

# Overview

This is a tour designed to satisfy the needs of nature lover and passionate to conquer breakthrough places and experience outdoor activities in the Vietnam trip.

Tu San Canyon (Hem Tu San) on Nho Que river, Ha Giang, is a unique wonder is known as the deepest canyon in Southeast Asia, with a cliff height of up to 800 meters, a length of 1.7 kilometers and with a depth of nearly one kilometer. This canyon is formed of miraculous tectonics from millions of years ago, when it was still submerged in the vast ocean. During the change of the Earth's crust, water receded, eroded, leaving this unique geological legacy until now.



#### **Inclusive**

- Accommodation: Hotel/Homestay nights: 18 or 19
- Meals: 19 Breakfast, 1 Lunch, 1 dinner
- Transportation: # Charter bus or private car # Express coach # Domestic Flight # Junk Boat
- Single visa into Viet Nam

#### **Exclusive**

- International flights
- 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

### 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:**

- 30% penalty upon 30 days; 50% penalty upon 15 days before departure date to Vietnam with written notice
- 0% penalty lockdown

## VIEW TRIP NOTES

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

Arrive at Tan Son Nhat Airport.

Ho Chi Minh (Saigon) is a high-octane commercial and cultural city, a living organism that breathes life into life and keeps visitors hooked.

Meal provided: Welcome lunch or dinner

**Accommodation:** Huong Sen Hotel or Alagon Hotel 3\*





Mealprovided: Breakfast

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#### **Included Experiences**

View the Notre Dame Cathedral,
General Post Office, Reunification Palace,
Opera House

Begin your journey by exploring Vietnam's biggest city. A fury of sights and sounds, parades of motorbikes flow passed mammoth malls, the striking contrast of ancient pagodas, temples and imposing skyscrapers form Saigon's dizzying backdrop.

#### Free time Add-ons

- Motorbike tour in Saigon at night
- Street food and fresh beer in Bui Vien Street
  - Night open-market

The city tour of Saigon includes a visit to the Reunification Palace where the Vietnam War ultimately concluded, the charming neo-Romanesque Notre Dame Cathedral and the fascinating War Remnants Museum, General Post Office and Opera House.

The Saigon night tour by motorbike (optional fee) will give you an adventure that you won't forget. This is the quintessential night tour of Saigon, combining the best food, culture and nightlife that Saigon has to offer. It shows all aspects of Saigon night life. You can join the busy traffic of Saigon on the back of a motorbike while stopping at some of the best street-restaurant, experiencing night life like a true local. Enjoy by meeting the people, seeing the culture, and tasting the authentic flavors of Saigon, Chinatown, hidden Vietnamese-styled coffee shops live music and raucous bars in walking Nguyen Hue Street or Bui Dien (Pho Tay) street.





### Full day to Mekong Delta: My Tho, Ben Tre. On-the-water villages

A full-day visit to the colorful Mekong Delta to witness locals barter for fresh produce at a floating market and take a sampan through the small narrow waterways, look at the lines of the natural palm, a typical tree of the Delta. You can walk along the canals, visit local houses and orchards, barter for seasonal tropical fruits, enjoy them, and listen to Southern Vietnam folk music. You come to Phung small island to visit Mr. Dao Dua's relic, visit the crocodile farm and try fishing crocodiles.

You will return to the big boat, and run down the Tien Giang River to Ben Tre. Here, you will visit a coconut candy factory, and try how to make coconut candy by hand. You can rent a bicycle and ride it on the narrow roads to enjoy the fresh air and see the life of local people.

