

BEST OF VIETNAM

15 DAYS | 14 NIGHTS

*Hanoi – Sapa – Ha Long Bay – Hue – Da Nang – Hoi An – Saigon – Cu Chi
Tunnels – Mekong Delta*



TRAVEL STYLE: culture, natural beauty, soft adventure

TOUR OVERVIEW:

This special package is designed for those who love leisure and soft adventures with an in-depth discovery of the country for 15 days to enjoy more included services to indulge yourself for a holiday of a lifetime. The tour follows a less-traveled route from northern Vietnam to southern Vietnam with a thorough look into the country's natural beauty, culture, and most interesting cities and countryside.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Explore the peace, romance, and beauty of **Hoi An's magical lantern-lit ancient town**.
- Enjoy the amazing view from **Hai Van Pass**.
- Experience the landscape Visit **Hanoi's charming colonial capital**.
- Trek along the spectacular landscapes & immerse yourself in real local life as we visit the colorful **hill tribe villages of Sapa**. Embrace the Bizarre with Homestay at **Zay's Village**
- Discover mythical **Ha Long Bay**, a UNESCO Natural World Heritage site on an overnight cruise
- Embrace the thrill of adventure as we discover the **ancient capital Hue** in the Top Gear motorbike tour
- and daily life in the rice basket of Vietnam, the **Mekong Delta**, with its lush forests.
- Engross yourself in the bustle of **Saigon's** most dynamic city, once called 'The Pearl of Far East'.
- AVT's Special offer: Vietnam Special Gift.

BRIEF ITINERARY AND TRAVEL DATE

Day	Itinerary	Overnight
Day 1	Hanoi arrival - Xin Chao Vietnam!	Hanoi
Day 2	Hanoi City Tour – Street food - Night train to Lao Cai.	Overnight train
Day 3	Lao Cai – Sapa: O Quy Ho – Sin Chai - Sapa	Sapa
Day 4	Sapa trekking – Visit hill tribe villages - Sapa	Sapa

Day 5	Sapa - Back to Hanoi by sharing the bus	Hanoi
Day 6	Hanoi - Ha Long Bay - Overnight cruise	Ha Long Bay Cruise
Day 7	Ha Long Bay Cruise - Hanoi - Fly to Hue	Hue
Day 8	Exploring Hue with the Top Gear Tour	Hue
Day 9	Hue–Hoi An’s Ancient Town. Walking city tour	Hoi An
Day 10	Hoi An – Free morning to explore – Cooking Classic	Hoi An
Day 11	Hoi An – Easy Rider Biking Tour	Hoi An
Day 12	Hoi An – Da Nang – Fly to HCMC – Cu Chi Tunnels	Saigon (HCMC)
Day 13	Saigon - Mekong Delta (Cai Be, Can Tho)	Can Tho
Day 14	Can Tho - Floating Market - Saigon	Saigon (HCMC)
Day 15	Saigon Departure	

DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY 1: HANOI ARRIVAL - XIN CHAO VIETNAM! (-/-/D)



A warm welcome to Hanoi Capital!

Today you arrive in Hanoi, Vietnam's bustling 1000-year-old colonial capital.

Welcome with your local tour guide at the airport and briefing about the holiday journey on the bus to Hanoi city.

In the afternoon, you meet the group and enjoy an orientation walk, visiting some of Hanoi's main attractions: the Opera House, Old Quarter, Hoan Kiem Lake, and Ngoc Son Temple.

Ending at the Water Puppet Theater to watch the Show about daily Vietnamese in the countryside that used to be performed in Lakes or Ponds in traditional villages.

In the evening, we savor a welcome dinner of authentic Vietnamese food. We savor a welcome dinner of authentic Vietnamese food.

DAY 2: HANOI CITY TOUR – STREET FOOD - NIGHT TRAIN TO LAO CAI (B/-/D)



Today you will explore Vietnam's charming capital. With its wide tree-lined boulevards, French colonial architecture, peaceful lakes, and ancient oriental pagodas, Hanoi is an eclectic mix that offers something for everyone. Your city tour will take you to Hanoi's key sites: the Ho Chi Minh Complex (Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum and stilt house), the nearby One Pillar Pagoda; the Presidential Palace; the Temple of Literature;

Enjoy your lunch at a local restaurant.

In the afternoon, we continue to visit one of the city's museums (a choice between the History Museum, the Ethnology Museum, Hoa Lo Prison and Women Museum – depending on the day).

Afterward, it's onto the Hanoi Street Food Tour before heading to the train station to catch your overnight train to Lao Cai.

