

The Best of Vietnam 12 Days

~~\$2,499.00~~ **\$1,899.00**

Hanoi, Halong Bay, Da Nang, Hoi An, Hue, Ho Chi Minh City, Mekong Delta

Tour Highlights:

- Experience a full-day guided tour of **Hanoi City**, including **Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum** and the 'Hanoi Hilton'
- Take an overnight traditional junk **cruise through Halong Bay**
- Stroll through the peaceful ancient streets of **Hoi An**
- Tour **Hue City**, the former capital of Vietnam and location of the impressive **Imperial City**
- Immerse yourself in the vibrant city life of **Ho Chi Minh City**
- Savour the rural delights and local lifestyles of the **Mekong Delta**
- See the remnants of the Vietnam War at the **Cu Chi Tunnels**

Vietnam is filled with stunning natural beauty and deep culture. Its mountains, jungles, and coastlines range from virtually untouched to well-groomed. Rural communities remain authentic and hospitable, and major cities are cosmopolitan but retain much of the old-world charm of the colonial and precolonial eras.

This medium-paced tour covers some of the best historical and cultural sights Vietnam has to offer, while also providing plenty of free time for you to relax or explore further. From the peaceful capital city of Hanoi to the stunning natural beauty and emerald waters of Halong Bay; from the ancient streets of Hoi An to the rural charm of the Mekong Delta; from the vibrant city life of Ho Chi Minh City to the poignant Cu Chi Tunnels, there's so much to explore and discover!

After the core tour, extensions are available to Cambodia, to explore Angkor – one of the mightiest cities of the ancient world and home to the astonishing temples of the Khmer empire, or to Phu Quoc Island – to relax in the pristine beach environment of this beautiful tropical Vietnamese destination.

In stock

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Departure Dates (min. 10 passengers)

2019			Price Per Person	Single Supplement
09 Mar	15 Jun	21 Sep*	From \$2,499 \$1,899 Limited time only	\$500
23 Mar	29 Jun**	05 Oct*		
06 Apr*	13 Jul*	19 Oct		
20 Apr*	27 July	02 Nov		
04 May	10 Aug	16 Nov		
18 May	24 Aug	30 Nov*		
01 Jun	07 Sep	07 Dec**		
* = Shoulder season surcharge: \$200 ** = Peak season surcharge: \$400				

Package Inclusions:

- Vietnam Airlines return economy class airfares departing Sydney or Melbourne (or if unavailable, China Southern Airlines, China Airlines or Thai Airways)
- Vietnam internal airfares
- 9 nights accommodation (twin/double) plus 1 night on board during your Halong Bay cruise
- Round trip airport & hotel transfers
- Daily meals as indicated (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Coach transportation and all transfers
- English speaking tour guide(s)
- Government taxes and service charges

Package Exclusions:

- Prepaid tipping: \$100
- Vietnam visa
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Personal expenses & anything optional

Price Guide:

- **Airline Upgrade:** Singapore Airlines from \$500
- **Seasonal Surcharges:** * = Shoulder Season: \$200, ** = Peak season: \$400
- **Interstate Surcharge:** Brisbane/Adelaide \$300, Perth \$300 (flights may be via Sydney/Melbourne)

- **Stay Behind/Early Arrival Surcharge:** From \$250
- **Pre/Post Tour Accommodation (inc. breakfast):** From \$150/room/night (twin share), \$150/single room/night
- **Child Price:** Same as adult

Please note:

All prices are per person subject to availability & applicable fare difference.

^ = International long haul sectors only.

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Tour Extensions

Sapa Trekking 4 Day Pre-Tour Extension from \$499

Sapa is one of the most breathtaking hill stations in Vietnam, and retains the signature of French architecture and colourful minority cultures. This is home to stunning mountain landscapes, verdant rice terraces, unique stilt villages and Fansipan – ‘the Roof of Indochina’. Travellers are invited to enjoy the best of Sapa as the seasons change through the year.

For details, tap the image above or click here.

