

VIETNAM RELAXED

15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS



I. HIGHLIGHTS

- Dive into the vibrant streets of Saigon, Hanoi, and Hue, exploring iconic landmarks and cultural treasures.
- Journey through scenic landscapes of the Mekong Delta, My Son, and the Perfume River, immersing in Vietnam's stunning scenery.
- Engage in authentic experiences like village visits, cooking classes, and encounters with ethnic minorities.
- Unwind with leisurely activities and optional spa treatments, enjoying moments of serenity amidst Vietnam's tranquil settings.

II. ITINERARY

DAY 1

Arrival in Saigon

Arrival in Saigon welcomes you with open arms as your tour guide greets you and arranges your transfer to the hotel for check-in (please note early check-in is not included). The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at your leisure.

DAY 2

Saigon City Exploration

Begin your journey with a visit to the History Museum, then delve into the vibrant Hai Thuong Lan Ong Street, renowned for its traditional Chinese medicine stores. Discover the intricacies of traditional medicine at the Thien Hau Pagoda and Nghia An Hoi Quan Pagoda, both steeped in history and charm. Explore further with visits to the Fito Museum, offering insights into traditional medicine practices. Conclude your day by marveling at the architectural wonders of Notre Dame Cathedral, the Central Post Office, and the historic Reunification Palace. Enjoy leisurely shopping along Dong Khoi Street and at the bustling Ben Thanh Market.

DAY 3

Saigon to Mekong Delta Adventure

Embark on a journey to Ben Tre, a scenic 1.5-hour drive from Saigon. Upon arrival, stroll through a local village before boarding a cruiser to explore the tranquil tributaries of Ben Tre province. Discover the Coconut Garden and a local coconut processing operation. Enjoy a bicycle ride around Huu Dinh village, followed by a rowing sampan experience through small canals. Indulge in tropical fruits at Mrs. Huong's home before a thrilling xe loi ride. After a delicious lunch, visit Mr. Ba Tai's house for rice wine making and witness rice paper production at Mr. Sau Tuong's home. Return to Saigon by boat in the afternoon.

DAY 4

Saigon to Danang to Hoi An

Enjoy some leisure time before your transfer to the airport for your flight to Danang. Upon arrival, your tour guide will assist with the transfer to Hoi An for hotel check-in. The remainder of the day is yours to relax and explore at your own pace.

DAY 5

Hoi An Exploration

Embark on a captivating half-day walking tour of Hoi An's enchanting old quarter. Discover its rich history as you visit the History Museum, Chinese Assembly Hall, iconic Japanese Covered Bridge, and a UNESCO-recognized historic old house.

Begin your tour at the Culture and History Museum, then meander through the bustling local market. Wander along picturesque streets adorned with colorful lanterns, stopping at the Chinese Assembly Hall of the Fujien Chinese community. Admire the architectural marvel of the Japanese Covered Bridge, a symbol of Hoi An's cultural heritage. Conclude your tour with a visit to a historic old house recognized by UNESCO for its cultural significance.

The afternoon is yours to relax and explore the charms of Hoi An at your leisure.

DAY 6

HOI AN

Embark on a half-day trip to My Son, located 40 km from Hoi An. This ancient site was the capital of the Cham civilization from the 2nd to 15th century, showcasing well-preserved Hindu-like towers and temples. Despite being heavily damaged by American bombing, My Son remains a UNESCO World Heritage site. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

DAY 7

Journey to Hue: Cultural Crossroads

After a leisurely breakfast, proceed to Hue with a stop at the Cham Museum in Danang, renowned for its impressive collection of Cham sculptures. Check into your hotel in Hue, with accommodations varying based on your booking category.

DAY 8

Tranquil Retreat and Wellness

Enjoy a day at leisure.

Deluxe category (Vedana Lagoon Resort): Begin your morning with a Tai Chi or Yoga class, followed by a spa treatment of your choice from the special spa menu (optional and at your own expense). Enjoy free time in the afternoon.

DAY 9

Discovering Hue's Imperial Legacy

Embark on a morning exploration of Hue, starting with the Imperial Palace, the former seat of the Nguyen Dynasty. Discover the opulent Thai Hoa Palace and cyclo tour within the Citadel. Visit the Tu Duc Tomb, an architectural gem surrounded by lush forests.

Transfer to your hotel in Hue. Clients in the Deluxe category will check into Pilgrimage Village for the next 2 nights.

DAY 10

Cultural Immersion along the Perfume River

Cruise along the Perfume River on a traditional Dragon Boat to Thien Mu Pagoda, known for its seven-story Phuoc Duyen tower and historical significance. Explore Minh Mang Tomb, an exemplary emperor tomb blending with natural surroundings. Enjoy free leisure time in the afternoon.

DAY 11

Hue to Hanoi

After breakfast, we'll transfer you to the airport for your flight to Hanoi. Upon arrival, meet your guide and embark on a captivating half-day city tour. Discover cultural and historical treasures including Ba Dinh Square, the Presidential Palace, One-Pillar Pagoda, the Temple of Literature, Hoan Kiem Lake, and Ngoc Son Temple. Wander through the iconic Old Quarter with its 36 streets, each named for its specialty product, echoing centuries of heritage. Explore streets like Hang Bac for jewelry or Hang Ngang for clothing and tailoring. A visit to Dong Xuan Market provides a sensory immersion into Vietnamese culture and its enduring history.

DAY 12

Hanoi Culinary Adventure

Today, immerse yourself in Vietnamese cuisine with a delightful cooking class and market visit. Meet your instructor at a bustling local market, where you'll explore the vibrant array of fruits and vegetables unique to Vietnam. Return to the kitchen where your instructor will guide you through crafting several dishes of your choice. After mastering the art of Vietnamese cooking, savor your creations with pride. The class lasts approximately 5 hours.

Afterward, the afternoon is yours to explore the Old Quarter at your leisure.

DAY 13

Hanoi to Halong Bay

After breakfast, depart for the mesmerizing Halong Bay. Upon arrival, board your cruise for an enchanting 3-day exploration of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Halong Bay beckons with its emerald waters, towering limestone karsts, and picturesque floating villages. Enjoy onboard activities such as guided kayaking, a cooking demonstration, or simply basking in the serene beauty of the bay (depending on the cruise itinerary).

DAY 14

Halong Bay Odyssey

Start your day with an optional Tai Chi class on the sundeck or simply soak in the breathtaking vistas as your cruise gracefully traverses the bay. Delight in lunch served onboard before continuing your exploration in the afternoon.

DAY 15

Halong Bay to Hanoi

Continue your Halong Bay odyssey with a farewell brunch onboard before disembarking and returning to Hanoi. Transfer to the airport for your onward journey home.

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Tour extensions: pre-tour or post-tour extensions are available, which would include accommodation and private transfers, please speak to Focus Asia travel consultant for further details.