Hanoi Street Food Tour will bring your insight into Hanoi culture with authentic Vietnamese Cuisine. We will walk through the small alleys of hustle and bustle in the Old Quarter and local markets. Here you will have the opportunity to taste the most famous and yummy food: Nem Ran – Hanoi Spring rolls, Rice Steam Cakes – Banh Cuon, Bun Cha – Pork Barbecue with fresh noodles, Banh My – Yummy Vietnamese Baguette, Salads. If you're feeling adventurous, give the local Egg Coffee a try or drink Bia Hoi – A local draught beer. Travel like locals and eat like locals!

In the evening, transfer to the train station to catch your night train to Sapa.

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DAY 3: LAO CAI – SAPA: O QUY HO – SIN CHAI – SAPA (B/-/-)

After Breakfast, we drive to the outskirts then on road No. 32 from Hanoi along the Red River to Lao Cai train station in the early morning then meet your local guide and driver.

Have a simple breakfast in a local noodle restaurant before setting out to O Quy Ho Pass. Then moving to hike in Sin Chai Village, learning more about minority people's life, getting close to terraced rice fields, visiting nature streams, etc.

Then our car will pick you up, back to your hotel in Sapa Town. Check-in your comfort hotel in the town after your adventure day. Free evening in the town.

DAY 4: SAPA TREKKING – VISIT HILL TRIBE VILLAGES – SAPA (B/-/D)

After breakfast, the tour guide picks up and heads out for another trekking day with your local guide. Hike through yawning valleys decorated with incredibly beautiful, terraced rice fields and pass through remote hill tribe villages.

You have three trekking options to choose from Soft trek (~ 3 km), medium trek (~ 6km), and long trek (~ 12km). Trekking is an excellent way to explore daily life and familiarize yourself with the cultures of the Hmong, Dzao, and Dzay people who populate the region.

Have lunch (picnic lunch) at a hill tribe village. Keep trekking to a local family, where you stay overnight.

Local home meal dinners with the family hosts are great unique experiences!

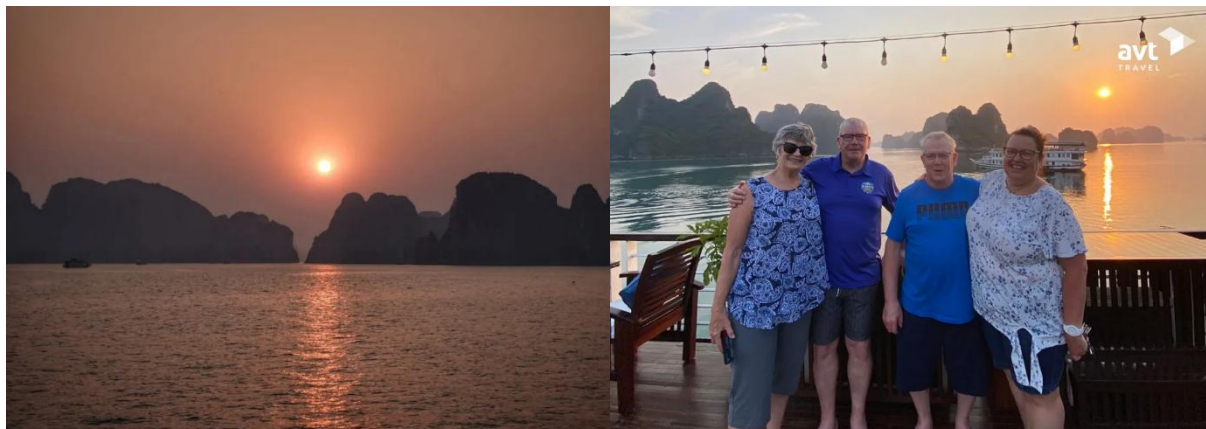
Special Information for Homestay: We will stay at Ethnic People Family's house. It's basic and simple with a great local real-life experience for tonight's homestay is shared accommodation, our whole group shares together a single big room in House on Stilts. With separate beds provided with clean linen, blankets, and mosquito nets, each sleep in one. The homestay host also provides towers, hot water for showering, and Sandals. Please bring your walking or trekking shoes, Suncream Mosquito Spray... Take it easy, we embrace the Bizarre!

DAY 5: SAPA - BACK TO HANOI BY SHARING BUS (B/L/-)

After breakfast, enjoy the last moments of the fresh Sapa air and sublime scenery this region has to offer before we travel onward to Hanoi by sharing a bus, a great way to see the beautiful and peaceful countryside on the way!

