**14 Day Grand Vietnam North to South (or vice versa)**

## Overview

**Itinerary:** 14 days / 13 nights

**Depart from:** Ha Noi

**Destinations:** Ha Noi, Halong Bay, Hoi An, My Son Hollyland

Vietnam is the land of wonderful people and picturesque landscapes. Joining this 14-day tour from North to South will take you deep into our beautiful country, immersing you in our rich culture and elegant landscapes. Start with the colonial charm of Vietnam’s capital, Hanoi, then travel to the natural wonderland of Halong Bay. Visit Hue to see the intricate Citadel and Forbidden Purple City, the former home of Vietnam’s emperors. Explore charming Hoi An, one of the loveliest towns in Vietnam. Enjoy the lush landscape of the Mekong Delta and the bright lights and urban bustle of Saigon and more.

### **Day 1: Hanoi Arrival**

Pick up from the airport to Hanoi. Arrive in Hanoi and check into the hotel, located in Hanoi Old Quarter. Enjoy welcome drinks when you check in. Then you will have time to discover the attractions of Hanoi City by yourself.

**Night 1: Overnight at La Storia hotel or similar in Hanoi**

### **Day 2: Hanoi - Halong Bay - Overnight on Cruise (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**

07:30 – 08:30 Our tour guide and bus will pick you up at your hotel in the Hanoi Old Quarter.

08:30 Departure to Halong Bay (3.5 Hours)

10:00 Arrive in Hai Duong province, and have a short break of 20 minutes.

12:00 Arrive at Tuan Chau Harbor, Halong Bay.

12:15 Welcome to Majestic Cruise and welcome drinks. Get a brief introduction about cruise and safety guidelines. Check into your cabin.

12:30 Indulge in Vietnamese seafood and vegetarian lunch, while cruising in the magnificent Halong Bay, admiring the fascinating rock formations.

14:30 Arrival in Pearl Farm, kayaking through the village

15:30 Continued exploration of the bay.

16:00 Visiting Titop Island

17.30 Return to Majestic Halong cruise and relax.

18:00 Join a cooking class guided directly by the chef of Majestic Halong Cruise. You will have a chance to practice cooking Vietnamese traditional dishes such as spring rolls and other famous national cuisine.

19:30 Time for dinner, enjoying special BBQ seafood on the cruise.

21:00 Evening entertainment: play games on the cruise such as card games, chess, karaoke and squid fishing. Overnight on Cruise.

**Night 2: Overnight on Majestic Halong cruise or similar**

### **Day 3: Halong Bay - Hanoi (Breakfast, Lunch)**

06: 06:30 Early morning risers can enjoy Tai Chi lessons on the sundeck.

07:00 Morning view of the bay's landscape with a cup of tea or coffee. Have breakfast.

08:00 Arrive Sung Sot Cave (Amazing Cave) and join the guide to visit and explore the cave.

10:00 Check-out and enjoy a fantastic cruise on the bay.

11:00 Enjoy lunch on cruise.

12:00 Majestic Cruise lands in Halong Bay harbor. Tourists say goodbye to sailors and finish the cruise.

12:30 Return to Hanoi by shuttle bus.

14:30 Stopover in Hai Duong province to visit a ceramics workshop.

16:00 – 16:30 Arrive in Hanoi and end your trip.

**Night 3: Overnight at La Storia hotel or similar in Hanoi**

### **Day 4: Hanoi - Free and Easy (Breakfast)**

You will have breakfast at the hotel then have the whole day free in Hanoi to relax, go shopping and explore the city by yourself. View your reflection in beautiful Hoan Kiem Lake, wander along in the shade. Perhaps visit the Mausoleum of Ho Chi Minh, drop into the serene Temple of Literature or get artsy at the city’s Fine Arts Museum.

Please contact us if you want to join any daily tours with us.

**Night 4: Overnight at La Storia hotel or similar in Hanoi**

### **Day 5: Hanoi - Night Train to Hue (Breakfast)**

You will have breakfast at the hotel, free and easy in the daytime. We will then transfer you to Hanoi railway station to catch the night train to Hue city.

Please contact us if you want to upgrade to the flight from Hanoi to Hue.

Note: hotel check-out time at 12h.

**Night 5: Overnight on the night train**

### **Day 6: Hue Arrival - Free and Easy**

9:45 – 10:50 Arrive in Hue. Pick up from the train station to the hotel in Hue. You will have free time to explore Hue city and Perfume River by yourself or catch a cyclo moving around Hue City.

**Night 6: Overnight at Cherry Hotel in Hue**

### **Day 7: Hue Free Day (Breakfast)**

You have a free day in Hue to relax and explore Hue city - best known for its royal mausoleums, imperial citadel, and iconic pagodas. Boasting a fantastic and rich cuisine, Hue is not only a favorite destination for people who love architecture but also a mecca for gastronomes.

Please contact us if you want to join the Hue city tour to discover this ancient town.

**Night 7: Overnight at Cherry Hotel in Hue**

### **Day 8: Private Car to Hoi An (Breakfast)**

You will have breakfast at the hotel then get transferred by private car to Hoi An around 9am. We will drop you off at Lang Co beach, Hai Van pass and Stone Carving village for taking photo if you request.

12:30 Arrive Hoi An. Drop of at hotel

**Night 8: Overnight Kim An Hotel & Spa or similar hotel in Hoi An**

### **Day 9: Hoi An - My Son Sanctuary - Boat Trip On Thu Bon River Or Tra Que Cooking Class & Foot Massage (Breakfast, Lunch)**

*Option 1: My Son Sanctuary – boat trip on Thu Bon river (small group tour)*

7:45 – 8:15 Our guide picks you up at your hotel and departs to My Son Sanctuary – The World Cultural Heritage Site.

