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DAY 1 [Wed 12 September 2018]: Arrive Hanoi[Guide/D]

Noi Bai airport - Hanoi (38km): 1 hour



Upon arrival at Hanoi's Noi Bai International Airport, you will be greeted by your guide and transferred to your hotel. This is Vietnam's capital and celebrated its anniversary of 1,000 years in 2010.

Historical emphasis on the arts and learning stipulates that buildings in Hanoi remain small, simple and in harmony with nature. You will have the afternoon at your leisure before an evening welcome dinner at a local restaurant and an overnight stay in Hanoi.

Overnight in Hanoi.

DAY 2 [Thu 13 September 2018]: Hanoi City Tour - Water Puppet - Foodie Walking Tour [Guide/B/L/D]







Hanoi is Vietnam's artistic and intellectual capital. At 08:00 am you will have a full day to visit Hanoi's main cultural attractions, including the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, his House on Stilts, the One Pillar Pagoda, the Fine Arts Museum, the Temple of Literature and the Ethnology Museum.

You will explore the fascinating Old Quarter and its hundreds of specialty shops, selling silk clothing, lacquer ware, embroidered linens, furniture, bamboo, cooking utensils, ceremonial objects and more. Then, enjoy people watching in one of the city's many stylish cafes.















You will enjoy a traditional Vietnamese water puppet show at 17:30 before an overnight stay in Hanoi.



18.00 pm - 18.30 pm: You will move to the Hanoi Old Quarter Area to start the journey discovering the local food world and local life of Hanoi.

Then we will walk through streets in Hanoi Old Quarter while listening to our professional English-speaking tour guide introducing the culture and the daily life in the evening of the local there.



The first course of our food discovering journey is "Nom Bo Kho" (dry beef salad), a very tasty and favorite food of the Hanoian before you take some steps to tasting "Nem Ran" (Spring Roll) voted as one of Top Ten greatest street foods in Hanoi for tourist to enjoy.













During the tour, you not only have a chance to enjoy wonderful local foods but also get the instruction from our tour guide about the ingredients and the process to make this local tasty dish.



Continue to explore the street culinary world in Hanoi by walking to Ma May Street to enjoy "Pho Cuon" (Stuffed pancake), one of Top Ten local foods of Hanoi which any tourist should try once when visiting this city. Get the chance to visit Hai Thuong Lan Ong Street and learn how traditional medicine was made and used there.

We will have a short walking discovery Hanoi life by night and enjoy "Pho"- the most famous food of the Vietnamese before visiting "Nha Tho Lon" (St. Joseph's Cathedral) to see the architectural style of this place which is described as resembling Notre Dame de Paris.



One more local food you will taste during the tour is "Banh Mi" (Vietnamese Sandwich), the pride of Vietnamese cuisine that has recently surged in popularity worldwide.

The last taste of Hanoi local food tour we would like to offer you is a famous Vietnamese coffee - "Ca Phe Trung" (egg coffee).













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09.00 pm: Turn back to the meeting place - say goodbye.

Overnight in Hanoi

DAY 3 [Fri 14 September 2018]: Hanoi - Swimming and Overnight in Halong Bay[Guide/B/L/D]

Hanoi - Halong Bay (225km): 3 hours



7.30 - 19.30 Our mini van will come to pick you up at your hotel in Hanoi centre around 7.30 am. Drive to Halong City. Enjoy the landscape of the Red River Delta country side. Stopover at Hai Duong province for refreshment about 30 minutes Arrive at Tuan Chau island - Take break and welcome drink at Pelican Halong Cruise Lounge. Transfer to Pelican **Halong Cruise**

Welcome drink - receive cruise briefing, safety instructions and check in. Start cruising and explore Halong Bay - one of the New Seven Wonders of Nature. Enjoy buffet lunch with Vietnamese dishes served while cruising through the bay, passing the most beautiful and quiet areas, such as Incense Burner, Dog Stone Islet, Fighting Cock, Soi Sim beach, Coconut Three Island



Visiting Tung Sau area, is covered by the leaping rocks, cultured pearl fishery. You can wit











yourself the process of the jewel, from culturing to harvesting and sculpting, Moreover, you have a chance to do kayaking based on your preference. Enjoy busy space with pearl maker, you can experience the completion of pearl.