Angkor Adventure Post-Tour Extension 4 days from \$699

Siem Reap, Angkor Ancient City, Kompong Kleang Floating Village

The Khmer empire was based around a vast network of temples and reservoirs around today's Siem Reap town. Having survived centuries buried by jungle, and the years of terror under the Khmer Rouge, the temples of Angkor are now one of the world's great tourist attractions.

For details, tap the image above or click here.

Phu Quoc Island Paradise Post-Tour Extension with 5 Star Resort 4 Days from \$699

Phu Quoc is emerging as a beloved destination for travellers to Vietnam. Renowned for its beautiful white sand beaches and attractive resorts, the laid back atmosphere of Phu Quoc makes this the perfect place to relax following your tour of Vietnam (and perhaps Angkor too!). Enjoy some fishing, swimming, and snorkelling, or take a hike through the tropical jungle and spot some unique wildlife.

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Nha Trang Beach Post-Tour Extension with 5 Star Resort 4 Days from \$699

Nha Trang is known for its beaches, diving sites and offshore islands. A coastal resort city in southern Vietnam, Nha trang offer amazing seafood, and a wide range of activities such as water sports and spa resorts – or just kick back on the beach and soak up the laid-back atmosphere!

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Stopovers

Singapore Stopover 2 Nights From \$399

Upgrade your flights to Singapore Airlines to book this package

Singapore is loved as a ‘hot’ destination, full of contrasts inside a small area. The food culture is diverse; Chinese, Indian and Malay dishes such as stir-fried noodles, roti chennai, and laksa are well known. You will see hundreds of different street foods in Chinatown.

For details, tap the image above or click here.

Optional Activities

- **Water Puppet Show and Hanoi Foodie Tour (Day 2):** Includes show, English-speaking guide, transportation, sample food, Southern-style beef noodle dinner, local beer, drinks at Bia Hoi and coffee – \$65pp
- **Cycling Tour from Hoi An to Tra Que Village (Day 5):** Includes private tour, English-speaking guide, bicycle rental – \$45pp
- **Tour from Hoi An to Fishing Village and Waterways (Day 5):** English-speaking guide, tour activities as mentioned in itinerary – \$110pp
- **Evening Cultural Stage Show (Day 6):** Lune Performing Centre or Hoi An Memories – \$105pp
- **Half Day Da Nang Tour (Ba Na Hills & Golden Bridge) (Day 6):** Includes transfers, guide, lunch – \$160pp
- **Royal Dinner in Hue (Day 7):** Includes English-speaking guide and transfer, dinner – \$95pp
- **Lunch at Hoi An Sense (Day 10):** – \$40pp
- **Dinner Cruise on Saigon River (Day 10):** – \$60pp

NOTE: All activities require a minimum of two people, and must be booked and paid for 2 months prior to departure.

Hotel Accommodation

Location	Deluxe Accommodation	Local Rating
Hanoi	Hotel Le Carnot or similar	★★★
Halong Cruise	Bellezza Cruise, Bai Tho Cruise, or similar	3-4 stars
Hoi An	Hoi An CoCo River Resort or similar	★★★★
Hue	Park View Hotel Hue or similar	★★★★
Ho Chi Minh City	Silverland Centre or similar	★★★

Day 1: Australia ✈ Hanoi

Fly to Hanoi via connecting cities. On arrival at Noi Bai International Airport, you will be welcomed by your guide and driver who will bring you to your hotel in **Hanoi City** to rest up for the tour ahead. Hanoi is over 1000 years old and is currently the capital of Vietnam, as well the commercial, political, and cultural heart of the country. *Note: Some flights may depart the day before.*

Day 2: Hanoi City Tour (B, L)