9:30 Arrival at My Son and we’ll have 2 hours to discover the site by walking through the landscape, learning the history with our local English speaking guide, and enjoying the Champ’s traditional performances.

11:45 Return to the minivan and move to a local house to learn how to make rice paper - you will enjoy your own hand-made product later on!

12:30 Return to the van and have lunch at another local house. Relax with cold herbal tea, nice foods and fresh air.

13:30 Take a boat trip to Hoi An with a nice, cool breeze on board. Admire beautiful scenery on the biggest river in Central Vietnam, Thu Bon River.

14:00 Arrive in Hoi An and we will drop you off at your hotel. Tour ends!

*Option 2: Tra Que Cooking Class And Foot Massage*

09h00: Arrival at Tra Que. You will stop at a farmer’s house in Tra Que vegetable village. Enjoy welcome drinks then stroll around the vegetable garden with your guide before joining the farmer to learn and practice the traditional farming ways; preparing the land, and fertilizing it with seaweed gathered from the nearby river. The following steps are raking the ground, sowing or transplanting, watering and some other gardening activities.

After the farming experience, you will take a break in the restaurant then relax with foot massage, a traditional health treatment with medicinal herbs, before taking part in preparing and cooking some famous local dishes, such as “Banh Xeo” pancake, “Tam Huu” local spring rolls, “Ram” fried rolls or local salad with the guidance of the farmer’s family or the chef. Enjoy your lunch with local specialties and dishes you made.

After lunch, take a rest before riding back to your Hotel. Tour ends.

**Night 9: Overnight Kim An Hotel & Spa or similar hotel in Hoi An**

### **Day 10: Hoi An - Free and Easy Day (Breakfast)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Today you have a free day to relax, go shopping or take a free bicycle around Hoian ancient town and the surrounding countryside. You can wander around and soak up the ambience of the town, perhaps visiting a few old, traditional Chinese mansions. You can spend time at the tailors or head to the beach outside town, which has glorious white sand.

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**Night 10: Overnight Kim An Hotel & Spa or similar hotel in Hoi An**

### **Day 11: Hoi An - Da Nang - Fly to Ho Chi Minh City**

After breakfast at your hotel, you are free till our driver comes to transfer you to Da Nang airport to take a flight to Ho Chi Minh city and stay in the most popular tourist area of Ho Chi Minh City.

Get picked up from Ho Chi Minh airport. Arrival at the hotel in Ho Chi Minh City, then free the rest of the day.

**Night 11: Overnight at Prague Saigon Hotel or similar in Ho Chi Minh**

### **Day 12: Mekong Delta Deluxe Group (Breakfast, Lunch)**

Group size: 4 - 12 people

Pick up: 07:30 – 08:00 (*the time of pick up depends on the customer's hotel/ accommodation’s exact position).*

Return: 17:30

Route: HCMC – My Tho – Ben Tre – HCMC

Itinerary:

Leaving the hustle and bustle of Ho Chi Minh City, you’ll start your trip for My Tho, a town on the left side of the Mekong River. Upon arrival, visit Vinh Trang pagoda which dates back to the late 19th century. Then boarding the sampan and cruising down the river around the four beautiful islands known as *Dragon, Unicorn, Phoenix and Tortoise islands*.

Stop over at Unicorn Island. Go walking around the country lane and see orchards, enjoy tropical fruits and folk song music performed by the local people. Visit a fruit plantation.

Ride a hand-rowed sampan through Thoi Son canal and admire the beauty of the countryside. Visit a family business, a honey-bee farm and enjoy a honey tea and coconut candy workshop.

Have lunch at a local restaurant. Break time.

In the afternoon, cycle around the Tan Thach village and meet the local villagers to experience the local daily life in the Mekong Delta. Hammock relaxing and enjoying cool breeze for those who can't join the cycling trip. Return to Ho Chi Minh City. End of trip.

**Night 12: Overnight at Prague Saigon Hotel or similar in Ho Chi Minh**

### **Day 13: Cu Chi Tunnel Half Day Deluxe Group**

Group size: 04 - 12 people

Pick up: Morning option: 07:30 am - 08:00am (*the time of pick up depends on the customer's hotel/ accommodation’s exact position).*

Return: 14:30pm

Route: HCMC – Cu Chi district – HCMC

Highlights:

The tunnels are a great destination, located 70 km from the Ho Chi Minh City Center to the Northwest. Cu Chi was known as the “area of steel” during the war, and the tunnel systems were over 200km, which was considered the unbreakable underground village in the Vietnam-American war. It is legendary for its network of tunnels, and is a popular destination for both Vietnamese and foreign visitors.

Itinerary:

Pick up at your hotel and depart to Cu Chi will take approximately one and a half hours bus driving.

Upon arrival, before exploring the tunnels, you will have a short introduction followed by an informative video about how the tunnels were constructed and how the people survived in the harsh conditions of war. Then, spend your time exploring the remaining area and tunnel systems, including the specially-constructed living areas with kitchens and bedrooms side by side with other martial facilities like storage, weapons factories, field hospitals, and command centers, all helping whoever lives inside the tunnels meet their basic needs.There are also many hidden trap doors and dangerous traps within the maze-like tunnels for security purposes during the war. Afterwards, special tea and cassava (guerilla food during the war) will be served.

Break time for relaxing or for those who want to try a real shooting gun.

Return to Saigon. End of trip.

**Night 13: Overnight at Prague Saigon Hotel or similar in Ho Chi Minh**

### **Day 14: Ho Chi Minh Departure (Breakfast)**

Have breakfast at the hotel, then free and easy until our driver comes to pick you up to transfer you to the airport.

Trip ends.