

THE GRAND VIETNAM FAMILY ODYSSEY

19 DAYS | 18 NIGHTS

Hanoi – Mai Chau – Ninh Binh – Ha Long Bay – Hoi An – Saigon – Mekong Delta



TOUR OVERVIEW:

This 19-day Grand Vietnam Family Odyssey Tour offers the definitive Vietnamese experience, meticulously designed to balance deep cultural discovery with premium relaxation—an ideal choice for Vietnam Family Holidays. From the colonial elegance of Hanoi and the emerald peaks of Mai Chau to the legendary waters of Ha Long Bay, this journey captures the very soul of the north. You will then venture into the lantern-lit charm of Hoi An, the high-octane energy of Saigon, and the lush, water-bound world of the Mekong Delta, creating a richly layered Vietnam for family experience.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Hanoi:** Old Quarter walking tour, traditional Water Puppet Show, and "Stuffed Animal" workshop at Kim Viet social enterprise.
- **Mai Chau:** Family cycling through rice fields, village exploration, and hosted lunch with a White Thai family.
- **Ninh Binh:** Traditional rowboat journey through the Trang An (UNESCO) cave system.
- **Ha Long & Lan Ha Bay:** 3-day/2-night luxury cruise, kayaking through limestone arches, and Viet Hai Village cycling.
- **Hoi An:** Walking tour of the Ancient Town, riverboat lantern release, and a private family cooking class.
- **Rural Fun:** Bamboo basket boat "dancing" in the coconut forest and countryside cycling in the Mekong Delta.
- **Saigon:** Historic city tour (Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral) and exploring hidden alleys.
- **Mekong Delta:** Early morning boat trip to Cai Rang Floating Market and a hosted family feast.
- **Phu Quoc Extension:** Six days of uninterrupted family leisure, beach activities, and optional theme park/safari visits.

BRIEF ITINERARY AND TRAVEL DATE

Day	Itinerary	Overnight
Day 1	Hanoi Arrival – Water Puppet Show - Welcome Dinner	Hanoi
Day 2	Morning Museum of Ethnology – Kim Viet Workshop – Hilltribe Culinary Experience	Hanoi
Day 3	Leisure Day in Hanoi	Hanoi
Day 4	Hanoi – Mai Chau • Scenic Mountain Drive	Mai Chau

Day 5	Family Cycling Mai Chau • Village Exploration – Hosted Lunch at The White Thai Family	Mai Chau
Day 6	Leisure Day in Mai Chau	Mai Chau
Day 7	Mai Chau – Ninh Binh • Boat Trip in Trang An	Ninh Binh
Day 8	Ninh Binh – Ha Long Bay • Boarding Luxury Cruise	Ha Long Bay Cruise
Day 9	Viet Hai Cycling – Swimming & Kayaking - Lan Ha Bay	Ha Long Bay Cruise
Day 10	Ha Long Bay – Flight to Da Nang & Hoi An	Hoi An
Day 11	Morning Relax – Afternoon Hoi An Walk & River Boat Trip	Hoi An
Day 12	Family Cooking Class – Coconut Forest & Bamboo Basket Boat	Hoi An
Day 13	Relaxing Day in Hoi An	Hoi An
Day 14	Flight to Saigon • Southern Welcome	Saigon (HCMC)
Day 15	Exploring Saigon’s History & Hidden Alleys	Saigon (HCMC)
Day 16	Transfer to Can Tho – Afternoon Pool Relaxing	Can Tho
Day 17	Mekong Countryside Cycling – Hosted Family Meal	Can Tho
Day 18	Morning Floating Market – Leisure & Reflection	Can Tho
Day 19	Departure or Beach Escape	

DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY 1: HANOI ARRIVAL – WATER PUPPET SHOW - WELCOME DINNER **(-/-/D)**



Upon arrival at Noi Bai International Airport, your family will be greeted by your private guide and driver for a seamless transfer to your boutique hotel in the heart of the Old Quarter—an excellent start to your Vietnam for family journey. After settling in and shaking off the jet lag, embark on your first Vietnamese adventure.

