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# VIETNAM LIKE A LOCAL 14DAYS 13 NIGHTS

Would you like to discover Vietnam from another point of view? Would you like to feel the real essence of Vietnam? The best way to know one country is by meeting local people, talking and chatting with them about their habbit, customes or sharing about your hobby. We have designed this tour in order to explore the culture at each destination, joining many interesting activities and tasting many local foods. This trip - Vietnam Like a Local Tour (one of Vietnam Highlight Tours) offers you many different experiences such as staying in a homestay and visiting local house in Mekong Delta, trying favorite local foods where you travel and especially contacting directly with local people to learn about their lifestyle. Pack up your luggage and join Viet Green Travel on this unforgettable vacation with lots of amazing memories that are waiting for you ahead Let go and book now !!!

**Tour type**: Couple, Young Adults, Private **Duration** : 14 Days 13 Nights

**Departure**: At customer's request Tour Styles: Off the beaten track, Interact with local, Foodies delight, Cultural Destination: Ho Chi Minh City - Tan Phong Island - Cai Be - Hoi An - Hue - Hanoi

# ITINERARYY

### DAY 1: HO CHI MINH CITY ARRIVAL

#### Morning

- Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City which is still called "Saigon" by locals. BestPrice's tour guide and driver will welcome you at the airport and drive you to your hotel.

- The check-in time is usually 2.00 pm. Please note with us if you need an early check-in; however, an additional fee will be applied.

Optional

- For anyone who keens on exploring Saigon right on the very first day, you can do it on your way or try the below sugaestions:

- Water puppet show: Vietnamese water puppetry is a unique variation on the ancient Asian puppet tradition with 0 a history of over 1000 years
- Art performance: Vietnam is famous for one-of-a-kind artistic stages in the present of the country's rich history 0 and tradition
- Saigon street food tour: This tour will take you on a flexible path to savor the best traditional dishes on Vietnam's 0 streets

**Note:** To pick you up easier, our tour guide/driver will be waiting for you at Pole No.10 right outside the terminal gate at the airport.

Meals: NA

Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh

#### DAY 2: HALF-DAY CITY TOUR IN SAIGON Morning

- For the 2nd day in Ho Chi Minh City, you will have a half-day city tour here to have a general view of this bustling metropolis.

- The 1st stop in your itinerary will be the **Reunification Palace** - an extremely well-preserved site that witnessed the last day of the Vietnam War. Then, we'll visit two symbol constructions of the city: Saigon Notre Dame Cathedral and Old Post Office.

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- The last stop will be **Ben Thanh market** where you will have a happy shopping time buying souvenirs and learning to bargain like a local. Afternoon

#### - Return to your hotel, and the tour ends. The rest of the day will be your free time.

#### Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City

#### **Activities:**

- Stop by the Reunification Palace
- See the Sai Gon Notre Dame Catherdral and Old Post Office
- Visit Ben Thanh market

#### DAY 3: HO CHI MINH - TAN PHONG ISLAND - MEKONG ECO-LODGE Morning

- Have a tasty breakfast at the hotel; then you will be transferred to Cai Be.

- After arriving, you will meet our local guide and enjoy some fresh fruit before exploring the rice floating market in **Cai Be** which is the largest rice trading area in Vietnam's Southwest region.

- After that, you will visit an ancient village in Dong Hoa Hiep commune and the famous Cai Be floating market, where you can observe and immerse in the crowded daily trading on the river of locals here.

- Leaving the market, the tour guide will bring you to **Tan Phong islet** and visit **Hai Yen Bee Farm** to experience many exciting activities here, such as:

- Enjoy fresh honey tea: freshly made tea will help you to relax 0
- Visit the flower garden only for the bees: see the daily life of local people in the gardens 0
- Learn more about bee's life: listen to explanations and descriptions about the life of the bees here 0
- Explore the Lingzhi mushroom area: learn about growing and cultivating mushrooms 0
- Challenge yourself bypassing the monkey bridge: an old local game in the rural areas 0
- Try to pull fish hooves: challenge yourself with fishing activities 0

- Leave the bee farm; you will visit Ms. Hang's orchards to enjoy the unique tropical fruits and try to pick them on your own. Also, here you will have a chance to listen to the live performance of "Don Ca Tai Tu" - a kind of Vietnam folk music.

- A small rowing boat will take you through small canals to get to **Mekong Eco-lodge** for checking in, and then you will have lunch at a local restaurant.

#### Afternoon

- You can have a nap before participating in a local daily activity called "ditch fishing hook" in the late afternoon, and this is also the chance that you can catch some Mekong fish for your dinner. Then, it would be best if you took a shower before helping the homestay's local chef make dinner.

