

VIETNAM CLASSIC TOUR

* Duration: 09Days/08Nights

 Highlights: Saigon – Hanoi – Halong – Bangkok - Pattaya




# DAY 01: HO CHI MINH ARRIVAL – FULL DAY CU CHI TUNNEL & CITY TOUR (B/L/D)

Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City, welcome by **our tour guide** and transfer to hotel for check in *(Guaranteed check in around 8am with breakfast)*

Morning, around 09am, transfer to Cu Chi, the northernmost suburban district of Ho Chi Minh City. Discover the famous Cu Chi Tunnels, which were once a major underground hideout and resistance base of Viet Cong forces during the two wars against the French and the Americans. The tunnels, entirely hand- dug, formed a highly intricate network of interlinked multilevel passageways at times stretched as far as the Cambodian border and totaling over 120 km in length. Its complexity was beyond imagination containing meeting rooms, kitchens, wells, clinics, schools, depots, trenches and emergency exits all aimed for guerrilla warfare. The tunnels were deep and strong enough to withstand destructive bombings and self-contained enough to outlast prolonged sieges.

Afternoon, visit to the War Remnants Museum, which features an extensive collection of exhibits including weaponry, photos and documentation on Vietnam’s wars with the French and Americans. Continue the tour to visit **outside of** Saigon Notre-Dame Basilica, a neo-Roman cathedral built over 130 years ago by the colonial French with materials entirely imported from Marseilles. Call in Saigon Central Post Office, a fine colonial building which was designed and built in the early 20th Century by the famous French architect Gustave Eiffel.

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch (Local Food), Dinner (Indian Food) Accommodation: A hotel used in Ho Chi Minh.*

# DAY 02: HO CHI MINH – FULL DAY MYTHO (MEKONG DELTA) (B/L/D)

Breakfast at hotel and travel past miles of flat rice fields, along a bustling road to the **Mekong Delta**, the

world’s largest delta and Vietnam’s largest rice bowl.

On arrival in My Tho City, board a **motorboat** and navigate through intricate canals while observing the local daily life up close as well as the landscape of waterways and lush islands. Land on **Thoi Son Island**

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where you can listen to Southern traditional music performed by native artists. Next, you will change to a **Sampan boat** to cruise through the **narrow canals** and **visit households with traditional occupations** of home-based **coconut candy and rice-wine making**. Continue travel by motorized boat to another island to visit **a bee farm and taste tea with fresh honey** from the beehives and **enjoy fresh fruits**. Interact with local residents to understand about the river life. Their economy is based mostly on tourism, mangoes, bananas and citrus fruit.

On the return to My Tho, stop to visit the **Vinh Trang Pagoda**, a prominent local Buddhist structure built in 1850 with a unique architectural mixture of Vietnamese, Roman, Chinese and Cambodian styles characterized by a highly ornate façade. Then transfer back to hotel for free and relax.

Evening, Dinner on cruise in Saigon. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh.

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch (Local Food), Dinner (Local Food - Buffet menu – on cruise) Accommodation: A hotel used in Ho Chi Minh.*

# DAY 03: HO CHI MINH – FLIGHT TO HANOI ARRIVAL – HALF DAY CITY TOUR (B/L/D)

Morning, breakfast at hotel. Check out

Then, our tour guide will pick you up and transfer to airport for flight to Hanoi

Arrive at Noi Bai International Airport, welcome by **our tour guide** and transfer to local restaurant for lunch.

Afternoon: continue the tour to *one of the following museums* of choice namely: the **Museum of Fine Arts**, the **National Museum of Vietnamese History**, the **Museum of Revolution**, the **Museum of Military History** or the **Museum of Ethnology**. Continue to the **Temple of Literature**, known as the first university of Vietnam built in 1070 by the Ly Dynasty to honor Confucius, sages and outstanding Vietnamese scholars. Late afternoon, visit Hoan Kiem Lake and **Ngoc Son Temple** located on an islet in the lake. Hoan Kiem Lake is the center point of Hanoi and home to a rare endangered giant turtle species. Its name “Returned Sword” comes from a legend of a sacred sword being lent to an ancient Vietnamese King by a holy turtle from the lake and later returned to the turtle. Shop or walk at leisure in the Old Quarter of 36 ancient streets. Enjoy 30 minutes by cyclo tour. Dinner at local restaurant. Check in. Overnight at hotel in Hanoi

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch (Indian Food), Dinner (Indian Food) Accommodation: A hotel used in Hanoi*

# DAY 04: HANOI – HA LONG– OVERNIGHT ON CRUISE IN HALONG (B/L/D)

Morning pickup at 8:00 AM from your hotel for transfer to Ha Long Bay by private transfer, 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. Stop half way to visit a handicraft workshop of fine clothes and embroidered paintings.

Arrive in Ha Long 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. Ha Long Bay meaning Descending Dragon Bay in Vietnamese as legend has it that it was where a holly dragon landed down from

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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 after, go fishing at 09:00 PM and spend a night on board.

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch (Local Food), Dinner (Local Food) Accommodation: A cruise used in Ha Long*

# DAY 05: HA LONG – HANOI (B/L or BR/D)

Early risers can enjoy the splendid yet tranquil view of the bay at the crack of dawn. Breathe the sea’s fresh air, feel the morning breeze and hear the sounds of birds above. Have breakfast and cruise to visit Human head shaped island and Tortoise Island. Continue to cruise into Bai Tu Long Bay to discover the adjacent bay of “The Little Dragon Bowing to His Mother” as it is named. Check out and have lunch or brunch on board while heading to shore. Disembark and transfer back to Hanoi hotel. Free and easy. Overnight at hotel in Hanoi

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch or Brunch (Local Food), Dinner (Indian Food) Accommodation: At hotel in Hanoi*

# DAY 06: HANOI DEPARTURE (B) – ARRIVAL BANGKOK - PATTAYA

Free at leisure until check out hotel. transfer to airport for departure flight.Arrival at Bangkok after all airport formalities proceed lunch and check in at hotel ,evening visit Alcasar show .Over night stay at hotel

*Meals: Lunch & Dinner*

# DAY 07: PATTAYA

Morning after breakfast proceed to visit Tiger park (pick with big Tiger) and evening visit Art in paradise. Over night stay at hotel .

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

# DAY 08: PATTAYA TO BANGKOK

Morning after breakfast transfer to Bangkok and visit Safari world + Marine park .overnight stay at hotel

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

# DAY 09: BANGKOK DEPARTURE

Morning breakfast proceed to visit floating market and city tour ,then drop at Bangkok airport to catch the return flight .

*Meals: Breakfast & Lunch*

 *End of service*

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