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Land of Lotus Flower

11 days / 10 nights

Highlights

- Visit the 500-year-old ceramic village of Bat Trang and the folklore painting of Dong Ho
- Take an overnight cruise trip package on Halong Bay
- Experience the rustic and tranquil beauty of Chuoon Lagoon
- Relax at the riverside merchant town of Hoi An
- Discover the special architecture of Cao Dai temple and immense hand-constructed underground network of Cu Chi

Detailed itinerary

Day 1: Hanoi Arrival (D)

Welcome to Hanoi! Upon arrival, you will be picked up from the airport to transfer to hotel for check in. You are free at your leisure. The afternoon can be spent exploring the wide, tree-lined streets of Hanoi, resplendent with the French colonial architecture and the scenic Hoan Kiem Lake. Enjoy a traditional Vietnamese water puppet show before you have a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in a Hanoi hotel

Overnight: Hanoi

Day 2: Hanoi - Bat Trang - Dong Ho - But Thap - Hanoi (B,L)

Breakfast at your hotel Today we will take a tour to Bat Trang ceramic village, located 20km from Hanoi centre. The village was founded in 15th in the outskirts of Hanoi and now still keeps the traditional handicraft. Their products included refined porcelain, terra-coota, crackle glazed pottery for Vietnamese use and shipping abroad. Have lunch at local restaurant. Continue to visit Dong Ho folklore painting village in Bac Ninh. All materials to create a painting are made from nature such as: bamboo coal, seashell, Do paper, etc...with a harmony combination among colors. And then we will visit But Thap Pagoda, a typical example of Vietnam's classical Buddhist art. Back to Hanoi and free at your leisure. Overnight in hotel

Overnight: Hanoi

Day 3: Hanoi – Halong Bay (B,L,D)

Breakfast at your hotel. Depart from your hotel to Halong Bay (about 4 hours), a must-visit destination for Vietnam holiday tour. You will stop over for refreshment en route 12:00pm, you will arrive in Halong harbor. Get on board and check in. You will enjoy a fresh seafood lunch before the junk boat cruises through islets and islands of Halong Bay. Stop to visit the Surprising Cave, one of the most beautiful and largest caves in Halong Bay. You will cruise to Titop Island for swimming or taking panorama view of the bay from the top of mountain. Back the junk boat for dinner. In the evening, you are free to participate in activities such as: squid fishing, playing cards or chatting with friends or relax at your room. Overnight on board

Overnight: Halong Junk boat

Day 4: Halong – Hanoi (B,D)

You can get up early morning to see beautiful sunrise from the deck and do a Tai Chi morning class. After breakfast, you can visit by boat or kayak to Luon Cave, a ring-shaped pool inside an island in Halong with absolutely tranquil landscape and emerald water. Return to the harbor and transfer to Hanoi. On the way you will drop by Con Son, a famous Buddhist pagoda in Hai Duong, it was home to National Hero, World Cultural Celebrity Nguyen Trai. Arrive in hotel, you are free to relax in hotel. Overnight in hotel

Overnight: Hanoi

Day 5: Hanoi – Hue (B)

Breakfast at hotel. You will depart to the airport for flight to Hue. Our guide will pick you up and transfer you to hotel for check in. Free to relax. In the afternoon, you will visit the Imperial Enclosure including the Citadel, Forbidden City, Hue Museum of Royal Fine Arts, Thien Mu Pagoda and top off your adventure at Dong Ba market to experience the daily life of Hue people. Overnight in Hue

Overnight: Hue

Day 6: Hue- village Thuy Bieu - Dam Chuon (B, L)

In the morning, we will head out to Thuy Bieu, a beautiful laid back village merely 7km from Hue City. You can enjoy a cooking class and then discover the daily life of the locals by a bike ride around the village. Later, you will have rest with nice foot massage using medical plants and hot water. After lunch, our guide will take you to the Chuon Lagoon, a part of Tam Giang Lagoon with total area of approximately 3,000 hectares. You will have a chance to experience daily activities as a real fisherman on a small wooden sampan, fish for shrimp, crab or fish. End the day by a good meal at outdoor restaurant built on bamboo stilts before you return to hotel for overnight

Overnight: Hue

Day 7: Hue – Hoi An (B)

After breakfast, we will drive south to Hoi An Ancient Town with stopovers to enjoy the beautiful landscape of Lang Co Beach, Hai Van (the “Ocean Cloudy” Mountain Pass). Arrive in Hoi An, you will take a short walk to visit Hoi An ancient town including Phuc Kien Assembly Hall, Hoi An Museum, pagodas, the tile-roofed Japanese Bridge and local market near Thu Bon River. At the end of your, you will visit a lantern workshop to discover the traditional processing of making a lantern. Back to hotel and free at your leisure

Overnight: Hoi An

Day 8: Hoi An free day (B)

Breakfast at your hotel This day you are free to explore more the ancient town on your way or relax on the beautiful beach. Overnight at hotel

Overnight: Hoi An

Day 9: Hoian – Saigon (B)

Breakfast at your hotel You will depart to Da Nang airport for flight to Saigon. Our guide and driver will welcome you at Tan Son Nhat airport and transfer you to hotel for check in. Free to relax at hotel. In the afternoon, you will take a guided walking tour to visit highlights of Saigon including: The Reunification Palace, the Notre Dame Cathedral, City Hall, Central Post Office, War Remnants Museum. Top off your adventure at Ben Thanh Market for shopping

Overnight: Saigon

Day 10: Saigon - Cao Dai Temple – Cu Chi Tunnels – Saigon (B)

Breakfast at your hotel Today we will pay a visit to Cao Dai Holy See, home to the Cao Dai Great Temple (Thanh That Cao Dai) and Caodaism, a local branch of Buddhism developed by a Vietnamese in early 20th century. Cao Daism is a religion combining different religions: Christianity, Buddhism, Islam, Confucianism, Hinduism, Geniism, and Taoism. On the way back to Saigon, we can stop at Cu Chi Tunnels, an incredible underground tunnels with approximately 200km was hand-constructed by Vietnamese guerillas during the fierce Vietnam – America War. Back to Saigon and free at your leisure. Overnight in hotel

Overnight: Saigon

Day 11: Saigon Departure (B)

Breakfast at your hotel It's your own time today for more relax and shopping in Saigon, the biggest commercial centre of Vietnam. You can wrap up your memories of Vietnam holiday before transferring to the airport for departure flight. End the tour

End of the journey!

Included

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- All private transportations
- Accommodation based on twin/double sharing room
- All meals as mentioned in itinerary
- Cruise in Halong Bay and boat trip in Mekong Delta
- Entrance fee and sightseeing ticket
- Two bottles of fresh water and towel per pax/day
- Local English speaking guide

Not Included

- International and domestic flights
- Drinks in each meals
- Individual travel expenses: laundry, tip, telephone, etc

- Others not mentioned in the program
- Vietnam visa stamping fee
- Single supplement in hotel
- Travel insurance