

Vietnam 7 days tour

(Hanoi – Halong – Hoian – My Son towers – Saigon – Mekong Delta)

Itinerary Overview

Day	Destination	Meals
Day 1	HANOI ARRIVA – HALF DAY CITY TOUR	...
Day 2	HANOI – HALONG BAY	B/D/L
Day 3	HALONG BAY CRUISE – HA NOI – DA NANG - HOIAN	B/L
Day 4	HOIAN – MY SON TOWERS	B/L
Day 5	HOIAN – HO CHI MINH CITY	B
Day 6	HO CHI MINH CITY – CU CHI TUNNELS – MEKONG DELTA	B/L
Day 7	SAI GON - DEPARTURE	B

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

Travel Map



Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 HANOI ARRIVAL – HALF DAY CITY TOUR

Welcome at the airport. You are transfer to the city center. Upon arrival, enjoy half day city tour. 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.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 2 HA NOI – HA LONG BAY

08:00 – 08:25 : Pick up at your hotel near by the Old Quarter in Hanoi by shuttle bus

12:30 – 12:30 : Embark the cruise at Tuan Chau harbor. Enjoy welcome drink, cruise briefing & start cruising.

13:00 – 15:30 : A stunning lunch is served while cruising into the Halong Bay with thousands of extraordinary shaped limestone islands considered as the heaven on the earth

15:30 – 17:00 : Explore the area and be charmed by the outstanding masterpiece of the Mother Nature. Visit Mê Cung Cave – one of the most beautiful caves in Halong Bay. Climb up & see the panoramic view of the bay from above. Enjoy swimming in the crystal water of the peaceful Bay.

17:00 – 19:00 : Return to the cruise the Sunset party and admire the best moment of the day when the sun starts to set. Or enjoy the massage treatment in your comfortable cabin.

19:00 : Savor an amazing and dreamlike dinner in Fairy cave (or Drum cave) with extremely delicious food which is not only impressed by its incredible taste, but also by great fruit and vegetable carving performance. Socialize with new friends and crew members, enjoy squid fishing or leisurely relax on the top deck in the middle of the tranquil bay.

Note*: the itinerary and activities on board would vary depending on the boat you choose. Please see the choice of boat in Hotel Inclusions.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Accommodation: Night on board

Day 3 HA LONG BAY – HA NOI – DA NANG - HOIAN

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.

12.00: Return from Halong to Hanoi. Arrive Hanoi at about 17pm.

Airport transfer for late flight to Danang. Transfer to the hotel in Hoian upon arrival.

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Meals: Breakfast/Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoian

Day 4 HOIAN – MY SON TOWERS

Pick up at the hotel in the morning

08:30 Leaving Hoi An crossing the Cua Dai bridge with its spectacular views of the Hoi An river system, mountains and Cham islands. We arrive at the fishing village alive with activity as the market traders sell their evenings catch, providing some great photo opportunities.

09:45 Arriving at My Son, this “Valley of Kings” as described by French historians was once the capital of the Chămpa Kingdom from the 4th to 15th century.

Following a traditional dance performance, your walking tour to the Cham ruins begins with a short ascent along a jungle bordered track. While you explore the area your guide will explain the history of the religious site which served as a burial place for the Cham monarchs centuries ago.

11:30 Commence the drive back to Hoi An to take a cruise through the Hoi An countryside along the picturesque Thu Bon river. You will have a lunch on the boat and see the beautiful views along the river.

14:00 The boat trip will finish at Nguyen Hoang dock in the old town. You will be free to explore the old town or return to your hotel by your own means.

Meal: Breakfast/Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoian

Day 5 HOIAN – DANANG – HO CHI MINH CITY

Enjoy your free day to relax in Hoian till airport transfer for the flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Transfer to the hotel upon arrival. Free

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City

Day 6 CU CHI TUNNELS – MEKONG DELTA

Pick up at the hotel. The trip to Cu Chi will take you an approximately one and a half-hour drive. Before exploring the tunnels, you will watch an introductory video about how the tunnels were made and how Vietnamese people survived in the harsh conditions of wartime. Then, spend your time exploring the remaining areas and tunnel system which include special living areas with kitchens and bedrooms side

by side with other martial facilities like weapons factories, field hospitals, and command centers helping whoever lives inside the tunnels meet their basic needs. Besides, there are also many hidden trap doors and dangerous traps within the maze-like tunnels for security purposes during the war. Afterward, special tea and cassava (guerrillas' food during the war) will be served. Break time.

