Inside Vietnam Small Group Adventure
Vietnam: Hanoi, Halong Bay, Hué, Hoi An, Nha Trang, Dalat, Ho Chi Minh City

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**DEPARTURE DATE:** October 28, 2020

**What’s Included**

- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- All land transportation and 3 internal flights
- Accommodations for 17 nights
- 40 meals—daily breakfast, 12 lunches, and 11 dinners (including 1 Home-Hosted Dinner)

- 23 small group activities
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Itinerary

DAY 1 • Depart U.S.
Fly to Hanoi, Vietnam.

DAY 2 • Fly to Hanoi, Vietnam
Continue your journey to Hanoi, Vietnam.

DAY 3 • Arrive in Hanoi, Vietnam
Arrive in Hanoi this morning, where an O.A.T. representative will meet you at the airport and escort you to your hotel, where you’ll be joined by travelers who took the pre-trip extension to The Hill Tribes of Northern Vietnam. Later this afternoon, we’ll take an orientation walk around the neighborhood, and we’ll stop by a beer garden to interact with locals and try local drinks. Tonight, enjoy a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 4 • Explore Hanoi • Local interaction • Water puppet demonstration
Today we explore Hanoi. We'll view the plaza of Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum and go inside to see his preserved remains. We'll also visit the One Pillar Pagoda. Later this afternoon, we'll meet a local water puppet master and his family—and our small group size gives us the unique opportunity to learn how these intricate puppets are made. We'll also enjoy a hands-on demonstration on how to manipulate the puppets to make them move—an O.A.T.-exclusive experience.

DAY 5 • Hanoi • Tho Ha Village visit
Enjoy some free time this morning. Perhaps you'll rise early this morning to participate in “laughter yoga” at a local park, or venture to a coffee shop to sample traditional egg coffee. A little later this morning, we'll regroup and travel to rural Tho Ha Village, pausing along the way at a war cemetery where we'll meet veterans who will share their war experiences with us. Upon arrival at this traditional riverside village, we'll see how a local family earns its living by making rice paper.

DAY 6 • Visit Bat Trang ceramic village
We visit Bat Trang, a small village known for its unique, high-quality ceramic pottery. We'll visit the Tran Hung ceramics workshop where we'll meet with an artist and their family. They'll teach us about the ceramic-making process before we have the chance to make our own ceramic pieces. Later this morning, we'll learn about Vietnam's controversial land reform when we speak with two former landlords. After lunch in Hanoi, you'll have some time to spend as you wish.

DAY 7 • Overland to Halong Bay • Embark on overnight cruise
After breakfast, we depart for Halong Bay, where we'll board our private boat for an overnight cruise. We spend our afternoon plying the bay's emerald waters, stopping to explore a cavernous grotto. We enjoy dinner onboard and then pass the evening lounging on deck amidst some of Vietnam's most spectacular scenery.

DAY 8 • Halong Bay cruising • Fly to Hué
After breakfast onboard, we ride to the airport for our flight to Hué, arriving this afternoon.

DAY 9 • Explore Hué • Minh Tu Orphanage visit
This morning, we'll tour the Citadel of Hué. We'll continue on to Dieu Thanh Pagoda and enjoy an exclusive opportunity to sit down to lunch with local nuns. Later this afternoon, we'll visit Minh Tu Orphanage, supported in part by Grand Circle Foundation. We'll see the clean and safe space this organization provides for the children and learn how it aims to encourage children to go to school.

DAY 10 • Overland to Hoi An • Cooking demonstration
Today, we depart for Hoi An, stopping at China Beach, the setting for a TV show about a U.S. army base in Vietnam. We'll enjoy a cooking demonstration, where we'll learn the secrets to preparing some local specialties—we'll taste the results for dinner.

DAY 11 • Explore Hoi An • Optional cyclo–rickshaw ride and Thu Bon River cruise
After breakfast at our hotel, we'll enjoy a walking tour of Hoi An that includes the Phuc Kien Congressional House and the Japanese covered bridge. We'll also ride on
the ferry to explore the other side of town. This afternoon, join us for an optional cyclo–rickshaw ride through a rural area of Hoi An and a cruise on the Thu Bon River.

**Day 12 • Hoi An • Explore Champa Ruins at My Son Sanctuary**
We spend half of the day exploring the ruins of the Champa Kingdom at the remarkable temple complex of My Son Sanctuary, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We'll return to Hoi An in time for lunch at a local restaurant. This evening, those who wish to may join a round table discussion about what we've seen on our journey so far.

