



CLASSIC TOUR

11 DAY HIGHLIGHTS VIETNAM WITH MEKONG RIVER CRUISE

Tour code: WHV11

Hanoi – Halong Bay - HoiAn - Saigon – Mekong Delta



Vietnam is a unique country known for its abundant beauty, chaotic city centres, and tranquil temples scattered throughout. During this tour, you will visit must-see locations such as the Japanese Bridge, Chinese Temple, and the famous Hoi An Old Town. This tour also provides insight into guerrilla warfare when you visit the 250km underground tunnels of Cu Chi.

This 10-day Vietnam tour will give you a chance to admire the most enthralling spots of this country. Get ready to be astounded by the dynamic cosmopolitan Saigon, the striking beauty of Hoi An ancient town and the idyllic life of the locals along the Mekong River. Embark on a cruise to amazing Halong Bay, one of Seven World Wonders and discover many architectural relics in Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam.

Note:

As flight times, hotels, logistical services and days of travel can be subject to availability and modifications beyond our control, if cancellations or delays should occur, we will make a conscientious effort to secure alternative arrangements of similar value to those in our booking agreement.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Wander Hanoi Old Quarter
- Enjoy the beautiful stunning of Halong Bay with a traditional boat cruise
- Astounded at hustle and bustle Saigon
- To explore the delta beyond the floating markets, we offer excursions from a few hours to full-day tours to Can Tho's surrounding countryside and into the middle of the river life of the Mekong delta.

INCLUSIONS

- International flights from Australia by full cost airlines.
- Accommodation and breakfast in the category chosen or similar (subject to availability)
- Meals as mentioned in the program
- All local boat rentals as mentioned in the program
- Water bottles during tours
- Air-conditioned transportation
- All entrance and sightseeing fees as mentioned in the program
- Local English speaking guides in Vietnam



ITINERARY



Day 1: Hanoi Arrival.

Today, depart Australia for Hanoi – the Capital of Vietnam.

Upon arrival to the airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel for check-in

Meals: In-flight

Day 2: Hanoi City Tour.

After breakfast, you will have a bustling day to visit a city tour of Hanoi and will explore attractions such as the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university, Ho Chi Minh Complex (Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, One Pillar Pagoda) and Tran Quoc Pagoda, one of the oldest pagodas in Vietnam. Following that, you will go to AVG Food & Beverage, one of Asia Vacation Group's stores. You will learn about the various types of beef imported from Australia and how to be sold to Vietnamese customers here. Enjoy a free soft drink/beer or wine tasting when you visit. Lunch is included in this day.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 3: Hanoi – Halong Bay.

Today you will travel by coach through the rich farm land of the Red River Delta to arrive at Halong Bay. Designated a World Heritage site in 1994, Halong Bay's spectacular scatter of islands, dotted with wind- and wave-eroded grottoes, is a vision of ethereal beauty. Upon arrival, you will board your ship to visit the thousands of limestone islands filled with caves of all shapes and sizes. The sails of junks and sampans gliding along the clear and emerald waters of the bay form a magnificent scene that blends into the sky. You will also have the opportunity to visit some of the hidden grottoes beneath the towering cliffs.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4: Halong Bay – Flight to Danang – Hoi An.

Awake early and participate in Tai Chi on the top deck or simply relax and enjoy the sunrise over the bay's towering islands, a sight not to be missed! Enjoy a morning cup of coffee or tea, before setting out to explore nearby islands by rowboat. Return to the junk for breakfast then take advantage of the sundeck and admire the amazing rock formations of Halong Bay. Enjoy a light lunch before heading back to shore. Your driver will then meet you at the Halong jetty for your drive to airport for the flight to Da Nang.

Upon arrival, you will be transferred to the UNESCO World Heritage listed town of Hoi An. As an important trading route during the 15th to 19th centuries, Hoi An is now a unique blend of culture, cuisine and architecture. Step back in time as you wander the narrow streets of this charming former trading port, with its ancient covered bridges and temples.

Meals: Brunch

Day 05: Hoi An.

Today you can enjoy a day of leisure to explore Hoi An or join our optional tours.



Meals: Breakfast

Day 06: Hoi An Walking Tour – Saigon.

In the morning, you will explore Hoi An on foot, visiting an old merchant's home, Hoi An Market, a local Chinese temple and the Japanese Covered Bridge. The bridge was first constructed here in the 1590s by the Japanese community to link them with the Chinese quarters. Over the centuries the ornamentation has remained relatively faithful to the original Japanese design. The French flattened out the roadway for cars, but the original arched shape was restored in 1986.

After lunch, enjoy your free time until being transferred to Da Nang airport to fly to Saigon. On arrival at Saigon airport, you'll be picked up by a guide and taken to check in hotel.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 07: Saigon – Cu Chi Tunnels – City Tour.

