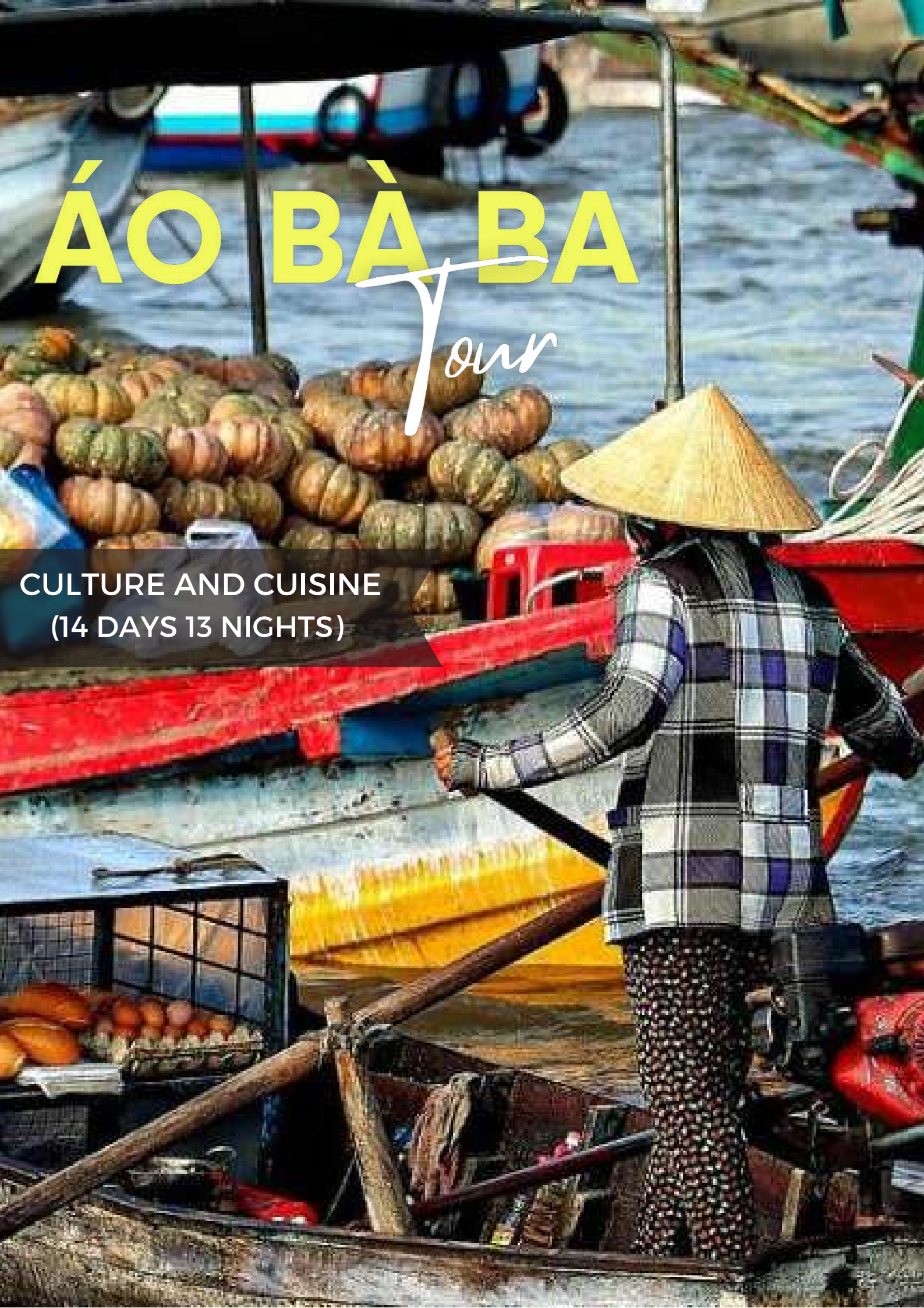


# ÁO BÀ BA

*Tour*

CULTURE AND CUISINE  
(14 DAYS 13 NIGHTS)



# Overview

*In Vietnam travel itinerary, an exhilarating country with epic natural landscapes, vibrant street life, and exquisite food, Áo Bà Ba tour is designed to get more experiences about the life, culture and habits of the local people in the Mekong Delta region, Southern Vietnam.*

## Inclusive

- 7 places: Ho Chi Minh City, Mekong Delta provinces, Hanoi, Hoi An, Hue, Hanoi, Halong Bay and Ninh Binh
- Accommodation: 13 nights at hotel
- Meal: 13 Breakfast, 1 Lunch
- Transportation: Charter bus or private car # Express coach # Domestic Flight # Junk Boat
- Single visa to Viet Nam

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## Payment Term(s)

