



PRIVATE CLASSIC JOURNEY

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11 Days / 10 Nights

Hanoi · Ha Long Bay · Hue · Hoi An · Ho Chi Minh City

Private group, 2–16 guests

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VALID UNTIL

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DURATION	GROUP SIZE	PHYSICAL LEVEL	JOURNEY STYLE
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ROUTE

Hanoi → Ha Long Bay → Hue → Hoi An → Ho Chi Minh City

HIGHLIGHTS

Five regions, each revealing a different side of Vietnam

- Overnight cruise on Ha Long Bay — kayaking, cave visits and limestone waterways
 - Guided visit to Hue’s Imperial City and the former Nguyen dynasty complex
 - Cooking class at Tra Que herb village with lunch from prepared dishes
 - Cu Chi Tunnels, Phở Bình and the War Remnants Museum — a layered wartime day
- Full day in Kim Long exploring garden houses and living Hue culture by bicycle
 - Lantern-making workshop and basket-boat ride in Hoi An
 - Signature ‘From Market to Market’ walking experience through central Saigon
 - Central 4- and 5-star hotels throughout; route from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City



Days 1–5

Day 1 Arrival in Hanoi

Arrive at Noi Bai International Airport, where a local representative will welcome the group and assist with the transfer into central Hanoi. After checking in, the remainder of the day is intentionally left open for rest and recovery after the international journey. Depending on arrival time, guests may take a short independent walk near the hotel or enjoy a relaxed dinner.

Overnight: Central hotel, Hanoi

Dinner

Day 2 Political Memory, Education and the Old Quarter

Begin in Ba Dinh at the Ho Chi Minh historical complex — the Mausoleum exterior or interior, Presidential Palace grounds, stilt house and One Pillar Pagoda. Continue to the Temple of Literature, founded in the 11th century. Lunch at KOTO, a social enterprise providing hospitality training for disadvantaged youth. Afternoon walk through the Old Quarter focused on trading traditions and communal spaces. Conclude with a traditional water puppet performance.

Overnight: Central hotel, Hanoi

Lunch

Dinner

Day 3 Hanoi to Ha Long Bay

Depart Hanoi in the morning for the coast. Board an overnight cruise and settle into the cabin as the vessel begins its journey through Ha Long Bay or a quieter neighbouring section of the wider bay system. Lunch is served on board while the cruise passes limestone islands and sheltered waterways. Afternoon activities vary by vessel and may include kayaking, a small-boat excursion, a cave visit or time on deck. Return to the vessel for sunset, dinner and an evening on the bay.

Overnight: Ha Long Bay cruise

Lunch

Dinner

Day 4 Ha Long Bay to Central Vietnam and Hue

Begin the day with the quiet morning atmosphere of the bay. Guests may join an optional early activity before breakfast. The cruise continues through the limestone landscape before returning to port in the late morning. After disembarkation, transfer to the regional airport for the flight to Central Vietnam — arrival airport may be Hue or Da Nang depending on the operating flight schedule. Continue by private vehicle to Hue and check in. No formal evening programme is scheduled.

Overnight: Central hotel, Hue

Brunch

Dinner

Day 5 Kim Long: Garden Houses and the Living Culture of Hue

Spend the day in Kim Long, a historic residential area along the Perfume River once associated with mandarins and influential Nguyen-period families. Travel primarily by bicycle along flat roads and quiet lanes, with frequent stops. Visit several garden houses and meet local families whose histories connect to the imperial capital. Join a cooking session and share a home-style Hue lunch in a garden-house setting. The afternoon continues at a relaxed pace with herbal foot soaking, tea and seasonal local specialities.

Overnight: Central hotel, Hue

Lunch

Days 6–9

Day 6	The Imperial City and the Journey to Hoi An
Visit Hue's Imperial City, the political and ceremonial centre of the Nguyen dynasty. Walk through the former royal complex learning about court life, state rituals, architecture and the decline of imperial rule. After lunch, leave Hue for Hoi An, travelling south through the coastal landscape and crossing the Hai Van area en route. Arrive in Hoi An and check in. The evening is free for an initial independent walk through the old town.	
Overnight: Central hotel, Hoi An	Lunch
Day 7	Lanterns, Herbs, Cooking and River Life
Begin with a lantern-making workshop under the guidance of a local craft instructor — each guest completes a small fabric lantern. Continue to Tra Que, a village known for its herb and vegetable gardens. Walk through the cultivated fields, then join a cooking class using regional ingredients, followed by lunch featuring the dishes prepared. Afternoon: travel to Cam Thanh and the Bay Mau coconut-palm area and board traditional round basket boats through the waterways. In the evening, return to the illuminated old town and release a small flower lantern on the water.	
Overnight: Central hotel, Hoi An	LunchDinner
Day 8	Free Morning in Hoi An and Flight to Saigon
The morning is free. Guests may return to the old town, visit local shops, relax at the hotel, arrange a spa treatment or spend time at the beach. After check-out, transfer to Da Nang International Airport for the afternoon flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Upon arrival, meet the local team and transfer to the hotel in central Saigon. The evening is free for dinner and independent exploration.	
Overnight: Central hotel, Ho Chi Minh City	
Day 9	From Market to Market: Understanding Saigon Through Food and Trade
Begin the morning with 'From Market to Market', a signature walking experience through central Saigon. Rather than following a conventional landmark checklist, the walk examines how the city trades, eats and adapts — moving through older market streets, narrow trading lanes, food counters and neighbourhood spaces before continuing toward Ben Thanh Market. Selected food tastings, market routines and street-level observations illuminate the different communities that have shaped the city. The tour concludes around lunchtime. The afternoon is free.	
Overnight: Central hotel, Ho Chi Minh City	Lunch

