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REMARKABLE VIETNAM FAM TRIP

(<u>Hanoi</u> – <u>Halong Bay</u> – <u>Danang</u> – <u>Hoian</u> – <u>Hue</u> – <u>Ho Chi Minh City</u> – <u>Mekong Delta</u>)

12 days / 11 nights (04 - 15 Nov 2023)

4* hotels / Only US\$995/person / 20 pax max

Note*: This itinerary is specially designed for Travel Agents/Tour Operators/DMC/Tour Leaders and also first time travellers to Vietnam. Limited spots till fully booked!

Itinerary Overview

Day	Destination	Meals
Day 1	HANOI ARRIVAL	D
Day 2	HANOI CITY TOUR	B/L
Day 3	HANOI - HALONG BAY - NIGHT ON BOARD	B/L/D
Day 4	HALONG BAY - HANOI - FIGHT TO DANANG	B/L
Day 5	DANANG - HOIAN - HALF DAY CITY TOUR	В
Day 6	HOIAN - MY SON TOWERS TOUR	B/L
Day 7	HOIAN - GOLDEN HAND BRIDGE - HUE	B/L
Day 8	HUE CITY TOUR	B/L
Day 9	HUE - HO CHI MINH CITY	В
Day 10	HO CHI MINH CITY & CU CHI TUNNELS TOUR	B/L
Day 11	HO CHI MINH - MEKONG ADVENTURE	B/L/D
Day 12	HO CHI MINH DEPARTURE	В

Note*: B: Breakfast / L: Lunch / D: Dinner

HIGHTLIGHTS

Hanoi: Visit historical sites and explore the bustling streets, traditional shops, and vibrant markets. Enjoy traditional Water Puppet Show.

Halong bay Cruise: Embark on a luxury cruise ship to explore the bay. Experience the magical moments of sunrise and sunset over Halong Bay.

Hoian: Wander through the well-preserved UNESCO World Heritage Site with its charming narrow streets, ancient houses, and colorful lanterns.

Danang: Admire unique architecture of The Golden Bridge. Relax on the pristine white sandy beach, known for its crystal-clear waters.

Hue: Explore the UNESCO-listed complex that served as the former capital of the Nguyen Dynasty.

Ho Chi Minh City: Learn about the history of the Vietnam War through photographs, artifacts, exhibitions and local market.

Mekong Delta: Take a boat tour along the Mekong River, passing through scenic canals and villages.

Travel Map



Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 HANOI ARRIVAL

Arrive in Hanoi. Greeted by your driver at the airport. Transfer to your hotel in the city centre for check-in and at leisure in the rest of the day.

At night, meet the group. Enjoy welcome dinner.

Note*:

- As you would arrive at different time, we will arrange private car for pickup. Please provide us your flight details.
- The hotel room will be available at 2:00pm, and in case that you would like to secure an early-check in, an additional charge will be applied.

Meals: Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 2 HANOI CITY TOUR

Pickup at 08:00. We will spend a half day to visit the city. We start with visit to President Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum (Outside). We also visit the famous One Pillar Pagoda nearby. Leaving the President's complex, we continue to visit the Temple of Literature (Van Mieu). Although several Van Mieu can be found throughout Vietnam, the most prominent and famous is that situated in the city of Hanoi, and was functioned as Vietnam's first university. Lunch at local restaurant.

After lunch, visit Hoa Lo Prison, Hoan Kiem Lake and Ngoc Son Temple. Finally, enjoy the water puppet show and free time to explore the Old Quarter.

Meals: Breakfast /Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 3 HANOI - HALONG BAY - NIGHT ON BOARD

08h00: Pick up from your hotel in Hanoi. Drive to Halong City through the paddy fields in the Red River

10h00: Stopover on the way for a refreshment break

12h00: Arrive at Tuan Chau wharf - Break and photography time

12h30: Board the Cruise for departure. Welcome drink will be served

13h00: Lunch is served while cruising through the bay

15h30: Visit exciting Cua Van fishing village. The village is free of busy roads and streets, electric lights, houses and high rise buildings. Instead, there are only herds of little boats and rafts. You will have the chance to discover the traditional culture and customs of the fishermen.

