



Vivid Vietnam

12 DAY NORTH TO SOUTH TOUR FROM HANOI, HALONG BAY, HUE, HOI AN, HO CHI MINH CITY TO THE MEKONG DELTA.

From
\$1999*

per person twin share

9 NIGHTS



At a glance

Experience the very best of Vietnam on this incredible north to south journey. Soak up the history of vibrant Ho Chi Minh City, see UNESCO sites including My Son Sanctuary, and enjoy an unforgettable overnight cruise on Ha Long Bay. With 8 nights' hotel accommodation, 16 meals, and return international flights, experiencing this amazing place has never been easier.

Fascinating history, vibrant culture, diverse scenery and mouth-watering cuisine – and that's a few reasons why Vietnam sits at the top of so many travel wish lists. Drive through scenic rice fields, take a boat ride along the Perfume River in Hue, visit the Thiên Mu Pagoda and much more on this journey to delight all the senses.

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Offer available for a limited time
or until sold out.



The itinerary

Day 1

Australia – Hanoi

Depart from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth for your flight to Hanoi, Vietnam. Fly with either Vietnam Airlines, Emirates, Malaysian Airlines or Singapore Airlines (subject to availability).

Please note: Some flights may depart the night before. Once you arrive you'll be picked up at Hanoi Airport and taken to your hotel.

Overnight: Hanoi (standard or premium hotel option).

Meals included: In flight.

Day 2

Hanoi – Ha Long Bay

Drive through scenic rice paddy fields to Ha Long Bay where you'll board a junk boat for a cruise among hundreds of beautiful islets. Enjoy a delicious lunch of fresh seafood before taking part in some afternoon activities like swimming, climbing to the top of a lookout for a panoramic view or hop in a row boat to a secluded bay. After, drop anchor for the night and sleep among the limestone peaks rising out of the sea.

Overnight: Traditional junk boat on Ha Long Bay.

Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Day 3

Ha Long Bay – Hanoi

If you're an early riser, enjoy a Tai Chi class on deck before breakfast and a visit to the 'Amazing Cave' grotto. Then, enjoy a short cooking class and learn how to make yummy local foods. Cruise through the limestone cliffs and emerald waters before enjoying lunch on board and returning back to Hanoi.

Overnight: Hanoi (standard or premium hotel option).

Meals included: Breakfast and lunch.

Day 4

Hanoi – Hue

Spend the day however you like before climbing aboard an overnight sleeper train to Hue.

Overnight: Air-conditioned sleeper train (4 berth cabin).

Meals included: Breakfast.

Day 5

Hue city tour and Perfume River

Early this morning you'll be taken to your hotel where you can enjoy breakfast before heading out on a tour of Hue's city. Take a morning cruise along the peaceful Perfume River to visit the Thiên Mu Pagoda and then visit the mausoleum of Emperor Tu Duc. In the afternoon, you'll head to the Imperial Citadel and the Dong Ba Market.

Hue: (standard or premium hotel option).

Meals included: Breakfast and lunch.

Day 6

Hue – Hoi An

After an early breakfast you'll be taken to Hoi An by bus. Once you arrive in this UNESCO World Heritage Town, you'll check in to your hotel and have the rest of the day to spend how you like.

Overnight: Hoi An (standard or premium hotel option).

Meals included: Breakfast.

Day 7

Hoi An – My Son tour

This morning you'll drive to My Son Sanctuary, a stunning UNESCO World Heritage Site that's 40km southwest of Hoi An. Located in a lush valley, My Son was once a capital and religious centre of the Cham people, and is now considered to be one of the greatest archaeological sites in southeast Asia. Enjoy a traditional lunch before heading back to your hotel.

Overnight: Hoi An (standard or premium hotel option).

Meals included: Breakfast and lunch.



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Day 8

Hoi An – Ho Chi Minh City

Enjoy some free time after breakfast before boarding your flight to Ho Chi Minh City.

Overnight: Ho Chi Minh City (standard or premium hotel option).

Meals included: Breakfast.

Day 9

Cu Chi tunnels

This morning you'll be taken to the Cu Chi tunnels, an underground network of tunnels constructed by Vietnamese fighters during the struggle for independence. After the tour you'll have the afternoon to spend how you like.

+It took about 25 years to build this underground city, which has living rooms, kitchens, hospitals, weapon factories, storage facilities and a command centre. The tunnel system was an excellent way for the Vietcong to move around the countryside undetected by the Americans and home to around 10,000 people who lived underground for several years.

Overnight: Ho Chi Minh City (standard or premium hotel option).

Meals included: Breakfast.

Day 10

Ho Chi Minh City – My Tho

This morning you'll head to the city of My Tho by bus. Use the trip to admire the beautiful scenery of vibrant green rice paddies and traditional village life. Stop off at Ben Luc in Long An province to visit a Cao Dai temple before taking a boat trip along the Mekong River. You'll be able to get a taste for local life as you view traditional fish cages and floating houses. Then, cruise through secluded Xep Canal, disembarking at a small islet where you can visit a local family and enjoy a traditional musical performance

by the villagers. Have lunch in a local restaurant before returning to Ho Chi Minh City.

Overnight: Ho Chi Minh City (standard or premium hotel option).

