

VIETNAM WORLD HERITAGE

14 DAYS | 13 NIGHTS

*Hanoi – Bac Ninh – Ninh Binh – Ha Long Bay – Phong Nha – Hue – Hoi An –
Saigon – Mekong Delta*



TOUR OVERVIEW:

This specialized 14 days itinerary from the North to the South, offering you top 5 amazing Must-see UNESCO Sites including Ha Long Bay & Phong Nha-Ke Bang Natural heritage, Hue, Hoi An and My Son sanctuary Cultural heritage. Also exploring other incredible stunning landscapes, traditional customs, emotional history and mouthwatering Vietnamese cuisine to create your holiday of a lifetime.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Dynamic bustling **Saigon**
- Floating life of **Mekong Delta** with markets
- Deep understanding of Vietnam War in **DMZ**
- **Dong Hoi** with **Phong Nha** and **Paradise Caves**
- **Ninh Binh**, claimed as “Ha Long Bay on land” thanks to its magical riverine landscape, with sheer limestone mountains rising up from the paddies
- **Hoi An** World culture Heritage site
- **Hue** Ancient Capital with Motorbike tour with highlights
- **Danang**, an ideal beach City
- **Hanoi** Old Quarter Hustle and bustle-Real local life – Street food tasting with hidden gems of Hanoi
- **Ha Long Bay – Lan Ha Bay** Natural World Heritage with overnight package cruise

BRIEF ITINERARY AND TRAVEL DATE

Day	Itinerary	Overnight
Day 1	Welcome to Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam!	Hanoi
Day 2	Hanoi - Bac Ninh peaceful countryside - the real Vietnam	Hanoi
Day 3	Hanoi – Ha Long Bay- World Natural heritage	On Cruise
Day 4	Ha Long Bay – Hanoi	Hanoi
Day 5	Hanoi – Ninh Binh	Ninh Binh
Day 6	Ninh Binh – Dong Hoi Quang Binh - Land of Caves	On train
Day 7	Dong Hoi - Paradise and Phong Nha caves - World Natural heritage	Dong Hoi

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Day 8	Dong Hoi –Vinh Moc Tunnels - Hue - World culture heritage	Hue
Day 9	Hue – Hoi An - World Culture heritage	Hoi An
Day 10	Cooking class - Free and easy, Shopping	Hoi An
Day 11	Half day to visit My Son holy land sanctuary-World culture heritage	Hoi An
Day 12	Hoi An – Ho Chi Minh city	HCMC/Saigon
Day 13	We drive to visit Mekong delta-rice basket of Vietnam for a day trip	HCMC/Saigon
Day 14	Departure day or enjoy more your holiday	

DETAILED ITINERARY

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



Warm welcome at the airport, check in your room and enjoy your free time to refresh after long flight and time changed

Then we have group meeting before going out for group welcome dinner.

DAY 2: HANOI-BAC NINH EASY BIKING TO PEACEFUL COUNTRYSIDE -THE REAL VIETNAM (B/L/-)



8:00

You are welcome at your hotel and take around an hour's transfer by support vehicle out of the city to Bac Ninh

8:30 - 8:45

Stop at the bank of Duong River, get dressed up with biking equipment and a camera to be ready for a bike ride offers you views of fertile riverside farms and the daily life of the village's rustic dotting green bamboo tree lines and fields of rice, flowers, and vegetables...

Give your hands to the farmers, if you like to help, try to be a real farmer to join them to plough the soil or seeding vegetables...and take a picture to save the memorable experience. Wave your hands to the farmers; keep cycling along the farm then stop to visit a local temple for a great view.

Enjoy the breath-breaking peaceful scenery of the countryside of the riverside, we stop to take pictures of river views then visit one of the oldest pagodas - But Thap and understand more about Vietnamese Buddhism dating back to the 13th century. Admire the impressionistic Buddhist statue with a thousand arms and thousand eyes, meet friendly locals, take pictures of water buffaloes...

10:45 - 11:00

Cycling further through the Rice Field to ToFu Village where you learn about how to make Dau Phu from Soybean, really interesting manual labor to make Yummy

Dau Phu for Vegetarian, is highly recommended by the local people to taste traditional Vietnamese food.

Stop by the Kumquat garden, where thousands of kumquat trees are growing and breathe fresh air in the peaceful countryside for the Lunar New Year tradition.

11:45 - 12:00

We proceed to the dike to visit the Ancestral Mausoleum Kinh Duong Vuong – the primitive Ancestor founder of Vietnam, Dragon, and Fairy, from 2792 BC located on the bank of the River, wander around, and sightseeing, you can see many giant old trees.

12:30 - 13:00

We have yummy lunch with a local family in typical traditional wooden houses made from bricks with Tile roofs, you can try to cook if you want, fresh Rolls with fun.

Relax and walk around the village to visit how local people use colored papers to make artwork like Money, houses, shoes, and horses ...to do ancestor worshipping on the anniversary days, so unique!

14:00 - 14:30

Next, we're cycling to Dong Ho Folk painting - UNESCO Intangible World Heritage, You love painting, and you have a chance to be an artist to draw your own pictures!