Our guide and driver will pick you up for your **Hanoi city tour**: Visit the infamous Hoa Lo Prison – the '**Hanoi Hilton**'. Those incarcerated at Hoa Lo included Pete Peterson, who became the first US Ambassador to a unified Vietnam in 1995, and the late Senator John McCain, the Republican nominee for the US presidency in 2008. Next, visit the **Temple of Literature**, the first university in Vietnam, built for the sons of mandarins (high government officials). Then it's on to **West Lake and Tran Quoc Temple**, the oldest Buddhist temple in Hanoi, which is located on a small island near the southeastern shore of the lake. After lunch, visit **Ba Dinh Square**, where Ho Chi Minh read Viet Nam's Declaration of Independence on 2 September 1945. **Visit Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum** (reminiscent of Lenin's Mausoleum in Moscow), and **Ho Chi Minh's House**, a modest residence from which he led the country until his death in 1969. Then, transfer by bus to the ancient '36 Meandering Streets' of Hanoi's Old Quarter, which you can explore before returning to the hotel.

Optional Activity (at your own expense); **Water Puppet Theatre and Hanoi Foodie tour**: A one thousand year old tradition, and one of the most popular tourist attractions in Hanoi, Water Puppet Theatre is considered to be one of the cultural highlights of Northern Vietnam, and includes a Vietnamese orchestra playing traditional music. Tonight, you'll walk through the bustling Old Quarter as your guide tells you about the various foods on offer – stop and try some if you like! Stop at a 'bia hoi' store, sit down and share a relaxing moment with locals. The sidewalks are full of pop-up restaurants which offer truly local food like *bánh cuốn* (rice rolls with pork and herbs inside), and many kinds of noodle dish. You will enjoy southern-style beef noodles in Hang Dieu street. End the night with a drink at a local coffee shop, talking about life in Vietnam, before heading back to your hotel.

NOTE: Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum is only viewable from outside if your visit is on a Monday or Friday, and from 5 Sep. to 5 Nov. due to annual maintenance. Rules regarding dress and behaviour are strictly enforced by staff and guards. Legs must be covered (no shorts or miniskirts).

Day 3: Hanoi 🚗 Halong Bay (B, L, D)

Travel by coach to **Halong Bay** and take a **boat trip** to explore one of the world's great natural wonders, cruising the thousands of limestone islands filled with caves of all shapes and sizes. The sails of junks and sampans gliding along the clear and emerald waters of the bay form a magnificent picturesque scene that blends with the sky. You also get a chance to visit some of the hidden grottoes beneath the towering cliffs. A **seafood lunch and dinner** will be served on board the charming junk. Stay overnight on board.

Day 4: Halong Bay 🚗 Hanoi ✈ Da Nang 🚗 Hoi An (B, L)

Enjoy the aquamarine waters of the bay at its best as the junk continues to cruise quietly through spectacular limestone formations. Disembark from the junk at noon and transfer to Hanoi airport for a short flight to **Da Nang**. On arrival, you will be picked up and transferred to **Hoi An**, an ancient town recognised as a World Cultural Heritage site by UNESCO. Check into your hotel in Hoi An.

Note: In the event that sufficient seats are not available for the Hanoi to Da Nang flight, the group will instead fly from Hai Phong.

Day 5: Hoi An (B)

You will be escorted by our local guide to **discover Hoi An** by walking tour through the narrow streets of this charming town. Perhaps more than any other place in Vietnam, Hoi An retains the feel of centuries past. Once known as Faifo, Hoi An was an influential port along the Silk Road. For over 500 years merchants from China, Japan, France, and Portugal settled in the prosperous town, resulting in a distinctive blend of culture, cuisine, religions and architecture. In 1999, the town was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then, visit the highly-regarded Bebe Tailor Shop to discover the story behind Vietnam's traditional outfits. The remainder of the afternoon is free at leisure. You may also join one of our optional tours (at your own expense).

Optional Activity 1 – Half-day Cycling Tour from Hoi An to Tra Que Village : Take a scenic bicycle ride through the rice paddies to Tra Que Village just outside Hoi An. This little village is well-known for supplying the many restaurants and hotels in the area with fresh herbs and vegetables. You will walk through the vegetable gardens, experience how the local farmers work the land and learn more about the history of the village and the importance of herbs in Vietnamese medicine and cuisine, before your relaxing pedal back to town.