Days 10–11

Day 10	Wartime Saigon and Cu Chi
Depart the city in the morning for Cu Chi. Visit the tunnel area to understand underground systems, rural communities and guerrilla forces during the war — selected sections of the tunnel complex, without requiring guests to crawl through confined spaces. Return to Saigon around midday. Stop for lunch at Phở Bình, a modest noodle restaurant that served as a clandestine coordination point during the Tet Offensive. Continue to a preserved urban weapons bunker. The final visit is the War Remnants Museum, presenting the conflict primarily through the Vietnamese experience.	
Overnight: Central hotel, Ho Chi Minh City	LunchDinner
Day 11	Departure
Breakfast at the hotel. The room remains available until the standard check-out time unless a late check-out has been arranged. At the appropriate time, transfer to Tan Son Nhat International Airport for the departure flight.	
Overnight: End of journey	Breakfast

Inclusions & Exclusions

INCLUDED

- ✓ 10 nights accommodation in central 4- and 5-star hotels
- ✓ 1 night aboard Ha Long Bay overnight cruise
- ✓ Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- ✓ 2 domestic flights: Hanoi–Hue/Da Nang and Da Nang–Ho Chi Minh City
- ✓ All ground transfers by private air-conditioned vehicle
- ✓ English-speaking guide(s) throughout — regional specialists or one guide throughout
- ✓ All entrance fees and activities listed in the itinerary
- ✓ Lantern-making workshop, Tra Que herb walk and cooking class, Hoi An
- ✓ Basket-boat ride in Bay Mau coconut-palm waterways
- ✓ Ha Long Bay cruise activities (kayaking, cave visit — by vessel)
- ✓ Domestic luggage transfers and flight coordination

NOT INCLUDED

- International flights to/from Vietnam
- Vietnam visa fees
- Travel insurance (required — client’s responsibility)
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Personal expenses, laundry, minibar, beverages
- Optional activities not listed in the programme
- Tipping for guides and drivers
- Any services not mentioned in inclusions

MEAL KEY

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner



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Representative Hotels

Actual properties confirmed at booking. Equivalent substitutions may apply.



La Passion Hanoi Hotel & Spa
Hanoi

★★★★



Bhaya Classic Cruise
Ha Long Bay

★★★★



Imperial Hotel Hue
Hue

★★★★★



Signature Hoi An Hotel
Hoi An

★★★★★



Silk Sense Hoi An River Resort
Hoi An

★★★★★



Alagon City Hotel & Spa
Ho Chi Minh City

★★★★★



EdenStar Saigon Hotel
Ho Chi Minh City

★★★★★

PAYMENT TERMS

- 30% Deposit upon confirmation
- 30% Due 60 days before arrival
- 40% Final payment, 30 days before arrival

CANCELLATION POLICY

- 91+ DAYS
Deposit refundable less USD/CAD 150 admin fee
- 90–61 DAYS
30% cancellation fee
- 60–31 DAYS
60% cancellation fee
- ≤ 30 DAYS
100% non-refundable

CHILD POLICY

- UNDER 2
10% · No seat, bed or meals · Max. 1 infant per full-paying adult.
- AGES 2–11
75% · Seat, bed & meals included · Max. 1 child per adult; additional children at adult rate.
- AGES 12+
Adult rate applies.

NAME CHANGES

- Permitted up to 30 days before arrival.
- Domestic flights non-transferable — 100% airline penalty applies.
- Any supplier-imposed fees will apply.

BOOKING CONDITIONS

- Prices subject to availability until confirmed.
- Minimum numbers may apply for guaranteed departures.
- Passport details required before ticketing.
- Comprehensive travel insurance strongly recommended.



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HOW TO BOOK

This itinerary is available exclusively through your travel advisor. Contact them to discuss dates, pricing, and any adjustments to tailor the journey to your group.

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