Here is a unique Folk Painting that used Gio Papers from nature to be printed on Wood blocks with special inks from natural leaves, and shells ...the pictures tell you about local life, festival, and animals, especially the Rat wedding ones ...grab your own picture!

16:30 - 17:00

Wandering more around to enjoy the peaceful scenery of the countryside, we visit the old Northern Style -Wooden House of Local Family where you will see the real life and typical architecture and traditional Ancestor Worship then we drive back to Hanoi. Or if you like to have a peaceful overnight at the Village, do the homestay with the local family, that would be an amazing real-life local experience.

DAY 3: HANOI – HA LONG BAY - WORLD NATURAL HERITAGE (B/L/D)**8:30 - 8:50**

A limousine bus picks the guests up at your hotel in the old quarter.

12:00

The crew members of Peony Cruises will welcome you at No.34, Tuan Chau Marina, Quang Ninh.

12:30

You will be taken aboard our support vessel and travel from the wharf via the bay to board our luxurious craft, Peony Cruises. Itinerary briefing is announced during this time.

13:00

Welcome fresh drinks, wet towels and a special lunch of fresh food and an assortment of appetizing delicacies will be served. You will be enchanted when decadently dining on our luxury junk. Life just doesn't get better than this!

We then set sail for Lan Ha Bay - A member of the World's Most Beautiful Bays.

Enjoy the delicious luncheon of fresh seafood and an assortment of appetizing delicacies while cruising along Lan Ha bay with the breathtaking scenery.

15:30

Visiting Tra Bau area where has known as an area famous for its unspoiled, poetic natural beauty and attractive seascape of Lan Ha Bay. This is the best time for

kayaking to discover the truest beauty of the limestone islands. Immerse yourself in the emerald, green water of the bay or enjoy the Jacuzzi pool on the Peony Cruises.

17:30 - 18:30

Joining us for Cooking demonstration to learn how to make one of the most famous Vietnamese cuisines, the spring rolls. Or reach the top deck of cruise where the guests can admire the magnificent sunset over the Gulf of Tonkin.

Enjoy a Happy Hour time – BUY ONE GET ONE FREE at the bar. It is an ideal time for photography enthusiasts to capture the greatest moment of sunset over Lan Ha Bay.

19:30

Enjoy delicious local food prepared and served by our skillful chef. This is a delightful meal in an intimate romantic setting.

21:00 - 22:00

Relax and sip the exotic cocktails and drinks at the sky bar (with surcharge).

Indulge yourself with spa service (optional) or simply relax on the top deck just under the cover of a brightly illuminated sky. Or try to get your luck at the squid fishing on the main deck.

DAY 4: HA LONG BAY- HANOI (B/-/-)



Lan Ha Bay – Cat Ba Island – Tuan Chau

6:00

Begin the day full of energy with the Tai Chi session and enjoy the sun just rising up beyond the horizon.

6:45 - 7:15

Breakfast is served while cruising back to Gia Luan jetty. (Breakfast time maybe adjust and follow the real itinerary)

7:30 - 9:00

You will join the tour of Cat Ba World Biosphere by transshipment. It takes 30 minutes to transfer from Gia Luan to Trung Trang – one of the most impressive caves in Cat Ba island. The limestone cave has thousands of stalactites in various shapes, offering geological values with a typical cave ecosystem.

9:30

Return to the main boat from the cave and the guests will check out the cabin. Luggage is placed outside of the cabin.

Lunch is served at the restaurant. Settle the bar bill by the desk at the restaurant (if any)

10:30 - 11:00

Disembark the Peony Cruises and transferred back to Block #34, Big Bay group terminal, Tuan Chau Marina. Relax and wait for the luggage.

11:30 - 12:00

The guests are ready at Tuan Chau Marina.

Note: The itinerary is subject to change without notice, in accordance with the weather and other operating conditions.

DAY 5: HANOI – NINH BINH (B/L/-)**08:30**

Leave Hanoi for Ninh Binh. On arrival, we will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before checking in the room then we take Sampan-rowing boat to explore the World eco-system and nature reserved Trang An, amazing scenery like Ha Long on land.

Then easy morning then we visit the top of Ninh Binh by climbing to enjoy panorama view of Mua cave, stunning sceneries and lotus flowers farm, local fields... then we back to Hotel for refreshing

Back to your Hotel and enjoy your free afternoon and evening. Walking around peaceful countryside of rice fields

**DAY 6: NINH BINH – DONG HOI QUANG BINH-LAND OF CAVES-
OVERNIGHT TRAIN (B/-/-)**

Today you enjoy easy biking to explore beautiful villages and mountain landscapes. Visit hidden caves and Temples and, We drive to the train Station to enjoy the real local life, the name of train, reunification express

DAY 7: DONG HOI- PARADISE - AND PHONG NHA CAVES - WORLD NATURAL HERITAGE (B/L/-)