Or:

Optional Activity 2 – Fishing Village & Waterway Eco-tour: Enjoy an authentic social and cultural insight into the local Vietnamese way of life. Drive to a local farming village travelling along picturesque country roads. Explore the now tranquil coconut-palm flanked waterways of a past war and hear of the extreme conditions endured by soldiers on both sides. Meet local fishermen and experience their daily life. You will take a wooden boat to a 'water coconut forest', and join local fishermen on the river to experience round net and cast net fishing. Learn to paddle bamboo basket boats and join in a basket boat race. You'll also learn how to use reeds or palm leaves to make grasshoppers, birds, rings, sunglasses, etc. Return to the boat to enjoy lunch and a cold beer or soft drink and then return the hotel by car.

Day 6: Hoi An (B)

This morning, you will visit the Réhahn Museum, to view the 'Precious Heritage Collection', by French Photographer Réhahn. This work focuses on the endangered cultural heritage of Vietnam's 54 ethnic minority groups, attempting to document their rapidly-changing ways of life. Afterwards, you have free time at leisure, or you may enjoy the following optional activities (at your own expense):

Optional Activity 1: Half-day Da Nang Tour (Ba Na Hills & Golden Bridge). Explore Ba Na hills, sightseeing the panoramic views of Quang nam – Da Nang city; Discover the famous Golden Bridge (pictured bottom right); See famous places such as the French Village Campanile, Nine Floor Goddess Shrine, Tombstone Temple, Linh Phong Monastery, and Linh Chua Linh Tu Temple, and discover Fantasy Park with its adventurous games. Includes lunch.

Optional Activity 2: Evening Cultural Stage Show. Lune Performing Center Hoi An. The Centre, with its graceful bamboo dome architecture, is known for such performances as My Village, Teh Dar, and The Mist. The shows portray the daily lives of farmers, minority tribes, and urban and rural dwellers, and carry Lune Productions' vision of upholding Vietnam's culture and heritage, creating a whole new destination where heritage and art converge.

Depending on the day of arrival in Hoi An, you may instead see the stunning **Hoi An Memories Show**. This colourful and musically dazzling show, with a cast of nearly 500 actors and actresses, recalls the memories of Hoi An as a prosperous trading port over 400 years. It took nearly two years to produce the one-hour show. The theatre uses the waters of the Hoai River as its 25,000 m² stage along with state-of-the-art lighting technology and sophisticated sound effects.

Day 7: Hoi An 🚗 Hue (B)

Today, drive to **Hue City** stopping along the way to take pictures at **Lang Co Beach**. During the Nguyen Dynasty (1802 – 1945), Hue was the political, economic and cultural capital of Vietnam, and its historical monuments were recognised as a World Cultural Heritage Site by UNESCO since 1993. One of the largest battles of the Vietnamese revolutionary war was fought in Hue, as part of the 1968 'Tet Offensive' that turned the tide of the war against the US-backed Republic of Vietnam. On arrival, you will take a boat trip to **Thien Mu Pagoda** – an historic pagoda on the banks of the Perfume River. Apart from the scenic riverside and hilltop location, the Thien Mu Pagoda and its environs are rich in history, standing witness to almost four hundred years of tumultuous nation-building in Vietnam. Transfer back to the centre of Hue city to visit the massive **Kinh Thanh Citadel**, the most well-known and iconic site in Hue, a sprawling complex within 2.5 km of walls, comprised of the **Imperial City**, several museums, lakes, and lovely gardens, all laid out in a series of concentric circles. Return to the hotel.

Optional Activity: Enjoy a sumptuous **Royal Dinner** (at your own expense). Dress in beautiful traditional clothes (provided by the restaurant) and be served dishes which used to be made for the royal family. Enjoy live music during dinner.