Visiting the beautiful Ti Top beach for swimming (if the weather permits), Ti Top Beach is especially famous for its fresh atmosphere, clean water, and smooth white sand that create a great ambiance for tourists to relax or passengers can take steps to reach on the top of Ti Top beach to have a whole panorama view of Halong Bay. Back to the boat and free time while sailing to Luon Bo area, and anchor overnight.

Option: Massage service available. Please book with Cruise Manager directly



19.30 – 23.00 Attend the Cooking class on sundeck – How to make Vietnamese spring rolls traditional Vietnamese food. Then enjoy Happy Hour (Buy one drink-get one free). It is time for chit chat and relaxing. Watch the magnificent sunset over Halong Bay. Dinner - Deluxe Vietnamese BBQ Set Menu Dinner.



Evening activities include: Leisure time to enjoy a chat around the bar, watching movies and many sort of Vietnam cultural films, relaxing and spending a romantic night on Pelican Halong Cruise's music, playing cards, chess are available, reading magazines in room and dining room. You may also try your luck at squid fishing & fishing from the boat.

Overnight on Halong Bay cruise.





DAY 4 [Sat 15 September 2018]: Tai Chi In The Hidden Beauty of the Bay – Sung Sot Grotto - Hanoi - Fly Hue [Guide/BR]

Halong - Hanoi (183km): 3h30 Hanoi - Hue (700km): 1h10 by plane



06.00 - 08.00 The day starts early onboard with Tai Chi session on the sundeck. Tai chi also called Tai chi chuan, combines deep breathing and relaxation with slow and gentle movements. Coffee, tea and pastries for breakfast are served in the dining room with morning view of bay's landscape.

08.00 - 11.30 Transfer by tender to Sung Sot Cave. Walk up about 100 steps to the cave entrance. It takes approximately 45 minutes for cave visiting. Visit Sung Sot Cave, one of the most biggest cave in Halong bay with beautiful stalactites and stalagmites. Return to the boat by tender. Proper shoes are highly recommended.



12.00 - 17.00 Back to Pelican Halong Cruise. Check out and settle your bill at reception.

Have a buffet brunch while cruising back to the Tuan Chau Wharf. Relaxing on the sundeck or in the dining room enjoying the bay scenery while approaching the wharf. Disembark to Tuan Chau Wharf. Say goodbye to the crew. Driver ahead to Hanoi's airport by private car to take a short flight to Hue.













Pick up at Hue's airport upon arrival then transfer to the down town for check-in your hotel

DAY 5 [Sun 16 September 2018]: Hue Imperial Citadel Visitting [Guide/B/L]







08:00 am Today you will explore this fabulous city starting with a visit to the Citadel, containing the Imperial City and the Forbidden Purple City, the Emperor's private residence.

The Imperial City was created in the 19th century and modeled on the Forbidden City in Beijing and there are many palaces and temples inside.



You will also visit the Imperial Museum, Tu Hieu Pagoda and the vibrant Dong Ba Riverside market. To round off the day's activities, you will visit one of Hue's fine restaurants to sample some of its local delicacies, as Hue is regarded by many as the culinary capital of Vietnam.

Overnight in Hue.

Services included:

- Private transfer
- English speaking guide
- Lunch Jardin Carambole

DAY 6 [Mon 17 September 2018]: Hue - Danang - Hoi An [Guide/B/L]

Hue - Danang (94km): 2h10 Danang - Hoi An (29km): 45 minutes















Rising up in the ancient land, enjoy your breakfast in the hotel. Then at 08:00 am, board a private boat for cruising the romantic Perfume River, visit Lady Pagoda (Thien Mu Pagoda), the ornate Minh Mang's tomb. We will enjoy lunch at local restaurant at 12:30 pm. Leave the UNESCO-designated World Heritage Hue for Hoi An.



13:30 You will travel over the Hai Van pass, stop in Danang for a visit to the Cham Museum and handicraft villages on the foot of Marble Mountain before arriving in Hoi An. Once in $\mbox{\sc Hoi}$ An, you will check into our hotel and have some free time to explore the town before an overnight stay.

