

20 DAYS COLORFUL VIETNAM

20 DAYS | 19 NIGHTS

Saigon – Mekong (Can Tho) – Da Nang/Hoi An – Hue - Hanoi – Mai Chau – Ninh Binh - Ha Long Bay



TRAVEL STYLE: Culture, soft adventure, relaxation

TOUR OVERVIEW:

Colorful Vietnam is a journey through the country's vibrant contrasts—from lively cities and lantern-lit towns to quiet valleys and iconic bays. Over twenty days, you'll taste regional dishes, explore cultural landmarks, and meet the people who bring each place to life. Each stop offers something different - cycling in the countryside, drifting along rivers, learning local crafts, or sharing meals in family homes. With stays ranging from city hotels to mountain lodge and cruise, every night feels new.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Accommodations: Selected hotels, eco-lodges, and cruise ship
- Food & Drinks: Authentic local dishes, Western-style breakfasts, and special dietary requirements catered upon request.
- Guides: Professional, knowledgeable, flexible, and honest local guides
- Experiences: A rich variety of activities—from cultural visits and sightseeing to gentle outdoor adventures.
- Transportation: Modern bus, bicycle, motorbike, and domestic flights.

BRIEF ITINERARY AND TRAVEL DATE

Day	Itinerary	Overnight
Day 1	Arrival in Saigon • Welcome Dinner	Saigon (HCMC)
Day 2	Half-day Saigon City Tour • Lunch • Vespa Night Ride	Saigon (HCMC)
Day 3	Saigon → Can Tho • Afternoon Pool Relaxation	Can Tho
Day 4	Cycling in the Countryside • Hosted Family Lunch	Can Tho
Day 5	Cai Rang Floating Market • Leisure Day	Can Tho
Day 6	Flight to Da Nang • Hoi An Ancient Town	Hoi An
Day 7	Morning Cooking Class & Herb Garden Experience	Hoi An
Day 8	Your Day, Your Way	Hoi An

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Day 9	Your Day, Your Way	Hoi An
Day 10	Ba Na Hills & the Golden Bridge • Transfer to Hue	Hue
Day 11	Around Hue • The Former Capital On Motorbike	Hue
Day 12	Flight to Hanoi • Afternoon Cyclo Ride Through The Old Quarter	Hanoi
Day 13	Half day Hanoi City Tour	Hanoi
Day 14	Transfer to Mai Chau	Mai Chau
Day 15	Cycling in Mai Chau or Hiking Pu Luong • Hosted Meal	Mai Chau
Day 16	Leisure Day in Mai Chau	Mai Chau
Day 17	Transfer to Ninh Binh • Boat Trip Through Limestone Karsts	Ninh Binh
Day 18	Hanoi → Ha Long Bay • Boarding Cruise	Ha Long Bay Cruise
Day 19	Lan Ha Bay • Farewell Dinner on the Bay	Ha Long Bay Cruise
Day 20	Ha Long Bay → Airport → Departure	

DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN SAIGON • WELCOME DINNER (-/-/D)



Welcome to Saigon, Vietnam's bustling southern hub filled with color, energy, and history. Meet your guide, transfer to your hotel, and take time to rest after your long flight. In the evening, gather for a

Welcome Dinner featuring authentic southern flavors — a relaxed beginning to your journey

DAY 2: HALF-DAY SAIGON CITY TOUR • LUNCH • VESPA NIGHT RIDE (B/L/-)



Once known as the "Pearl of the Far East," Saigon is a vibrant, youthful metropolis that pulses with energy while serving as a profound guardian of modern Vietnamese history.

Today, during your half-day tour, you will explore two deeply significant historical landmarks: the Independence Palace, a symbol of the city's political past, and the War Remnants Museum, which offers a poignant look at the realities of the conflict.

To conclude the morning, we will visit a truly special hidden gem. Here, you can enjoy a classic Vietnamese coffee at a historic site that conceals a secret underground bunker. Once used by the Viet Cong (Vietnamese patriotic revolutionary soldiers), this hidden cellar served as a strategic cache for ammunition and medical supplies during the resistance. It is a remarkable opportunity to touch a piece of clandestine history tucked away beneath the bustling streets of modern Saigon.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before returning to your hotel for a short break. After dark, hop on a vintage Vespa for a spirited night ride—street food scents, neon lights, and the city's youthful rhythm make this experience unforgettable.

DAY 3: SAIGON → CAN THO • AFTERNOON POOL RELAXATION (B/-/-)



Travel south to the Mekong Delta, where waterways replace highways and life moves with the river. Upon arrival in Can Tho, check in and unwind—relax by the pool, enjoy a cool drink, or stroll along the riverbank as boats glide quietly past.

