

## Inside Vietnam

### Small Group Adventure

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

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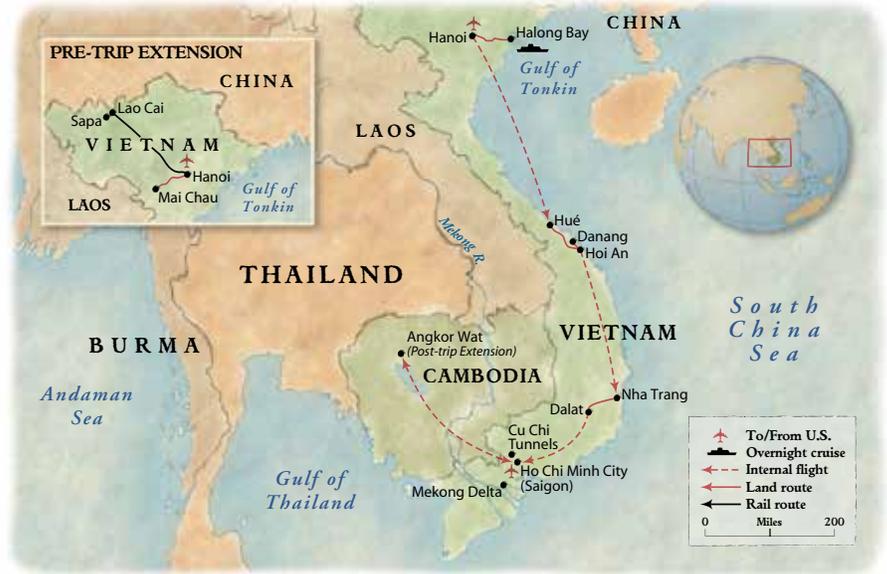
#### Optional extensions:

The Hill Tribes of Northern Vietnam

6 nights pre-trip from **\$1095**

Angkor Wat, Cambodia

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**DEPARTURE DATE: October 21 - November 9, 2019**

## Itinerary Summary

DAYS	DESTINATION
1-2	Fly to Hanoi, Vietnam
3-6	Hanoi
7	Halong Bay
8-9	Fly to Hué
10-12	Hoi An
13-14	Danang • Fly to Nha Trang
15-16	Dalat
17-19	Fly to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)
20	Return to U.S.

## It'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, 13 lunches, and 10 dinners (including 1 Home-Hosted Dinner)
- 23 small group activities
- **Explore in a small group of 8-16 travelers (average group size of 14)**
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## Itinerary

### DAY 1 • Begin your journey to Hanoi, Vietnam via a domestic gateway city

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*. Tonight we'll take an orientation walk around the neighborhood and enjoy a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

D—Golden Lotus Hotel or similar

### DAY 4 • Explore Hanoi • Water puppet show

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, followed by a stop at the Temple of Literature. Tonight, we'll be treated to a traditional water puppet show.

B,L,D—Golden Lotus Hotel or similar

### DAY 5 • Hanoi • Optional Tho Ha Countryside tour

This morning, you can join an optional tour of rural Tho Ha. At this traditional riverside village, we'll see how a local family earns its living by making rice paper and raising pigs. Or you can explore Hanoi on your own—perhaps taking a walk around Hoan Kiem Lake, an enchanting body of water at the heart of the city.

B—Golden Lotus Hotel or similar

### DAY 6 • Visit Bat Trang Ceramic village

We visit Bat Trang, a small village known for its unique, high-quality ceramic pottery. We learn about the ceramic-making process at a workshop before exploring the local market. After lunch in Hanoi, we tour the Museum of Ethnology.

B,L—Golden Lotus Hotel or similar

### DAY 7 • Overland to Halong Bay • Embark 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.

B,L,D—Traditional Vietnamese boat or similar

### DAY 8 • Fly to Hué

After breakfast onboard, we ride to the airport for our flight to Hué, arriving this evening.

B,L—Cherish Hotel or similar

### DAY 9 • Explore Hué

This morning, we'll tour the Citadel of Hué and the historic Thien Mu Pagoda, followed by a cruise along the Perfume River. We'll continue on to Dieu Thanh Pagoda and enjoy lunch with local nuns.

B,L,D—Cherish Hotel or similar

### DAY 10 • Travel overland to Hoi An • Cooking class

Today, we depart for Hoi An, stopping at China Beach, the setting for a TV show about a U.S. army base in Vietnam. After a round table discussion about Vietnamese history and culture, we'll enjoy a cooking demonstration, where we'll learn the secrets to preparing some local specialties—we'll taste the results for dinner.

B,L,D—Lotus Hoi An Hotel or similar

### DAY 11 • 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.

B,L—Lotus Hoi An Hotel or similar

### 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.

B,L—Lotus Hoi An Hotel or similar

### DAY 13 • Fly to Nha Trang • Boat tour to fishing village

We fly early this morning to Nha Trang on Vietnam's south-central coast. When we arrive, we'll explore a local fishing village, taking to the water as the locals do—aboard a traditional wooden "drawing"

Activity Level: ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ MODERATELY EASY





boat. Our boat tour also takes us to a beautiful beach nearby, where you can relax and enjoy lunch on your own.

B,D—Yasaka Saigon Nha Trang Hotel & Spa or similar

### **DAY 14 • A Day in the Life of Xom Gio village**

Today we visit Dien Phu Kindergarten, supported in part by Grand Circle Foundation. From there, we'll visit a nearby bamboo basket-weaving village for lunch at a local home, where we'll have a chance to visit with villagers and learn about their way of life.

**Please note:** On select departures, Dien Phu Kindergarten will be replaced with a visit to Minh Tu Orphanage in Hué on Day 8.

B,L—Yasaka Saigon Nha Trang Hotel & Spa or similar

### **DAY 15 • Travel overland to Dalat • University visit • Home-Hosted Dinner**

We travel to the central highlands today, arriving in the mountain town of Dalat early this afternoon. Then, we'll visit the town's university, where we'll meet college students and learn about their perspectives on daily life in Dalat. Tonight you can learn more about everyday Vietnamese people when you spend time with a local family during a Home-Hosted Dinner.

B,L,D—Sammy Dalat Hotel or similar

### **DAY 16 • Explore old French train station • Visit Linh Phuoc Pagoda • Optional Dalat Agricultural tour**

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 set out for Dalat's cog railway station. We'll ride the train to Trai Mat and explore Linh Phuoc Pagoda, a striking Buddhist temple.

B,D—Sammy Dalat Hotel or similar

### **DAY 17 • Fly to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)**

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.

B,L,D—Au Lac II Hotel or similar

### **DAY 18 • Mekong Delta discovery**

Today we'll discover Vietnam's Mekong Delta. We'll drive 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 visit a coconut candy workshop to learn about

making the sweet *keo dua*, and cruise to nearby Phoenix Island, where we'll learn about the "Coconut Monk."

B,L—Au Lac II Hotel or similar

### **DAY 19 • Cu Chi Tunnels tour**

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.

B,L,D—Au Lac II Hotel or similar

### **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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# Experience Vietnam's sacred splendor ...

## Hanoi

Stretching along the banks of the Red River, Vietnam's charming capital is considered to be 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 Leader, you'll explore the city's many enduring features, including the shady paths of Hoan Kiem and attend a water puppet show.

## Nha Trang

Blessed with miles of beautiful beaches, low humidity, and year-round warm temperatures, Nha Trang is a seaside community with a small-town feel 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. We'll take a ride in one of these "drawing boats" during our time here. 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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