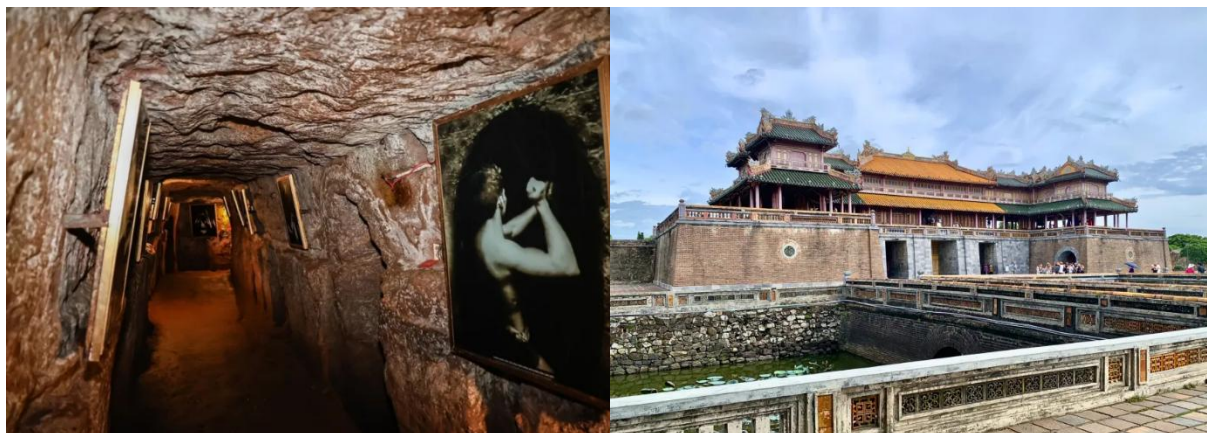


Early arrival, We drive to hotel and relax at the lobby for Breakfast, and relax at hotel

Late morning we will leave the hotel for Paradise cave with colorful stalactite and stalagmites. We will spend around 1,5 hours to explore the biggest dry cave in Asia which was recently discovered in 2005 and started to open in 2010.

Back to Hotel for relaxing and overnight.

DAY 8: DONG HOI –VINH MOC TUNNELS- HUE- WORLD CULTURE HERITAGE (B/-/-)



Breakfast at hotel, then we will depart for Hue by bus. On the way will stop at the border between North and South during Vietnam war, the 17 Parallel and Vinh Moc Tunnels - the biggest tunnel during Vietnam war on the way to Hue.

On arrival, we will check into the hotel and have a short rest before visiting a short visit to one of the Nguyen King's tombs and Thien Mu pagoda.

DAY 9: HUE – HOI AN- WORLD CULTURE HERITAGE (B/-/-)



After breakfast, we checked out the hotel for short visit to the Imperial palace before heading to Hoi An. On arrival, spend the whole afternoon shopping, exploring the old town of Hoi An or just relaxing by the pool at our resort.

DAY 10: COOKING CLASS - FREE AND EASY, SHOPPING (B/L/-)



09:30

We meet in the lobby and go to restaurant for our cooking lesson. You will have a chance to learn how to cook some typical Vietnamese dishes and enjoy what you have cooked. They will email you the recipe so that you can cook when returning home.

Free afternoon to explore the town and go shopping

DAY 11: HALF DAY TO VISIT MY SON HOLY LAND SANCTUARY - WORLD CULTURE HERITAGE (B/-/-)



After breakfast, we take a half day tour to visit My Son to learn a part of history of Champa Kingdom and enjoy the great Hindu temple complex. We will be back in the early afternoon then make your own plan for the rest of the day.

DAY 12: HOI AN – HO CHI MINH CITY (B/-/-)

Today we will fly to the biggest city in Vietnam known as Ho Chi Minh city. Short cyclo tour to exploring the city's highlights of the Independent Palace, War Museum, French Quarter... in the late afternoon is a good way to explore the city before we head out for our dinner if you wish.

DAY 13: WE DRIVE TO VISIT MEKONG DELTA-RICE BASKET OF VIETNAM FOR A DAY TRIP (B/L/-)

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 areas. 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

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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. 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 you back to Saigon for your last night in Vietnam.

DAY 14: DEPARTURE DAY (B/-/-)

Time to say goodbye Vietnam and lifetime friends you have made along the way. Transfer to the airport for your flight home or continue your next holiday.

INCLUDED SERVICES:

- Transport/ transfer as tour described
- Private English-Speaking guide as tour described
- Great adventures of 2 Motorbike tours in Hue and Hanoi
- Hanoi Street Food tour
- Biking Tour in Bac Ninh
- Cooking Class in Hoi An
- Private cruise on My Tho Mekong Delta
- Phong Nha Cave Boat trip and Paradise Cave
- DMZ Tour, Vinh Moc and Cu Chi Tunnels
- Train ticket - Sleeper train Ninh Binh -Dong Hoi
- Private car picks up and drops off airport
- 2 days 1 night Package on Ha Long Bay cruise
- Boat trip in Tam Coc
- Flight ticket Da Nang - Ho Chi Minh
- Accommodation 4 & 5 Star
- Meals mentioned (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner),
- 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

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- 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.

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