DAY 4: CYCLING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE • HOSTED FAMILY LUNCH (B/L/-)

Cycle through winding village paths shaded by coconut palms and fruit orchards. Stop at a Cao Dai temple, visit a farmer's home for tea, and learn how to make a traditional banana cake.

The day's highlight is a hosted Southern-style lunch with a local family—fresh ingredients, warm hospitality, and stories shared over home-cooked dishes.

Return to your hotel with a deeper appreciation of Mekong culture and simplicity.

DAY 5: CAI RANG FLOATING MARKET • LEISURE DAY (B/-/-)



Rise early to experience the Cai Rang Floating Market, a vibrant and living snapshot of life on the Mekong River. As the sun begins to peek over the horizon, you will find yourself in the heart of a bustling waterborne city where local traders sell fresh produce directly from boat to boat.

Keep an eye out for the "Beo" poles—tall bamboo stalks used by vendors to hang samples of their goods (like pineapples, pumpkins, or turnips) so buyers can see what is for sale from a distance. It is a brilliant, traditional form of "floating advertising." Don't miss the chance to try a "floating breakfast"; enjoy a steaming bowl of noodle soup handed to you directly from a vendor's boat or grab a coffee from a passing "mobile cafe" boat as you navigate the lively chaos.

After soaking in the sights and sounds of the river, return to your resort for breakfast. The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy at a leisurely pace, whether you choose to lounge by the pool or explore the hidden corners of Can Tho town on your own.

DAY 6: FLIGHT TO DA NANG • HOI AN ANCIENT TOWN (B/-/-)



Fly to Da Nang and transfer to the enchanting town of Hoi An, you'll be enchanted by the iconic mustard-yellow walls, weathered timber-frame houses, and the shimmering Thu Bon River that reflects the town's golden glow. At night, the town transforms into a fairytale landscape, illuminated by thousands of colorful silk lanterns that cast a magical light over the moss-covered rooftops and the famous Japanese Covered Bridge.

Beyond its architectural beauty, Hoi An is a culinary paradise and a hub of craftsmanship. Whether you are savoring an authentic dish in a hidden alleyway, getting a tailor-made suit within hours, or watching local artisans create delicate pottery, the town exudes a quiet, sophisticated charm. It is a place where every corner tells a story, offering a profound sense of peace and a nostalgic glimpse into Vietnam's rich multicultural heart.

DAY 7: MORNING COOKING CLASS & HERB GARDEN EXPERIENCE
(B/L/-)



Begin your culinary adventure with a leisurely bicycle ride through the serene countryside, breathing in the morning air as you head toward a bustling local market. Guided by our expert chef, you will weave through the vibrant stalls to hand-pick the freshest seasonal herbs and organic produce, learning how to identify the essential aromatics that define Vietnamese cuisine.

The journey continues as you pedal to a lush, traditional herb village, renowned for its centuries-old cultivation methods. Here, you will step into the shoes of a local farmer, getting your hands in the earth to learn traditional planting and watering techniques using twin watering cans—a skill passed down through generations.

Under the warm and patient guidance of our chefs, you will then move to the kitchen to master the art of preparing classic Vietnamese dishes. From the delicate balance of sweet and sour to the perfect crunch of a spring roll, you will discover the secrets behind the flavors you love. Finally, sit down to savor the feast you have created, a meal that is not only simple and fragrant but one that carries a deep, personal connection to the land and the people of Hoi An.

DAY 8: YOUR DAY, YOUR WAY (B/-/-)



Enjoy two days of complete freedom. Wander Old Town's boutique shops and cafés, relax by the pool, enjoy the beach, or book a spa treatment. You may also choose to have clothing tailored—Hoi An is famous for quick, high-quality craftsmanship.

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DAY 10: BA NA HILLS & THE GOLDEN BRIDGE • TRANSFER TO HUE (B/L/-)



Leave Hoi An and drive into the mountains toward Ba Na Hills, once a cool retreat for the French. Board the world's longest cable car and glide above forests and cloud-wrapped valleys—an uplifting journey that feels like rising into another world.

At the summit, walk to the Golden Bridge, a stunning mountaintop walkway supported by two giant stone hands. The fresh air and sweeping views toward the distant coastline create a rare, almost surreal moment.

Continue to Hue, stopping for lunch in Lang Co Town, famed for its lagoon and coastal scenery.

Arrive in Hue in the afternoon, check in, and spend the remainder of the day at your leisure.