50% deposit payment: 60 days prior departure date

40% progress payment on arrival to Vietnam

10% last payment: 14 days after departure date from Vietnam

## Cancellation conditions:

10% penalty upon 30 days; 50% penalty upon 15 days before departure date to Vietnam with written notice

0% penalty lockdown



## Exclusive

- International Flight
- Gratuities for tour guides and drivers
- Single hotel room
- Travel insurances. We highly recommend that you purchase adequate insurance
- Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone, drinks, etc. All other services not specified in the itinerary

# VIEW TRIP NOTES



## Day 1 - Hochiminh city (Saigon) arrival. Buzzing streets with coffee culture

Still commonly referred to by locals as 'Saigon', Ho Chi Minh City is the largest city in Vietnam and the country's commercial hub. You will find an eclectic mix of the traditional and the new, where pagodas and markets compete alongside the trappings of Vietnam's newly discovered entrepreneurial spirit. Arrival flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Your tour guide will welcome you and will take you to some of the central sights of the city, including the Reunification Palace, Opera House, Hotel de Ville, Notre Dame Cathedral, the impressive French-style edifice that is the GPO building, and Saigon Post Office.



## Included Experiences

Take a look at the Notre Dame Cathedral, General Post Office, Reunification Palace and Opera House

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**Meal provided:** Welcome lunch or breakfast

**Accommodation:** Huong Sen Hotel or Alagon Hotel 3 (Hochiminh city)



## Day 2 - Mekong Delta: My Tho, Ben Tre, Can Tho. On-the-water villages

Say goodbye to Saigon, the busiest city of the country, and welcome the river's life. We start the 4 day-3 night Mekong Delta tour, the most fertile land in the southernmost territory of Vietnam, and in the southeast of Cambodia.

My Tho is one of the closest and most popular of the Delta's hubs to Ho Chi Minh City. My Tho is the perfect springboard for day tour of surrounding tributaries and islands.

Take a car from Ho Chi Minh City to My Tho, then sit on a cruise on the Tien River to admire 4 dunes: Long, Ly, Quy, Phung. Go to Thoi Son islet, take a walk on the village road, see the orchards, coconut gardens and the idyllic life of local farmers in the islet. Enjoy delicious fresh fruits.

Continue to Ben Tre to visit Con Phung (Con Dao Dua), coconut museum, where display many vivid images and artifacts about the life, activities and culture of local people. Learn about handicrafts, how to produce coconut candy, a famous specialty of Ben Tre.

Go to Can Tho and stay overnight.

### Included Experiences

- See local industry demonstrations
- Experience local musical performance
- Take a local boat ride along the Mekong River
- Learn to fish like a local in the Mekong Delta

**Meal provided:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Ninh Kieu Hotel or TTC Hotel 4\* (Can Tho)





## Day 3 - Mekong Delta: Soc Trang. Ancient temples with Khmer imprints



Go to Soc Trang. Visit ancient temples with Khmer imprints. Buu Son Pagoda, a pagoda with thousands of small and large clay statues. Khleng Pagoda, one of the oldest Khmer temples in Soc Trang was built in the mid-16th century. Ma Toc Pagoda is called Bat Pagoda because it has long been a home for about a million bats.

Continue to Bac Lieu

You get on the bus to Ca Mau through immense mangrove forests to the end of Vietnam. Visit the Ca Mau cape, the southernmost point of Vietnam and the lighthouse. Overnight in Ca Mau city.

### Included Experiences

Visit ancient temples with Khmer imprints with experience from Khmer culture.

**Meal provided:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Phu Cuong Hotel  
or Muong Thanh Hotel 4\* (Ca Mau)





## Day 4 - Mekong Delta: Ca Mau. Immense mangrove forests

Depart from Ca Mau to Can Tho. On the evening cruise, listen to the traditional song “Don ca tai tu” and admire the charming landscape of Hau River. You are free to go to Ninh Kieu wharf, visit Can Tho night market.

### Included Experiences

Listen the traditional songs “Don ca tai tu”  
- Southern Vietnamese folk songs

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**Meal provided:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Ninh Kieu Hotel  
or TTC Hotel 4\* (Can Tho)



## Day 5 - Can Tho, Saigon. Explore Saigon night life

Visit Cai Rang floating market in the early morning, one of the largest floating markets in the Mekong Delta, where local people buy and sell all kinds of fruits and agricultural products. Visit Binh Thuy Communal house and Binh Thuy ancient house. In the late afternoon, back to Ho Chi Minh City.

### Included Experiences

Witness locals barter for fresh produce  
at Cai Rang floating market

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**Meal provided:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Huong Sen Hotel  
or Alagon Hotel 3\* (Hochiminh city)



## Day 6 - Fly to Danang/Hoi An then. Fascinating ancient town. Walking tour around the town

Flying into Da Nang, we will continue our journey by rental car to Hoi An. Along the way, we passed the famous beach resort of My Khe, also known as East Vietnam Sea.