Day 8: Hue ✈ Ho Chi Minh City (B)

We transfer to Hue Airport to catch a morning flight to **Ho Chi Minh City**. On arrival at Tan Son Nhat Airport in Ho Chi Minh City, you are picked up for transfer to the city centre to visit the imposing **Dong Khoi Street** (formerly Catinat street) before going to the **Notre Dame Cathedral**. This is the most famous landmark in Vietnam, as the twin bell towers can be seen from a great distance. In the same square is the famous **Saigon Post Office**, the largest functioning post office in Vietnam. Continue on to visit **Reunification Palace**, the palace of the presidents of South Vietnam before 1975, and the **War Remains Museum**, where you can learn about the Vietnam War. At the end of the day, visit **Ben Thanh Market** before returning to your hotel, after which you are free at leisure.

Day 9: Ho Chi Minh City 🚗 Mekong Delta (B, L)

Depart with our guide and driver for a scenic drive through the **Mekong Delta**, home to the richest agricultural lands in Vietnam. On arrival at My Tho City, take a boat trip on the Mekong River to fishing villages and **Dragon, Unicorn, Turtle and Phoenix Islands**. Crossing the **Mekong River**, you'll cruise along a small canal to see the daily life of locals in **Bến Tre Province**, visiting Quới An bee farm and handicraft workshop to enjoy some honey-tea and see how people make things from coconut wood. Take a horse-cart along country roads to visit fruit orchards, enjoy tropical fruit and listen to traditional music. Then, take small sampans back to your cruise to 'Coconut Village' for a coconut candy workshop and tasting. Visit **Phoenix Island** for a rice-paper workshop, then return by boat to My Tho and then by road back to Ho Chi Minh City. Enjoy the rest of the day free at leisure.

Day 10: Ho Chi Minh City 🚗 Cu Chi Tunnels 🚗 Ho Chi Minh City (B)

After breakfast, we visit the amazing **Cu Chi Tunnels**, a well-known historical vestige of the Vietnamese revolution. This cobweb-like tunnel complex is a network of underground dug-outs over 200 km long, consisting of many layers and turnings with meeting, living, and fighting quarters where we learn firsthand how the Viet Cong survived their extraordinary underground existence during the Vietnam War. Visit a lacquerware factory on the way back to the city, and then enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure in Ho Chi Minh City.

Optional Lunch: Hội An Sense restaurant is a beautiful harmony between refined cuisine and unique architecture. Set on an opulent rooftop with intimate terrace, relaxing fish pond and vivid lanterns, Hội An Sense draws influences from vibrant flavours of Vietnam's central region.

Optional Dinner Cruise: Cruise on Saigon River and enjoy a delicious selection of local dishes as you take in the ambience of this charming city (at your own expense).

Day 11: Ho Chi Minh City ✈ Australia (B)

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight home.

Day 12: Australia

Arrive home this morning.

Optional Pre-Tour Extension

Sapa Trekking Tour Extension 4 Days

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Day 1: ✈ Hanoi

Arrive in **Hanoi** today, and check into the hotel. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure or rest before your transfer to Sapa early tomorrow morning.

Day 2: Hanoi 🚌 Sapa – Hike to Cat Cat Village (B)

Today after breakfast, transfer by bus to **Sapa**. Arriving around lunchtime, you'll check in to your hotel. In the afternoon, visit **Cat Cat village** (light trekking required), where you may wish to try the local apple wine or purchase a hand-woven blanket, and **Sapa town**.

Day 3: Full Day Hike: Sapa – Hang Da – Sa Seng – Sapa (B, L)

Leave Sapa after breakfast, and drive southwards and up **Den Thang Mountain**. Take an easy walk to explore **Hang Da**, a **Black Hmong village**, which displays the age-old lifestyle of the Hmong. We then follow the village path downhill through **the stunning valley of Sa Seng**. Along the way, we pass several hamlets which are organised in the typical Hmong style. The walk ends after paying a visit to Sa Pa, another hamlet of the Hmong which is located near the former Sapa traditional market.

Day 4: Depart Sapa 🚌 Hanoi (B)

This morning is free at leisure. Relax at the hotel or go shopping in Sapa town before transfer back to Hanoi to begin the core tour.

