



# Vietnam Panorama

**\$5,499**  
for a 21 day tour  
to Hanoi, Hai Phong,  
Cat Ba, Halong, Dien Bien,  
Sapa, Bac Ha, Ninh Binh, Hue,  
Danang, Hoi An, My Son, Ho Chi  
Minh City (Saigon), Ben Tre, Can  
Tho (Mekong Delta), Cu Chi.  
This is the comprehensive  
way to explore  
Vietnam.

## Day 1: Hanoi Arrival (B)

Upon arrival Hanoi, your tour guide will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel. Hanoi, Vietnam's capital city, boasts tree-lined streets and centuries-old temples.

Overnight in Hanoi

## Day 2: Hanoi (B/L/D)

Visit the One-Pillared Pagoda, West Lake, Lake Hoan Kiem, and Temple of Literature. Then enjoy a Cyclo tour (1 hour) around the old quarters of Hanoi and local markets. This evening see the famous Water Puppet Show (1st class seats).

Overnight in Hanoi

## Day 3: Hanoi - Hai Phong (B/L/D)

This morning we visit Ho Chi Minh's Former Residence before driving to Hai Phong, the most bustling seaport city in northern Vietnam with charming French-style buildings, ancient temples and colourful markets.

Overnight in Hai Phong

## Day 4: Hai Phong - Cat Ba - Halong (B/L/D)

Take a hydrofoil to Cat Ba Island (1 hour), the biggest island in southern Halong Bay, famous for limestone landscape and bio-diversity. Board a private boat for a cruise (6 hours) to explore Halong Bay's magical caves and limestone formations. A fresh seafood lunch is served on board. The cruise ends at sunset, a spectacular view in Halong Bay.

Overnight in Halong

## Day 5: Halong - Hanoi (B/L/WD)

This morning is at leisure; or walk on the stone

steps to Mt. Bai Tho (200m) which offers a panoramic view of Halong Bay or shop for souvenirs along Halong Road (coal carvings, embroideries, ceramics...). This afternoon, board your coach back to Hanoi. Spend some leisure time at the old quarters of Hanoi. A Western dinner is served at your hotel.

Overnight in Hanoi

## Day 6: Hanoi - Dien Bien (B/L/D)

This morning, transfer to Noi Bai Airport for a short flight to Dien Bien Phu, a famous valley at an elevation of 550m by the Vietnamese - Laotian border, where the French Army was defeated by Viet Minh in 1954. This afternoon, explore the former battlefields: the Dien Bien Phu Museum, Eliane Hill (A1 Hill), Nam Rom Bridge, Muong Thanh airfield, De Castries' bunker and finally the Victory Memorial on a hillock, offering spectacular sunset views.

Overnight in Dien Bien

## Day 7: Dien Bien - Sapa (B/L/D)

Transfer to Sapa (290km) via a picturesque road through rolling mountains, deep river valleys and the Hoang Lien Son Pass, the highest pass in Vietnam (2,047 metres). Encounter Black Thai and Red H'mong villages en route. Nestling on Mount Fansipan, Sapa offers spectacular scenery and is home to different hill-tribes.

Overnight in Sapa

## Day 8: Sapa - Bac Ha (B/L/WD)

Leave for Bac Ha (105km) via a winding road with breath-taking mountain views. Visit Bac Ha Fair (on Sunday's only) or Can Cau Fair (on

Saturday's only), considered the most lively and crowded in the region. They attract a large number of Flower H'mong and other hill-tribe groups (Nung, Phu La, Tay). This afternoon, take a leisurely walk to visit the Flower H'mong village of Ban Pho, to get an insight into the region and its people through its textiles and embroideries.

Overnight in Sapa

## Day 9: Sapa - Hanoi (B/L/D)

Take a morning trek (6km) to visit the hill-tribe villages of Lao Chai & Ta Van in the picturesque Muong Hoa valley. The trekking trail runs across magnificent terraced paddy fields, green valleys, rivers, and over white roof-dotted houses by mountain sides. Get to know more about the daily life of the local people (Black H'mong and Day), their ways of living and simple working tools. This afternoon, transfer to Ta Phin Village, see Red Yao at work in their distinctive colourful dress. Explore Sapa town at leisure. Board the night train to Hanoi (340km). Berths in air-conditioned compartments are provided.

Overnight on train

## Day 10: Arrive Hanoi (B)

Arrive in Hanoi in the morning, followed by a transfer to your hotel. Own arrangement to explore more of Hanoi or have a rest.

Overnight in Hanoi

## Day 11: Hanoi - Ninh Binh Excursion (B/L/D)

Pick up from your hotel. Full-day excursion to Ninh Binh. Boat ride to Tam Coc Caves which are considered the inland Ha Long Bay. Lunch with

Vietnamese food served at local restaurant. Visit to Dinh and Le Dynasty Temples at Hoa Lu, the former capital of Vietnam under Dinh dynasty (ruled from 968 to 980) and the early Le dynasty (ruled from 980 to 1009). Return to Ha Noi.

Overnight in Hanoi

**Day 12: Hanoi - Hue (B/D)**

This morning is at leisure, where you can explore more of the city at your own pace. This afternoon a transfer to Hanoi Noi Bai Airport for your flight to Hue, widely known for its magnificent monuments built under the Nguyen Dynasty (1802 – 1945). Pick up and transfer to your hotel.