#### **Included Experiences**

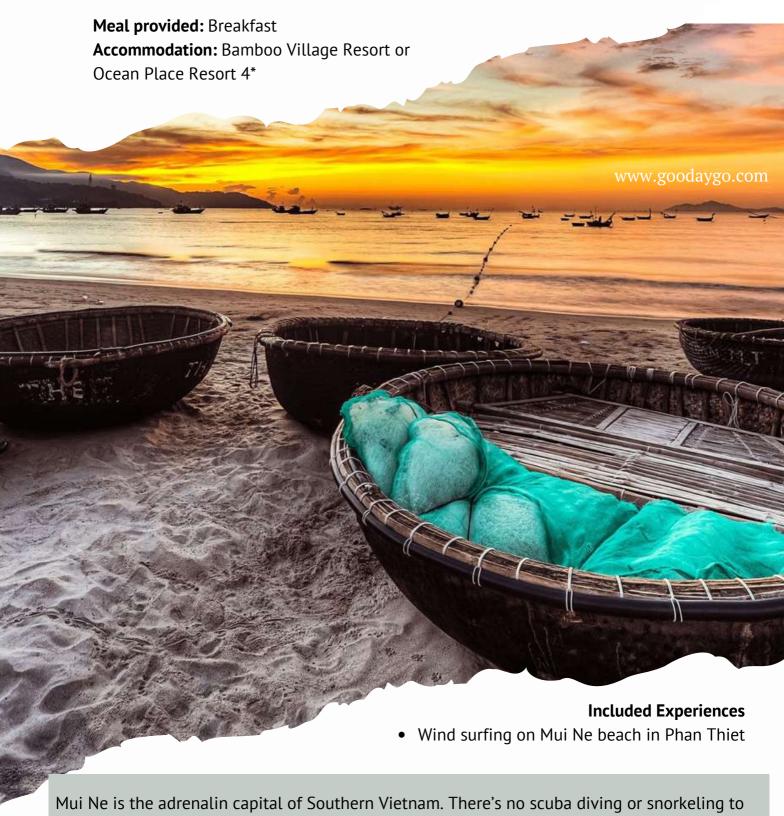
- See local industry demonstrations
- Experience local musical performance
- Take a local boat ride along the Mekong River

**Meal provided:** Breakfast **Accommodation:** Huong Sen Hotel or Alagon Hotel 3\*



Day 4 - Saigon to Phan Thiet/Mui Ne beach. Perfect beach for wind surf's up

Take an express car from Ho Chi Minh City to Phan Thiet, Mui Ne beach in the morning.



Mui Ne is the adrenalin capital of Southern Vietnam. There's no scuba diving or snorkeling to speak of, but when Nha Trang and Hoi An get the rains, Mui Ne also gets the waves. Surfing available from August to December. For windsurfers, the gales blow as well, especially from late October to late April, when swells can stir things up big-time. Kitesurfing has taken off the infinite horizon and is often obscured by dozens of kites flapping in the wind. If this sounds too much hard, you can simply lounge around on the beach, enjoy the fresh air and a beautiful view. Rest in Mui Ne beach.



Day 5 - Mui Ne beach. Swimming and relax

Meal provided: Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Bamboo Village Resort or Ocean Place Resort 4\*

Swimming, sunbathing and relaxing or optional trip to discover the local coastal fishing village. Stay at night in Mui Ne





Day 6 – Phan Thiet to Saigon. Explore Saigon night life

Meal provided: Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Huong Sen or

Alagon Hotel 3\*

Back to Saigon after lunch time.





After early breakfast, take a flight to the cosmopolitan coastal city of Danang. In the afternoon, visit the dramatic Marble mountains, five outcrops shrouded by jungle and decorated with towering Buddhist pagodas. Discover grottos that enshrine religious icons as you ascend the tallest mountain - Thuy Son - to marvel at spectacular views of the idyllic Non Nuoc Beach. Then journey to the neighboring Hoi An, is one of Vietnam's most tourist-friendly and delightful towns.

# Day 7 – Fly to Danang/Hoi An. Fascinating ancient town. Walking tour around the town

Meal provided: Included Experiences

Breakfast

**Accommodation:** 

Lion King Hotel or Hoi An Odyssey Hotel 3\*

Sightseeing the mixed architectural style scenes among Japanese, Chinese, French colonial and Vietnamese

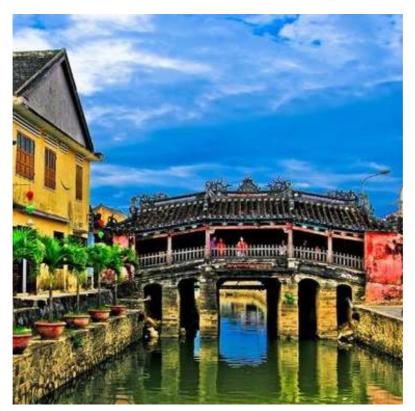


Hoi An is a well-preserved heritage site with unique architecture, a beguiling riverside position, white sandy beaches, and a tranquil village-like atmosphere. Hoi An is famous for its yellow French colonial-style buildings and colorful cloth lanterns that line the streets. In the evening the Old Town is turned into a pedestrian-only zone and the tourists wander the streets, shopping for souvenirs and admiring the vibrant lanterns. You will enjoy a boat ride at sunset, getting a suit tailored, biking through the countryside, and shopping in the night market.