Start a walking tour of Hoi An. First colonized by the Portuguese in the 16th century, by the 17th and 18th centuries Hoi An had become one of the busiest international trade centers in Southeast Asia and to this day, it still retains It has the charm of a medieval port, with many wonderfully preserved old buildings. Highlights include Assembly Hall of the Fujian Assembly, a 16th-century Vietnamese-built Buddhist temple, and a 400-year-old Japanese covered bridge. We ended up at the colorful riverside market, a perfect setting to explore, the rest of the day you're free to enjoy as you please.

### Included Experiences

Hoi An town old quarter walking tour

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**Meal provided:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hoi An Center Boutique Hotel or Hoi An Ecologie & Spa Hotel 3\* (Hoi An)

### Free time Add-ons

- Exploration by bike riding through ancient little Hoi An town
- Visit the lantern and crafts workshop and learn to make flickering beacons
- Visit the myriad of silk and tailor shops for making quick clothes







## Included Experiences

Hoi An's ancient town

## Free time Add-ons

- Exploration by bike riding through little Hoi An town, surrounding green rice paddies and nice beaches nearby
- Riverboat tour rowed by locals
- Visit the lantern and crafts workshop and learn to make flickering beacons
- Visit the myriad of silk and tailor shops for making quick clothes
- Learn how to whip up fresh Vietnamese food with a Hoi An cooking class

## Day 7 - Hoi An. Visit nearby beaches or outskirts countryside life

Today are free to wander through the historic heart of this World Heritage Site at your leisure. An early morning visit to the fish market presents a riot of noise and color that is perfect for some great photo opportunities and some choice of local interaction. You might also like to pay a visit to the Japanese Bridge, Hoi An's emblematic symbol, or perhaps explore the traditional wooden houses and Chinese temples that line the streets. There are numerous tailor shops in Hoi An providing incredibly cheap and quick service. Hoi An is also a great place to hire a bicycle on the relatively quiet roads. Cooking classes or trying out traditional lantern making is yet another option available in this popular traveler's hangout.

There's good beaches, An Bang and Cua Dai just a few kilometers from the town or alternatively why not set out to explore nearby villages? Specially, the beach town of An Bang has lovely seaside resorts, delicious restaurants, several lively bars, and peaceful sandy beaches to relax with a cold beer or rent a bike from the hotel and go on excursions on miles of rice paddies around.



**Meal provided:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hoi An Center Boutique Hotel or Hoi An Ecologie & Spa Hotel 3\*

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**Day 8 - To Hue by car.  
Nguyen Dynasty relics. City tour**



**Included Experiences**

- Cross the visually stunning Hai Van Pass
- Visit the Thien Mu Pagoda and the Imperial Citadel
- Discover the hidden charm of Hue on a local cyclo (rickshaw) ride



Once the capital of Vietnam and an inspiration for poets and artists alike for centuries, Hue is divided by the waters of the Perfume River, which separate the city's 19th-century citadel from the suburbs that radiate from the eastern shore and, even today, its easy air of leisurely ambiance makes it one of the most engaging cities in the country to explore.

You will visit to the Imperial Palace. Located on the banks of the Perfume River, the Imperial Palace was designed with a unique royal art architecture. It was built from the early 19th century to the first half of the 20th century. This is the work symbolizing the authority of the central Nguyen dynasty for hundreds of years of ups and downs and sanctity in this ancient capital. This is one of the relics belonging to the Hue monuments complex, which has been recognized as a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site since 1993.

On your next destination, you will visit the iconic 7-story Thien Mu Pagoda, home to the oldest monastery in the city, whose 21m high tower has become something of a symbol for Hue, and the Imperial Palace. Join in an evening cruise along Perfume River to listen to court music and local folk songs.

**Meal provided:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Villa Hue Hotel or Alba Spa Hue Hotel 4\* (Hue city)

**Free time Add-ons**

Listen to court music and local folk songs in the evening cruise along Perfume River

## Day 9 - Fly to Hanoi. Capital of Vietnam with ancient pagodas, top museums. City tour

Hanoi is the capital of Vietnam and the second largest city in the country. It's also the jumping-off point for exploring the spectacular scenery around Northern Vietnam. Visiting Hanoi, your tour leader will welcome you and then take all of you on a short orientation tour of the city, wandering through the bustling streets of the city's Old Quarter, whose narrow streets are named after the various crafts and specialties of the city's artisans: Paper Street, Silk Street, Basket Street, etc. This practice dates back to the 13th century, when the city's original 36 guilds established themselves here, adopting a street each to differentiate them from their neighbors. The maze of alleys and streets presents a fascinating venue to explore on foot and the area is known for its interesting 'tube' houses, where the narrow frontages give way to long rooms that stretch back from streets, whose pavements are littered with food sellers tempting passers-by with all manner of noodles, snacks and stir-fried delights from shoulder panniers.