The evening begins with the Water Puppet Show, a centuries-old tradition where legends of village life and mythical dragons dance across a liquid stage, accompanied by a live traditional orchestra. Following the performance, enjoy a Welcome Dinner at a restored old villa in the Old Quarter, introducing your family to the refined and delicate flavors of northern cuisine—an unforgettable highlight of Family holidays to Vietnam.

**DAY 2: MORNING MUSEUM OF ETHNOLOGY – KIM VIET WORKSHOP
– HILLTRIBE CULINARY EXPERIENCE (B/L/-)**



Dive deep into the cultural tapestry of Vietnam with a visit to the Museum of Ethnology, a highlight of immersive Family Tours in Vietnam. This world-class site is a favorite for families, featuring full-scale traditional houses in the outdoor garden that children can climb into and explore.

After gaining context on the country's 54 ethnic groups, head to Kim Viet, a heart-warming social enterprise. Here, you will join a hands-on workshop to craft "Stuffed Animals" using colorful tribal fabrics. This experience allows your family to interact with skilled artisans with disabilities, creating a meaningful, tangible memory of Hanoi.

Lunch is an immersion itself at A Ban, where the décor and mountain-inspired menu transport you to the remote highlands, adding rich sensory depth to your Family holidays to Vietnam experience.

DAY 3: LEISURE DAY IN HANOI (B/-/-)

Today is designed for your family to find your own rhythm in the Hanoi capital, embracing the flexibility that makes Vietnam for family journeys so enjoyable. You might choose to wander around Hoan Kiem Lake to watch the locals practice Tai Chi, explore the maze-like "36 Streets" for unique souvenirs, or perhaps hide away in a hidden café to sample Hanoi's famous Egg Coffee. This unscheduled time is vital for children to adjust to the local pace before heading into the mountains. Your guide remains available to offer

personalized recommendations for the best hidden gems or kid-friendly bookstores in the city, ensuring a relaxed and meaningful Family holidays to Vietnam experience.

DAY 4: HANOI – MAI CHAU • SCENIC MOUNTAIN DRIVE (B/L/-)



Leave the urban hustle behind as you drive west toward the peaceful Mai Chau Valley, a refreshing change of pace that perfectly suits Vietnam Family Holidays. As you descend into the valley, you'll be greeted by a patchwork of emerald rice paddies dotted with the stilt houses of the White Thai community - an unforgettable scene that highlights why Vietnam for family travel is so rewarding.

Check into your 4-star Ecolodge, an oasis of tranquility designed to blend into the landscape. Spend the afternoon breathing in the fresh mountain air, perhaps taking a short walk around the lodge to observe the slow, poetic pace of rural life as the sun sets behind the mountains.

DAY 5: HANOI – MAI CHAU • SCENIC MOUNTAIN DRIVE (B/L/-)



Prepare for an active day of discovery, perfectly suited to Family holidays to Vietnam. Set off on a gentle bicycle ride along flat village paths, weaving through the rice fields of Lac and Pom Coong. This is a joyful way for the family to meet local people; you'll see farmers tending their crops and weavers working at looms beneath their stilt houses. This is exactly the kind of authentic moment that makes Vietnam for family travel so meaningful.

We stop at a local home for a private visit to learn about their ancestral customs and the architecture of their unique dwellings. The open space and lack of traffic make this a safe and exhilarating environment for children to explore the great outdoors, making this day a highlight of well-designed Vietnam Family Holidays and enriching Family Tours in Vietnam.

DAY 6: LEISURE DAY IN MAI CHAU (B/-/-)

A dedicated day for rest and rejuvenation in the highlands, thoughtfully paced for Vietnam Family Holidays. Mai Chau's peaceful atmosphere and clean air make it the perfect place to recharge to recharge during your Family holidays to Vietnam. You are free to lounge by the infinity pool overlooking the valley, read a book on your private balcony, or engage in a gentle family walk to a nearby stream. For the more curious, the lodge often offers local cooking demonstrations or traditional dance performances in the evening.

