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2 for 1 VIETNAM 10 days / 9 nights

DEAL HIGHLIGHTS

Discover Hanoi, Hoi An & Ho Chi Minh City
Enjoy a cruise on majestic Halong Bay
Includes Return International Flights

SUMMARY

The people, the landscape, the cuisine and the culture; Vietnam is one of Asia's most intriguing and intoxicating destinations. From the energetic hum of Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City to the serene waters of Halong Bay, this 10 day journey for two people ticks all the boxes and then some.

Experience a taste of Vietnamese life in the colourful Old Town of Hanoi, witness the emerald waters and towering limestone peaks of Halong Bay aboard an overnight junk boat cruise, and visit the historic Cú Chi Tunnels - an immense network of tunnels used by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Enjoy free time to explore Hoi An, a vibrant city renowned for its grand architecture and bustling marketplaces, and discover the organised chaos of Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) at leisure. Optional sightseeing experiences including a Mekong Delta excursion and Hanoi street food tour give you the freedom to customise your trip, creating the perfect itinerary for you. With return international flights for two people, internal flights, eight nights accommodation and 11 meals, this incredible two-for-one holiday package is an opportunity you do not want to miss!

ITINERARY

Day 1 Australia to Hanoi, Vietnam

Depart from Sydney for your flight to Hanoi, Vietnam. Fly with either Vietnam Airlines, Emirates, Cathay Pacific or Singapore Airlines to name a few (subject to availability). On arrival be picked up at Hanoi Airport and transferred to your hotel.

Please note: due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on day 0. Affected customers must be at the airport the night before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation which you will receive prior to departure.

Overnight: Hanoi (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Hanoi - Halong Bay Cruise (approx. 180km day)

This morning after breakfast drive through beautiful green rice paddy fields on the way to the coast (approx. 4 hours) where you will board a Junk boat for an overnight cruise through the thousands of towering limestone islands and emerald waters of Halong Bay. Enjoy a seafood lunch before taking part in some afternoon activities such as swimming, relaxing on a remote beach, climbing to the top of a lookout for an amazing panoramic view or take a ride on a rowing boat into a secluded bay. Also cruise further into the bay to visit a Pearl Farm. Drop anchor in the late evening for an overnight stay among the dramatic limestone peaks.

Overnight: Traditional Junk Boat, Halong Bay

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 3 Halong Bay - Hanoi (approx. 180km day)

Early risers can take part in an optional Tai Chi class on deck this morning. After breakfast climb aboard the tender for a visit to Sung Sot (Surprise) Cave, a colourful grotto of giant stalactites and stalagmites. Return to the boat and enjoy a short cooking class where you will learn to prepare local delicacies such as spring rolls. Enjoy lunch on board, followed by a relaxing trip back in to port, where you will disembark and return back to Hanoi by bus (approx. 4 hours).

Overnight: Hanoi (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch

Day 4 Hanoi - Hoi An

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for the flight to Da Nang (approx. 1.5 hour flight). Upon arrival you will be transferred to your hotel accommodation in Hoi An. Stop en route to visit the Marble Mountain and Stone Village. The rest of the afternoon is yours at leisure to experience the UNESCO World Heritage listed town of Hoi An.

Overnight: Hoi An (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Hoi An Free Day

Today enjoy a day at leisure to discover Hoi An.

Optional Activity: My Son Holy Land Tour - \$140 AUD for 2 people

Depart early this morning and travel to My Son (approx. 1 hour), a UNESCO World Heritage site located 40km southwest of Hoi An. My Son was once the capital and religious centre of the Cham people, and is believed to be the longest inhabited archaeological site in Indochina. The ruins of My Son were built between the 7th to 13th century BC and are located in a valley surrounded by mountains, the sides of which are covered in thick jungle. Hon Quap (Cat's Tooth Mountain) overlooks the site, its crooked peak mimicked by the architecture of some temples' roofs. These mountains are the source of the Thu Bon River, a holy river which flows through the site. Lunch will be included at a local restaurant and after the day's tour, be transferred back to the hotel in Hoi An. Inclusions: Transfers to and from your hotel to My Son Holy Land, English speaking tour guide.

