



# Classic Vietnam

Duration: 12 days / 11 nights

Overview: Hanoi - Halong - Hue - Hoian - Saigon - Mekong



### Key Experiences:

- Discover the colonial charm of Hanoi
- Cruise on the emerald seas of Halong Bay for stunning water vistas
- Immerse yourself in the dynastical architecture of Hue
- Enjoy the old world ambiance of delightful Hoi An
- Discover the lush Mekong Delta, the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam'
- Infiltrate the secret underground network of the Vietcong at Cu Chi Tunnels
- Savor the best of street food in Saigon on motorbike.



### Day 1: Hanoi Arrival ✂

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

### Day 2: Hanoi City Tour 🚗

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 the Quan Thanh Temple which is dedicated to the Gods to protect the north of the city and afterwards visit another 11th century relic, 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 Hoa Lo (Hanoi Hilton) prison.

After lunch visit Ethnology Museum which focuses on the 54 officially recognised ethnic groups in Vietnam. This is also the biggest and the most interesting museum in Vietnam. Enjoy cyclo ride through the bustling Old Quarter, visit the Lake of the Returned Sword and Ngoc Son Temple at the late evening of the day Overnight in Hanoi.

### Day 3: Hanoi - Halong Bay Cruise 🚢

After breakfast leave Hanoi for an overnight boat trip on Halong Bay. Journey there through the rich farmlands of the Red River Delta, observing everyday life of Vietnamese villagers along the way.. Arrive in Halong City late morning and board the boat for the overnight journey into the Bay. Lunch will be served en route, whilst cruising along the bay's iconic limestone formations. Towards the end of the day set anchor for the night. As the sun sets over

the bay, dinner is served on board with fresh seafood, salads, and fruits.

### Day 4: Halong Bay - Hanoi - Fly To Hue ✂

For early risers, complimentary tea and coffee are served on the sundeck followed by a Tai Chi class. On the cruise back to Halong City, enjoy a wholesome brunch as the boat weaves back to port through strange-shaped limestone rock formations. Upon disembarkation, the guide will pick up and provide a private transfer to airport for fly to Hue.

### Day 5: Hue City Tour 🚗

Take a morning boat cruise on the peaceful Perfume River to visit the Thien Mu Pagoda and then take a car to the poetic mausoleum of Emperor Khai Dinh. In the afternoon, proceed to visit the Imperial Citadel and the Dong Ba Market. The spectacular Citadel

houses a series of palaces, ornate halls, libraries, residences and colleges. Overnight in Hue.

### Day 6: Hue, Drive To Hoi An 🚗

Drive along the coast and via mountain passes to Hoi An with a stop en route at the photogenic village of Lang Co Beach. Visit the Cham Museum in Danang which houses the world's finest collection of Cham artworks before proceeding to Hoi An. Visit Phuc Kien Assembly Hall, the 400-year-old Japanese Covered Bridge and the vibrant riverside market The rest of the day is at your leisure to explore the town. Overnight in Hoi An.

### Day 7: Hoi An At Free Day

Breakfast at hotel. Free time and overnight in Hoi An.

## Day 8: Hoi An, Fly To Saigon & Cu Chi Tunnels ✂

Guide pick up and transfer to Danang airport for flight to Saigon. 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. We then drive back to Saigon and end the Cu Chi Tunnels tour. Check in hotel, free time for rest. Overnight in Saigon.

## Day 9: Saigon City & Food Tour 🚗

Breakfast at hotel. 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. Explore Saigon by night on bike. Overnight in Saigon.

## Day 10: Mekong Delta: Cai Lay - Can Tho 🚗 🚢

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 Can Tho for overnight. Check in hotel and overnight in Can Tho.

## Day 11: Can Tho, Drive To Saigon 🚗

After breakfast at the hotel take a boat trip to the Cai Rang floating market. Here, each boat usually sells one particular item, whether it be pumpkins, pineapples or sugar cane. To alert customers where to shop, vendors hang that item from the highest part of the boat. Back to Saigon.

## Day 12: Saigon Departure ✂

Free until transfer to Tan Son Nhat Airport for your departure.





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