### Included Experiences

Take a sightseeing bus for Hanoi's city tour

### Free time Add-ons

Enjoy a thousand-year-old unique water puppetry show

**Meal provided:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Lacasa Hotel 4\*  
(or similar)







## Day 10 - Drive to Halong Bay. Mythical seascapes and breathtaking karsts

After breakfast, take a charter bus or deluxe minivan towards the Bay of Tonkin on Vietnam's northeast coast. Our destination is the breathtaking setting of Halong Bay one of Vietnam's, and indeed Southeast Asia's, most spectacular natural attractions, whose staggering beauty has seen it listed as one of the eight natural wonders of the world. Majestic and mysterious, inspiring and imperious words alone cannot do justice to the natural wonder that is Halong Bay, Gulf of Tonkin. A UNESCO World Heritage site, Ha Long Bay presents a quite an extraordinary vista of hundreds of limestone islands, over 1600 at last count that rises from the jade green waters of the bay like the scales of some great submerged dragon. Indeed, Ha Long means 'where the dragon descends to the sea' and local legends tell of a time when this rugged landscape was created by the pounding tail of a mighty dragon as he ran from the mountains into the glittering waters of the bay below.

Visit Bai Chay and Halong town, then transfer to a local hotel for sleeping.



**Meal provided:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Phat Linh Hotel or D'lioro Hotel 4\* (Ha Long city)





**Meal provided:** Breakfast, lunch

**Accommodation:** Lacasa Hotel 4\* (or similar)

## Day 11 - Halong Bay on a traditional boat. Return back to Hanoi

On arrival we will board our junk and set sail, threading our way through a flotilla of boats, junks and wooden sampans as they ply their way across the gentle waters of the bay. The plan for today is to sail through this stunning seascape, stopping off to swim and visit some of the limestone caverns that pepper the landscape. The Ha Long trip ends after lunch time and returning back to Hanoi.

### Included Experiences

- Visit the wild grottos of the Sung Sot Caves in Halong Bay
- Visit Ti Top islands

### Free time Add-ons

(Kayak) Paddle over the emerald waters of Halong Bay

## Day 12 - Ninh Binh. Karst landscapes in Bich Dong's trip

Ninh Binh is a province located in the south of Hanoi, about 100 kilometers from Hanoi and it takes about one hour by car. With unspoiled nature, charming scenery, Ninh Binh is one of the famous tourism destinations of Northern Vietnam. Coming to Ninh Binh, you will have opportunity to visit the natural heritage and world cultural heritage Trang An, Bai Dinh pagoda, Tam Coc Bich Dong, Van Long natural lagoon or visit the ancient capital Hoa Lu, Cuc Phuong national forest and Thung Nham bird park.

### Included Experiences

Experience with real nature life

### Free time Add-ons

Take a bike through green rice paddle

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**Meal provided:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Tam Coc Nature Lodge or Le Clos Du Fil 3\* (Ninh Binh)





## Day 13 - Ninh Binh. Paddleboat tour in Trang An scenic complex and Thung Nham bird park



In Ninh Binh, you can go by boat to Trang An wharf to board a boat along the stream in the middle of rice fields to visit Trang An tourist area – a world cultural and natural heritage with limestone ranges, valleys, natural caves and knitted river. They make a special fanciful, mysterious space.

Afternoon time you will join Thung Nham bird park. You can choose ferry or special car to go to Thung Nham. The bird garden is home of more than natural 50,000 birds with 40 species of birds such as cauldrons, storks, herons, teals, fire warblers, etc. and precious birds such as flamingos or phoenixes.

### Included Experiences

Visit Trang An and Thung Nham bird park

**Meal provided:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Tam Coc Nature Lodge or Le Clos Du Fil 3\* (Ninh Binh)

## Day 14 - Hanoi. End tour trip

Enjoy a final breakfast with the squad in the morning before the trip wraps up. Then you will come back to Hanoi in the afternoon. You have free time for shopping, walking again through streets of Hanoi's Old quarter, French streets with colonial architecture styled like a French provincial town, with tree-lined boulevards and substantial low-built houses or spa relax before end this trip.

A 14 days tour or similar is just your beginning of exploration journey in Vietnam. You continue on to your extension to sharing with us your private wishes for the rest of your holiday. We are here to fulfil your dream.

**Meal provided:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** None

- 1. Luxury escape in the high-end resort on the white sandy beach? (Every where on 3,000 kilometer S-shape coastline in tropical climate zone)**
- 2. Explore the world-recognized amazing caves? (Central Vietnam)**
- 3. Find your inner-self in the primary forest? (Highland region)**

Goodbye!