

Vietnam Express for Teenagers

8 days | Hanoi to Hoi An



FAMILY TOUR TO VIETNAM (for children aged 12 years and above): Take your teens on a Southeast Asian adventure and discover the wonders of Vietnam. Enjoy a cyclo ride in Hanoi and cruise around Halong Bay, explore Hue's Imperial Palace, test your farming skills in Tra Que and relax by the pool in Hoi An, all in 8 fun filled days.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Hanoi – ride on a rickshaw through the streets of the city and explore highlights including Ly Thai To Park and the 36 Streets
- Halong Bay – spend the night aboard a comfortable Junk Boat and explore the beauty of the bay, including Sung Sot Cave
- Hoi An – enjoy some R&R in this enchanting riverside town with its cobbled streets, lanterns and iconic Japanese Bridge
- Tra Que farming experience – tend to the fields, enjoy a bicycle ride through the countryside and enjoy a Vietnamese cooking lesson

- Hue – tour this imperial city to see the iconic Thien Mu Pagoda and the Purple Palace, heavily bombed during the Vietnam War
- Hai Van Pass – enjoy breath taking scenery as we travel to Hoi An and stop for a swim at My Khe Beach

What's Included

- 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 1 dinner
- 5 nights 4 star and special class hotels, 1 night deluxe junk boat and 1 overnight sleeper train (Junk boat: private cabin, Sleeper train: basic, 4 berth cabin)
- Halong Bay Junk boat cruise - opt to swim, kayak and explore caves
- Bicycle ride to Tra Que village, farm experience and cooking demonstration
- Airport arrival transfer day 1 and departure transfer day 8
- Guided sightseeing - Hanoi, Halong Bay, Hue and Hoi An
- Escorted by an English speaking Vietnamese tour guide
- All relevant transfers and transportation in private air-conditioned vehicles

What's Not Included

- Tipping Kitty: USD\$30-40pp, paid in USD or VND
- Entrance Fees: USD\$30-40pp, paid in USD or VND
- International flights and visa

- Tip for your tour guide. We recommend you allow USD\$3 - 6 per day, per traveller. Tipping your guide is an entirely personal gesture

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Hanoi

Saturday. Welcome to Hanoi! On arrival at the airport your family will be transferred to our hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day exploring as you please - perhaps go for a stroll around the beautiful Hoan Kiem Lake and cross the red bridge to Jade Island. The lake comes alive at weekends when the surrounding roads close and the streets are filled with entertainment and food stalls. **Overnight - Hanoi**

Day 2 : Junk Boat cruising in Halong Bay



Hanoi - Halong Bay. Today we drive to the picturesque UNESCO-listed Halong Bay. Board a traditional Vietnamese Junk Boat, equipped with comfortable modern luxuries.

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The bay is dotted with more than 2,000 rugged limestone islets and you'll marvel at the spectacular surroundings as we sail. We stop to explore the stalactites and stalagmites inside the fascinating Trinh Nu Cave and there's also the opportunity to go kayaking and enjoy a swim before returning to our boat. This evening there's a Vietnamese cooking demonstration and a seafood feast, before we settle down to sleep onboard. **Overnight - Halong Bay (B, L, D)**

Day 3 : Rickshaw tour of Hanoi



Halong Bay - Hanoi - Hue. Enjoy an optional Tai Chi class on deck or a traditional massage this morning. Before heading back to port we explore the beautiful Sung Sot cave (Surprise Grotto), which is 10,000m² and consists of two major chambers which are spectacular and spacious enough to hold thousands of people.

Later, we return to Hanoi and explore Vietnam's capital on rickshaws. We ride through the maze of streets and see highlights of the city including the Opera House and Ly Thai To Park. The park is dedicated to Emperor Ly Thai To, who founded what would become Hanoi in the year 1010. We'll then walk through the famous "36 Streets" of the Old Quarter, before boarding the overnight 'Reunification Express' train to Hue this evening. Alternatively, the option to fly to Hue is available. **Overnight - Sleeper train (B)**

Day 4 : Imperial Hue



On arrival in UNESCO-listed Hue we'll enjoy a guided tour of this imperial city. See the iconic 7-story Thien Mu Pagoda, home to the oldest monastery in the city. Visit the Imperial Purple Palace in the old walled Citadel, which was heavily bombed during the Vietnam War. We also explore the Royal Tombs of Emperor's Tu Duc and Khai Dinh - both tombs were constructed whilst their respective Emperors still ruled. This evening there is an optional long boat cruise along the Perfume River. Relax and take in your peaceful surroundings as the sun sets around you. **Overnight - Hue (B, L)**

Day 5 : Hai Van Pass to Hoi An



Hue - Road of the Ocean Clouds - Hoi An. Today we travel to Hoi An, reached by driving along the beautiful Hai Van Pass coast road - nicknamed the Road of the Ocean Clouds. Stop at My Khe Beach, which famously starred in the movie "Apocalypse Now". Enjoy a swim here before we continue to Hoi An for a guided tour of the city's highlights. Explore the picturesque Old Town, the Chua Ong Pagoda and the Chinese Assembly Hall. We also visit the iconic 400-year-old Japanese Bridge. **Overnight - Hoi An (B)**