Overnight in Hoi An

DAY 7 [Tue 18 September 2018]: Hoi An - My Son Holy Land Excursion - Hoi An [Guide/B/L



Located 60 km. from Da Nang, 150 km. from Hue and 75km from Hoi An, My Son is the former capital of the ancient Cham civilization that ruled Central Vietnam from the second







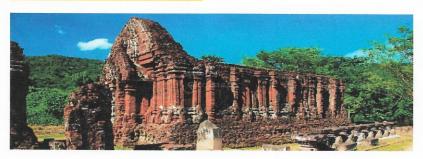






to the thirteenth century, with Hindu temples and intricate religious monuments, and it's a remarkable place to learn about the unique Champa culture. Their religion was primarily derived from Indian Hinduism. My Son is considered to be one of the best-preserved Cham structures in Vietnam. The complex is comprised of seventy Hindu-like towers and temples dating from the second century. This site is a Must-See for those people who are interested in architecture and ancient civilizations and is now one of five UNESCO World Heritage sites in Vietnam.

Depature: 7:30 - 7:45am & Finish: 14:30pm



Am: Our guide picks you up at hotel and leave Hoi An to board a coach for My Son Sanctuary. You'll have great views of the Hoi An river, Cham Islands, and the mountains on the 2-hour trip to My Son, with a pause to see the market at a rural fishing village.

Upon arrival at My Son, the ruins of Cham people and was an imperial city during Cham dynasty. Then follow a guide into the Cham ruins, walking a short path edged with lush jungle.



Here you can have more chance to explore and understand of technique of Old Cham people in making red bricks to build Tower which still now a secret to everyone, you can see a large complex of religious relics that comprises more than 65 architectural works.

It also surprises for those who are curious with architectural art. In 1999, UNESCO labeled the Cham architecture in My Son as a World Cultural Heritage Site. You'll have two hours to explore My Son Sanctuary before the return trip to Hoi An.















At 14:00 you will enjoy a half-day walking tour through the narrow winding streets of the Ancient Quarter visiting Chua Ong Pagoda, Chinese Assembly Halls, the 200- year old Tam Ky ancestral house, and the Japanese Bridge. Following the tour there will be free time to shop or relax. You will stay overnight in Hoi An.

Overnight in Hoi An

Services included:

- Private transfer
- English speaking guide
- Lunch Brother Café Restaurant

DAY 8 [Wed 19 September 2018]: Hoi An - Ba Na Hills - Golden Bridge - Fly to Ho Chi Minh City [Guide/B/L]

FLIGHT Vietnam Airlines 123 at 12:15 - 13:45

Hoi An – Ba Na (65km): 2hours Ba Na – Danang Airport (40km): 1h40 Danang - Ho Chi Minh City (965km): 1 hour by plane

08:00 You will begin tour to visit Ba Na Hills- King Mountain, also known as the second DaLat/ Sapa in Central.



The beautiful weather here is always cool. Here you will visit a golden bridge shimmers against the Ba Na Hills, supported by a pair of giant hands, the Daring Bridge.













Services included:

- Private transfer
- English speaking guide
- Lunch at local restaurant

DAY 9 [Thu 20 September 2018]: Mekong Delta Excursion to Ben Tre[Guide/B/L]

Ho Chi Minh - My Tho (70km): 1h30 My Tho - Ben Tre (38km): 1 hour



Ben Tre is the best option for a day trip to the Mekong Delta from Saigon, since it is only around 2 hours away, and 15 minutes from My Tho. However, this wonderful destination retains an authenticity which has been somewhat lessened in nearby My Tho.

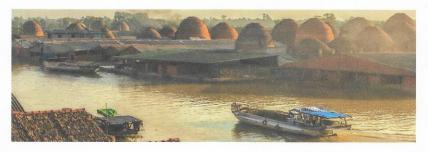
This picturesque and friendly Mekong Delta town has historically seen very few travelers, but the recent opening of a bridge connecting Ben Tre and My Tho has made it far easier for day trippers to visit from Saigon.



