

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 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 – Zephyr 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 - Caravelle 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 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 Hanoi's best at a well known Vietnamese restaurant.

Day 2 Halong Bay

After breakfast it's off to Ha Long Bay for the day. 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. Later, it's back to the harbor for your return journey back to Hanoi. Settle in time then off to dinner.



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 4 to 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	Zephyr Hotel
Day 2 Hanoi	Zephyr Hotel
Day 3 Hanoi	Zephyr Hotel
Day 4 Hanoi	Zephyr Hotel
Day 5 Hue	La Residence
Day 6 Hoi An	Life Resort
Day 7 Hoi An	Life Resort
Day 8 Hoi An	Life Resort
Day 9 Nha Trang	Sunrise
Day 10 Nha Trang	Sunrise
Day 11 HCMC	Caravelle Hotel
Day 12 HCMC	Caravelle Hotel
Day 13 HCMC	Caravelle Hotel
Day 14 Home	

Day 3 Hanoi

This morning involves a city tour followed by free time. In the evening attend a performance of traditional water puppetry followed by dinner & a night cyclo ride back to the hotel.

Day 4 Hue

This morning is an early flight to 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 free time. Tonight you will experience a traditional music performance whilst enjoying an eight course meal that was once reserved for royalty.

Day 5 Hue

The former Imperial Capital of Vietnam, you are sure to enjoy the many sights and slower pace of this tranquil city. Today you will visit two of the Nguyen Emperors' tombs, the famed Thien Mu Pagoda and also enjoy a dragon-boat cruise on the Perfume River. Hue, known as the centre of Buddhism and education in Vietnam, has a wealth of pagodas and monasteries to discover.

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 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 9 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 10 Nha Trang

A bus will collect you to take you to meet the boat that will take you for a relaxing cruise around Nha Trang Bay. Swimming & a sumptuous sea food lunch is all that's on the agenda today.

Day 11 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 12 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, 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.

Accommodation:

5 star hotels (13 nights). Breakfast is included in all hotels where you have stayed the previous night.

All group meals are included while on tour!

Included Activities

Halong Bay boat trip includes meals & entrance fee; Imperial Citadel, Tomb, and Perfume River boat trip in Hue; orientation tour including sight-seeing ticket in Hoi An; boat cruise in Nha Trang; in HCMC, Cu Chi Tunnels, cyclo tour, War Remnants museum, day tour to Mekong Delta, including boat tour. All transport and meals included. All flights during the tour are included. Bring along USD200 for optional activities not included in the trip.

Arrival & Departure transfer included.

Day 13 Ho Chi Minh City

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. Back on the bus for the drive back to HCM city where you will have time for shopping, before your final nights dinner.

Day 14

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