Check-in your hotel and enjoy a free evening in Hanoi's hustle and bustle. Back to city life.

DAY 6: HANOI - HA LONG BAY - OVERNIGHT CRUISE (B/L/D)



After breakfast, we drive 2,5 hours to Ha Long Bay the UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The scenery of Ha Long Bay where thousands of limestone islands jut out of the emerald sea, sculpted into bizarre shapes is truly an iconic image for Vietnam. An overnight relaxing boat trip is the best way to enjoy this must-see natural wonder of Vietnam.

On arrival at the jetty in Ha Long City around noon, proceeding with check-in formalities. After a welcome onboard, lunch will be served while cruising towards the bay itself.

In the afternoon, the program also includes more activities such as swimming or kayaking (excluded from the cruise package) or cave visits on the vast sea, cooking class onboard to challenge your skills in preparing a very famous Vietnamese dish (depending on each boat's itinerary) or you can just spend some time relaxing on board.

Towards the end of the day, the boat sets anchor for the night among the karst formations. Dinner is served on board.

Note: *The cruise itinerary is subject to vary, depending on what cruise will be chosen for the trip. Please review the website of the cruise you are interested in for full details or contact your travel consultant for further information!*

DAY 7: HA LONG BAY CRUISE - HANOI - FLY TO HUE (B/BRUNCH)

The sun rises on Ha Long in the morning, and a light breakfast is served on board (also brunch on some boats) while cruising slowly back to the shore. This is the time you can take advantage of the sundeck and admire the amazing rock formations of the bay as you navigate back to Ha Long City.

Disembark and meet your driver at the dock and drive to Noi Bai Airport to catch your flight to Hue. Pick up by local guide & driver in Hue airport and transfer to hotel for your free time.

DAY 8: EXPLORING HUE WITH THE TOP GEAR TOUR (B/L/-)

Today we'll spend an entire day touring Vietnam's former ancient capital with the Top Gear Tour. A motorbike tour is experienced sitting on the backside of a Motorbike where you can enjoy the peaceful Hue countryside with its local markets, conical hats, incense-making villages, an old tiger arena, and a romantic view of the hills down to the Perfume River. We'll also see the Kings' tombs, the Imperial Citadel, home to the Imperial City, and Forbidden Purple City. Following that, we will visit the oldest, Thien Mu Pagoda before taking our bus back to the hotel for some much-needed relaxation.

Simple vegetarian lunch served at a local pagoda. What a unique experience in this ancient city!

DAY 9: HUE – HOI AN'S ANCIENT TOWN. WALKING CITY TOUR (B/-/-)



After breakfast, we drive to soak in some of Vietnam's most stunning scenery along the Hai Van Pass on the drive to Hoi An ancient town.

After lunch, take a couple of hours walking tour through the narrow winding streets of the ancient town center, visiting Chua Ong Pagoda, the Chinese Assembly Hall, the 200-year-old Tan Ky ancestral house, and the famous Japanese Bridge.

Free evening to explore the ancient town, try some local foods, and enjoy the colorful lanterns or meet your talented tailor for customized suits within 24 hours! What an amazing service in Hoi An.

DAY 10: HOI AN – FREE MORNING TO EXPLORE – COOKING CLASS (B/-/D)



Today, enjoy the relaxing resort popular with tourists for its eclectic architecture, skilled tailors, and numerous cafes.

Immerse yourself in the tranquility and charm of this sleepy riverside town. From the 15th to 18th centuries Hoi An was a thriving international port frequented by the Chinese, Dutch, French, Japanese, Portuguese, and Arab traders, who came to trade in the high-quality silk still produced in the region.

Take the opportunity to order tailor-made clothes, shop for souvenirs and jewelry and explore the beautiful night market stocked with unique colorful lanterns. If shopping isn't your thing, take the weight off your feet in one of Hoi An's many cafés and restaurants, enjoy a massage, or relax on Cua Dai or An Bang Beach.

At around 4 pm we'll join a Vietnamese Cooking Class. This includes a trip to the local market to get the ingredients we need, then we'll return to the restaurant and learn to cook authentic Vietnamese cuisine under the guidance of an expert chef. Afterward, we'll all sit down to enjoy the delicious meal we've prepared.

DAY 11: HOI AN – EASY RIDER BIKING TOUR HALF DAY (B/BRUNCH)

In the morning, we dress up to be ready for the Easy Rider tour, we cycle from the hotel to the peaceful Countryside in Hoi an with local men, visit vegetable villages and farms as locals, talk with people working on the farm, continue biking to see buffalo, local animals, duck farm.... then visiting the Coconut farm with round bamboo basket boat, lots of fun.