- Enjoy your fantastic dinner and stay overnight at the homestay.

#### Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Mekong Eco-lodge

- Activities: Enjoy fresh honey tea
- Visit flower garden only for the bees
- Learn more about bee's life
- Explore the Lingzhi mushroom area
- Challenge yourself by passing the monkey bridge
- Try to pull fish hooves

#### DAY 4: TAN PHONG ISLAND - HO CHI MINH - FLIGHT TO DA NANG Morning

- You should wake up early to enjoy the morning fresh air and the lovely sounds of the countryside (of chickens, birds, etc.), wander around the village and observe the busy morning routine of farmers here.



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- Get back to your homestay, have breakfast, and then join a cycling tour around **Tan Phong Island**. During the trip, you will have a chance to visit traditional handicraft workshops and also join interesting activities such as:

- Make rice papers: a signature cooking material in Vietnamese 0 dishes such as spring rolls and Vietnamese pizza
- Use nipa leaves to make roofs: see how the locals use natural 0 materials to build their shelter
- Knit banana hammock: a Vietnamese traditional handcraft 0
- Water hyacinth products 0
- Make jackfruit leaf cakes: join the cooking class and challenge 0 yourself with leaf-warping while cooking
- Visit local school: meet the dynamic and bright local children at their school 0

#### Afternoon

- Return to the homestay, check out and return to the harbor by boat. Our driver will pick you up and drive you directly to the airport for your flight to Danang. You will have lunch at a restaurant on the way traveling back to Ho Chi Minh City.BestPrice Travel's tour guide will be waiting for you at Danang Airport and then transfer you to your hotel in Hoi An.

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- The rest of the day is all yours. You can sleep to recover after a long trip or explore Hoi An by night yourself. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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Accommodation: Hotel in Hoi An

Activities: - Bike cycling

- Make rice papers
- Use nipa leaves to make roofs
- Knit banana hammock
- Water hyacinth products
- Make jackfruit leaf cakes
- Visit local school

# DAY 5: HOI AN STREET FOOD TOUR

#### Mornina

- In the daytime, you are free to explore the ancient town of Hoi An in your way.

#### Evening

- Your evening walking Hoi An street food tour will start when the night comes. Our guide will pick you up in the late afternoon and lead you through small streets with local coffee shops, restaurants, food stalls/vendors, and markets. - As this is a street food tour, you will have meals mostly at local food stalls and vendors. Foods that you might taste during your food tour include:

- Banh Mi: Vietnamese Baguette made by Banh Mi Queen 0
- Cao Lau: Hoi An signature dry noodles with many different layers created by many toppings in one bowl. 0
- Banh Beo: Vietnamese traditional steamed rice cake which is round, small, and thin as a leaf, and only found in 0 Central Vietnam
- Banh Khot: A traditional street food in Central Vietnam which is a round pancake made from rice flour, turmeric, 0 and coconut milk and topped with quail eggs and vegetables.
- Balut: Listed in the top 10 weird foods in the world. The taste is amazing, and this dish contains a huge amount 0 of proteins. However, the ingredient will dare you to try the dish; it's a little duck that still stays inside its eggshell.
- Coffee: Hoi An coffee is made from the best Vietnamese coffee beans and adds sweet condensed milk. This drink 0 will be a perfect ending for your food tour but can make you awake all night long.

#### Meals: Breakfast, Dinner





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Accommodation: Hotel in Hoi An Activities: - Participate in Hoi An food tour

### **DAY 6: CAM THANH VILLAGE**

#### Morning

- It's a farming day! The tour guide will meet you at the hotel; then your itinerary will start with cycling to Cam Thanh Village - a famous site in the outskirts of Hoi An ancient town.

- Arrive at Cam Thanh; you will be greeted by a local host and then join them in farming activities, mainly on growing wet rice.

- The host family will guide you on plowing and raking with buffalo, transplant rice, flood farm, grind and pounding rice. Also, if you are brave enough, you can try riding the water buffalo.

- After farming, you will get to a local fishing village to try fishing with the professional fishermen here. Finally, you will explore the water coconut jungle by basket boat.

- Lunch will be served at a local house before finishing the trip.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoi An

Activities: - Cycling to Cam Thanh village

- Join farming activities

- Basket boat riding

#### DAY 7: HOI AN - HUE - ROAD TRANSFER Morning



- You will have a long day transferring from Hoi An to Hue by road via the famous Cloudy Pass (Deo Hai Van). Depending on your needs, a shuttle bus or private car will be arranged to pick you up in Hue. On the travel way, our driver may stop at some places for photoshoots or sightseeing (admission fee is not included).