#### Free time Add-ons

- Visit the lantern workshop and learn to make flickering beacons
- Learn how to whip up fresh Vietnamese food with a Hoi An cooking class
- Visit the myriad of silk and tailor shops for making quick clothes

In the afternoon and evening time, embark on a walking tour through the narrow streets of this essential Vietnamese highlight, radiating a charming character brimming with intriguing sights to discover. Stroll across the iconic Japanese Covered Bridge to admire its magnificent wooden pagoda roof, explore the Sa Huynh Museum to inspect terracotta pieces sculpted by Hoi An's first settlers and visit the Lantern workshop to learn how the flickering beacons which illuminate the town are crafted







Day 8 - Hoi An. Visit nearby beaches or outskirts countryside life

#### **Included Experiences**

 Spend time on the An Bang beach town, swimming and relax

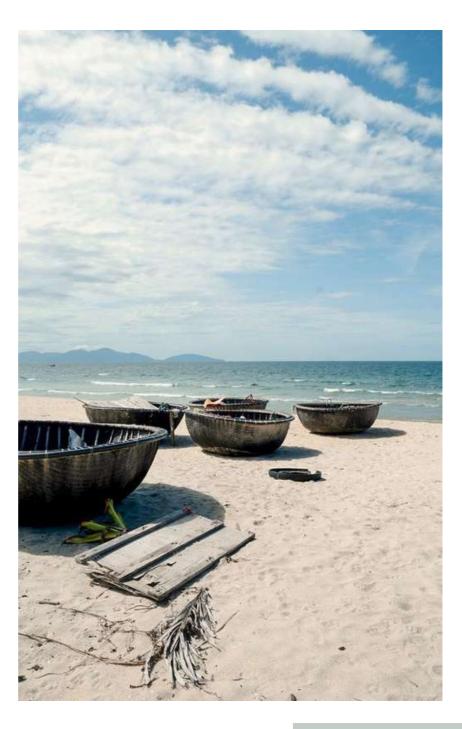
You can go to An Bang beach, which is only a 10-minute drive away or a 30-minute bike ride away. This beach town has lovely seaside resorts, good restaurants, a few lively bars and a peaceful sandy beach for relaxing with a cold beer. Or you choose cycling from the hotel and traveling and breathtaking around rice fields stretching for miles. You return to the Old quarter and walk around the vibrant night market and the shops in the evening.

#### Meal provided:

Breakfast

#### **Accommodation:**

Lion King Hotel or Hoi An Odyssey Hotel 3\*



Day 9 - To Hue by car. Nguyen Dynasty relics. City tour



# Included Experiences

 City tours of Hue: Imperial Citadel complex, Thien Mu pagoda, tombs of King Tu Duc and Khai Dinh

### Free time Addons

 Evening cruise along Perfume River Leave Hoi An this morning for a drive along the scenic coastline to the ancient capital of Hue, a cultural and spiritual highlight of Vietnam. A half day visit the majestic UNESCO Imperial Citadel complex, an impressive 19thcentury royal residence of beauty and grandeur that conceals the scars of war. Then visit the Thien Mu Pagoda, the tombs of King Tu Duc and Khai Dinh. Later that afternoon, stroll through the bustling Dong Ba market, alive with the rich aroma of freshly prepared seafood and a colorful array of handicrafts including traditional conical hats. In the evening, sample optional Vietnamese dishes at a local restaurant and take a tranquil cruise along Hue's Perfume River to soak up royal music and local folk tunes





Meal provided: Breakfast Accommodation: Hotel Saigon Morin 4\* (or similar)



From Hue by charter car, a certain tourist destination you should go to is Quang Binh.

Quang Binh is located in central Vietnam. Just over 8000 square kilometers, this area is not too large, but is a land of many famous beautiful landscapes of Vietnam.

Quang Binh is well-known as the "Land of caves" with 404 large and small caves, i.e Son Doong, Paradise, Phong Nha, Én cave and beautiful pristine beaches

Meal provided: Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Vinh Hoang

Hotel 4\* (or similar)





After breakfast, you will take one day walking to explore top-attraction Paradise Cave in Quang Binh.

Journey on 16 km of the Ho Chi Minh trail, crosses the shady very old forests, you will reach the area of Paradise (Thien Duong) cave, the longest dry cave in Asia. Discovered only 25 years ago after sleeping deep in the ground for many centuries, Paradise Cave is a beautiful labyrinth of jagged walkways and imposing stalactites. Continue moving on the tram at the tourist center more than 1.3 km and 525 steps to visit the Paradise cave. You will spend full day to enjoy the nature, mountains and fresh air that can't be found anywhere else. The entrance of Thien Duong cave is small, about 1.2 meters only, but it will be a wonderful surprise and amaze for you when you step inside with the ethereal of carvings and drooping stalactites which hang beneath a canopy of sparkling gems.