Have lunch at the local restaurant.

Continue to visit My Tho city. With boat trip on Tien River, you will be excited by the light breeze from the river and the natural beauty of four beautiful islands such as Dragon, Unicorn, Phoenix and Tortoise along the riverside.

Cruise through the small canal by sampan, treating yourself to the beauty of the countryside, and taking a short cycling around the village which will certainly be an unforgettable experience when participating in the Mekong Delta tour. Visit the coconut candy workshop, and enjoy seasonal delicious fruits & honey tea. Get a chance to listen to the Southern Vietnamese folk music which is performed by local people.

Meals: Breakfast/lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Saigon

Day 7 **SAI GON - DEPARTURE**

Free time to explore Saigon till airport transfer for departure flight. Trip ends!

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: n/a

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions:

- Overnights in selected hotels or similar
- Halong bay 2 day Cruise package – Join tour
- In tour stationed English speaking guide
- Excursions as mentioned in the itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Entrance fees for sightseeing mentioned in the itinerary
- Tours and transfers as mentioned by air-conditioned vehicles
- Internal flights (Hanoi – Danang – Saigon)

Exclusions:

- Early checkin/late checkout at hotels
- Meals and services other than those noted in the itinerary
- Visas fees
- Laundry, telephone calls, and personal expenditures
- Gratuities for guides, drivers, porters, boat crew, and personal, non-itinerary services (US\$5/person/day is suggested for the guide/driver for the day with tours)

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, Cambodia Angkorair or Laos Airlines. Most domestic flights in Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar, airlines would use small 70 seat ATR72 for short distances. Most airlines in Vietnam use the Airbus A321. 20kg for checkin luggage and 7kg for hand-bag is included in the price.

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

Accommodation

We would use different hotel categories and you can select any basing on your budget. So your travel companions would not stay at your hotel. A Hotel Voucher will be provided once your tour is confirmed with all hotel details.

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)

Note*: Please pack clothing for the season in which you will be travelling. From Dec-Feb weather can be cold, so please pack warm clothing. From May-Nov it is the wet season, so please bring waterproof clothing.

Documents

- All tickets (required)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Required visas
- Hotel & Tour Vouchers
- Meeting sign (with your names and flight details that we will use for transfers)

Train Travel

Train travel in Vietnam is very basic and train cleanliness is often not a priority for train staff. Sleeper trains normally have 4 seats per compartment, which convert into sleeping bunks (two upper and two lower). A sheet, pillow and blanket are provided, although many people prefer to bring their own sleeping sheet. At times, passengers of different genders may be required to share a sleeper train berth and/or share a compartment with people not travelling in your group. For short distance - 3 hours (as Hue to Danang or vv), you will do the trip on soft/hard seat carriage.

Simple food is available on the train but many people like to stock up on freshly baked bread, cheese and fruit prior to departure. Water should also be bought before the journey.

Train journeys in Vietnam are an experience and allow you to get a real taste of Vietnam.

Airport transfers

All airport transfers are included in the tour price. You should provide us your arrival/departure flight details and we will arrange things basing on the information. A meeting sign with your name and all flight details will be sent to you. Please be ready at the lobby at pointed time for pickup.

Driver/guide should always be present at the airport before your arrival time. If you could not find the driver, please contact your travel consultant who you deal with. For any reason that airport transfer could not be arranged, please take the taxi to the hotel. We will refund the money then.

Travel insurance

Travel insurance is not included in our tour price. When travelling with us, you are suggested 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 is 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

Please note that visas for Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos are the responsibility of the individual traveller. The visa requirements for your trip vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. For the most up to date information please check your Governments Foreign Ministry website or with you travel agent as rules do change.

CAMBODIA - Visas can be obtained at the Cambodian border or Siem Reap Airport for approx. \$35 USD very easily. Please have *at least* 2 passport photos with you as well.

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/guest/trang-chu-ttdt>

LAOS - Visas are issued upon arrival in Laos. You will need two passport size photographs and approx \$35. Tourists are generally admitted to Laos for 15 days with a visa on arrival or for 30 days with a visa issued at a Lao embassy. Please bring visa photos with you.

Please be aware that you will require four clean pages (minimum) in your passport and at least six months validity.

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 \$3-\$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.