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PRIVATE CLASSIC JOURNEY

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14 Days / 13 Nights

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| DURATION            | GROUP SIZE  | PHYSICAL LEVEL   | JOURNEY STYLE           |
|---------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------------|
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ROUTE

Hanoi → Ninh Binh → Ha Long Bay → Hue → Hoi An → Ho Chi Minh City → Ben Tre

HIGHLIGHTS

## Five regions, each revealing a different side of Vietnam

- Ninh Binh: cycling through villages, Trang An rowing boats and Hoa Lu ancient capital
- Full day in Kim Long exploring garden houses and living Hue culture by bicycle
- Lantern-making workshop, Tra Que herb walk, cooking class and basket boats in Hoi An
- Cu Chi Tunnels, Phở Bình and the War Remnants Museum — three layers of wartime history
- Overnight cruise on Ha Long Bay — kayaking, cave visits and limestone waterways
- Guided visit to Hue's Imperial City and the Nguyen dynasty complex
- Signature 'From Market to Market' walking experience through central Saigon
- Full day in Ben Tre: coconut communities, Mekong waterways and hand-rowed canals



# Days 1–6

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| Day 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Arrival in Hanoi                                   |  |
| <p>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.</p> <p>Overnight: Central hotel, Hanoi</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                    |  |
| Day 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Political Memory, Education and the Old Quarter    |  |
| <p>Begin in Ba Dinh at the Ho Chi Minh historical complex — the Mausoleum, 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. Evening free.</p> <p>Overnight: Central hotel, Hanoi</p> <p>Lunch</p>                                                                                                                                 |                                                    |  |
| Day 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Hanoi to Ninh Binh: Hoa Lu and Countryside Cycling |  |
| <p>Leave Hanoi after breakfast and travel south through the Red River Delta to Ninh Binh. Visit Hoa Lu, the 10th-century dynastic capital set beneath dramatic limestone formations. After lunch, check in to the countryside resort and begin a guided bicycle ride directly from the property — quiet village lanes through rice fields, limestone valleys and small communities. The cycling is an introduction to the everyday landscape of Ninh Binh rather than a sightseeing circuit. Return to the resort in the late afternoon. Evening free to enjoy the grounds.</p> <p>Overnight: Countryside resort, Ninh Binh</p> <p>Breakfast</p> <p>Lunch</p>  |                                                    |  |
| Day 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Community, Religion and Trang An Waterways         |  |
| <p>After breakfast, visit the Thiện Dường Catholic community in Ninh Van — a living local parish offering a different perspective from the better-known monumental churches in standard itineraries, with context on the region’s stone-working traditions and livelihoods. Continue to Trang An, where a small rowing boat carries guests through a network of rivers, limestone cliffs, caves and valleys — more enclosed and intimate than Ha Long Bay, closely connected to the agricultural landscape. After lunch, return by road to Hanoi and check back in to the city hotel.</p> <p>Overnight: Central hotel, Hanoi</p> <p>Breakfast</p> <p>Lunch</p> |                                                    |  |
| Day 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Hanoi to Ha Long Bay                               |  |
| <p>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 — a slower interlude after the walking and cycling of the previous days.</p> <p>Overnight: Ha Long Bay cruise</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>Dinner</p>               |                                                    |  |
| Day 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Ha Long Bay to Central Vietnam                     |  |
| <p>Begin the day with the quiet morning atmosphere of the bay. Guests may join an optional early activity before breakfast. The cruise returns 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 schedule. Continue by private vehicle to Hue and check in. No formal evening programme is scheduled; guests may rest or take a light dinner in preparation for the following day.</p> <p>Overnight: Central hotel, Hue</p> <p>Brunch</p>                                                                               |                                                    |  |

# Days 7–11

## Day 7 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 — learning how architecture, family ancestry, food and traditional ideas of health integrate into daily life. 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 and tea.