16h30: Enjoy kayaking or swimming (if the weather permits).

17h00: Back on board and continue cruising.

19h00: Dinner is served.

21h00: Take some leisure time to enjoy chatting at the bar or enjoy some night fishing.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner **Accommodation:** Sleep on board

Day 4 HALONG BAY - HANOI - FIGHT TO DANANG

07.00: Coffee and tea will be served

08.00: Continue cruising

08h15: Visit splendid Sung Sot Cave

09h00: Check out and enjoy a fantastic cruise on the bay, passing Dinh Huong Island, fishing villages,

Ga Choi Island, Dog Island and Sail Island.

09.30: Buffet brunch (breakfast/lunch) while cruising back through Halong Bay to the pier

11h30: Arrive at the pier. Time to say goodbye to the crew. Pickup and transfer to the airport for the flight to Danang.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Danang

Day 5 DANANG - HOIAN - HALF DAY CITY TOUR

Enjoy your free time in the morning to swim and relax at beautiful My Khe Beach.

In the afternoon, pickup and transfer to Hoian. Upon arrival explore Hoi An on foot - one of the best ways to absorb the beauty of this city. While walking around Hoi An, exploring the small yet beautiful town, which tourists (even frequent visitors) find to be a place of quiet and peace. The unique atmosphere combines elements of Viet Nam, China, and Japan. The most remarkable views are from the ancient houses, reminding visitors of a long-gone past and providing a momentary glimpse of a more subdued and simple time. The tour includes visits to Hoi An Museum, many of the town's renowned Ancient Houses which boast a remarkable architectural style, Assembly Halls of Chinese influence, and of course the must-see Japanese Covered Bridge. The last stop is at a local workshop to

watch the art of handicraft making which offers you the chance of capturing the most lively and special moments of local artisans.

Then free time to explore Hoian or get back to the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoian

Day 6

HOIAN - MY SON TOWERS TOUR

Pickup at the hotel at 7:50 am, we drive to visit My Son. The My Son temple complex is regarded one of the foremost Hindu temple complexes in Southeast Asia and is the foremost heritage site of this nature in Vietnam. It is often compared with other historical temple complexes in Southeast Asia, such as Borobodur of Java in Indonesia, Angkor Wat of Cambodia, Bagan of Myanmar and Ayutthaya of Thailand. Although badly damaged by bombing raids in the 1960s, the site still has more than 20 structures and was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1999.

Leaving My Son for boat station and taking a boat trip on Thu Bon river. You could visit the living of the local people and feeling the fresh air. Enjoy the beautiful views along the river. Arrive Hoian in early afternoon. Free time to shop or explore Hoian ancient town.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoian

Day 7

HOIAN - GOLDEN HAND BRIDGE - HUE

Pickup at the hotel. Transfer to Ba Na Hills, we then takes cable car to reach and visit Golden Bridge – this is newly built spot of Ba Na. These massive hands are holding up a golden bridge and it creates such a spectacular setting for the visitors. You will have many opportunities to grab many fantastic pictures. When we finish, we keep wandering and explore La Jardin Flower Garden of Ba Na with all kinds of flowers, they all blossom out like welcoming you to this attraction.

To keep going on tour, we then discover the former French Wine Cellar – Debay and taste some wine from the homeland of grape wine of the world. Upon finishing, we will take another cable car to reach the summit visit replica French Catholic Church, Du Dome Square and Fantasy Park that is the biggest indoor amusement park in Vietnam.

After the tour, transfer to Hue and check in at your hotel. Free time to relax in Hue

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hue

Day 8

HUE CITY TOUR

Pickup at the hotel in the morning. Embark a dragon boat to cruise along the legendary Perfume river to start the Hue city tour. You can immerse yourselves in the cool air and the tranquillity of the calmest river in Viet Nam and visit the oldest pagoda here ,Thien Mu pagoda.

Then we will head to the Hue Imperial city - the most important historical monument in Hue. Wondering in the forbidden purple city and stopping on the places which was only for the privileged people is an amazing feeling. The royal museum next to the palace is where you can see and learn about old objects of Nguyen kings preserved in good condition. Then we stop at Đông Ba market is the chance for you to know about colorful local life, see the local product and try doing some shopping with friendly local people here. Enjoy lunch at local restaurant.

