such as squid fishing...,
- Overnight in your cabin on the Cruise.



Inclusion: Hotel breakfast, shuttle bus A/C transfer, local English speaking tour guide on Cruise only, entrance fee, cruise in Ha Long bay with full meals on board, water

DAY 3 (, 2018): HALONG BAY CRUISE TOUR – HANOI (B / L)

- Early bird risers may be awarded a great chance to enjoy the sunrise and enjoy the amazingly peaceful breath-taking beauties of Ha Long Bay's seascape in early morning.
- Refresh your body & soul with a Tai-chi martial art less on on the sundeck.
- Breakfast will be served
- You continue enjoy the sightseeing tour on the cruise until noon time, sightseeing, taking photographs & relax on board
- At about 09:30 – 10:00, packup your luggage and check out your cabin while cruising returning to the boat pier.
- Lunch will be served on Cruise (or in restaurant in land in Halong city, depends on different cruise's program)
- 11:30 am – Return to prier, and disembark the Cruise & say fare well to all crew member,
- Meet again the driver and the bus for another 4 driving back to Hanoi,



Inclusions: breakfast, shuttle bus A/C land transfer, lunch, local English speaking tour guide on Cruise, entrance fee, Halong cruise – disembark at noon time, Hotel accommodation, water

DAY 4 (, 2018): HANOI COUNTRYSIDE TO DUONG LAM VILLAGE & TAY PHUONG PAGODA, FLIGHT TO HCM (B / L)

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Breakfast at the hotel, check out

08:00am, Pick up from your hotel, depart 8.00 for Duong Lam Ancient village, located some within 60km from central Hanoi to the West, Duong Lam village is a purely agricultural village, typical of the Northern Red River delta which still preserves and standing many hundred-year-old houses,

On arrival to Duong Lam, we start our walking tour from the Main Entrance of the village, amazingly, Duong Lam is the only hamlet with the village's original main entrance gate still remains intact till today, continue walking in to the village, we take a visit to the Mong Phu communal house which located in the very center of the Duong Lam village, the Communal house is one of the most solemn place where worships the Tan Vien Mountain Saint – one of four immortal Saint in Vietnamese traditional conceptions – as the tutelary of the village, the Communal house is one of the beautiful art work, a typical of the Northern Vietnam,



We keep walking, going through the narrow alleys for sightseeing and taking photos of the old laterite brick houses which makes up the special feature and unique for the village..

Lunch will be served in a local family at a beautiful ancient house.

After lunch, we take a walk or a very short drive to the near by Mia Pagoda (another hamlet of Duong Lam), built in the 15th century, some 287 statues of all sizes can be seen here, among which are famous sculptures such as the statue of Buddha and the statues of the 'Eight Vajra Deities'.

Next stop, we take a visit to the nearby Phung Hung temple & Ngo Quyen Mausoleum, the 2 places dedicated to two great national heroes who drove a way foreign enemies and regained the independence for Vietnam

On the way back to Hanoi, we will make a stopover for a visit to the Tay Phuong Pagoda, The ancient pagoda offers with beautiful architecture and unique sculptures.

Back to the coach for a drive to Noi Bai airport for flight to Ho Chi Minh City

Inclusions: breakfast, private A/C land transfer, English speaking tour guide, entrance fee, lunch, hotel accommodation, water

DAY 5 (, 2018) : HO CHI MINH CITY TOUR – CU CHI TUNNELS (B, L)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 08:00am, the sightseeing tour begins with a visit to the Notre Dame Cathedral and Old Post Office
- The Reunification Palace
- The War Remnants Museum
- Lunch is served at restaurant
- Watching a short introductory video showing how they were constructed, then spend the next hour exploring the maze of tunnels. Also on display are various mantraps, the remains of an American tank and numerous bomb craters made by 500 pound bombs dropped by B52 bombers. For those interested there's even the opportunity to fire off rounds from an AK47 or MK16 at the nearby rifle range



Inclusion: hotel breakfast, private A/C transfer, English speaking tour guide, entrance fee, lunch, hotel accommodation, water

DAY 6 (, 2018) : HO CHI MINH CITY – MEKONG – CAI BE – VINH LONG – HO CHI MINH CITY (B, L)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Pick up from the hotel, and transfer you to Mekong River Delta to Cai Be.
- On arrival, start your tour with a visit to Cai Be floating market place (the market is most busy in very early morning only, which is a very typical floating market in the Mekong delta region).