**Day 13 • Fly to Nha Trang**
We fly this morning to Nha Trang on Vietnam's south-central coast. When we arrive, we'll check into our hotel, where you can relax until we gather for dinner at a local restaurant.

**Day 14 • A Day in the Life of Xóm Gio village**
This morning, we'll ride motorbikes to a local market before setting out to experience A Day in the Life of the tranquil riverside community of Xóm Gio. We'll visit this bamboo basket-weaving village where we'll enjoy lunch at a local home, and the exclusive opportunity to visit with villagers and learn about their way of life.

**Day 15 • Overland to Dalat • Home–Hosted Dinner**
We travel to the central highlands today. During lunch at a local restaurant, we'll meet members of a local hill tribe before we continue on and arrive in the mountain town of Dalat early this afternoon. Tonight you can learn more about everyday Vietnamese people when you spend time with a local family during a Home–Hosted Dinner.

**Day 16 • Dalat • Optional Dalat Agricultural tour • University student discussion**
Rise early to visit a local market. You can join us for an optional tour that focuses on Dalat's agricultural production, featuring a visit to a market garden. We'll also visit the isolated village of a hill tribe that practices subsistence farming. Later, we'll all visit Dalat University to learn about the Vietnamese education system during an informative discussion with a professor and local university students.

**Day 17 • Fly to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) • Motorbike excursion**
Today, we rise early to fly to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon). Upon arrival, we embark on a city tour to see the War Remnants Museum, Notre Dame Cathedral, Post Office, and the site of the former U.S. Embassy, followed by lunch of traditional noodle soup. We'll then have free time before gathering again for an orientation walk around the hotel and dinner at a local restaurant.

**Day 18 • Overland to the Mekong Delta • Sampan ride • Local interaction**
Today we’ll discover Vietnam's Mekong Delta. We’ll drive and take a motorized boat to Ben Tre, enjoying a brief walk through the village and taking a sampan ride along one of the town's scenic and peaceful canals. We’ll also meet with a local family to get an authentic glimpse of daily life here, and we’ll visit a coconut candy workshop to learn about making the sweet keo dua. We return to our hotel in Ho Chi Minh City this afternoon and the rest of the day is yours to spend as you wish.

**Day 19 • Explore the Cu Chi Tunnels • Viet Cong veterans discussion**
Today we'll tour the Cu Chi Tunnels, a vast network of tunnels stretching more than 125 miles. These tunnels allowed the Viet Cong to control a large area near the former Saigon. Tonight, we gather at a local restaurant for a Farewell Dinner.

**Day 20 • Return to the U.S. or begin post–trip extension**
This morning we fly to Taipei for our connecting flight to Los Angeles. Travelers who are flying to San Francisco will enjoy a morning at leisure before their afternoon flight home via Taipei. If you're extending your adventure, you'll fly to Siem Reap to begin your optional post–trip extension in Angkor Wat, Cambodia.

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Hanoi
Stretching along the banks of the Red River, Vietnam’s charming capital is considered the cultural heart of the country. Boasting more than 1,000 years of history, the city is most strongly redolent of its French colonial days, with French-influenced buildings, public parks, and tree-lined boulevards. With your local Trip Experience Leader, you’ll explore the city’s many enduring features, including the opportunity to attend a traditional water puppet show.

Nha Trang
Blessed with miles of beautiful beaches, low humidity, and year-round warm temperatures, Nha Trang is a seaside community whose residents remain devoted to the sea for fishing and recreation. The traditional circular bamboo boats you see dotting the water are made in town and helmed from a standing position. The rocky inlets, palm-lined beaches, and refreshing breezes—along with the surrounding mountains—make Nha Trang Bay one of the most beautiful in the world.

Ho Chi Minh City
Saigon was the capital of French colonial Indochina from the 1860s until the mid-1950s, and then served as the capital of South Vietnam until the North and South were reunified in 1975. While many locals still call the city Saigon, the city was officially renamed Ho Chi Minh City in 1975. Today, Ho Chi Minh City is Vietnam’s commercial hub and its center of international business. Our small group will embark on an excursion outside the city to visit the Cu Chi tunnels, an underground network vital to the North Vietnamese army during the Vietnam War.

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