#### **Meals:** Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hue

### DAY 8: THUY BIEU ECO VILLAGE & TAM GIANG LAGOON

#### Mornina

- After breakfast, our tour guide meets you at the hotel and brings you to Toa Kham wharf for a Perfume River boat trip. Your boat will stop at Thien Mu Pagoda - an ancient Buddhist temple and Hue's symbol. Then, you continue your boat trip to see the scenic scenery along the tranquil river before debarking to visit Thuy Bieu Eco-village. - In Thuy Bieu, you will learn more about the old architecture in Hue called "nha vuon" (garden home) and observe the quiet local daily life while walking or cycling for about 2 hours throughout the village and visiting some handicraft making families.

#### Afternoon

- After the trip around Thuy Bieu village, a particular cooking class is waiting for you at Hue Eco-lodge. Here you will learn to make some Hue traditional dishes and taste your cooking; after that is the relaxation time when your feet are soaked in medicinal herb water and massaged by locals.

- Tam Giang - Chuon Lagoon is the last stop in your day-tour itinerary in Hue. You will explore this area on a sampan boat. Here, you will see the daily lives of fishers closer and learn more about how locals catch fish in the lagoon and fish on your own.

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- You will have dinner at a nearby restaurant while watching the stunning sunset view at the lagoon.

#### Evening

- Get back to Hue City at around 7.30 pm. **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner **Accommodation:** Hotel in Hue **Activities:** - Join a Perfume river boat trip - See Thien Mu Pagoda

- Visit local architectures and families
- Participate in cooking class

#### DAY 9: HUE - FREE DAY Morning

- You can explore Hue yourself, or if you are not confident in traveling on your own, you can book one of the suggested day tours below:

Hue DMZ Full-Day Tour: Discover the story behind battle sites like Hien Luong Bridge, the Vinh Moc Tunnels, and the Khe Sanh Combat Base. *Price from \$ US80/ person* 

• Explore Hue Countryside by Bicycle: Spend your day exercising and sightseeing at the same time with a cycling tour of Hue's countryside. *Price from* \$ US85/ person

### Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hue

### DAY 10: HUE - FLIGHT TO HANOI

#### Morning

- Pack your luggage and enjoy your last time in Hue before our driver comes and transfers you to the airport for your flight to Hanoi

- At Noi Bai Airport (Hanoi), a driver picks you up and drives you to your hotel.

- Freely explore the city yourself.

#### Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

#### DAY 11: HANOI HALF DAY CITY TOUR BY MOTORBIKE Morning

- Meet your tour guide at the hotel and start your motorbike tour to explore Hanoi.

- To say good morning to the city, your trip starts with a cup of Egg coffee - a specialty of Hanoi - at Cafe Giang, where this excellent drink was born. Then, you will come to visit the most famous sites in the city, including:

 Long Bien Bridge & Chuong Duong Bridge: Long Bien Bridge is a witness of Hanoi's history, built from 1899 to 1902 (more than a century ago). This is a typical construction for French colonial architecture in the city and an amazing place for taking nostalgic photos. After that, our tour guide will take you to the nearby

Chuong Duong Bridge - a modern bridge with four lanes and was built by Vietnamese workers without any international assistance.

• **Hanoi Opera House:** After getting some famous Trang Tien ice creams, you will be at the Hanoi Opera House. Like Long Bien Bridge, the French built this site in the early 20th **century**, and is also a well-preserved colonial





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architecture construction in Hanoi. Nowadays, there are still many art performances taking place here, if you are interested, don't hesitate to get in touch with us to buy a ticket.

- Sword Lake (Ho Guom/Ho Hoan Kiem): Called "the heart of Hanoi", Sword Lake is located right in the middle of 0 the city center. The site hides a magical historical legend about one of the greatest kings in Vietnam - Emperor Le Loi and how he borrowed and returned the magic sword from the Golden Turtle (Kim Quy) God to prevent the invaders. Also, just nearby the lake, you will find the "Ly Thai To Monument", which was built to honor King Ly Thai To who was found in Thang Long Capital (Hanoi today)
- St. Joseph's Cathedral: Saint Joseph Cathedral is at 40 Nha Chung St., Hanoi (just 5 minutes walking from 0 Sword Lake). It was built in 1886 with neo-gothic architecture and was inspired by Notre Dame de Paris. The cathedral is still in use now and is also the headquarters of the Archdiocese of Vietnam.
- Hoa Lo Prison: It was built by the French and called Maison Central what an elegant name for a colonial prison 0 that was a nightmare for every prisoner here.
- West Lake & Tran Quoc Pagoda: Ho Tay or West Lake is the largest freshwater lake in Hanoi and is also called 0 as "lungs of the city". Lying on a small island in the West Lake is Tran Quoc Pagoda - a Buddist temple built in the 6th century and is the oldest one in Hanoi.
- Huu Tiep Lake and The B52: You will have a quick visit to the B52 crash site, which marks Vietnamese soldiers' 0 victory in the Vietnam war. From this site, our tour guide will also take you to a nearby market and observe the locals' daily life.
- Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum: The last stop in your itinerary for Hanoi full-day city tour is the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, where the greatest leader of the Vietnamese people rests in peace. You can admire the mausoleum from the outside and take pictures.

