

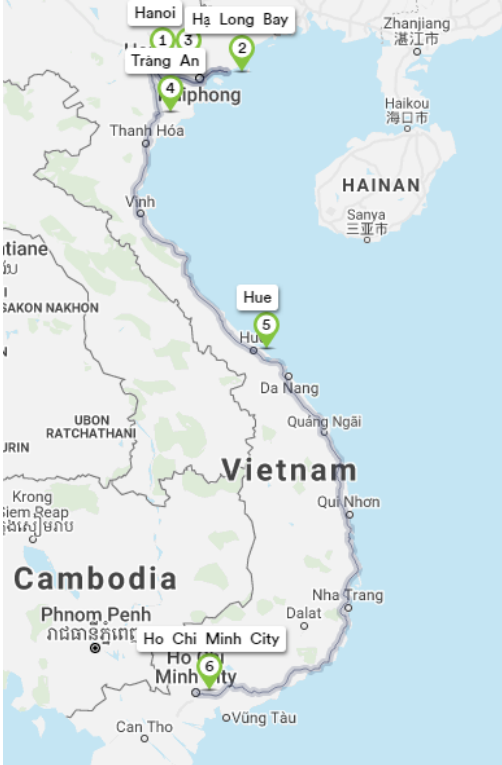


# Asia Discovery Tours

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## 13 Day Vietnam Discovery Tour 2022



*An ancient and beautiful land now recovering from its turbulent past, welcomes visitors through its bustling gateway cities of Ha Noi and Ho Chi Minh (former known as "Saigon"). Steeped in culture, coupled with remarkable sightseeing opportunities, friendly people and over 2,000 kilometres of stunning coastline, much of which is undeveloped, Vietnam is an exciting country just waiting to be explored.*

### Day 01, 18 Oct: AUSTRALIA – HANOI

Depart Australia on Vietnam Airlines in the morning and arrive in Hanoi in the evening. Upon arrival, you are welcome at the airport and transferred to the hotel. Overnight at MK Premier Hotel\*\*\*\* or similar.

### Day 02, 19 Oct: HANOI – HA LONG BAY (BR. D.)

Depart from Hanoi and travel through the Red River Delta to the beautiful Ha Long Bay. The scenic drive will pass through some of the rural landscape before arriving in the afternoon to the World Heritage site of Ha Long Bay. Ha Long Bay consists of more than 3000 islands, which time, wind and waves have

sculptured into fantastic shapes. Upon arrival, check in the junk at noon. Stay overnight on the Phoenix Deluxe Junk\*\*\*\* or similar.

### Day 03, 20 Oct: HA LONG BAY – HANOI (B. L. D.)

We will drive back to Hanoi for the night. In the evening enjoy a traditional Vietnamese water puppet show. Overnight at MK Premier Hotel\*\*\*\* or similar.

### Day 04, 21 Oct: HANOI – TRANG AN – HANOI (B. L. D.)

Depart for Trang An Landscape Complex There is beautiful roadside scenery on the way. After arriving in Ninh Binh Province, the guide takes you to visit Hoa Lu, the Ancient Royal Capital of Vietnam. Board a small boat to visit Tam Coc, the village of Tam Coc flooded cave karst system, Bich Dong series of mountain pagodas and the famous Bai Dinh Temple. Back to Hanoi. Overnight at MK Premier Hotel\*\*\*\* or similar.

### Day 05, 22 Oct: HANOI – HUE (B. L. D.)

Today city tour includes such sights as Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, the One Pillar Pagoda, and the Fine Art Museum. Then move on to the Temple of Literature, Lake of Restored Sword and the Old Quarter for shopping until transferred to the airport



for a flight to Hue. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to the hotel. Stay overnight at Parkview Hotel\*\*\*\*\* or similar.



**Day 06, 23 Oct: HUE (B. L. D.)**

This morning, take a boat cruise on the Perfume River to Thien Mu Pagoda; one of the most beautiful Pagodas in Vietnam built at the end of 16th century and King Minh Mang's Tomb. In the afternoon, visit Imperial Palace; a citadel surrounded by large moats. Then continue visiting King Tu Duc's Tomb. Stay overnight at Parkview Hotel\*\*\*\*\* or similar.