After lunch, we visit the Khai Dinh tomb with the clever combination of eastern and western architecture is the masterpiece of Khai Dinh King, the King who was deeply influenced by European culture. Our The last stop is Thuy Xuan incense and conical hat village, a small and beautiful village where people here live on making incense and conical hat.

You can learn to make incense, conical hat and take many pictures for a nice memory in Hue city. Back to the hotel in the late afternoon. Free to relax.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hue

Day 9

HUE - HO CHI MINH CITY

Today, enjoy your free day to explore Hue city before pickup for early afternoon flight to Ho Chi Minh city. Transfer to the hotel upon arrival. Free to explore Ho Chi Minh.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh

Day 10

HO CHI MINH CITY AND CU CHI TUNNELS TOUR

Pickup at the hotel at 7:45 for half day Ho Chi Minh city tour. Our city tour will help you to see the best of Ho Chi Minh. We visit the historic Reunification palace and War Remnants Museum, followed by the architectural treats of French colonial Notre Dame Cathedral and the post Office. Lunch at local restaurant.

In late afternoon, we head out of town to visit the Cu Chi Tunnels, which is an extensive underground network of approximately 200 kilometers of tunnels dug initially by the Viet Minh and then expanded by

the Viet Cong. Here contains hospitals, plus accommodation and schools, and were used extensively for refuge and storage and also utilized as a military base for the Viet Cong close to Ho Chi Minh.

Back to Ho Chi Minh. Drop off at the hotel or Ben Thanh bustling Market for shopping and personal activities.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh

Day 11 HO CHI MINH – MEKONG ADVENTURE

Pick you up at your hotel and depart for Ben Tre.

After arriving at Ham Luong dock, board the boat & cruise along Ham Luong River, a tributary to the Mekong River. The cool breeze from the river and lush tropical islands along its banks will immediately get you excited to explore all the great things ahead.

Arrive and visit various local workplaces to find many wonderful examples of how local people use ageless techniques to create their crafts, including activated charcoal, dried coconut, handy coconut husk brooms, and many family businesses using coir, or coconut fiber, to create amazing art. Drive around the village roads by "Xe Lôi", the local vehicle, which is a kind of motorized rickshaw. Perfect your day with a delicious and filling lunch at a local host house.

Break time, treating yourself to a relaxing time to relish the beautiful countryside or cycling around the village. Visit the local fruit plantation, enjoy seasonal fresh fruits, and spend time relaxing while being rowed in a small boat slowly through the natural canals to get a sense of how truly beautiful this area is.

Embark on the sampan and return to the dock. Travel back to Ho Chi Minh. Complete your trip. Finish tour Mekong Delta Adventure Day Tour. Get back to the hotel. Enjoy your free time before farewell dinner.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh

Day 12 HO CHI MINH DEPARTURE

Today, you are free till airport transfer for departure flight. Trip ends!

Note*: depending on your flight schedule, we will arrange airport transfer accordingly (2.5 hours for domestic flight/ 4 hours for international flights).

Meals: Breakfast **Accommodation:** N/A

SPECIAL FAM TRIP COST PER PERSON

US\$995 Only (Based on small group of 20 pax max)

Single Supplement: \$360

Hotel Inclusions

Hanoi	The Q Hotel / Hanoi Tirant Hotel
Halong Bay Cruise	La Regina Cruise
Danang	Belle Maison Parosand Danang Hotel
Hoian	Le Pavillon Hoian Luxury Resort & Spa
Hue	Moonlight/Hue Cherish Hotel
Ho Chi Minh	Alagon Ho Chi Minh Hotel & Spa

Note*:

- Similar hotels are selected in case any of above is fully booked.
- Checkin/checkout time is 14:00pm and 12:00am respectively as per the hotel's policy. Early checkin/late checkout is subject to availability. Supplement for early checkin/late checkout (if any) is not included.