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- Our boat will stop for a visit to some local factories making Coconut candies, rice crispy cakes, rice papers making workshop, you will have chance to visit to some Ancient houses typical of local land lords in the early 20th century, with the blend of Oriental and Western architectural styles
- A delicious lunch will be served at a local house in the cool shade of An Binh Island's orchards.
- In the afternoon, take a traditional rowboat and venture deeper into the countryside, floating through narrow canals to enjoy the peaceful surroundings. Stop at a nursery garden to discover how farmers along the delta produce their world famous fruits and vegetables.
- The cruise ends around 3:30 PM in Vinh Long. Your driver will meet you at the dock and take you back to Saigon
- Free time & overnight at hotel in central Ho Chi Minh city

Inclusion: hotel breakfast, private A/C transfer, English speaking tour guide entrance fee, lunch, hotel accommodation, water

DAY 7 (, 2018) : HO CHI MINH CITY – FARE WELL (B)

- Enjoy your time at leisure.
- You will be transferred to the Ho Chi Minh city airport via your schedule flight back home or continue seeing other cities in Vietnam.
- We hope you enjoyed your trip and see you again!

Inclusion: hotel breakfast, English speaking tour guide, private A/C transfer, hotel accommodation – check out before 12:00 mid-day

PRICE IN USD FOR PER PERSON

ADDITIONAL COST FOR AIRLINE TICKETS

Flight HANOI – HUE, VIETNAM AIRLINES : \$...USD/ 01 ONE WAY TICKET

Flight DANANG – HO CHI MINH CITY: VIETNAM AIRLINES : \$...USD/ 01 ONE WAY TICKET

(Notice: Economy class, Airport tax included, 7 kg hand carry allowance/ pax, 20kg storage luggage allowance/ pax, AIRFARE is subject to change without prior notice by the Vietnam Airlines)

What's included in this trip

- A/C accommodation with DOUBLE or TWIN ROOM (2 persons share 1 room; Single room can be available on request) with daily breakfast
- A/C transfer from Airports to hotel and other tourist destinations according to the itinerary
- Shuttle bus round trip to Hanoi - Ha Long Bay; (private land transfer available on request)
- 2 day 1 night on Joint Cruise trip in Halong Bay, with DOUBLE or TWIN (2 persons share 1 cabin; single cabin can be available on request), full meals on board
- Kayaking in Halong bay (for 3 star tour package only)
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary. (Breakfast = 7; Lunch = 6; Dinner = 1)
- English- speaking guides as specified (French/ German, Spanish speaking guide can be available on request)
- Entrance fees
- Boat trip in Mekong in Cai Be
- Mineral water

What's excluded in this trip

- All international and domestic flights
- Travel Insurance

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- Visa for Vietnam
- Airport taxes
- Flight tickets Hanoi – Danang, Da Nang – Ho Chi minh
- All meals not mentioned
- Street food tour in Hanoi on Day 1
- Kayaking in Halong bay for the 4 star tour package (available on request at reception on board)
- Tips for tour guide, driver and other tour service attendants
- Other personal expenses not mentioned
- Early check in and late check out (**Notice: official hotel check in is at 14:00, official hotel check out time is 12:00 mid-noon**)

3 STAR HOTELS & CRUISE IN HALONG BAY SELECTED

Destination	Hotel Category	HOTEL NAME, ROOM TYPE & WEBSITE
Hanoi	3 STAR	SILK QUEEN HOTEL 3 STAR, DELUXE http://silkqueenhotel.com/silkqueen/home.htm
Halong bay	3 STAR	SWAN CRUISE – Deluxe Cabin http://swancruiseshalong.com/
Ho Chi minh city	3 STAR	SIGNATURE SAIGON HOTEL - http://www.signaturesaigonhotel.vn/

Notice: *The selected are subject to change in to a similar category in case of fully booked.*

4 STAR HOTELS & CRUISE IN HALONG BAY SELECTED

Destination	Hotel Category	HOTEL NAME, ROOM TYPE & WEBSITE
Hanoi city	4 STAR	THE LIGHT HOTEL - SUPERIOR http://thelighthotelhanoi.com/en/
Ha Long Bay	4 STAR	LAVELA CLASSIC CRUISE - DELUXE https://www.lavelacruisehalong.com/la-vela-classic.html
Ho Chi Minh city	4 STAR	GRAND SILVERLAND – PREMIER https://www.silverlandhotels.com/grand-silverland-hotel-spa.html

Destination	Hotel Category	HOTEL NAME, ROOM TYPE & WEBSITE
Hanoi city	5 STAR	APRICOT - SKETCH ROOM http://apricothotels.com/room/sketch
Ha Long Bay	5 STAR	PARADISE CRUISE - DELUXE https://www.paradisecruise.com/paradise-luxury/
Ho Chi Minh city	5 STAR	SOFITEL SAIGON - DELUXE http://www.sofitel.com/gb/hotel-2077-sofitel-saigon-plaza/index.shtml?xtor=SEC-708-goo-[ppc-sof-mar-goo-vn-en-vn-bro-sear-vn-loc]-[sof-v5627-saigon-2077]-S-[%2Bsofitel%20%2Bsaigon]

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