DAY 7: MAI CHAU – NINH BINH • BOAT TRIP IN TRANG AN (B/L/-)



Depart Mai Chau for the spectacular landscapes of Ninh Binh, often referred to as "Ha Long Bay on Land", a highlight of many Vietnam Family Holidays, thanks to its gentle scenery and easy exploration.

After a local lunch, you will board a traditional rowboat at the UNESCO World Heritage site of Trang An. For two hours, a local rower will guide you silently along winding rivers, passing beneath towering limestone karsts and through low-ceiling natural caves. The landscape feels like a hidden, mythical world, offering a sense of wonder and discovery for all ages that truly defines Vietnam for family travel.

End the day checking into a luxury resort nestled among the mountains to unwind during your Family holidays to Vietnam.

DAY 8: NINH BINH – HA LONG BAY • BOARDING LUXURY CRUISE (B/L/D)



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Travel to the coast to begin your highly anticipated maritime adventure. Upon arrival at the pier, you will board a premium luxury cruise ship. As the vessel glides into the emerald waters of the bay, enjoy a gourmet lunch on the sundeck, surrounded by thousands of limestone islands. The afternoon is filled with excitement; you can choose to join a guided visit to a hidden cave or simply enjoy the onboard facilities, a perfect balance of adventure and comfort for Family Tours in Vietnam.

As evening falls, the ship anchors in a quiet lagoon, and the family can enjoy a sunset party on deck followed by a multi-course dinner under the stars that beautifully captures the joy of Vietnam for family travel.

DAY 9: VIET HAI CYCLING – SWIMMING & KAYAKING - LAN HA BAY (B/L/D)



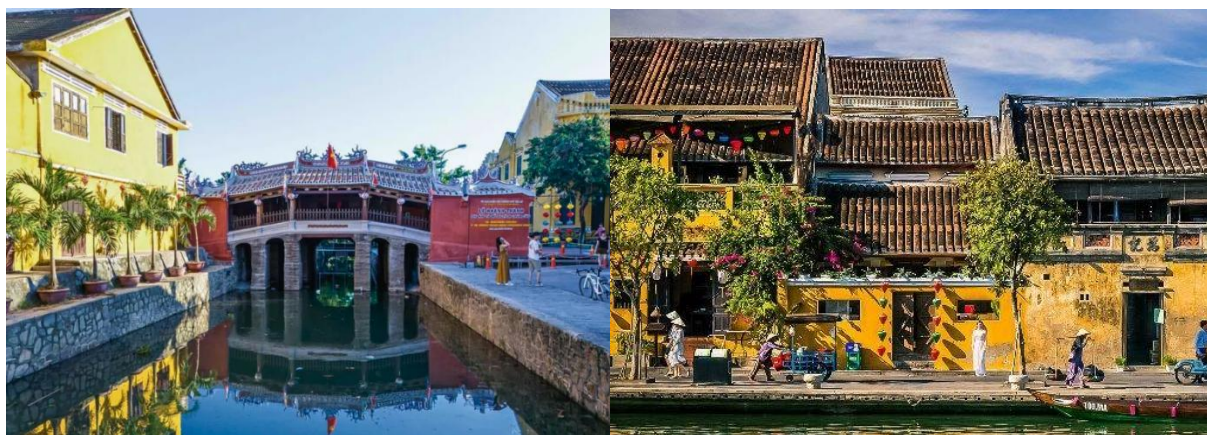
Wake up to a Tai Chi session on deck before diving deeper into the secluded Lan Ha Bay. Today's highlight is an excursion to Viet Hai Village; a remote settlement located inside Cat Ba National Park. You can explore the village by bicycle or electric cart, meeting residents and seeing their traditional gardens, a wonderful hands-on experience for Vietnam for family travel.

