

Vietnam North & South

8Days 7Nights



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DEPARTURE SCHEDULE - SEE SEPARATE FILE

ITINERARY

- Day 1: Hanoi arrival
- Day 2: Hanoi city tour
- Day 3: Hanoi – Ninh Binh - Hanoi
- Day 4: Hanoi – Ha Long – Hanoi
- Day 5: Hanoi - Ho Chi Minh City Arrival
- Day 6: Cu Chi Tunnels – City tour
- Day 7: Mekong delta – Ho Chi Minh City
- Day 8: Ho Chi Minh City

HIGHLIGHTS

- Wander through the bustling narrow streets of the Old Quarter of Hanoi
- Discover Ha Long Bay - "Bay of Descending Dragons"
- Explore Trang An culture and nature complex

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The energy and excitement of modern Ho Chi Minh City, still known as Saigon to the locals, introduces you to the south with a bang - a fabulous concoction of exotic sights, sounds and smells guaranteed to get the adrenalin going. Contrast this with the gentle world of palm groves, rice paddies and fruit orchards found in the lush Mekong Delta for both sides of the southern Vietnam story.

DESTINATION	HOTEL	PRICE IN USD\$ / Min. 2 Person on TWIN Share		
		Promotion for October	Rate valid November onward	Single Supplement
Hanoi	May De Ville City Center 2 or similar 3*+	USD\$ 273 per person	USD\$ 329 per person	USD\$ 179
Ho Chi Minh	Sonnet / Bloom 3*+ or similar			

Optional Tour	Rate Per Person
The Quintessence of Tonkin	USD\$ 41
Dinner Cruise on Saigon River	USD\$ 21

OPTIONAL COST/NOT INCLUDED IN THE MAIN COST				
DESTINATION	AIRPORT TRANSFER COST	4 Seat Car (1-2 Person)	16 Seat Car (3-8 Person)	25 Seat Bus (9-15 Person)
Hanoi	Noi Bai Airport – Hotel (or vice versa)	\$ 55 per way	\$ 63 per way	\$ 77 per way
Ho Chi Minh	Tan Son Nhat Airport – Hotel (or vice versa)	\$ 35 per way	\$ 42 per way	\$ 54 per way
Surcharge for English Speaking guide if needed during Airport transfer: USD\$ 25 per way				

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Age of child	Tour fee
Under 02-year old	Free of charge
Under 12-year old without bed	50% of adult
Under 12-year old with extra bed	85% of adult

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DAY 1: HANOI ARRIVAL

Welcome to Vietnam.

Your journey begins with a welcome **meeting at 6 pm**. Please look for a note in the hotel lobby or ask the reception where it will take place.

Note: Airport transfer is not included, see rates above



DAY 2: HANOI (BREAKFAST)

This morning we make a tour of the main sights of Hanoi. Architecturally styled like a French provincial town with tree-lined boulevards and substantial low-built houses the city is wonderfully nostalgic. Among the interesting sights are the charming One-Pillar Pagoda, Confucius Temple and the Presidential Palace. Ho Chi Minh himself, a Spartan-living and scholarly man, chose not to live in the Presidential Palace, he preferred

instead a simple teak stilt-house specially built for him in the grounds. This walk through the narrow lanes of the fascinating Old Quarter, where the streets are named after various crafts or specialties: Paper Street, Silk Street, Basket Street and so on. The shops themselves have very narrow frontages but are actually quite deep; they are known locally as tube shops. On the pavement food sellers sell noodles, snacks and stir-fries from shoulder panniers. The smell of food mixes with the smell of incense from small temples dotted around.

Optional Tour:

End your day with a world-class performance of Vietnam: **The Quintessence of Tonkin**. Opened just late last year, driving about 40 minutes from Hanoi, Quintessence of Tonkin has all the makings of a world-class performance. Born from an artistic vision to showcase the cultural highlights of northern Vietnam, The Quintessence of Tonkin blends skillful performers, a mesmerizing set, delightful water puppetry, a stunning light show, an evocative soundtrack and the **Thay Mountain** into a breathtaking open-air spectacle that is both emotive and uplifting.

The Quintessence of Tonkin performers comprise two troupes: the farmers and their families from the local village who have trained for two years, and junior and senior dance students from **Vietnam Dance College**. The farmers are passionate performers and have an inherent artistic ability that translates into an authentic artistic expression. The dancers from Vietnam Dance College have been professionally trained and bring youth, vitality and vibrance to the show — the perfect vehicle to hone their skill as performers. Together, the farmers and dance students bring the show to life in a compelling visual performance.

Overnight in Ha Noi.



DAY 3: HANOI – NINH BINH (BREAKFAST)

Breakfast at hotel. Then transfer in a private coach about 100 km South of Hanoi. The driving time is approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes to Hoa Lu District, Ninh Binh Province.

Arrive in **Hoa Lu**, discover the first capital of Vietnam, which was founded in the 10th Century by the Dinh Dynasty as a stronghold against the Northern invaders and shortly later was inherited by the Le Dynasty. You'll visit the two old temples one dedicated to Dinh Tien Hoang, the only king of the Dinh Dynasty and also Vietnam's first emperor and the other to the succeeding kings of the Le Dynasty.