DAY 11: AROUND HUE • THE FORMER CAPITAL ON MOTORBIKE (B/L/-)



Today, you will experience the soul of Hue from a unique perspective: on the back of a motorbike. Rest assured, you will be paired with a skilled private driver who prioritizes safety and care, allowing you to simply sit back, relax, and soak in the atmosphere.

By traveling on two wheels, you will glide through hidden alleys and narrow backstreets that are completely inaccessible to tour buses. This provides an intimate glimpse into local life that most tourists never get to see. Your journey includes visits to two iconic landmarks of Vietnam's final dynasty—the majestic Imperial City and

one of the poetic Royal Tombs—alongside stops at traditional craft workshops to witness the artistry of local makers.

The morning concludes with a light and delightful local lunch, leaving the entire afternoon free for you to relax or explore further according to your own plans.

DAY 12: FLIGHT TO HANOI • AFTERNOON CYCLO RIDE THROUGH THE OLD QUARTER (B/-/-)



Fly from Hue to Hanoi, Vietnam's elegant northern capital where tree-lined boulevards, lakes, and French colonial mansions create an atmosphere unlike any other city in the country.

After checking in to your hotel and taking a short rest, set out on a leisurely cyclo ride—a charming, slow-paced way to discover Hanoi's Old Quarter without effort.

DAY 13: HALF-DAY HANOI CITY TOUR (B/L/-)



Hanoi offers a wealth of fascinating sites to explore, ranging from cultural landmarks like the Temple of Literature, the Vietnamese Women's Museum, the Old Quarter, and the Fine Arts Museum, to the Ethnology Museum and the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum complex. For those interested in history and wartime legacy, you can visit the National Museum of History, the B-52 Victory Museum, the infamous Hoa Lo Prison (the "Hanoi Hilton"), or Huu Tiep Lake, where the wreckage of a B-52 bomber still rests.

Please let your guide know your specific interests, and they will tailor the perfect route for you. Within a half-day tour, you can typically visit three different locations comfortably. Your guide will handle all the logistics to ensure you make the most of your time in the capital.

After lunch, enjoy a leisurely rest of your day

DAY 14: HANOI → MAI CHAU (B/L/-)



Drive through rural landscapes and mountains to reach Mai Chau, a peaceful valley home to the Thai ethnic community. Check into your lodge and enjoy fresh air, rice terraces, and village life at a gentle pace.

DAY 15: RELAXING CYCLING IN MAI CHAU OR HIKING PU LUONG • HOSTED MEAL (B/L/-)



Choose between cycling through rice fields and villages or hiking in Pu Luong National Park, where terraced hills and forested paths offer stunning scenery.

Enjoy a hosted lunch with a local family—stories, customs, and food served with genuine warmth.

DAY 16: LEISURE DAY IN MAI CHAU (B/-/-)

Relax fully, read, nap, swim, or take another gentle walk. Mai Chau's quiet rhythm and mountain air make it a favorite place to unwind.

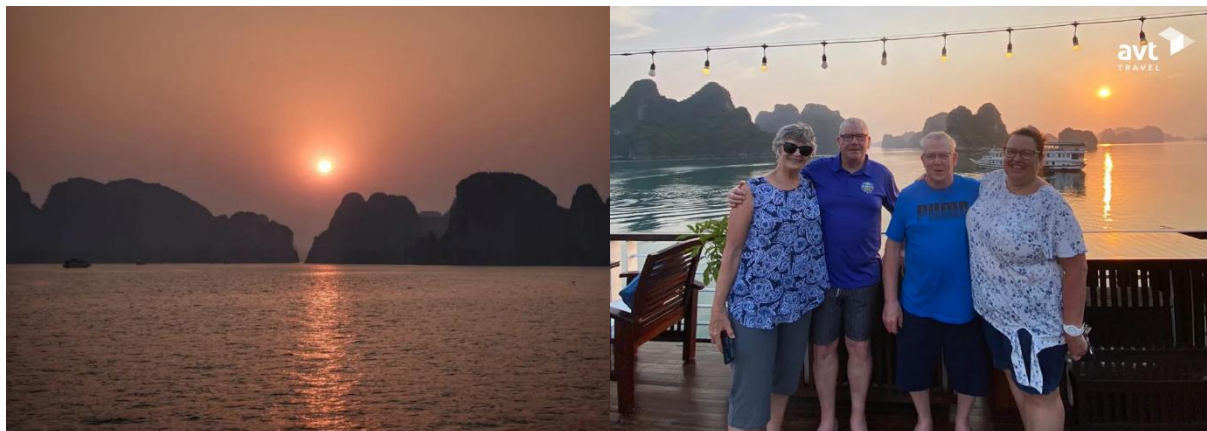
DAY 17: TRANSFER TO NINH BINH • BOAT TRIP THROUGH LIMESTONE KARSTS (B/L/-)

Depart Mai Chau this morning and travel through peaceful rural scenery toward Ninh Binh, where rivers weave through rice fields and limestone mountains rise abruptly from the earth.