Overnight: Hoi An (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)

After breakfast you will be transferred to nearby Da Nang Airport for the flight to Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon), a bustling metropolis located in the south of the country (approx. 1.5 hour flight). Upon arrival you will be picked up and transferred to your hotel accommodation.

The rest of the day is at leisure to discover Ho Chi Minh City.

Overnight: Ho Chi Minh City (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 Cu Chi Tunnels Half Day Tour

This morning be picked up from the hotel and head to the Cu Chi Tunnels (approx. 1 hour) for a half day tour. The Cu Chi Tunnels were constructed by Vietnamese fighters during the country's long fight for independence. The network of tunnels which make up this underground city include living rooms, kitchens, hospitals, weapons factories, storage facilities and a command centre. The tunnel system was an excellent way for the Vietcong to move around the countryside undetected by foreign troops and was at one stage home to around 10,000 people. After exploring these tunnels along with nearby remains of American tanks and numerous bomb craters drive back to Ho Chi Minh City arriving in the mid afternoon. The rest of the evening will be spent at leisure.

Overnight: Ho Chi Minh City (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Ho Chi Minh City Free Day

Today enjoy a day at leisure to discover Ho Chi Minh City.

Optional Activity: Mekong Delta Day Tour - \$100 AUD for 2 people

This morning after breakfast be picked up from the hotel and travel to the city of My Tho (approx. 1.5 hours) on the banks of the Mekong. Upon arrival board a motor boat and cruise along the Mekong River. The boat will take you to Xep Canal, a lovely place where you can escape the traffic of the main river. Here you will cruise under coconut trees before arriving at a small islet. Disembark and walk around a small local village. Stop at a local family's home to enjoy tropical fruit, honey tea and wine and listen to traditional Vietnamese music performed by the villagers. Afterwards continue onwards to another islet where a traditional Vietnamese lunch will be prepared by a local family (included). In the afternoon return to Ho Chi Minh City and your hotel accommodation. Inclusions: Transfers to and from your hotel, English speaking tour guide, Mekong River boat trip, lunch, honey tea and honey wine, seasonal fruits, traditional music performance

Overnight: Ho Chi Minh City (Standard Or Premium Hotel Option)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Ho Chi Minh - Australia

Today transfer to Tan Son Nhat International Airport for your return flight to Australia. Please note: if your flight departs early, breakfast will be arranged for pick up from the hotel reception the night before.

Meals included: Breakfast;In-Flight

Day 10 Arrive in Australia

TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS

Experience the culture of Hanoi, Hoi An and Ho Chi Minh City
Sail among the limestone islands of Halong Bay
Explore Hanoi, Hoi An and Ho Chi Minh City at leisure
Visit Marble Mountain and Stone Village
Explore the historic Cú Chi Tunnels
Discover UNESCO World Heritage Sites

FLIGHTS

Return international flights (economy class) ex SYD
2 x internal flights: Hanoi to Da Nang, Da Nang to Ho Chi Minh City

CRUISE

1 night cruising beautiful Halong Bay
Sail aboard a traditional Vietnamese junk boat

ACCOMMODATION

7 nights hotel accommodation

DINING

Enjoy 11 meals including daily breakfast

TOUR ESSENTIALS

English speaking local tour guide (day 7)
Airline taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT

Transportation by A/C coach

TRANSFERS

Return airport transfers

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation email. You will also be directed to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete your Passenger Information Form **within 48 hours of purchase**.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras **MUST** be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Please Note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant (unless otherwise stated).

OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 27th February 2019.

Travel offer is valid for 2 people based on twin share.

Please be advised, 1 voucher is valid for 2 people. When processing your order, please double check the number of vouchers you are purchasing is what you require.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a full priced voucher must be purchased.

Departure Dates

2018

^November: 19, 23, 26, 30

^December: 5**, 12**, 17**

2019

^January: 7**, 9**, 11**, 14**, 16*, 18*, 21*, 23*, 25, 28, 30

^February: 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27

Surcharges

Please note: dates/months with a *, ** or ^ incur a high season surcharge.

* Flight High Season: \$500 for 2 people.

** Flight Peak Season: \$1100 for 2 people.

^ Land High Season: \$200 for 2 people.