Returning to the ship, the afternoon is dedicated to water fun—kayaking through limestone arches or swimming in the pristine, quiet waters of a hidden bay. This 3-day cruise pace is ideal for Family Tours in Vietnam, allowing far more rest and discovery than standard overnight trips, which is perfect for memorable Family holidays to Vietnam.

DAY 10: HA LONG BAY – FLIGHT TO DA NANG & HOI AN (B/Brunch)

Enjoy a final morning of serenity on the water. You might choose a slow breakfast on your private balcony or a final swim before the ship cruises back to the harbor.

After a farewell brunch, disembark and transfer to the airport for a short domestic flight to Da Nang, continuing your seamless Family Tours in Vietnam experience. Upon landing, your private driver will take you on a 30-minute drive to the charming, lantern-lit town of Hoi An. Check into your resort and enjoy your first evening in this UNESCO-listed town, an enchanting highlight of any Family holidays to Vietnam.

DAY 11: MORNING RELAX – AFTERNOON HOI AN WALK & RIVER BOAT TRIP (B/-/-)

After several days of travel, enjoy a well-deserved slow morning at your resort—perfect for a long breakfast and pool time.

In the afternoon, your guide will lead you on a walking tour of Hoi An's Ancient Town. Discover the Japanese Covered Bridge, the ornate Chinese Assembly Halls, and the vibrant local market. The town's pedestrian-friendly streets are a joy to explore.

As evening falls, the family will board a small boat on the Hoai River to release paper lanterns into the water, a local tradition believed to bring good luck. As the town transforms into a magical glow of silk lanterns, this shared moment becomes a truly unforgettable memory of your Family holidays to Vietnam.

DAY 12: FAMILY COOKING CLASS – COCONUT FOREST & BAMBOO BASKET BOAT (B/L/-)



Start with a visit to a bustling local market to learn about exotic herbs and spices, then travel by boat to a garden villa for a private family cooking class. Under the guidance of a chef, your family will prepare (and eat!) delicious Hoi An specialties, turning local cuisine into a fun and interactive moment in Vietnam for family travel.

In the afternoon, head to the Cam Thanh Water Coconut Forest. Here, you will board traditional Bamboo Basket Boats, navigating the narrow, palm-fringed waterways. The local rowers will entertain the children with "basket boat dancing" and show you how to catch small crabs, making for an afternoon filled with laughter and the joyful spirit of Family holidays to Vietnam.

DAY 13: RELAXING DAY IN HOI AN (B/=/-)



A full day at leisure for the family to follow their own interests. You may choose to spend the day at An Bang Beach, known for its soft sand and excellent seafood restaurants, or visit the town's world-famous tailors to have custom outfits made for the whole family. For those seeking more culture, an optional trip to the My Son Sanctuary ruins is a great choice. This break in the itinerary allows you to fully absorb the charm of Central Vietnam at your own pace before the journey continues south.

DAY 14: FLIGHT TO SAIGON • SOUTHERN WELCOME (B/-/-)



Bid farewell to Hoi An as you transfer to Da Nang Airport for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon). Upon arrival, the energy of the south is immediate. Your private guide will transfer you to your hotel, strategically located near the city's main attractions.

After checking in, the evening is yours to explore the vibrant neighborhood. You might walk to the Ben Thanh Market for some light shopping or enjoy a meal at one of the city's many rooftop restaurants, watching the sea of motorbikes flow through the streets below.

DAY 15: EXPLORING SAIGON'S HISTORY & HIDDEN ALLEYS (B/L/-)



Spend the day uncovering the layers of Saigon's history as part of your enriching Vietnam Family Holidays. Visit the Reunification Palace and the Notre Dame Cathedral, where your guide will share stories of the city's colonial past and its modern transformation. We include a visit to the War Remnants Museum, with age-appropriate guidance for children in this Vietnam for family journey.