Overnight: Central hotel, Hue

Lunch

## Day 8 The Imperial City and the Journey to Hoi An

Visit Hue's Imperial City, the political and ceremonial centre of the Nguyen dynasty — walking through the royal complex and learning about court life, state rituals, architecture and the decline of imperial rule. This complements the previous day in Kim Long: one day examines how families connected to the court lived outside the Citadel; this day explores the formal centre from which the dynasty governed. After lunch, leave Hue for Hoi An, travelling south through the coastal landscape across the Hai Van area. Arrive in Hoi An and check in. The evening is free for an independent walk through the old town.

Overnight: Central hotel, Hoi An

Lunch

## Day 9 Lanterns, Herbs, Cooking and River Life

Begin with a lantern-making workshop — each guest completes a small fabric lantern under the guidance of a local craft instructor. 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 waterways and board traditional round basket boats. Return to the hotel or old town by mid-afternoon, allowing several hours for rest, swimming, shopping or independent exploration. In the evening, return to the illuminated old town and release a small flower lantern on the water.

Overnight: Central hotel, Hoi An

Lunch

## Day 10 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 11 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 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 toward Ben Thanh Market. Selected food tastings, market routines and street-level observations illuminate the Vietnamese, Chinese, Indian and European communities that have shaped the city. The tour concludes around lunchtime. The afternoon is free for independent exploration.

Overnight: Central hotel, Ho Chi Minh City

Lunch

# Days 12–14

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| Day 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Wartime Saigon and Cu Chi                                            |
| <p>Depart for Cu Chi to understand how underground systems, rural communities and guerrilla forces operated during the war. The visit includes selected sections of the tunnel complex and focuses on landscape, engineering, living conditions and military realities — avoiding the shooting range. Return to Saigon 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, then to the War Remnants Museum. Together the day follows three connected levels: rural warfare at Cu Chi, clandestine organisation inside Saigon, and public memory at the museum.</p>                                   |                                                                      |
| Overnight: Central hotel, Ho Chi Minh City                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                      |
| Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                      |
| Day 13                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Signature Ben Tre: Markets, Coconut Communities and Mekong Waterways |
| <p>Leave Saigon early and travel south to Ben Tre. Begin at a working local market — residents shopping for fruit, vegetables, fish and everyday supplies, designed around places that function primarily for local communities rather than visitors. Board a motorised boat along the larger Mekong waterways, observing riverside homes and the movement of goods. Continue by local xe lôi into the coconut-growing countryside to visit small-scale workplaces and family enterprises. Transfer to a hand-rowed sampan for a quieter journey along narrow palm-lined canals. Lunch in a small local or home-style setting featuring regional dishes. Return to Saigon in the late afternoon for a farewell dinner.</p> |                                                                      |
| Overnight: Central hotel, Ho Chi Minh City                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                      |
| Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                      |
| Day 14                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Departure                                                            |
| <p>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. End of journey.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                      |
| Overnight: End of journey                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                      |
| Breakfast                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                      |



# Inclusions & Exclusions

INCLUDED

- ✓ 12 nights accommodation in central 4- and 5-star hotels
- ✓ 1 night at countryside resort, Ninh Binh
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Guided bicycle ride in Ninh Binh; Trang An rowing-boat excursion
- ✓ Lantern-making workshop, Tra Que herb walk and cooking class, Hoi An
- ✓ Basket-boat ride in Bay Mau and hand-rowed sampan, Ben Tre
- ✓ Ha Long Bay cruise activities (kayaking, cave visit — subject to 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

★★★★



**Aravinda Ninh Binh**  
Ninh Binh

★★★★



**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

★★★★

#### 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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# Ask your travel advisor

## 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.

Your advisor can request a full proposal, confirm availability for the set departures listed in this brochure, or arrange a fully private departure for your group on dates that suit you.

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## WHY TRAVEL WITH US

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All transfers, domestic flights, accommodations and activities are arranged for you.

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### 24/7 On-the-Ground Support

A Vietnam-based operations team is reachable at any hour throughout your journey.

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### Flexible & Tailored

Itineraries, hotels and activities can be adjusted to suit your interests and travel style.