After that, we keep cycling further to the local area, stop taking a river cruise, and enjoy fresh fruit and great scenery along the way back to the Ancient town.

You'll have a free afternoon and evening to continue exploring on your own.

DAY 12: HOI AN - DA NANG - FLY TO SAIGON/ HCMC – CU CHI TUNNELS (B/-/-)

After eating breakfast at the hotel, we'll say goodbye to Hoi An. We'll drive to the airport to take an early flight to Vietnam's biggest commercial hub: Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City).

Upon arrival, we'll first travel outside the city to visit the Cu Chi Tunnels – Iron Land. The Cu Chi Tunnels are an underground labyrinth of passageways used by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War (or “American War” as it's referred to here) as protection against American air raids. Those inclined are invited to crawl through selections of the tunnels to better understand what life was like for the Vietnamese soldiers during wartime.

Enjoy your lunch at a restaurant near the tunnels or in downtown Ho Chi Minh. Next, we checked in at the hotel and then set out on a guided walk tour to visit sites such as Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral, the City Post Office, and Ben Thanh Market. Once the tour is over the rest of the day is yours to explore freely

DAY 13: SAIGON/ HCMC – MY THO – CAN THO (B/-/-)

Today we leave Saigon and travel to the Mekong River Delta-the biggest delta with Rice baskets in Vietnam.

- A smooth pass from the rice fields to the beautiful rural area. Start the boat on the Tien River to the islets. View the Dragon, Phoenix, and Unicorn Islet. Walk into the village, visit the fruit garden, and enjoy the tropical fruit while folk music is performed by the local people.
- The cruise will lead to Ben Tre province, “the country of coconut”, visit a coconut candy workshop, and bee house, enjoy honey tea, and take a picture with a snake.

PM: Take a Motor Cart or Electronica Car– It’s great fun.

- The amazing rowing boat trip on the small canal – fully covered by the shadow of the water coconut tree.

Afterward, your driver will meet you at Vinh Long Pier and take us to the center of the Mekong Delta for the night in Can Tho City – A poetic city by the Hau River. Once there, you’ll have a free evening to do as you please.

DAY 14: CAN THO – CAI RANG FLOATING MARKET – SAIGON (B/-/-)

Grab an early breakfast at the hotel before we leave to visit the famous Cai Rang floating market by motorized boat. We'll continue the boat ride to visit the Mekong Delta's famous fruit orchards and sample the fresh, exotic fruit then venture deeper into the countryside, passing traditional houses made of wood and palm leaves. Here we have the chance to observe the activities of the local people as we visit a local family to see how to make noodles and rice paper used in the making of fresh spring rolls!

When we're done, we'll pick up our things at the hotel and then drive back to Saigon where you'll have the rest of the day to discover the wonders of this metropolitan city.

DAY 15: SAIGON DEPARTURE (B/-/-)

Have breakfast at the hotel, then enjoy a free morning before driving to the airport to catch your departure flight home or enjoy your next travel!

INCLUDED SERVICES:

- **Accommodations** (Twin/ Double Shared room) with daily breakfast.
- **Meals** as mentioned in the itinerary.
- **Transportation** services of a private driver and air-conditioned vehicle
- **Domestic flights** (Hanoi to Hue; Da Nang to HCMC/ Saigon with Vietnam Airlines or Bamboo Airways)
- **Private tours** in Hanoi, Sapa, Hue, Hoi An, Saigon and Mekong Delta
- **English speaking guide**, included pick up & drop off airport guide
- **Ha Long Bay cruise** shared (2 days/1-night packages).
- **Kayaking fee** in Ha Long Bay
- **Mekong cruise** private boat
- **Biking Tour** with **tickets in Hoi An Ancient Town**.
- **Entrance fees**, performances, boat trips & excursions mentioned

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
- Guests need to bring a copy of their passport, visa page with a stamp
- AVT Travel reserves the right to adjust our prices if any changes in tax & gasoline increase in All Destinations.
- No reservations are made yet.

PAYMENT POLICY:

- Pre-payment 100% (after services confirmed before guests' arrival 30 days in advance).
- Deposit 30% (after services are reserved to guarantee the booking).
- Payment can be made by Bank Draft or SWIFT transfer payable to our Bank A/C.
- 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.
- No refund or reduction will be made to any member of GROUP/F.I.T. who breaks the journey from the scheduled itinerary.

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