In the afternoon, an exhilarating way for the family to zip through the city's hidden alleys and flower markets, provides a thrilling "local" perspective of this dynamic metropolis.

DAY 16: TRANSFER TO CAN THO – AFTERNOON POOL RELAXING (B/-/-)



Travel south from the city into the lush, water-dominated world of the Mekong Delta. The drive is handled privately and comfortably, ensuring a restful journey.

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Upon arrival in Can Tho, the delta's largest city, check into your boutique ecolodge nestled among the greenery.

The afternoon is dedicated to immediate family relaxation; let the children splash in the pool and explore the lodge gardens while you enjoy a quiet drink by the river. This peaceful transition prepares the family for the deep cultural immersion in the Delta ahead.

DAY 17: MEKONG COUNTRYSIDE CYCLING – HOSTED FAMILY MEAL (B/L/-)

Experience the true "Heart of the Delta" with a guided bicycle ride along shaded village paths, a gentle and enriching activity often praised in Vietnam Family Holidays. This is a sensory adventure: you'll cross small wooden bridges, pass by colorful temples, and stop at local farms to see how dragon fruit and pomelos grow.

The highlight of the day is a hosted lunch at a local home. Your family will join a Mekong family to share a traditional feast, including the famous "Elephant Ear Fish". This intimate interaction allows your children to meet local kids and see a different, river-based lifestyle firsthand, creating lasting bonds and memories, creating meaningful connections and unforgettable Family holidays to Vietnam memories.

DAY 18: MORNING FLOATING MARKET – LEISURE & REFLECTION (B/-/-)



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Rise early for one of the most iconic experiences in Vietnam: a boat trip to the Cai Rang Floating Market. This is a vibrant, noisy, and colorful spectacle as hundreds of boats trade everything from pineapples to pumpkins. Watching the "noodle boats" serve breakfast on the water is a highlight for children. We return to the lodge for a hearty breakfast and a well-deserved rest.

The remainder of the day is at your leisure to enjoy the lodge's peaceful surroundings, swim, or perhaps take a final gentle walk along the riverbanks to say goodbye to the Mekong.

DAY 19: DEPARTURE OR BEACH ESCAPE (B/-/-)

After a final breakfast in the heart of the Delta, you will return to Saigon for your departure flight. The tour ends.

Or

You will be transferred to Can Tho Airport for a direct flight to the tropical paradise of Phu Quoc. Known as the "Pearl Island", this destination offers the ultimate setting for your final family retreat. Upon arrival, a private transfer will whisk you away to your 5-star beach resort, nestled on a stretch of pristine white sand. The transition from the rustic charm of the Delta to the refined luxury of the island is a true highlight for the whole family. Spend your first afternoon dipping your toes in the turquoise waters of the Gulf of Thailand or simply relaxing by the shore.

INCLUDED SERVICES:

- **Accommodation:** 24 nights in 4/5-star hotels and premium Ecolodges; plus a 3-Day/2-Night 4/5-star luxury cruise in Lan Ha/Halong Bay.
- **Transportation:** Private air-conditioned vehicles for all transfers and 04 domestic flight sectors (HAN-DAD, DAD-SGN, VCA-PQC, PQC-SGN).
- **Unique Local Transport:** rowboats (Ninh Binh), basket boats (Hoi An), motorized riverboats (Mekong), and bicycles.
- **Guiding Services:** Professional, family-oriented English-speaking guides provided in each region throughout the trip.

- **Meals:** Daily breakfasts; specified lunches and dinners including a Welcome Dinner, Hilltribe culinary experience at A Ban, and hosted local family meals.
- **Activities & Entrance Fees:** All sightseeing fees, Water Puppet Show tickets, Kim Viet "Stuffed Animal" workshop, and private Family Cooking Class in Hoi An.
- **Service:** Complimentary bottled water and cold towels provided on the vehicle during all transfers.

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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- Cancellation fees will be levied according to the time cancellation is made.
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