After breakfast, we continue on to Cu Chi Tunnels. During the Vietnam War, guerrilla fighters built a labyrinth of narrow tunnels, using them to hide in during bombing raids and to stage surprise attacks. Today, the remaining tunnels have become a major tourist attraction, giving visitors a unique understanding of what life was like during the Vietnam War. Afternoon you will have a half day tour of Ho Chi Minh City with highlights such as, Notre Dame Cathedral, Post Office (take photos outside), War Remnant Museum and soaking up the atmosphere at Ben Thanh market, one of Ho Chi Minh's liveliest areas.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 8: Saigon – Optional tour to Mekong Delta.

You are free day today or you buy an optional tour to Mekong Delta.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 9: Saigon – Can Tho – Mekong Cruise.

Start your trip to Mekong Delta!

Our driver will pick up at your hotel in Saigon and then take 3-hour driving to Can Tho.

On arrival, you will embark at Ninh Kieu pier. Welcome drink, introduction to the ship and crew, check into the cabins. Departure downstream of the Hau River. Lunch on board while en-route.

Turning into Nicolai canal, towards the Mang Thit River. Rest on the upper deck in a scenery of rice fields, sugar cane, woods on the near banks.

By mid-afternoon, the Bassac casts anchor for a visit on shore: past the first tree line, quiet discovery of the peaceful life in the delta's countryside, of rice fields, fruit trees and the welcoming inhabitants, or, at your option, short cycling tour of the surrounding area.

Boarding back, complimentary drink as a welcome back on board. Rest on the deck or around the bar enjoying the sunset.

The Bassac sets anchor just downstream from Tra On for the night.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10: Tra On – Can Tho – Saigon – Australia.

The boat departs at 06:00, as the ship passes by Tra On. The ship then departs towards Can Tho. The breakfast is available at 7:00.

Arrival in Can Tho, transfer onto a local boat to visit the Cai Rang floating market (8:45), then a noodle factory and return to the Ninh Kieu pier.

Then, our driver will transfer you back to the airport for your flight to home.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 11: Australia Arrival.

Arrive home today.

Meals: N/A



OPTIONAL TOURS



**Half-Day Guided Tour
Australian Beef with Wine
Tasting & Rickshaw in**
\$120



**Golden Bridge Tour
(Lunch Included)**
\$183



**Dinner on Saigon River
Cruise**
\$135



Mekong visit the locals
\$169

FINE PRINT

Deposit & Payment

First Payment

\$50

Can change the mind and get refund
in 7 days. After 7-day-deposit, non
refundable!

Second Payment

\$1100

Pay within 30 days

Final Payment

120 days

Prior the departure date



Booking Process



Step 1

Select tour packages as preferred



Step 2

Complete the Booking Form



Step 3

We will contact you within 12 hours



Another option: Feel free to [request your tailor-made tour](#)

How to Extend Your Stay

Arriving early/Extending your trip: AUD200 per person for trip extension or early arrivals. If you wish to extend your trip, please note in your Booking Form then we will provide quotations for you. The fee above is just administrative only, no service included.

Business Class Upgrade:

From AUD1899 per person (international flights only) if you wish to upgrade your class. (Vietnam Airlines only)

Important Information

Tipping

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. Tipping is AU\$10/person per day. Tipping is collected by agent before travelling or the day of your arrival.

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

Single Supplement

Single supplement is **\$955 per person** in addition to the twin share price.

Paired Solo Traveler

Not available.

Triple Share

Upon your request except for cruises

Group Size

15-30 people

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

We have partnered with SureSave to offer you competitive rates for your travel insurance. You can book comprehensive or budget cover simply to arrange your policy.

Visa & Passport information

It is the traveler's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return and must have more than 2 blank pages.

A visa is required for travel to Vietnam. The visa is easiest to complete with Asia Vacation Group and just need to pay \$180 for single entry (30-day-stay-limited)

Tour Documentation

Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

Tour Length

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule, please refer to the day by day itinerary for the time spent on land.



Flight Information

FLIGHTS, UPGRADES & EXTENSIONS

Airfare Information

- Airline: Vietnam Airlines, Singapore Airlines or similar (23kg for checked baggage per passenger and 7kg hand luggage per passenger, 01-piece check-in baggage).
- Some flights will require a minimum of 1 transit (maximum 2).
- All tickets will include 23 kilos checked baggage per person, along with 7 kilos of hand luggage.
- Despite the airlines baggage allowance, we recommend travelling with 20 kilos per person due to restrictions with internal flights (where applicable), as well as coach and train transportation. Also, you will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters is not included. If travelling over this amount, you will be liable for any excess baggage fees enforced by the airline, payable direct.
- Once ticketed, flights are non-refundable. Any changes will be subject to the airline rules and change fees.
- Full names as per passport (including all middle names) are required.
- Any airline schedule changes or cancellations are beyond our control.
- Any airline 'extras' such as pre-allocated seating is at your own arrangement (additional charges apply)

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