



VERY VIETNAM (10DAYS) FAM TRIP

(10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS) 15th - 24th September, 2018

Hanoi: 2nights | Halong Bay: 1 night | Hoi An: 2 nights | Saigon: 3nights | Mekong Delta: 1 night



Key Experiences:

- Enjoy a cyclo ride through the bustling Old Quarter
- Cruise on the emerald seas of Halong Bay for stunning water vistas
- Enjoy the old world ambiance of delightful Hoi An
- Interact with local in Mekong Delta homestay.
- Infiltrate the secret underground network of the Vietcong at Cu Chi Tunnels
- Savor the best of street food in Saigon on motorbike.

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ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Day	Itinerary
Day 1	15 th Sep 18 (Sat) Hanoi Arrival
Day 2	16 th Sep 18 (Sun) Hanoi City Tour (Breakfast, Lunch)
Day 3	17 th Sep, 18 (Mon) Hanoi - Halong Bay Cruise (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)
Day 4	18 th Sep, 18 (Tue) Halong Bay - Hanoi, fly to Hoi An (Breakfast, Brunch)
Day 5	19 th Sep, 18 (Wed) Tra Que Village & Hoi An Walk-in Tour (Breakfast, Lunch)
Day 6	20 th Sep, 18 (Thu) Hoi An - Danang, fly to Saigon & Cu Chi Tunnels (Breakfast, Lunch)
Day 7	21 st Sep, 18 (Fri) Saigon City & Food Tour (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)
Day 8	22 nd Sep, 18 (Sat) Mekong Delta: Cai Lay & Homestay (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)
Day 9	23 rd Sep, 18 (Sun) Cai Be, back to Saigon (Breakfast, Lunch)
Day 10	24 th Sep, 18 (Mon) Saigon Departure (Breakfast)

ITINERARY IN DETAIL

Day 1: 15th Sep 18 (Sat) Hanoi Arrival

Arrive in Hanoi and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure. Overnight in Hanoi.

Day 2: 16th Sep 18 (Sun) Hanoi City Tour (Breakfast, Lunch)

Begin the morning with a visit to the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum to hear about the man who led Vietnam's campaign for independence from French colonial rule. After dedicating his life to the liberation of his country from foreign rule, Ho Chi Minh died in 1969 and his body was preserved for posterity. Continue to visit the Temple of Literature, which was built in homage to the Chinese scholar Confucius. Stop at the University of Vietnam built in 1076 and then the Hanoi Hilton prison.

After lunch visit Bat Trang village which is about 45mins drive from Hanoi and has been producing many high quality ceramics for many years. Here you will have chance to learn about the life of local people and also make some ceramic products. Return to Hanoi and enjoy a cyclo ride through the busting Old Quarter, visit the Lake of the Returned Sword and Ngoc Son Temple. Overnigh in Hanoi.







Hoan Kiem Lake, the little lake in the old part of Hanoi

Day 3: 17th Sep, 18 (Wed) Hanoi - Halong Bay Cruise (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

After breakfast at hotel, transfer to Halong Bay, which is about 160 km or 3.5-hour drive away. On the way, you will see some rural areas of the Red River Delta with plenty of chances to take photos of Vietnamese farmers working in paddy fields. Arrive in Halong City at 11:30 AM and check in aboard the booked junk right after the welcome drink is served. Start cruising while having lunch on board and enjoy the mighty bay view. Halong Bay meaning Descending Dragon Bay in Vietnamese as legend has it that it was where a holly dragon landed down from sky. The bay, famous as one of the world's wonders and heritage sites whose formation dates back 500 million years, consists of around 2,000 karst islands and islets scattered over an area of 1,553 km2. The bay cruise will continue with up close sighting of Dinh Huong Island, Ga Choi Island, Dog Island, Sail Island, a visit to Sung Sot Cave and swimming stop at Titov Beach. Relax to enjoy the bay view at sunset, have dinner then you can join night fishing at 09:00 PM and spend a night on board.



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Halong Bay - Tourist Junks and Floating village

Day 4: 18th Sep, 18 (Tue) Halong Bay - Hanoi, fly to Hoi An (Breakfast, Brunch)

In the morning, refresh your body and mind with a Tai Chi exercise on the sundeck at the break of dawn. Have tea and coffee onboard and continue exploring Ha Long Bay sailing across its 2000 islets and visiting some of its major highlights. Normally, check out at 10:30, have brunch while cruising back to shore. Disembark at 12:00 AM to transfer to Hanoi airport for the flight to Danang. Upon arrival, pick up by guide and transfer to hotel. Overnight in Hoi An.

Day 5: 19th Sep, 18 (Wed) Tra Que Village & Hoi An Walk-in Tour (Breakfast, Lunch)

Breakfast at hotel. Then we will take a bike trip to Tra Que Vegetable Village. Here, you will enjoy glasses of herbal tea and take a short tour around the vegetable gardens to see many different kinds of vegetables planted in the gardens. Back inside the local house for 15 minutes foot massage. Continue riding bicycle along village path to see daily activities of local farmers, capture natural view of country side, riding Buffalo. Cooking class will be taught by professional chef how to make 2 dishes Banh Xeo and Tra Que Spring Rolls. Enjoy Vietnamese Lunch at the vegatalbe village.

Then back to Hoi An Town for walk-in tour, explore the ancient city of Hoi An which former name's Faifo where there were a lot of Chinese living together with the Japanese and Vietnamese, the highlights will be Japanese Covered Bridge, Phung Hung Ancient Trading House, Phuoc Kien Temple, the Cantonese congregation, silk street in Hoi an, the temples and pagodas of Chinese appearance. Overnight in Hoi An.