After lunch, board a traditional rowboat and let a local boatwoman guide you along tranquil waterways. As you drift between towering karst formations, the landscape opens like a natural cathedral—green valleys, lotus ponds, and timeless pagodas hidden at the base of ancient cliffs. The gentle rhythm of the oars and the silence of the countryside create a sense of calm that feels worlds away from city life. Take your time to savor the views and the fresh breeze as you sail past scenes unchanged for centuries.

Check in at your hotel in Ninh Binh and enjoy the evening at leisure, surrounded by the quiet majesty of Vietnam's inland Ha Long Bay.

DAY 18: NINH BINH → HA LONG BAY • BOARDING CRUISE (B/L/D)



Drive to Ha Long Bay and embark on your overnight cruise. Enjoy lunch as the ship glides among dramatic limestone formations. Optional afternoon activities include kayaking, swimming, or cave exploration.

DAY 19: LAN HA BAY • FAREWELL DINNER ON THE BAY (B/L/D)



Sail into Lan Ha Bay, a quieter, more secluded part of the Ha Long archipelago. Spend the day relaxing or joining activities. This evening, gather for a Farewell Dinner on deck—an unforgettable night surrounded by limestone silhouettes and calm waters.

DAY 20: HA LONG BAY → AIRPORT → DEPARTURE (B/-/-)

Awaken to soft morning light over the bay. After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your onward journey, carrying home a tapestry of landscapes, flavors, and experiences that reveal Vietnam's rich and colorful soul.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION — BEACH & LEISURE

Many guests choose to extend their journey by 03 – 05 nights — Vietnam has a way of making departure feel too soon. Vietnam is home to some of Asia's most captivating coastlines—golden sands that stretch for miles, calm turquoise waters, and a laid-back rhythm of life where the only agenda is sunrise, sea breeze, and serenity. Staying a few extra days by the ocean allows you to slow your pace, savor the tropical warmth, and let each moment drift as gently as the tides.

For travelers seeking quiet elegance and comfort, Ho Tram offers secluded beaches framed by casuarina forests—ideal for those who enjoy nature, wellness, and peaceful days far from crowds. If you prefer an island escape, Phu Quoc welcomes you with crystal-clear waters, luxury beachfront resorts, and unforgettable sunsets painted in shades of orange and gold. Meanwhile, Nha Trang combines pristine beaches with a lively promenade, island-hopping adventures, and soothing hot springs, perfect for travelers who enjoy both relaxation and discovery.

INCLUDED SERVICES:

- **Accommodation:** twin-shared room as indicated in the itinerary
- **Transportation:** bus, vespa, cyclo, bicycle, motorbike
- English Speaking Guide
- **Meals as indicated in program:** L (Lunch); D (Dinner); Breakfast included at hotels/cruise
- **Drinks on bus:** bottled water
- **Domestic flight (economy class):** Saigon/Can Tho - Da Nang; Hue - Hanoi
- Entrance fees

EXCLUDED SERVICES:

- International flights into and out of Vietnam
- Visa fees (we can help you arrange a visa approval letter on request)
- Airport taxes
- Meals other than those mentioned in the itinerary.
- Early check-in and late check-out at the hotel.
- Personal expenses (such as laundry, telephone, drinks, etc.).
- Tips for tour guides and drivers.
- Travel insurance.

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SERVICE TERMS & CONDITIONS

Remarks:

- Guests should be healthy and in good physical condition
- Weather conditions may impose changes in the program or the cancellation of certain activities

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- Deposit 30% (after services are reserved to guarantee the booking).
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- All Bank services charges will be borne by the payee.
- If payment is by credit card, an additional 3 or 4% will be added to our tariff rates.
- American Express / Visa and Mastercard are accepted.
- Bank draft or cashier's cheque to be mailed to
- Company cheques or personal cheques are NOT acceptable.

REFUNDS OR CANCELLATION:

- Tour and transfer deposits are fully refundable if the amendment/cancellation is received more than 20 days in advance. Hotel deposits will be refunded according to individual hotel cancellation policy.
- No refund for all flight fares after tour confirmation
- Cancellation fees will be levied according to the time cancellation is made.
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