

Something for the entire family on this 12 day tour! Begin your exploration with the rush of Ho Chi Minh City and day tours to the Cu Chi Tunnels and Mekong Delta. Parents and kids alike will love the charm of Ancient Hoi An. Visit Hue before ending with the spectacular Halong Bay and Hanoi.

**Starting Point Instructions**

As you have an arrival transfer as part of this tour, a driver will await you holding a sign with your name when you exit the airport terminal. Please note most drivers don't speak English.

**Arrival Complications**

We don't expect any problems but if for any reason you are unable to commence your group trip as scheduled, please contact your starting point hotel, requesting that you speak to or leave a message for your trip leader. If this is unsuccessful, please refer to our Emergency Contact person & phone number.

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 – Tan Hai Long 3 Hotel**

65 Ho Tung Mau St  
Ho Chi Minh City  
Vietnam  
Tel: +84 8 39151 888  
Fax: NA

**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 Salute Hotel**

56 Hang Duong St  
Hanoi  
Vietnam  
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**Day 1 Ho Chi Minh City**

Today you can check into your hotel and spend the day exploring the streets of Ho Chi Minh. Look for the Wide Eyed Tours welcome note at reception, on it your tour leader will have arranged a time to meet with you to run through the tour itinerary. After the group meeting, walk around the lake to sample some of Ho Chi Minh's best at a well known Vietnamese restaurant.

**Day 2 Ho Chi Minh City**

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, lunch followed by an orientation tour by cyclo of the main attractions. 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.

**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!?****Light**

The trip includes 3 to 4 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**

This trip has been planned with the family in mind and kids and parents can participate in all activities. There are not too many challenges on this tour.

**Here today, where tomorrow?**

<b>Day 1</b> HCMC	<b>Tan Hai Long 3 Hotel</b>
<b>Day 2</b> HCMC	<b>Tan Hai Long 3 Hotel</b>
<b>Day 3</b> HCMC	<b>Tan Hai Long 3 Hotel</b>
<b>Day 4</b> Hoi An	<b>Hoi An Hotel</b>
<b>Day 5</b> Hoi An	<b>Hoi An Hotel</b>
<b>Day 6</b> Hoi An	<b>Hoi An Hotel</b>
<b>Day 7</b> Hue	<b>Asia Hotel</b>
<b>Day 8</b> Hue	<b>Overnight train</b>
<b>Day 9</b> Hanoi	<b>Overnight on boat</b>
<b>Day 10</b> Hanoi	<b>Majestic Salute Hotel</b>
<b>Day 11</b> Hanoi	<b>Majestic Salute Hotel</b>
<b>Day 12</b> Home	

### **Day 3 Ho Chi Minh**

Today it's off to the fascinating Mekong where you get to see how life is dependant on the river for survival. Taking a boat cruise on the mighty Mekong allows for numerous photo opportunities. Another highlight is you will also get to sample an array of tropical fruits that are grown locally. Lunch included.

### **Day 4 Hoi An**

Today you will transfer to HCMC airport. Just over an hours flight to Da Nang before transferring to Hoi An. A short orientation walking tour followed by free time.

### **Day 5 Hoi An**

Free day for you to make the most of what Hoi An has to offer.

### **Day 6 Hoi An**

Today is a look into how food is prepared and made with a cooking demo (included) that includes a visit to the local market. The afternoon is free for you to have that last minute outfit made up!

### **Day 7 Hue**

On arrival to the former Imperial Capital of Vietnam you have a full day to enjoy the many sights and slower pace of this tranquil city. Today you have the opportunity to visit the Imperial Citadel. Hue, known as the centre of Buddhism and education in Vietnam, has a wealth of pagodas and monasteries to discover.

You may wish to check out the bustling Dong Ba Market which offers a vast array of goods and foods to see and sample, including some traditional Hue specialties.

### **Day 8 Hue**

You have the opportunity to visit one of the Nguyen Emperors' tombs plus also enjoy a boat cruise on the Perfume River. In the afternoon you will transfer to the train station to board the Reunification Express for the overnight journey to Hanoi.

### **Day 9 Halong Bay**

After arrival to Hanoi, transfer to a café for an early breakfast before driving to Ha Long Bay (approx. 3.5 hours) and board your private boat (group tour for small group numbers). You will enjoy lunch 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 this bay of wonders. Spending the night on the boat allows you to sit back and enjoy the tranquility of Ha Long Bay whilst sipping away on your favorite beverage. Lunch, dinner & breakfast are included.

### **Day 10 Hanoi**

This morning involves a city tour including visiting Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum and the old French built prison followed by lunch. After lunch it is free time for any last minute shopping.

### **Day 11 Hanoi**

Today is a free day at leisure to take in all that Hanoi has to offer, your guide will be able to offer suggestions. Final night dinner!

### **Day 10 Departure Day**

Departure day, your transfer will pick you up from the hotel 3 hours before your departure flight.

#### **Accommodation:**

3-4 star hotels (9 nights), sleeper train (1 night), boat (1 night). Breakfast is included in all hotels where you have stayed the previous night.

#### **Included Activities**

Halong Bay boat trip includes meals & entrance fee; Imperial Citadel, Tomb in Hue; orientation tour in Hoi An; in HCMC, Cu Chi Tunnels, cyclo tour, day tour to Mekong Delta, including boat tour.

All transport is included for these activities. All transport included. All flights & train tickets during the tour are included. Nanny(s) included in Hoi An when group levels warrant. Bring along USD200 for optional activities not included in the trip.

#### **Tipping Guide**

For your leader we recommend \$2 USD a day. For drivers & local guides, we recommend \$1 USD a day

**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.

**Not ready to go home yet?**

**Ha Giang & Sapa Extensions**

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