- Before bringing you back to the hotel, the tour guide will take you to a nearby vendor/restaurant to enjoy tasty Vietnamese foods.

Note: The above itinerary is subject to change, based on the day's weather and traffic conditions. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Activities: - Hanoi city tour by motorbike

# DAY 12: HANOI - HALONG BAY - OVERNIGHT ON CRUISE

#### Morning

- You should wake up soon to enjoy your breakfast at the hotel before BestPrice's driver picks you up and depart for Halong.

- After 2.5 hours of traveling on the road, you will arrive at the port and get ready to board the cruise for your voyage to explore Halong Bay.

- After checking in, lunch will be served while the boat is sailing to the bay.

#### Afternoon

- In the afternoon, you will follow your cruise's itinerary, which may include some exciting activities such as sightseeing, kayaking, or swimming.

- Return to the boat when it's twilight; you may enjoy the sunset party or "happy hours" program for "buy-1-get-1-free" cocktails while admiring the magnificent dusk in the bay.

- Dinner is served on board, and then you are free to enjoy the nightlife in Halong.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: On-board an overnight cruise in Halong Bay Activities: - Sightseeing

- Do kayaking
- Swimming



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# DAY 13: HALONG BAY - HANOI

#### Mornina

- Wake up early and say hello to a new day with a simple Tai-chi exercise on deck, or you may sleep until breakfast time.

- Then, you will continue with the cruise itinerary to explore and experience more in Halong Bay.
- Brunch is usually served while the cruise return to the port.

#### Afternoon

- Drivers will bring you back to Hanoi.

- The night in Hanoi is all yours; you can explore the city by night freely on your own.
- Meals: Breakfast, Brunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Activities: - Exercise Tai-chi

## **DAY 14: HANOI DEPARTURE**

#### Morning

- Enjoy your last time in Hanoi before Viet Green Travel driver and tour guide meet you at the hotel and takes you to the airport for the departure flight.

- Have leisure time before your departure.

- End your Vietnam Like a Local Tour

Note: Hotel check-out time is 12.00 pm. A late check-out can be arranged due to your order with a surcharge. Meals: Breakfast

#### Accommodation: NA

Important Notes:

**PROGRAMS & SCHEDULES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE** See more Vietnam Highlight Tours

# **PACKAGE PRICES:**

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Notes:

- \*All prices are based on per adult, in Double/Twin sharing •
- Small group tour available (max 10 guests): HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
- Surcharge will be applied for single traveler or single room request

# **OUR PRICE INCLUDE:**

- 13 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 1 Brunch, 4 Dinner
- Airplane, Car, Cruise, Motorcycle, Bicycle, Trekking
- Vietnam Visa or Passport Fees -> Apply online for your tourist E-visa
- Hotel (11 nights), Mekong Eco-lodge (1 night), On-board an overnight cruise in Halong Bay (1 night) •
- AC land transfer in Car/ Minivan included airport transfer in all destination. •
- Accommodation shared in Twin/Double room with daily breakfast except overnight at local homestay •
- Local stationed English speaking guide. •
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- Meals as stated in the itinerary
- Admission fee as per itinerary

# **OUR PRICE EXCLUDE:**

- Hotel EARLY check in & LATE check out •
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- International flights to or from Vietnam with taxes •
- **Travel Insurance**
- Tips, laundry and gratuities
- Meals not marked on itinerary, and water during meals

# **CANCELLATION POLICY:**

Cancellation by Customer

- 60 days prior to the arrival date: Non Refundable deposit charge and the cancellation fees applied by the concerned services suppliers such as flight company, boat company, train, hotels... in accordance with their cancellations policies if any.
- 59 31 days prior to arrival date: Cancellations fee of 30% per group/booking and plus the cancellation fees  $\cap$ applied by the concerned services suppliers such as flight company, boat company, train, hotels... in accordance with their cancellations policies if any.
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- Less than 7 days before arrival Or No show: 100 % charge per group/booking. 0 \*\*\* Nonrefundable deposit and banking service fee will be forfeited in all cancellation cases.

# **CHILDREN PRICES:**

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