Hoi An, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is a major touristic destination in Central Vietnam



Day 6: 20th Sep, 18 (Thu) Hoi An - Danang, fly to Saigon & Cu Chi Tunnels (Breakfast, Lunch)

9:15 guide pick up and transfer to Danang airport for flight to Saigon. 11:55, guide pick up in Saigon, have lunch at local restaurant. Then drive to Cu Chi Tunnels. We then spend time exploring the maze of tunnels including innumerable trap doors, storage facilities, weapons factories, field hospitals, command centers and kitchens. These tunnels consisted of many 'moving parts' making them a livable structure for long periods of time. 16:00 We then drive back to Saigon and end the Cu Chi Tunnels tour. Check in hotel, free time for rest. Overnight in Saigon.

Day 7: 21st Sep, 18 (Fri) Saigon City & Food Tour (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Breakfast at hotel. 8:30 am, we start this day tour by a visit to The Reunification Palace. This is one of the most important buildings in the city. Continue to The Post Office Center for the best examples of classical French colonial architecture in Saigon, Notre Dame Cathedral and War Remnants Museum, which formerly known as the Museum of American War Crimes. Lunch at local restaurant. In the afternoon, we will go to Thien Hau Pagoda, and Binh Tay Market. Come back to your hotel around 5:00 pm. 17:30 PM Tour guide from Food Tour will pick up you at hotel for explore Saigon by night on bike. End at 22:00. Overnight in Saigon.



Saigon, Praying of local poeple

Day 8: 22nd Sep, 18 (Sat) Mekong Delta: Cai Lay & Homestay (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Depart from Saigon, we drive via Mekong Delta paddle fields. En-route, stop for visit Pineapple Workshop and learn how pineapple products are made here while enjoying sample pineapple jam and candies. Next, stop by or stroll along the way where local family craftsmen workshops make straw bags, boats, incense and mushrooms... You will be welcome by very friendly people and get to explore life as it has traditionally been. Arrive at Thien Ho market and get on boat. Get off bus at this Mekong town market and walk around to take a look at local lifestyle while stretching your





body a bit before getting on a boat to tour around the area. While boating, stop by some places to visit a fish farm, a rice process factory and a plantation. Lunch at local house, then heading to homestay. You will visit the vegetable garden and gather the vegetables for your dinner. You yourself will prepare your own dinner with the help of local host. Stay overnight at the home-stay. Overnight in Cai Be.



Mekong Delta, Happy childhood of the Vietnamese children

Day 9: 23rd Sep, 18 (Sun) Cai Be, back to Saigon (Breakfast, Lunch)

fter breakfast, our guide will guide you to explore more the Tan Phong Island by bike. You will visit kinder garden if it is school day. Stopping at a local farmer's house to learn how to make Jackfruit leafs cake and then cycling to Bonsai garden and talking to him to understand how local farmers take care for their gardens, then try plucking the fruits and tasting them. After cycling back to Mekong Rustic, taking short rest and check-out at about 11:00. Then the small boat will transfer you back to the tourist boat Cai Be for driving back to Saigon. Check in hotel for rest. Overnight in Saigon.

Day 10 : 24th Sep, 18 (Mon) **Saigon Departure (Breakfast)** Breakfast at hotel. Free time till guide pick up at hotel for flight back home. (if your flight late afternoon, we will have meeting at Footsteps Indochina's office)





CONDITIONS & RATES

ACCOMMODATION

DESTINATION	4 *
Hanoi	La Casa Hotel
(02 nights)	http://lacasahotel.com.vn
Halong	Pelican Cruise
(01 night)	http://www.pelicancruise.com
Hoi An	Little Hoi An Central
(02 nights)	http://littlehoiancentral.com
Ho Chi Minh	Liberty Riverside Saigon
(03 nights)	http://odysseahotels.com/riverside-hotel
Mekong Delta	Mekong Rustic
(1 night)	http://www.mekongrustic.com/

Tour Price NETT (US Dollars) – based on twin sharing and excluding domestic or international flights

(Minimum 2 Pax, Maximum 8 Pax)

**Deadline of booking: Not later than 31 August, 18

Non-Travel Industy (in twin share)	Selected Travel Industry (in twin share)
\$1,550 USD per person	<mark>\$650 USD</mark> per person
Extra: \$750 USD per pesron in Single Room	Extra: \$375 USD per pesron in Single Room

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Additional Airfares - NETT (US Dollars) (Vietnam Airlines flights in Y Class)

ROUTE	US Dollars per way per person
HAN / DAD / SGN	USD 190 per person

Note: Flights are economy class and one way, and are subject to availability at time of booking.

Airfares, taxes and conditions are subject to change without prior notice until the ticket has been issued.

Our services include:

- Hotel/cruise accommodation with daily breakfast
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B= Breakfast, L= Lunch, D= Dinner)
- Tours and transfers by private air-conditioned vehicles with English speaking local guide
- Entrance fees for all visits mentioned
- Boat trips as mentioned in the itinerary
- Bottled water in the vehicles

Our services exclude:

- Vietnam visa arrangements (a visa to Vietnam is compulsory for almost all nationalities, except those nationalities that are visa exempt)
- Drinks not mentioned in the program
- Domestic airfares (see prices quoted separately below)
- Meals not mentioned in the program
- International flights from/ to Vietnam
- Camera/video entrance fees
- Personal expenses (laundry, telephone, drinks, tip...)
- Travel insurance (*)



(*) It is recommended for travelers to Vietnam to have fully comprehensive travel insurance which covers the cost of medical evacuation flight in need. A travel insurance policy is best purchased in your country of origin/residence and cannot be purchased on arrival.

Note

- Minimum number of **two (02)** participants required for the main tour of the FAM to operate. Participants will be informed at least one month before departure date if the minimum number has not been reached.
- Hotel selection, flights and itinerary is subject to change.