Our one day cruise excursion starts at 8:00 am from the lobby of your hotel in Saigon with a drive to Ben Tre. On arrival in Ham Luong river pier.

Cruse on Bến Tre river exploring the lively activities along river as fishing, water transfering, and you'll see plenty of coconuts being unloaded from boats for dispatch around the country.





Stop to see how people make bricks making in handy traditional style by printing and baking. Then visite one of plenty of coconut processing workshops located along canal. Turn on natural scissors creeks where they look smaller and smaller to go to village.

Boat to Cai Sơn and Nhơn Thạnh natual scissors creeks where they look smaller and smaller to go to village. to see some family making mats and enjoying some fruits and tea.

Take bicycle on shady paths, pass by green fields and vegetable plains to know how culture in country and to be able to touch on realy life and find out about tropical culture from Peasants.



12h.30 pm Stop at Mr. Hai Hồ for lunch. In the afternoon, take rowing-boat along water palm creek.

2h.30 pm Back to HCM city or take Cổ Chiên ferries to Tra Vinh or Cần Thơ.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City

DAY 10 [Fri 21 September 2018]: Cu Chi Tunnels - Ho Chi Minh City[Guide/B/I]

Hoi An - Danang (29km): 45 minutes



















08:30 am (or 13:00) pick-up at your hotel in Ho Chi Minh City you enjoy a half day excursion to the famous Cu Chi tunnels. This network of tunnels, which stretched for over 200km, became legendary during the 1960s.

Cu Chi tunnels played a vital part in the U.S.-Vietnam War in that they allowed the Viet Cong to control a large rural area only 30 to 40 km from former Saigon .



At its height, the tunnel system stretched from Saigon to the Cambodian border. The network, parts of which were several levels deep, included innumerable trap doors, specially constructed living areas, storage facilities, weapons factories, field hospitals, command centres and kitchens.

Today the remaining tunnels have become a major tourist attraction giving the visitor a unique experience and feel of what underground life during the war must have been like. The tunnels have been widened for our benefit (otherwise we would not be able to enter them!) For those interested there's even the opportunity to try an AK47 or MK16 at the nearby rifle range.



After lunch in Cu Chi, you will back to Ho Chi Minh for afternoon halfday tour. There are several interesting sights in HCMC. The War Remnants Museum has a wealth of images from the wars, the most moving being a gallery entitled 'Requiem' which is dedicated to













09:45 You will admire the high by the most modem cable car system in Southeast Asia which gains 5 world scores to Ba Na hills station. You will visit Dream Stream Cable car Station.



After finishing the first cable car, you will stop at By Night station to visit Vong Nguyet hills, French old villas, Linh Ung pagoda. You will see the panorama of Danang City. Continue moving up by cable car to the Nui Chua Mountain - the top of Ba Na range, visiting Nginh Phong top, Le Nim Villas, Orchid Garden...

Experience hill climbing train (first and unique funicular in Vietnam) and visit an old French cellar (Debay Ancient Wine Cellar), flower garden Le Jardin D'amour.



10:15 Time for visitting Daring Bridge or play game at the Fantasy Park, – the third biggest indoor games zone in Vietnam with series of interesting games: 4 - 5D film, skiver, The death race, dinosaur park... (2 hours).

11:30 Explore King Peak at an altitude 1.487m, you can see panorama view of the Hana Hills and Quang Nam - Da Nang on high. On the top of mountain have Linh Tu Pagoda that is a special temple construction. You will leave Ba Na Hills at 15:30 then drive ahead to Danang Airport for a flight Ho Chi Minh City.













Vietnamese and foreign journalists and photographers who perished during the French and American conflicts.



The Reunification Palace was the former residence of the President of South Vietnam until April 30, 1975 when the North Vietnamese tanks came crashing through the front gates, bringing the U.S.-Vietnam War to a dramatic end.

Close to the palace some of the best examples of French colonial architecture are represented in the forms of Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office.



