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## Impressive Vietnam Family Tour

13 days / 12 nights

### Highlights

- Experience the spectacular beauty of Mai Chau valley and unique culture of White Thai people
- Explore the best destination of Hanoi including: Temple of Literature, Ethnology Museum and taste delicious dishes
- See the beautiful scenery of Van Long Nature Reserve
- Enjoy a cruising trip on Halong Bay
  
- Relax peaceful time in Hoi An and observe the daily life of fishermen in Chuon Lagoon
- Visit one of the most bustling floating market in Mekong Delta

### Detailed itinerary

#### Day 1: Hanoi Arrival

Welcome to Hanoi! You will be picked up at the airport and transferred to hotel for check in. You are free to relax at hotel or explore Hanoi, a charming city with harmony combination between French architecture with oriental culture. There is no better way to experience the daily life of Hanoi by taking a stroll around Hoan Kiem Lake or wandering in Hanoi Old Quarter. Overnight in hotel.

*Overnight: Hanoi*

#### Day 2: Hanoi City Tour (B, L)

Breakfast at your hotel Today you will spend a full day to discover Hanoi with a tour guide. Start with the Temple of Literature dedicated to Confucianism and being the first national university of Vietnam in 1706. Next, you will visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum Comple ( close every Monday and Friday), One Pillar Pagoda. Have lunch with the delicious dish of Cha Ca, speciality of Hanoi cuisine. In the afternoon, we will visit the Ethnographic Museum (closed every Monday) and at the end of the afternoon, we will take a cyclo tour around Hoan Kiem Lake and Hanoi Old Quarter before we enjoy a water puppet performance. Overnight in hotel.

*Overnight: Hanoi*

#### Day 3: Hanoi - Mai Chau. (B, L, D)

In the morning, one 3.5 hour drive will take you to Mai Chau (150km), the capital of White Thai in the Northwest Vietnam. After a short rest at the lodge, you will explore the ethnic villages in valley on foot. You can meet and talk to many ethnic people of White Thai, H'Mong on the way. Stop to learn how to weave silk, brocade or participate in agricultural activities like a local people such as: planting vegetable, collecting corn and rice. These activities are a subject to change depend on season. Dinner at hotel before you enjoy a traditional dance. Overnight at the lodge.

*Overnight: Mai Chau*

#### Day 4: Mai Chau - Van Long - Hoa Lu (B)

After breakfast, we head out to Ninh Binh via Nho Quan Road. After lunch, we will embark on a small sampan to visit Van Long Nature Reserve with the total area of 3.000 hectares of wet land, the studio of Skull Island (King Kong 2). Continue to transfer to Hoa Lu ancient capital to visit King Dinh and Le Temples, dating back to the tenth century. Overnight at hotel.

*Overnight: Ninh Binh*

#### Day 5: Hoa Lu - Halong Bay (B, L, D)

After breakfast at hotel, we will depart to Halong Bay. On the way, you will have a chance to admire the beautiful and peaceful scenery of the Red River Delta. Arrive in Halong at 12p.m. The boarding time is 12:15pm. You will get on a wooden junk boat (an ancient Chinese sailing ship) for a cruise in the Halong Bay. We'll visit the caves and the isle with a sampan or kayak. Enjoy a lunch and dinner of sumptuous seafood on the junk boat. Overnight on board. (The itinerary of our trip depends on the route that the cruise organizer uses.)

*Overnight: Halong Junk boat*

#### Day 6: Ha Long - Hanoi - Da Nang - Hoi An (B, L)

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 back 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. You will take directly to the airport for flight to Danang. Continue to depart to Hoi An. Overnight in hotel.

*Overnight: Hoi An*

#### Day 7: Hoi An tour (B)

After breakfast, 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 - Da Nang - Hue (B)

Breakfast at hotel. We continue to depart from Da Nang to Hue via the famous "Cloudy Pass" (Hai Van) and Lang Co Beach. Stop some minutes to take picture with wonderful view of coastline. In the early afternoon, we'll arrive in the nearby city of Hue to visit Nam Giao Esplanade, the Mausoleum of Emperor Tu Duc, and the pagoda of Tu Hieu. Overnight in hotel.

*Overnight: Hue*

### Day 9: 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 10: Hue - Saigon (B)

After breakfast, we'll transfer to Hue's local airport for our flight to Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City). Once arriving, we'll transfer into the city center and check in at the hotel. In the afternoon, we'll embark on a tour of the city starting with the most popular sites: the Central Post Office, the Cathedral, and the War Museum. The tour ends with a visit of the Ben Thanh market. We'll spend tonight at our hotel in Saigon.

*Overnight: Saigon*

### Day 11: Saigon - Ben Tre - Can Tho (B, L)

After breakfast, we will depart for Ben Tre - the "coconut capital" in Vietnam. Arriving at the pier of Hung Vuong. A short transfer by boat takes us into the small canals covered by coconut forests. During the tour we will have the opportunity to admire the vibrant local activities from, fishing along the river to experiencing life on channels. We will visit a local coconut candy factory, the brickyard of Mr. Tu Lo and learn the procession to create a brick in the traditional way. Have lunch at a small local restaurant. After lunch, we will have a bit of time to relax and then take a bike ride through lush gardens, channels to drop by the ancient house of Mr. Sau Khanh to admire his splendid collection of antiques. Drive to Can Tho and spend overnight in Can Tho.

*Overnight: Can Tho*

### Day 12: Can Tho - Saigon (B)

Early in the morning, we will depart from from Ninh Kieu boat quay, we cruise along the small and picturesque tributaries to visit Cai Rang floating market. Take in the beautiful scenery and the daily activities of the locals who lives along the Mekong canals. Later, we'll get to visit the Binh Thuy ancient house where the Academy Award-winning 1992 movie "The Lover" was filmed, and then a stop at the Khmer pagoda. Once finished, we will depart for Can Tho and head back to Saigon. Overnight in hotel.

*Overnight: Saigon*

### Day 13: Saigon Departure (B)

Breakfast at your hotel. It's time for you to wrap up your memories of Vietnam Family Tour before transferring to the airport for a departure flight. End the program.

End of the journey!

*Included*

## Included

- All private transportations
- Accommodation based on twin/double sharing room with daily breakfast
- All meals as stated in program
- Local English speaking guide
- Cruise in Halong Bay and boat trip in Van Long, Cai Rang
- Entrance fee and sightseeing tickets
- Two bottles of fresh water and 01 towel per pax per day
- Vietnam visa letter

## Not Included

- Domestic and international flights
- Individual expenses such as: laundry, telephone, tip
- Vietnam visa fee
- Drinks in meals
- Others not mentioned in program