

# The Mystery of Vietnam

## Day 1: ARRIVAL IN SAIGON

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Ho Chi Minh City, *still called Saigon by many locals, is Vietnam's largest city. It is a fast-paced metropolis full of contrasts, with street vendors selling fruit and vegetables next to glitzy western – style bars and boutiques.*

Arrival in Saigon, meet up by ENGLISH speaking guide and transfer to city center.

Check in your hotel. The rest of the day is free at your own leisure.

## Day 2: SAIGON – CU CHI TUNNELS

(B/L/D)

Breakfast at hotel

Depart hotel at 0800 in the morning for the drive to Cu Chi. Leaving the city behind, the scenery changes to views of rice paddies, villagers drying noodles by the side of the road and other scenes typical to southern Vietnam.

Visit the famous **Cu Chi Tunnels**, which consist of an incredible underground tunnel network constructed by Vietnamese resistance fighters (Viet Cong) during both the French and American wars. Start the visit with the Ben Dinh or Ben Duoc sections of the tunnel. Here you can imagine what it was like to be a guerrilla complete with Russian Carbine rifles and AK 47's on display.

Afternoon Saigon city tour by walking tour to visit the **the former Presidential Palace**, from there stroll (your vehicle will be available at all times) to **the major sights of colonial Ho Chi Minh City: the Old Saigon Post Office, Dong Khoi Street (formerly Rue Catinat), Continental Hotel, Opera House and City Hall** and follow **by the War Remnants**. The last stop is **Ben Thanh — the central market** for the city and one of its liveliest and most colorful areas.

Overnight in Saigon

## Day 3: SAIGON - MEKONG DELTA - HANOI

(B/L/-)

Breakfast at hotel and check out.

Morning depart for the 2-hour drive to **Cai Be**, deep in the Mekong Delta. The tour begins with a **boat trip, discovering local trading boats** followed by a visit to **some home factories that produce rice paste, rice popcorn and coconut candy**. Proceed to evergreen islands among the Mekong River through a large network of meandering tributaries, crisscrossed with countless arroyos. Following take a 10-minute walk through a local village and fruit gardens before coming to a preserved 'Mandarin' house. Built centuries ago, at least four generations of the same family have lived here. Mr. Kiet, the owner of the house will serve you an appetizing Vietnamese lunch. Take a stroll through the family's fruit orchard before continuing to Tan Phong Island where you will take a local rowing boat through the canals before returning to Cai Be.

Following head back to Ho Chi Minh City, and transfer straight to airport for flight to Hanoi on **VN262 SGNHAN 17:10 / 19:20**

On arrival in Hanoi, meet our English-speaking guide and transfer to Hanoi. *Hanoi is Vietnam's vibrant capital city, known for its graceful colonial architecture, frenetic streets, verdant parks and ancient temples.*

Overnight in Hanoi

**Day 4: HANOI – CITY TOUR (B/L/-)**

Breakfast at hotel.

Morning city tour visit Ho Chi Minh complex area: **Ho Chi Minh mausoleum, One Pillar Pagoda, Temple of Literature, Ngoc Son temple** and follow by a **cyclo ride or tuk tuk** around the **Ha Noi Old Quarter**

In the afternoon we **discover Hanoi's West Lake by motorbike**. West Lake in Hanoi is one of the gems of Vietnam's capital city, and one of the best ways to experience it is by motorbike. Join your expert driver outside the hotel and head to the day's first stop—the **Yen Phu Pet Fish Village**—where you'll learn about the cultivation of beautiful ornamental fish sold in markets across the city. Continue on to the far side of the lake, where you can stretch your legs and admire the Asian art of bonsai. Back aboard your motorbike, wind through narrow lanes en route to a coffee shop. Enjoy a taste of authentic Vietnamese coffee before leisurely riding back to the hotel. The tour takes a total of two hours, including stops for photos and encounters with local residents.

Finish the day with a **Water Puppet show**. This is a uniquely northern Vietnamese art form depicting scenes from rural life and episodes of national history.

Overnight in Hanoi

**Day 5: HANOI - HA LONG BAY (B/L/D)**

Depart Ha Noi for Ha Long Bay, *is located in the northeastern part of Vietnam and constitutes part of the western bank of Bac Bo Gulf, including the sea area of Ha Long City and Cam Pha Town and part of Vân Don island district. It abuts Cat Ba Island in the southwest. Toward the west is the shore with a 120 km-long coastline and 1969 islands of various sizes, of which 989 have been named.*

Embark the junk. Boat crew will greet you special seafood lunch with welcome drink, junk cruise around the bay to visit Dinh Huong island, Ga Choi island, Dog island, Sail island, visit Sung Sot cave and a swim at Titov beach. There is a time for swimming and sunbathing (weather permitting). Junk anchors for a night in the Bay.

Enjoy a wonderful **sunset dinner** in the beautiful restaurant before retiring for the night to the comfort of your cabin.

**Day 6: HA LONG BAY - HA NOI (B/-/D)**

After breakfast, you can relax on deck to enjoy the beauty atmosphere of the bay, boat passing the most beauty of karsts islets like Man's head island, Tortoise Island, visit Luon cave by small

bamboo boat, Bai Tu Long bay. Have brunch on the boat return to Ha Long wharf for private car transfer back to Hanoi.

Check in your hotel

Farewell dinner at local restaurant.

**Day 7: HANOI – FLIGHT HOME**

**(B/-/-)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Free until transfer to airport for flight home.

See-off. End of our services.



**Package Includes:**

- ✓ Sharing double room accommodation at selected hotels with breakfast.
- ✓ Breakfasts (B), Lunches (L) and dinners (D) as mentioned in the program.
- ✓ Private transportation
- ✓ Sightseeing with admission fees
- ✓ Local English speaking guide in Vietnam
- ✓ Bai Tho Deluxe Junk cruise night in Halong Bay - a double cabin.
- ✓ Bottled water and cold hand-wipes as refreshment during excursions

**Package Price Excluded:**

- ✓ Drinks and other personal expenses.
- ✓ Entry visa to Vietnam
- ✓ International flights and airport tax for international flights
- ✓ Tip the guide, driver and boat

*Please remember that the exact route and program may vary according to weather conditions or operational considerations. Accommodations are subject to change and may be substituted for similar properties.*

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