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

- o Overnights in selected hotels or similar
- o Stationed local English speaking guide.
- o Excursions as mentioned in the itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- o Entrance fees for sightseeing mentioned in the itinerary
- o Tours and transfers as mentioned by mini bus for the whole trip
- Private transfer for the whole trip

- Halong bay 2 day Cruise package / Join boat
- 2 Domestic flights (Hanoi Danang, Hue Ho Chi Minh)

Exclusions

- o Meals and services other than those noted in the itinerary
- o Vietnam Visa fees
- o Laundry, telephone calls, and personal expenditures
- Tipping to guides & driver (Suggested: \$5/person/day)

Booking Terms & Conditions

Payment

- > To guarantee your land tour booking, a deposit 30% must be paid in advance. The balance must be settled either in USD Cash on arrival or 1 week before arrival date via any other methods.
- ➤ We accept payments in cash, by credit card or by bank transfer and Western Union. Any charges to settle the payment must be paid by the Clients. We will recognize the amount receive only.

Cancellations

Cancellations for all or any part of the trip will not be effective until received in writing. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply:

65 days or more before departure:
 Between 64 and 35 days before departure:
 Between 34 and 15 days before departure:
 75% of total tour cost
 14 days or less before departure / No Show:
 100% of total tour cost

Note*: We strongly recommend for your protection that you purchase a trip cancellation insurance.

Important Information

Emergency Contact

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call the travel consultant whom you deal with and then our hot line contacts. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please send us a detailed message and contact information by email to the agent and to info@indochinatreks.com, we may check and return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

Our all travel consultants use WhatApps. Please ensure that you have the contact number. It's best to buy a local sim-card upon arrival. Most hotels offer free wifi. So it's very easy to contact in urgent case.

Emergency contact numbers

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Internal Flights

For all internal flights, we would use Vietnamairlines, Vietjesair, Jestar. 20kg for checkin luggage (1 bag) and 7kg for hand-bag is included in the price. If you need more than 1 checkin bag, surcharge is

applied.

International flights before/after the tour must be booked yourself before travelling date.

Accommodation

We will book hotels as listed above. In case any is fully booked, we will use other similar hotels.

Packing List

Conservative Dress

Modest clothing that covers knees and shoulders (Long pants, long skirts, shirts that cover

shoulders)

Shawl or scarf (for temple visits)

Documents

All tickets (required)

• Passport (required With photocopies)

Required visas

Travel insurance

Travel insurance is not included in our tour price. When travelling with us, you are required to buy insurance that covers all medical coverage, cancellation, personal liability, curtailment and loss of

luggage and personal effects.

Trip Specific Safety

We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable

jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes which are the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing

your luggage.

Be aware that petty theft can be an issue in some towns and cities especially late at night. A common

tactic is opportunists on motorbikes that drive by and snatch bags. Please always leave valuables and passports etc in your hotel in safety boxes if available and only carry with you enough cash to spend for

the day. Bags should always be carried over the neck and not left to sit on your shoulder.

Warming

Please do not buy gems unless you know what you are doing. Even if genuine you should not expect to be able to sell them at home. If you fall victim to a gem scam, we are unable to assist you.

Visas and Entry Requirements

VIETNAM - As of March 2017, a select 80 nationalities are now eligible to enter Vietnam with an E-Visa. Please contact your Foreign Ministry or Vietnamese consulate to see if your nationality is eligible. Please note that you should ONLY apply for a Vietnam E-Visa if you are entering Vietnam by international airport - either Noi Bai International Airport (Hanoi) or Tan Son Nhat International Airport (Ho Chi Minh City).

If you are entering Vietnam by land border, please apply for a regular visa for Vietnam. Many of the land borders we travel through do not accept the Vietnam E-Visa. Please view this link to apply E-Visa: https://evisa.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn/web/quest/trang-chu-ttdt

Tipping

It is customary in Asia to tip service providers such as waiters, at approximately 10%, depending on the service. Tipping is expected - though not compulsory - and shows an expression of satisfaction with the people who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides or drivers we use. Recommendations for tipping drivers and local guides would range from \$5 USD per person per day depending on the quality and length of the service.

Electricity

Indochina Countries use 220V, and a mixture of flat 2-pin, round 2-pin or 3 pin plugs. It is recommended to bring a universal plug adapter.