Day 6 : Tra Que village farming experience

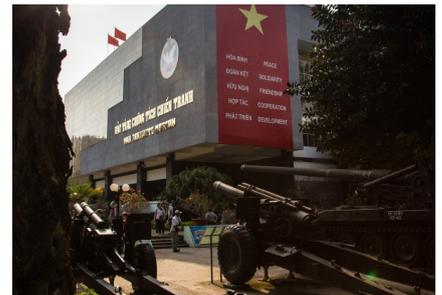


Today we take a bicycle ride into the countryside and visit Tra Que village. Enjoy a hands-on day for all the family as we tend to the fields and learn how to prepare traditional Vietnamese cuisine. Enjoy your delicious creations in the pretty rural surroundings before we return to Hoi An. **Overnight - Hoi An (B, L)**

Day 7 : Free time in Hoi An

Today is free to explore Hoi An at leisure. Head to the beach and relax or enjoy some shopping in the bustling city. Alternatively, you may opt to visit the holy Cham site of My Son. The main temple was destroyed during the Vietnam War but much of the site remains intact and is still very impressive. There is also the option to see the site of the infamous My Lai Massacre and the memorial to the innocent victims. **Overnight - Hoi An (B)**

Day 8 : Hoi An



Saturday. Our Vietnamese adventure comes to an end today with an included departure transfer to the airport. **(B)**

HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though

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we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.

Sunway Hotel

This ambient, boutique hotel combines traditional appeal with modern pleasures. Rooms are furnished in a contemporary fashion with an array of amenities for added comfort. Its restaurant provides a great variety of Vietnamese cuisine and you are welcome to enjoy cocktails and live music in the Jazz Bar or relax in the hotel's health spa.



Sleeper train - 4 berth cabin

Cabins on board are comfortable though not comparable to European standards. Aboard each wagon are 9 compartments that comprise of 4 bunks per compartment shared by mixed sexes. A western-style toilet (with a varying degree of cleanliness) is located at either end of the wagon. Air-conditioning (not always operational in the summer) and lighting are controlled from inside the cabin, which is also lockable. Luggage can be stored in a compartment under the bottom bunk. Linen and a pillow are provided.



Bhaya Classic I Junk Boat

This premier cruise boat offers 18 well appointed cabins with en suite amenities. Cabins are contemporary in design, whilst the finer touches have a distinct oriental influence. All cabins feature large windows creating a bright and airy atmosphere as well as scenic views. Facilities and services

onboard include a dining room and bar, a sunbathing area on-deck, masseur and small library.



Syrena Junk Boat

A tradition hand crafted boat, the Syrena Junk Boat offers superb en suite air conditioned cabins with comfortable interiors and balconies. The on board Lotus Restaurant serves up a delicious array of Vietnamese and International cuisine. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available in the public areas. Swimming, kayaking and tai chi are all offered on board and movie nights are also very popular.



Mondial Hotel

Just a 5 minute walk from the Ho Chi Minh museum, the Mondial Hotel is a contemporary hotel with excellent amenities. Guest rooms benefit from spacious interiors, comfortable beds and lots of mod-cons. There is complimentary Wi-Fi for guests, an outdoor pool and onsite spa - perfect for a relaxing massage. As well as the delicious Huong Xuan Restaurant there is also the Lobby Lounge - great for cocktails before dinner!



ÈMM Hotel

Situated in the heart of the former imperial capital, ÈMM Hotel is the perfect base from which to explore Hue's UNESCO World

Heritage-listed sights. Completely renovated in 2016, the guestrooms are generously-sized and complete with modern amenities. The imperial jade and royal purple colour scheme was inspired by ancient Hue itself and guests can take advantage of the mini-gym, pool-side bar and a spacious reading area. Enjoy delicious Vietnamese and international cuisine in the contemporary restaurant after a day of exploring.



River Green Hotel

Set next to the Hoai River, the River Green Hotel is just a five-minute walk from the iconic Japanese Bridge. Guestrooms offer city or river views, alongside all the amenities you'd expect of a contemporary hotel. There's an outdoor pool, perfect for a refreshing swim, and an on-site restaurant where you can enjoy a variety of international flavours. Complimentary WiFi, bicycle hire and a fitness centre add to this hotel's list of facilities, making it a great base for exploring historic Hoi An.



Vinh Hung Riverside Resort

Situated right on the banks of the Thu Bon River, this upscale hotel is just a 10-minute walk from the ancient town of Hoi An. Combining Vietnamese tradition with modern facilities, its guestrooms are set in coconut tree-shaded gardens beside the water. They're well-equipped, with free WiFi and air conditioning, as well as private balconies. The hotel also offers a riverside restaurant, serving local specialties and western dishes on the outdoor terrace. This hotel's highlight, however, is its pool and

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fabulous swim up bar, which is the perfect place to enjoy a pre-dinner cocktail.



Thanh Binh Riverside hotel

Boasting a beautiful outdoor swimming pool, the Thanh Binh Riverside offers excellent accommodation in a great location. Guest rooms benefit from garden or river views and all come full air-conditioned, with stunning hardwood floors and all mod-cons. The onsite restaurant offers a great selection of Vietnamese and International dishes and the town centre is just a mere 200m walk away. Why not grab a cocktail and relax by the pool in the afternoon - a great way to refresh yourself from the Vietnam heat.



PRICES / DATES 2019

Date	Twin Share	Single
21 Sep	GBP 760	GBP 1,130
28 Sep	GBP 760	GBP 1,130
28 Dec	GBP 885	GBP 1,255

PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 4 persons. Prices shown are per person travelling when there are 2 persons (or 3 persons if you wish to book a triple). On all of our family tours we guarantee that parent and teenager rooms will be side by side or directly adjacent. This trip is for families only (including grandparents, aunts, uncles & cousins who'd like to come along). As long as you're travelling with a teen aged between 12-18yrs, you're a family in our eyes.

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