**Day 07, 24 Oct: HUE – HOI AN (B. L. D.)**

Drive over the mighty Hai Van Pass. On the way there, we will visit Cham Museum where

the remaining evidence of the Champa civilization can be viewed. Then visit the Marble Mountains, which are fascinating maze of cave and temples, hidden with five sacred marble rocks. Visit Hoi An Town with Japanese Bridge, Old House, Chinese Temple and Hoi An Cultural Museum. Stay overnight at La Residencia Hotel & Spa\*\*\*\*\* plus or similar.

**Day 08, 25 Oct: HOI AN – MY SON – HOI AN (B. L. )**

Visit to My Son, Vietnam's most important Cham ruins site and Bang An, one of Vietnam's best preserved Cham towers. Free afternoon. Stay overnight at La Residencia Hotel & Spa\*\*\*\*\* plus or similar.

**Day 09, 26 Oct: HOI AN – DANANG – SAIGON (B. D.)**

Free until transfer to the airport for the flight to Saigon. On arrival, you will be picked up and transferred to the hotel. In the afternoon, you will visit the former Presidential Palace, the History Museum, the Notre Dame Cathedral, Old Saigon Post Office and Ben Thanh Market. Stay overnight at Harmony Hotel\*\*\*\*\* or similar.

**Day 10, 27 Oct: SAIGON – CAODAIST TEMPLE – CU CHI TUNNELS – SAIGON (B. L. D.)**

Drive to Tay Ninh Province, the headquarter of a typical Vietnamese religion called Caodaiism. Visit the Holy See with the noon ceremony of Caodaiism. Then drive to amazing Cu Chi Tunnels to visit and experience a huge system of underground tunnels dug by Vietnamese guerrillas during the French and American Wars in Vietnam. Drive back to Saigon. Stay overnight at Harmony Hotel\*\*\*\*\* or similar.

**Day 11, 28 Oct: SAIGON – MEKONG DELTA - SAIGON (B. L. D.)**

Enjoy the scenic journey along the National Highway bordered by green rice fields. On arrival at My Tho oldest city of Mekong River Delta, take a leisurely boat ride along the river, view the stilt houses, fruit plantations and fishing villages along the river bank. Proceed to Tortoise Islet. Then take a boat ride to An Khanh, a less touristy attraction in Ben Tre Province. Check in cruising on a hand-rowed sampan under the shadow of the water coconut trees along natural canals, then enjoy seasonal fruit & honey tea while listening to Southern Amateur Music, the only world cultural heritage in the region, performed by locals. Visit a family business which epitomizes the idyllic rural lifestyle, taste the delicious coconut candy and observe the



pastoral life as you roam through the fruit plantation and village. Then drive back to Saigon. Stay overnight at Harmony Hotel\*\*\*\* or similar.

**Day 12, 29 Oct: SAIGON – AUSTRALIA (B.)**

You are at leisure today for shopping until transferred to the airport for your flight homeward to Australia.



**Day 13, 30 Oct: AUSTRALIA**

You will arrive in Australia in the morning. Your unforgettable Vietnam Tour ends.

**Departure Date: 18 October 2022**

**Tour price: \$2,880 per person, twin or double share.**

**Single supplement: \$780**

**Inclusions:**

1. International and domestic economy class airfare on Vietnam Airlines;
2. Airport tax and fuel surcharge (currently \$250, subject to change);
3. Ten-night accommodation at four-star hotels as indicated or similar on twin-shared basis;
4. One-night accommodation on a four-star Junk Boat in Halong Bay;
5. Transfers and transport by air-conditioned vehicle all through;
6. Cruises as stated in the itinerary;
7. Meals and sightseeing with entrance fees as mentioned in the itinerary;
8. Tip to guides and drivers (\$70 per person);
9. English-speaking guide.

**Exclusions:**

1. Travel insurance;
2. Vietnam visa fee (currently \$110, subject to change);
3. Personal expenses;
4. Any meals and services not mentioned in the itinerary.