Optional Post-Tour Extension

Angkor Adventure 4 Days

The Khmer empire was based around a vast network of temples and reservoirs around today's Siem Reap town. 'Angkor' is the name now given to the city, and Angkor Wat is its most famous attraction. The name translates as 'Temple of the Capital', and it is composed of as much stone as the pyramid of Cheops in Egypt. It is decorated throughout with intricate carvings of Hindu cosmology and Khmer history. Yuan-dynasty diplomat Zhou Daguan, who resided in Angkor from 1296-97 wrote that the wealth of the city rivalled that of imperial China. Having survived centuries buried by jungle, and the years of terror under the Khmer Rouge, the temples of Angkor are now one of the world's great tourist attractions.

Day 11: Ho Chi Minh City ✈ Siem Reap (B)

Fly to Siem Reap. Your expert guide will meet you and transfer you privately to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day free at leisure. This is your opportunity to experience (optional at your own expense) the world-renowned **Phare Circus**, where young local dancers and acrobats enact Khmer folk tales and modern stories. Developed by the charity Phare Ponleu Selpak, this performance expresses the history, challenges, and resilience of the people of Cambodia.

Day 12: Angkor Ancient City Tour (B)

Today you will visit the largest, best preserved, and most religiously significant of the Angkor temples. **Angkor Thom** covers an area of 10 square km. Enclosed by a wall and wide moats, the city includes many of Angkor's most popular sights. Enter by the monumental **South Gate** over a causeway lined on either side by statues of demons and gods, each carrying a giant *naga* (a mythical serpent symbolising the transition from the mundane to the sacred world). Continue to the **Terrace of the Elephants** and the **Terrace of the Leper King**, former spaces for public ceremonies that are both adorned with dramatic bas-relief carvings. Visit the ruined **Baphuon**, **Royal Enclosure** and **Phimeanakas**, before continuing to the mysterious **Bayon Temple**. In this temple, one of the most popular and compelling in Angkor, explore the galleries of beautifully preserved bas-reliefs and ascend narrow stairs to reach the central sanctuary, where giant stone Buddha faces smile enigmatically down from every angle.

Visit **Ta Prohm** temple, one of the most popular attractions of Angkor as much of the jungle has not been cleared and it looks very much as most of the Angkor monuments would have appeared when European explorers first stumbled across them. Continue your visit to **Angkor Wat**, the Crown Jewel of Khmer architecture. Angkor Wat is the national symbol and the highlight of any visit to Cambodia.

Day 13: Siem Reap 🚌 Kompong Kleang 🚌 Siem Reap (B, L)

After breakfast, you will be transferred to **Kompong Kleang floating village**. This is a settlement of over 20,000 people where houses tower up to ten meters above the water. Greeted by waves of the friendly locals, here you can glimpse Cambodia's rural culture and traditional family lifestyle through a nice boat trip. Enjoy a picnic lunch with the locals in Kompong Kleang, then transfer back to Siem Reap and enjoy free time at leisure or for shopping.

Day 14: Depart Siem Reap ✈ (B)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home via connecting cities.

Day 15: Arrive Home

Arrive back in Australia.

Optional Post-Tour Extension

Phu Quoc Island Paradise with 5 Star Resort 4 Days

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Day 11: Ho Chi Minh City ✈ Phu Quoc Island (B)

Take a short flight to **Phu Quoc Island**. Located in the Gulf of Thailand just off the coast of Cambodia & Vietnam, the heart-shaped island of Phu Quoc is rapidly becoming one of Vietnam's premier tour destinations as visitors discover the charms of its white sandy beaches and crystal clear waters. On arrival, you'll be picked up and transferred to your hotel by the driver to check in. The rest of the day is free at leisure. In the evening you may wish to join our optional sunset cruise and barbeque.

Optional Activity: Sunset Barbecue & Squid Fishing Cruise. Watch a beautiful sunset over Phu Quoc as you sail out on a fishing boat. A barbecue dinner is provided – if you can hook a squid, you get to eat it!