Afternoon, continue to visit **Trang An** tourist attraction has over 310 species of higher plants, many algae and fungi. In particular, there have some rare woods and various valuable trees using for food, medicine. In addition, there has about 30 species of mammals, 50 species of birds, dozens of species of reptiles and some rare animals such as: chamois, leopard, phoenix... Sit on a small sampan to visit cave complex: Sang Cave, Toi Cave, Ba Giot Cave, Nau Ruou in mystery and wildness, see scenery of mountain and rivers Ha Long on land of Ninh Binh

Then back to Hanoi. Overnight in Hanoi.

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DAY 4: HANOI – HA LONG BAY - HANOI (BREAKFAST / LUNCH ON BOARD)

Breakfast at hotel. Depart for Halong Bay, a World Heritage as designated by Unesco in 1994 with nearly 3,000 rocky islets. The drive may take you more than three to four hours utmost depending on the high or low seasons' traffic, and will pass the Red River Delta, one of the two granaries of Vietnam. Upon arriving in Halong, we will sail our boat round its natural rocky gardens.

Have lunch on board.

Most of the islets here are not for living due to the lack of fresh water, but are excellent for cruising to contemplate their miraculous draws on the horizon. Many of them have great names from their inspirational shapes, including the Surprising cave, Pelican Grotto, Chopstick rock, Butterfly rock, Turtle rock, the island of Fishman's Head, the Fighting Cocks, the Sail, the Urn, or the Sea Dog! We can visit a grotto, or just lazily relax on the sundeck. The boat will be back to the Wharf late afternoon where we take our car or coach to return to Hanoi.

Overnight in Hanoi.



DAY 5: HA NOI – HO CHI MINH CITY (BREAKFAST)

Breakfast at hotel

Transfer to airport for departure flight Ho Chi Minh city.

Your journey begins with a welcome **meeting at 4 pm**. Please look for a note in the hotel lobby or ask the reception where it will take place.

Note: Hotel - Hanoi Airport / Ho Chi minh Airport - Hotel transfer is not included, see rates above



DAY 6: CU CHI UNDERGROUND TUNNELS – HO CHI MINH CITY TOUR (BREAKFAST)

Breakfast at hotel & proceed to **Cu Chi Tunnels**. This is an underground village of local guerillas in Vietnam War. This network of tunnels, which stretched for over 200km, became legendary during the 1960s. The Cu Chi tunnels played a vital part in the U.S.-Vietnam War in that they allowed the Viet Cong to control a large rural area only 30 to 40 km from Saigon. Spend time explore the tunnel then test your marksmanship with an

AK rifle at a local rifle range (optional with surcharge)

And continue visit Saigon's historic landmarks such as the **Notre Dame Cathedral**, the **Central Post Office** and **former Presidential Palace** - the headquarters of the Saigon Government during the American war

Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.



DAY 7: HO CHI MINH CITY - MEKONG DELTA EXCURSION (BREAKFAST / LUNCH)

Drive to My Tho, a capital of Tien Giang Province, is an inland port in the Mekong River Delta which is two-hour drive from Hochiminh City.

Cruising on Tien River to visit Thoi Son Islet by motorized boat, you will see the My Tho fishing village with floating fish farm, stilt houses and fruit plantation along the river bank.

Walking on the village road, you will visit tropical orchards, bee-keeping farm, taste natural honey and honey wine, enjoy tropical fruits and traditional local folk songs, explore the local coconut candy production process, taste candy & coconut pulp. You will have a chance to try a rowing boat ride along the creeks, under the shadow of the water coconut trees.

Lunch at local restaurant with Mekong Specialties like deep-fried Elephant Ear fish & deep-fried sticky rice ball.

Drive back to Ho Chi Minh City.



DAY 8: HO CHI MINH CITY DEPARTURE (BREAKFAST)

Your Trip comes to an end this morning, with no further activities planned. If you are spending more time in Ho Chi Minh, please contact us, we will help you to book additional nights accommodation. You might also like to take a tour on **or avail the full program INSIDE VIETNAM**

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INCLUDED

- Accommodation in twin/double sharing room with daily breakfast
- Meals as mentioned (B - Breakfast; L - lunch; D - dinner)
- Private A/C vehicle
- Licensed English speaking guide
- Entrance fees & boat trip as mentioned
- Mineral water (01 bottle/pax/day)

NOT INCLUDED

- **Airport Transfer (arrival & departure)**
- Beverages
- Hotel early check-in & late check-out
- International Airfare
- Domestic Airfares (Flight from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City)
- tipping for local guide and driver
- Other services unspecified in the including list
- Personal expenses

CANCELLATION POLICY

- 30 days or more prior to departure, no cancellation fees will be charged.
- Between 15 and 29 days prior to departure, 75% of the total booking fees will be charged
- 14 days or less prior to departure, 100% of the total booking fees will be charged

FORCE MAJEURE eg. emergency, accident, storm, rally, typhoon etc. which are beyond our control, KBS will not be liable to any surcharges or penalties imposed by the hotel and other suppliers

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