Meals included: Breakfast and lunch.

Day 11

Homeward bound

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel and some free time before heading to the airport for your flight home. If your flight departs early, breakfast will be arranged for you to pick up at the hotel reception the night before.

Meals included: Breakfast and lunch.

Day 12

Arrive in Australia



Inclusions

Highlights

- Experience the culture of Hanoi, Hue, Hoi An and Ho Chi Minh City.
- Sail through the limestone cliffs of Ha Long Bay.
- Explore Hanoi free at leisure.
- See the sights on a Hue city tour.
- Take a boat cruise on the Perfume River.
- See the sacred ruins of My Son Sanctuary.
- Enjoy leisure time in Hoi An.
- Explore the historical Cú Chi Tunnels.
- Enjoy an afternoon free at leisure in Ho Chi Minh City.
- Admire the beautiful scenery in My Tho.
- Cruise along the scenic Mekong River.
- Visit a traditional Vietnamese village.
- Discover UNESCO world heritage sites.

Flights

- Return flights from SYD/MEL/BNE/ADL/PER.
- One internal flight: Da Nang – Ho Chi Minh City.

Cruise

- 1 night cruising beautiful Ha Long Bay.
- Sail aboard a traditional Vietnamese junk boat.

Accommodation

- 8 nights hotel accommodation.
- 1 night on an A/C sleeper train from Hanoi – Hue.

Dining

- Enjoy 16 meals.

Tour essentials

- All sightseeing entrance fees.
- Professional English-speaking guide.
- Airline taxes and surcharges.

Transport

- Transportation by A/C vehicles.

Transfers

- Private airport transfers.



Things you should know

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 72 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 suppliers standard 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 the NRMA (unless otherwise stated).

Offer essentials

- Travel offer is valid for travel until the 21st May 2018.
- Travel offer is valid for one person based on twin share.

Single supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement applies

- Standard package: \$480.
- Premium package: \$750.

Departure dates

2017

- Nov: 6th*

2018

- Feb: 19th*
- May: 7th & 21st

Surcharges

Dates/months with a * incur a Vietnam high season surcharge of \$150 per person.

Departure cities

Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth.

Flights

Airline(s) used

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

Arrive early in Hanoi (not available between 1st December 2017 – 31st January 2018)

\$200 per person/voucher 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

\$200 per person/voucher 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:

- All upgrades are subject to availability – please request a quote from your consultant or include the request on your passenger information form.



Things you should know

Accommodation

Standard packages

3 star (self-rated)

- Hanoi: Angel Palace Hotel or Flower Hotel or Hanoi City Palace Hotel.
- Ha Long Bay: Majestic Cruise.
- Inle Lake: Hue: Duy Tan Hotel.
- Hoi An: The Like Hotel or Kim An Hotel.
- Ho Chi Minh City: Le Duy Hotel or Signature Saigon Hotel.

Premium packages

4 star (self-rated)

- Hanoi: Chalcedony Hotel or Flower Garden Hotel.
- Ha Long Bay: Majestic Cruise.
- Hue: Romance Hotel.
- Hoi An: Hoi An Riverside Hotel.
- Ho Chi Minh City: 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): \$75 per room including breakfast.
- Ho Chi Minh City (post tour): \$75 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 based on room only and 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

Standard room: 2 adults and 1 child (in existing bedding).

Family room: 2 adults and 2 children (with one child in existing bedding and one child on a rollaway bed).

Family room upgrade

Standard package: \$450 per family/tour (max. 2 x adults and 2 x children).

Premium package: \$550 per family/tour (max. 2 x adults and 2 x children).

Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Strictly valid for children/infants 2 years old and over.
- Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel.
- No unaccompanied minors allowed.

Adjoining rooms

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

Triple Share

No discounts apply for 3rd person travelling. Full price applies, subject to availability.

General tour information

Minimum group size 15, maximum group size 25 per vehicle.

Optional tours and activities

*Train upgrade to private cabin: (max. 4 beds per cabin).

- \$100 per bed.

Please note: upgrades are subject to availability until the time of booking.



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*Flight upgrade Hanoi to Hue (instead of overnight train)

Includes flight, transfers, and one extra night in Hue

- Standard package: \$180 per person/voucher.
- Premium package: \$200 per person/voucher.

Please note: upgrades are subject to availability until the time of booking.

Other important information

Meals

Daily breakfast is included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour manager 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 manager and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip for the tour manager and driver is \$10 AUD per person per day, which will be collected by the tour manager whilst on tour.

Fitness level required and mobility

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

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

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 per person/day.
- Optional activities and tours.
- Personal expenses.
- Travel insurance (mandatory).

Please note: A comprehensive travel insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised with the NRMA.

Visas

A tourist visa is required for Vietnam if travelling on an Australian passport.

- Vietnam visa support letter will be provided on request for \$15 USD per person payable direct to the merchant. Your Vietnam visa will be arranged at the border for \$25 USD per person.
- Visas must be arranged in USD currency at the border with 2 passport size photos.
- Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or a visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.

Schedule of fees

Voluntary changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring airline ticket or travel voucher 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.



Things you should know

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 the NRMA, charges of \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/other travel provider will apply.