Overnight in Hue

**Day 13: Hue - Danang - Hoi An (B/L/D)**

This morning is highlighted with a visit to the Dong Ba Market, famous for its best conical hats in Vietnam, Thien Mu Pagoda and the Imperial Citadel, built in 1804 on a site chosen in accordance with geomancy. A performance of ancient dance and court music, a world intangible heritage recognised by UNESCO in 2003, is presented in the citadel. This afternoon, the tour focuses on the tombs King Khai Dinh (ruled 1916 – 1925). The monuments, designed by the kings themselves, were also used as holiday retreats during their lifetime. Transfer to Danang (110km). Admire beautiful landscapes along the road through the Hai Van Pass. Panoramic views of the clouds, the sea and the mountains around are unfolded at the scenic Lang Co lagoon. After arriving in Danang, visit the Cham Sculpture Museum, which boasts the finest collection of Cham sandstone sculptures in the world. Continue to Hoi An. After checking into your hotel, you are free to enjoy the magnificent beaches.

Overnight in Hoi An

**Day 14: Hoi An (B/L/D)**

Today your guide will show you the ancient town. Hoi An, so called a 'living Museum City' because of its well-kept original historical buildings and ancient backstreets. Visit one of the three city's oldest homes, each built over 200 years ago and still occupied by descendants of the families that originally built them; then tour to the Chinese Assembly Hall. You will also take a cruise along the river (1 hour); followed by a traditional visit to the unique Japanese Bridge. A la carte lunch served at local restaurant and dinner is served at the restaurant by the river.

Overnight in Hoi An

**Day 15: Hoi An - My Son - Hoi An (B/L/D)**

This morning you are transferred to the Ruins of My Son to see Cham Holy See. Lunch and dinner will be served at local restaurants at your choice of western and local dishes.

Overnight in Hoi An

**Day 16: Hoi An (B/D)**

Today is at leisure to explore more of Hoi An at your own pace, possibly to do shopping, get some tailor-made clothes or enjoy a rest on the beach. Dinner is served at your hotel.

Optional Cooking class in Hoi An just for fun! The staff from the restaurant will show you around the market in the morning; then take you to the

restaurant and teach you how to cook the simple and healthy Vietnamese food. Talk to your local guide and ask them to book this for you the first day when you arrive Hoi An. The cost is between USD30 – 40 per person depending on the group size. You will enjoy your cooking, plus another two courses from the chef.

Overnight in Hoi An

**Day 17: Hoi An - Danang - Ho Chi Minh City (B/L/D)**

Transfer to Danang airport for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City, formally called Saigon, the economic and commercial centre of Vietnam. Enjoy dinner on the boat while sailing on the Saigon River.

Overnight in Saigon

**Day 18: Ho Chi Minh City - Ben Tre - Can Tho (Mekong Delta) (B/L/D)**

After checking out of your hotel. Please leave your big luggage at the hotel and simply take an overnight bag with you. Enjoy a full day excursion to Ben Tre, 80 km south of Saigon, a peaceful town on the bank of the Mekong River. The Tour comprises of a cruise on the Mekong River, a visit to local homes & orchards, a taste of season fruit and honey tea, a performance of traditional southern singing, a horse drawn cart through the village paths and a sampan ride along palm- shaded creeks. Lunch is served as a Mekong specialty at a restaurant on the islet. Continue your journey to Can Tho (110km). Words simply cannot describe this surreal adventure. If time permits you can relax by the pool or take in a massage at the hotel spa on the banks of the Delta.

Overnight in Can Tho

**Day 19: Can Tho - Ho Chi Minh City (B/L/WD)**

Enjoy an early morning boat ride along the Mekong River to the bustling Cai Rang floating market, thronged with buyers and sellers moving around in boats laden with produce. This is a journey you won't forget and is a "must see" to appreciate the simplicity of the lives and culture of the Vietnamese people. Return to the Hotel for a late breakfast and relax at the hotel. After lunch return to Ho Chi Minh and check into your hotel. A buffet dinner is served tonight at your hotel.

Overnight in Saigon

**Day 20: Ho Chi Minh City - Cu Chi Tunnel (B/L/WD)**

This morning, we head out to Cu Chi, 70km north of Saigon, famous for its 200-kilometre-long tunnels and it was a base of Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Returning to Ho Chi Minh city for lunch, then enjoy a city tour featuring the War Remnant Museum, Cho Ben Thanh Market, Thien Hau Temple and a lacquer workshop. A Western dinner is served at the Cordon Blue Restaurant.

Overnight in Saigon

**Day 21: Ho Chi Minh City Departure (B)**

Today is at leisure to explore this city at your own pace; a late checkout till 6pm then transfer to the airport for your flight back home.

End of services.

The above itinerary may change depend on flight schedule, road & weather conditions



**PRICE**

Land only:\$5,499

**The Price Includes:**

- 4 star hotel accomodation base on twin or double sharing with breakfast
- Sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary
- All transfers by private air-conditioned vehicle and boat fees as per itinerary
- Meals as per itinerary
- Professional English-speaking local guides
- Vietnam domestic airfares

**The Price Excludes:**

- International airfare
- Visa fee
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Gratuities
- Any additional tour or service not mentioned in the itinerary