

This tour offers the best of Vietnam exploring the wonders of Halong Bay, historical Hue, quaint Hoi An and the crystal waters of Nha Trang. Starting with the French flavour of traditional Hanoi and ending in modern Ho Chi Minh City, your journey will be enjoyed in comfort staying at many of Vietnam's premium hotels.

Starting Point Instructions

As you have an arrival transfer as part of this tour, a driver and customer liaison staff (when possible) will await you holding a sign with your name when you exit the airport terminal.

Arrival Complications

We don't expect any problems but if for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, please refer to our Emergency Contact person & phone number and inform them of any changes. If your airport transfer has not made contact within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend that you make your own way to the Starting Point Hotel. Should this occur, please apply to your travel agent for a refund of the transfer cost on your return.

Starting Point Hotel – Intercontinental Hotel

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Finishing Point Instructions: As you have a departure transfer as part of this tour, a driver will collect you from the finishing point hotel 3 hours before your departure flight. If your airport transfer has not made contact within 30 minutes before the appointed time, we recommend that you make your own way to the airport. Should this occur, please apply to your travel agent for a refund of the transfer cost on your return.

Finishing Point Hotel - Majestic Hotel

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Day 1 Hanoi

Today you can check into your hotel and spend the day exploring the streets of Hanoi. Look for the Wide Eyed Tours welcome note at reception, on it your Tour Organiser will have arranged a time to meet you to run through the tour with you.

Day 2 Hanoi

This morning involves a half day bicycle tour (easy riding) followed by free time for you to explore Hanoi. Your suggestion sheets will give you some ideas on where to go & what to see.

Day 3 Halong Bay – overnight

After breakfast it's off to Ha Long Bay. On the boat you will eat an array of fresh sea food whilst cruising through some of the thousands of limestone karsts within this World Heritage site. There is an opportunity to swim in the bay's emerald waters, explore caves with incredible formations of stalactites and stalagmites and enjoy the tranquility of this bay of wonders. Settle in time, then dinner on board.



Important Note:

When traveling with Wide Eyed tours we hope to give you as much information as possible before your departure and we recommend that you read our Important Messages document which can be downloaded from our website. This will help you prepare and have a great journey in Vietnam

CULTURE SHOCK RATING?

The trip includes 5 star accommodation. Days of being on the move are well interspersed, communication with the outside world is ever-present and a wide variety of food is commonly available.

Physical Rating

There may be times where you may be required to carry your own bag. Your itinerary may include easy paced walks or bike rides, but these are on mainly flat ground.

Here today, where tomorrow?

Day 1 Hanoi Intercontinental Hotel
Day 2 Hanoi Intercontinental Hotel
Day 3 Ha Long Overnight on boat
Day 4 Hanoi Overnight train
Day 5 Hue Le Residence
Day 6 Hoi An Palm Gardens
Day 7 Hoi An Palm Gardens
Day 8 Nha Trang Sunrise Beach
Day 9 Nha Trang Sunrise Beach
Day 10 HCMC Majestic Hotel
Day 11 HCMC Majestic Hotel
Day 12 Home

Day 4 Hanoi - Hue

An early rise this morning and for those who are keen, there is the opportunity to do some kayaking. After slowly making your way back to the port harbour, you begin your return journey back to Hanoi. In the evening you board the Reunification Express Train for the journey to Hue.

Day 5 Hue

After transferring to the hotel, brief settle in time then onto lunch trying local dishes such as Banh Khoai. After lunch you get to visit the Imperial Citadel, followed by one of Nguyen Emperors' tombs, the famed Thien Mu. Tonight you have the option to experience a traditional music performance whilst enjoying an eight course meal that was once reserved for royalty.

DAY 6 Hoi An

You will leave Hue and head south through coastal rice paddies to the fishing village of Lang Co, before taking the scenic mountainous route over the spectacular Hai Van Pass. In the afternoon, you will arrive at the once bustling river port of Hoi An (approx. 4 hours driving time). Declared a World Heritage site, the architecture of Hoi An is being beautifully restored and preserved. It's also a shopping mecca, with much to browse over and buy. Choose from original paintings, handcrafted woodwork, ceramics, embroidery, lanterns and more. Hoi An has also become famous for its tailoring - there is a huge variety of fabrics to choose from.

Day 7 Hoi An

Free day for you to make the most of what Hoi An has to offer. Enjoy the local sea food and relax on the beaches.

Day 8 Nha Trang

A morning flight has you arriving at Cam Ranh before taking a transfer to the beachside city of Nha Trang. After checking in there is time for swim or simply chill out & relax.

Day 9 Nha Trang

Swimming & sumptuous sea food is all that's on the agenda today

Day 10 Ho Chi Minh City

A short flight this morning from Cam Ranh to Ho Chi Minh. After transferring to the hotel, there is time to settle in, followed by a walking tour to some of Saigon's shopping spots. If shopping isn't your thing then maybe a relaxing drink at a roof top bar.

Day 11 Ho Chi Minh City – Cu Chi Tunnels

This morning is an early start to first go and visit the former Viet Cong stronghold at Cu Chi where the tunnel system provides a valuable insight into the tenacity and resourcefulness of the Vietnamese people. Back to HCM city, followed free time. Options include an orientation tour by cyclo of the main attractions, including the very sobering War Remnants Museum. Your hotel is centrally located to the city's main shopping district and Ben Thanh Market, so there is much for you to explore and discover during the afternoon.

Day 12

Departure day

Not ready to go home yet?

Visit Cambodia 3 and 4 day options

Mui Ne Beach Break and Phu Quoc Island Resort

Try our short breaks at www.wideeyedtours.com or phone Hang on 09436 73414

Accommodation:

5 star hotels (9 nights), overnight on boat (1 night) overnight on train (1 night). Breakfast is included in all hotels where you have stayed the previous night.

Included Activities

Halong Bay group boat trip includes guide meals & entrance fee; Hue private tour includes guide, transport, Imperial Citadel, Tomb in Hue, Private tour Cu Chi Tunnels includes transport, guide, entrance fees.

All flights/trains during the tour are included.

Bring along USD200 for optional activities not included in the trip.

Arrival & Departure transfer included.

Wide Eyed Tours Rules

Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on our trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts the rest of the group at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for Wide Eyed Tours travellers. Wide Eyed Tours philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter, and in particular the local people who make our destinations such special places. The exploitation of prostitutes is completely contrary to this philosophy. Our group leader has the right to expel any member of the group if drugs are found in their possession or if they use prostitutes.

Responsible Travel

We believe strongly in low impact or rather positive impact tourism. Broadly speaking this means that we try to minimise the negative aspects of tourism on the local cultures and environments that we visit and highlight the positive aspects.