Departure Cities

Sydney.

FLIGHTS

International Airline(s) Used

Vietnam Airlines, Malaysian Airlines, Singapore Airlines, Cathay Pacific, Emirates, Virgin Australia, Korean Airlines, Thai Airways, Japan Airlines, China Southern Airlines, China Airlines plus any codeshare partners (subject to availability).

Domestic Airline(s) Used

Vietnam Airlines and Vietjet Air (subject availability).

Arrive early in Hanoi

\$400 for 2 people, subject to availability

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

Stay behind in Ho Chi Minh City

\$400 for 2 people, subject to availability

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

Flight Class Upgrades

Please Note: Upgrades are subject to request only. Availability and pricing will be confirmed once your Passenger Information Form is returned to NRMA.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Used

STANDARD PACKAGE

3 Star (self-rated):

- Hanoi: Flower Hotel, Hong Ngoc Cochinchine Hotel, Pomiohoa hotel, Moon View Hotel, May De Ville Hotel or Adamas Hotel
- Halong Bay: Majestic Cruise or similar
- Hoi An: Kim An Hotel, The Like Hoi An Hotel, Rose Garden Hotel or Venus Hotel
- Ho Chi Minh City: Le Duy Hotel or Ha Hien Signature Hotel

PREMIUM PACKAGE

4 Star (self-rated):

- Hanoi: Flower Garden Hotel, Chalcedony Hotel, Thien Thai, Mon Regency Hotel or La Belle Vie
- Halong Bay: Majestic Cruise or similar
- Hoi An: River Beach Resort & Residences, Silk Village Hotel or Phu Thinh Resort
- Ho Chi Minh City: Muong Thanh Saigon Centre Hotel, Royal Hotel, Aristo Hotel or Golden Central Hotel

**Please note:* rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

Extra Nights

STANDARD PACKAGE

- Hanoi (Pre Tour): \$70 per room including breakfast
- Ho Chi Minh City (Post Tour): \$70 per room including breakfast

PREMIUM PACKAGE

- Hanoi (Pre Tour): \$120 per room including breakfast
 - Ho Chi Minh City (Post Tour): \$120 per room including breakfast
- *Please note:* extra nights are subject to availability until the time of booking. Airport transfers are not included if you wish to arrive early or stay behind.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people

Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents
 - Strictly valid for Children/infants 8 years old and over
- Please note:* Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding Configuration

Double or Twin Bedding (subject to availability).

Adjoining Rooms (Interconnecting Rooms)

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 2, maximum group size 40 per vehicle.

Optional Tours / Activities

Day 5: My Son Holy Land Tour - \$140 for 2 people

Day 8: Mekong Delta Day Tour - \$100 for 2 people

Please Note:

- prices are based on 2 people, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions.
- The optional tours listed above must be purchased on checkout or over the phone prior to submitting your passenger information form (subject to availability).
- In the case an optional tour is cancelled whilst in Vietnam, please contact NRMA reservations upon return to arrange reimbursement.
- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

EXCLUSIONS

- Visa fees and requirements (A tourist visa for Vietnam is a strict requirement if travelling on an Australian passport)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Recommended gratuities/tipping: \$10 AUD per person per day, which will be collected

whilst on tour

- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Mandatory)

***** Please Note:** A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TOUR GUIDE vs TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all NRMA travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

COACH TOUR

Meals:

Daily breakfast is included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. You can also enquire about any allergies and food and if necessary advise meals to be prepared with any medication you require.

Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and offloading of their luggage from the coach.

Gratuities:

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when

available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip for the tour leader and driver is \$10 AUD per person per day, which will be collected whilst on tour.

Fitness Level Required / Mobility:

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please note: a basic level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

VISAS

A tourist visa for Vietnam is a strict requirement if travelling on an Australian passport. For further information, please contact your travel consultant.

INSURANCE

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- 1st Change - \$100.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider.
- 2nd Change - \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider.
- Subsequent changes - \$250.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider.
- Changes within 30 days of departure \$350.00 person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider.
- Changes within 14 days of departure \$500.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

- If the incorrect name has been advised to NRMA, charges of \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/ other travel provider will apply.