

## **Asia Discovery Tours**

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### 15 Day Vietnam Discovery Tour 2022 (Tour Code: VDT)



#### Day 1, 7 Dec: SYDNEY – SAIGON (D)

Depart Sydney in the morning and arrive in Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City) in the afternoon. Upon arrival, you are met and transferred to your hotel. Stay overnight at Golden Hotel\*\*\*\* or similar.

# Day 2, 8 Dec: 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 Golden Hotel\*\*\*\* or similar.

#### Day 3, 9 Dec: 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 guerrilas during the French and American Wars in Vietnam. Stay overnight at Golden Hotel\*\*\*\* or similar.

#### Day 4, 10 Dec: SAIGON (B. L.)

In the morning, you will visit the former Presidential Palace, the History Museum, the Notre Dame Cathedral, Old Saigon Post Office and Ben Thanh Market. You will have a free afternoon to stroll around this exciting city. Stay overnight at Golden Hotel\*\*\*\* or similar.

#### Day 5, 11 Dec: SAIGON – DANANG – HOI AN (B. D.)

In the morning, take your flight to Danang. Upon arrival, you are met and transferred to Hoi An. Stay overnight at Phu Thinh Resort and Spa\*\*\*\* plus or similar.

#### Day 6, 12 Dec: HOI AN – MY SON – HOI AN (B. L. D.)

Visit 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 Phu Thinh Resort and Spa\*\*\*\* plus or similar.

#### **Day 7, 13 Dec: HOI AN – HUE (B. L. D.)**

Visit Hoi An Town with Japanese Bridge, Old House, Chinese Temple and Hoi An Cultural Museum. Drive to Hue over the mighty Hai Van Pass. On the way there, we will visit the Marble Mountains, which are fascinating maze of cave and temples, hidden with five sacred marble rocks. And then visit Cham Museum where the remaining evidence of the Champa civilization can be viewed. Stay overnight at Mondial Hotel\*\*\*\* or similar.

Day 8, 14 Dec: 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 Mondial Hotel\*\*\*\* or similar.

#### **Day 9, 15 Dec: HUE – HANOI (B. L.)**

This morning, you are transferred to airport to take Vietnam Airlines domestic flight to Hanoi. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to the hotel. Stay overnight at Serene Boutique Hotel & Spa\*\*\*\* or similar.

#### Day 10, 16 Dec: 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. Stay overnight at Serene Boutique Hotel & Spa\*\*\*\* or similar.

#### Day 11, 17 Dec: 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 Orchid Classic Cruise\*\*\*\* or similar.

#### Day 12, 18 Dec: 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. Stay overnight at Serene Boutique Hotel & Spa\*\*\*\* or similar.

#### Day 13, 19 Dec: HANOI (B. L.)

In the morning, enjoy your city tour including 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. In the afternoon, you are free at leisure to explore this exciting city on your own. Stay overnight at Serene Boutique Hotel & Spa\*\*\*\* or similar.

#### Day 14, 20 Dec: HANOI – SYDNEY (B.)

You are at leisure for whole day to explore this exciting city. In the evening you are transferred to airport for your overnight flight to Sydney.

#### Day 15, 21 Dec: SYDNEY

You will arrive in Sydney in the afternoon and your unforgettable Vietnam Tour ends.

- Tour price: \$3,280 per person, twin or double share.
- Single supplement: \$950

#### **Inclusions:**

- 1. International and two domestic flights on Vietnam Airlines;
- 2. Airport tax and fuel surcharge;
- 3. Twelve-night accommodation in four-star hotels;
- 4. One-night accommodation on a four-star Junk Boat on Halong Bay;
- 5. Transfers and transport by air-conditioned coach;
- 6. Boat cruises on the Mekong River and on the Perfume River as stated in the itinerary;
- 7. Meals and sightseeing with entrance fees as mentioned in the itinerary;
- 8. Tip to guides and drivers;
- 9. English-speaking guide.

#### **Exclusions:**

- 1. Travel insurance:
- 2. Vietnam visa fee (currently \$130, subject to change).