Notre Dame Cathedral was built between 1877 and 1883 and the stone used to create it was exported in its entirety from France. Next to the cathedral stands the Central Post Office, finished in 1891. It is another fine example of French architecture and is Vietnam 's largest post office. For all its French colonial history though, Ho Chi Minh City is by far and away Vietnam 's most modern city. It has numerous shopping malls, cinemas, discotheques and a bewildering number of bars.

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City

DAY 11 [Sat 22 September 2018]: Ho Chi Minh - Fly to Seam Reap [Guide/B/L]











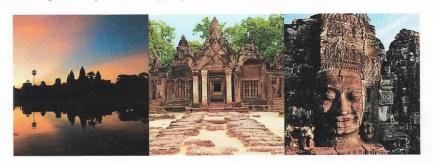


Leave Cu Chi tunnels and transfer ahead the airport of Ho Chi Minh City for a flight to Seam Reap of Cambodia, your base for visiting the fabulous ancient sites of Angkor, one of the wonders of world.

The grandeur of this bygone civilization is truly astounding. Warmly welcome at Siem Reap International airport, you are met and transfer to your comfortable hotel. Free. At leisure.

Overnight in Siem Reap

DAY 12 [Sun 23 September 2018]: Angkor Complex Sightseeing [Guide/B/D]



Today you visit the antique capital of Angkor Thom (12 century), the South Gate with its huge statues depicting the churning of the ocean of the Bayon Temple, unique for its 54 towers decorated with over 200 smiling faces of Avolokitesvara, the Phimeanakas, the Royal Enclosure, the Elephants Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King.

In the afternoon visit Angkor Wat - the most famous of all the temples on the plain of Angkor.



The temple complex covers 81 hectares, which is considered by art historians to be the prime example of classical Khmer art and architecture.

Then continue to view wonderful sunset from Phnom Bakheng Hills. Dinner and enjoy watching Khmer Folk of charming Apsara dance show at local restaurant.













Overnight in Siem Reap.

DAY 13 [Mon 24 September 2018]: Banteay Srei - Discover Tomb Raider Temple [Guide/B]



Visit to Banteay Srei temple (10th cntury), regarded as the jewel in the crown of classical Khmer Art. Then contnue your visit to Banteay Samre, build in the third quarter of the 12th century. It consists of a central temple with four wings

Afternoon visit the unique interior brick sculptures of Prasat Kravan, Srah Srang ("The Royal Baths" was once used for ritual bathing), Banteay Kdei (surrounded by 4 concentric walls), Ta Keo, constructed in late 10th early 11th century C.E and Ta Prohm where Jolina Joli filmed The Tomb Raiders, one of the area's most beautiful.



We stroll around this massive edifice, seeing the many galleries with columns, libraries, pavilions, courtyards and ponds full of water reflecting the towering temple and the jungle covered temple of Ta Prohm is an incredible sight.

While Ta Prohm is the most recognized temple used as a location for the film, it is far from the only temple used.

Overnight in Siem Reap.





DAY 13 [Tue 25 September 2018]: Tonle Sap Lake – Departure [Guide/B]



Breakfast at hotel. You will board a boat on Tonle Sap Lake and cruise past floating villages, complete with schools, restaurants, and hospitals.

You will also visit the school known as "Les Artisans d'Angkor" before transfer to Siem Reap International Airport for your departure to Hong Kong. End the tour.

Cam on va chao tam biet!

Recommended hotels or the similar with the same category		
Destination	4 star package	Room Type
Hanoi	Hanoi La Siesta Trendy Hotel & Spa https://www.hanoilasiestatrendyhotel.com/	Deluxe Cozy
Halong Bay	Pelican Cruise http://www.pelicancruise.com/	Deluxe Cabin
Hue	Eldora Hue Hotel http://www.eldorahotel.com/	Deluxe River View
Hoi An	Hoi An Silk Marina Resort & Spa https://hoiansilkmarina.com/vi/	Deluxe City View Balcony
Ho Chi Minh City	Liberty Central Saigon Centre www.odysseahotels.com	Deluxe
Seam Reap	Tara Angkor Superior	

	RATE (USD/PAX/TOUR) Date : 12 Sep – 25 Sep 2018)
Description	Adults(>12 Years Old) (2)
First Class	2770 USD
Total per group	5540 USD