Day 12: Phu Quoc Island (B)

Today you're free to explore the island's rugged jungle, striking white sand, and sparkling cobalt waters. Phu Quoc also offers varied options for you to explore, or take our wide-ranging and fascinating full day island tour.

Optional Activity: Full Day Tour, East and South Phu Quoc Island. Head south to visit a pearl farm, An Thoi Port, a dried sea food market, and Phu Quoc Prison Museum. Built in 1967-68 by the U. S. Army to detain captured Viet Cong and North Vietnamese soldiers, many of the high ranking leaders of Vietnam were detained in Phu Quoc Prison. At Sao Beach – one of the most beautiful beaches of the Island, we enjoy a simple lunch (included in package). Continue on visit Cau Temple, a traditional fish sauce factory, a pepper garden, Su Muon Pagoda & Ham Ninh fishing village.

Day 13: Phu Quoc Island (B)

Enjoy the whole day at leisure for relaxing at your hotel/resort or on the beach, or join our optional excursion to Vinpearl Land Amusement Park and Vinpearl Safari Park.

Optional Activity: Discover Vinpearl Land Amusement Park & Safari Park. This world-class recreational paradise is located by one of the most beautiful sea gulfs in the world. Exciting activities & games such as the Compact Coaster, Swing Carousel, Evolution, Merry-go-round, 4D Movies, Bumpers Cars, Crazy Bull riding, 3D & Video games are available, and much more. Vinpearl Land will definitely not disappoint! Vietnam's largest wildlife conservation park is nestled in Bai Dai, on the Northwest coast of Phu Quoc Island. Vinpearl Safari Park conserves abundant indigenous and exotic flora and fauna. This is a unique opportunity to see wildlife that can't be seen anywhere else!

Optional Meals Package: Taste world-renowned Vietnamese classics at Vinpearl Land. Your lunch and dinner are freshly prepared by incredibly talented, specialist chefs with 5-star experience. Savour an appetising array of local, regional and international cuisine with a delicious serving of classic and contemporary dishes from Vietnam, as well as Japan, Thailand, China and South Korea and from as far as Russia, the US, France and Italy.

Day 14: Depart Phu Quoc ✈ (B)

Enjoy the morning at leisure before checking out and transferring to the airport for your onward flight to Saigon then connecting with your flight home.

Day 15: Arrive Home

Arrive back in Australia.

Optional Post-Tour Extension

Nha Trang Beach Tour Extension with 5 Star Resort 4 Days

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Day 11: Ho Chi Minh City ✈ Nha Trang (B)

Transfer to Saigon airport for a short flight to Nha Trang. On arrival, you'll be picked up and transferred to your hotel to check in. The rest of the day is free at leisure.

Day 12: Nha Trang (B)

Today you're free to explore the city, taking up an optional activity, or just relaxing on the beautiful beach.

Optional Activity: Three Mineral Spring Spas. Visit Thap Ba Mud Spa Centre, I-Resort Mud Spa, and 100 Eggs Mud Spa. Relax and enjoy mud bathing in private tubs or egg-shaped tubs, and enjoy swimming in healing mineral springs. These three mud-bathing centres are located 4-6 km away from Nha Trang's center. Afterwards, visit Po Nagar Temple (pictured bottom right), a fascinating remnant of the Cham kingdom that once occupied southern Vietnam, near Thap Ba Mud Center. Return to your hotel through the streets of Nha Trang to observe local life. The option to cycle to the resorts may be available upon request, depending on local conditions.

Optional Activity: Islands and Snorkelling Tour. Depart from your hotel to Cau Da Port. Tri Nguyen Aquarium on Mieu Island is the first place to visit, and the many sea species of Nha Trang/Khanh Hoa province make a small ocean world there. Mun Island is the best island for snorkelling – you can see lots of colourful coral and fish. You will also be able to see caves in which the sea swallows make their nests. Then relax, swim, & do water sports or other activities at Mot Island, Tranh Beach Island or on a small island calling 'Mini Beach'. Enjoy a fresh lunch. On the way back you will visit a fishing village.

Day 13: Nha Trang (B)

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