Meal provided: Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Vinh Hoang Hotel 4\* (or similar)

**Included Experiences** 

Wander through the most beautiful caves in Quang Binh



resemble teeth, and the access is the mouth. You will travel by boat on the aquamarine Son river, winding around the Ke Bang limestone karsts adorning the landscape.

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Day 12 - Quang Binh. Visit Phong Nha cave.

Overnight camping in the cave (Option)

The stalagmites at the cave

entrance are said to

An optional specially designed tour for outdoor camping for two days including overnight camping in Tu Lan cave and Swallow cave (Hang Én). Swallow cave has long been a famous place, having appeared in publications such as national geographic, The New York Times, Lonely Planet, and Good Morning America. Swallow cave was also used as a location in the 2015 Warner Bros. movie 'Pan'



You will go the worth-to-visit cave in Quang Binh, Phong Nha cave.

A particular boat upstream poetic Son River takes you to Phong Nha cave, the first wonder of the cave with the most beautiful stalactite system and the longest underground river flowing through the cave. Phong Nha means "the wind flows through the teeth".

Your two-day trekking activities include exploring the world of stalactites, venturing through forests and streams, swimming in caves, and overnight camping in the beautiful land of Quang Binh

Meal provided: Breakfast

Accommodation: Night in outdoor camping or Vinh Hoang Hotel 4\* (or similar)



Dat 13 - Quang Binh. Swimming and relax time

After days of adventuring through rugged terrain and immersing yourself in wild nature, it's time to relax. Sunbathe, swim, and have a rest at a comfortable hotel in Quang Binh.

Meal provided: Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Night in outdoor camping



Day 14 - Fly to Hanoi. Capital of Vietnam with ancient pagodas, top museums



In the afternoon, take a flight from Quang Binh to Hanoi.

Hanoi is the charming 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, our tour guide will welcome you, then take 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.

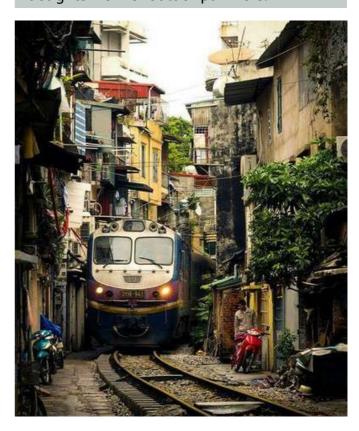
This practice dates back to the 13th century, when the city's original 36 guilds established themselves here, adopting a street each to differentiate them from their neighbors.

Meal provided: Breakfast

Accommodation: Lacasa Hotel 4\*

(or similar)

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.



# Day 15 – To Ha Giang with Dong Van rock hill Plateau. Quan Ba and Yen Minh town

Ha Giang is a high mountain border province in the Northern Vietnam. It is home of more than twenties ethnic groups, where the landscape of limestone pinnacles and granite outcrops continues to dazzle all who visit.

The far north of this province has the most spectacular scenery in Vietnam, especially where Dong Van Karst Plateau Global Geopark is located. Hoang Su Phi is among the most untouched area of Ha Giang Province, offering stunning views of rice terraces. The epic landscape of the rice fields in Hoang Su Phi shows the architecture of the rice fields created by man and nature over thousands of years. Depending on the time of your trip, you can enjoy the splendid spring scenery of terraces brimming with water and reflecting the brilliant blue sky and astonishing landforms around you or the autumn harvest when it looks as if the fields are golden silk scarves fluttering above green mountain slopes.

An optional trekking trip through Hoang Su Phi is a rugged adventure that explores a beautiful part of the region while getting up close to nature and the people. You will be fascinated by the pristine beauty of the wild mountains and the authentic culture of the local ethnic groups such as the Nung, the Flower H'mong, the Tay, and the Ha Nhi People.





Take a mini bus or private car to Ha Giang in the early morning. Discovery huge rock hill plateau Dong Van, Ha Giang. It is a rocky plateau spreading over four districts Quan Ba, Yen Minh, Dong Van and Meo Vac. You will have an unforgettable experience with the bends of the sleeve and stop at Tham Ma gradient, about 30 meters from Yen Minh Town, admire a part of the pass like a soft silk strip, crisscrossing the back of the mountain. Visit Pao's house is located in Lung Cam cultural tourism village; Mansion "Cat's King" is located in Sa Phin valley

**Meal provided:** 3reakfast



**Accommodation:** Dong Van Cliffside House-Dong Van (or similar)



The special car crosses the zigzag roads winding along the cliffs, you will watch the majestic beauty of the immense rocky plateau with craggy terraced fields, from the cat's ear rock hole. You will have amazing discovery tour on the very rugged but fantastic roads of Vietnam.

Conquer the first places of ascending heights in the journey: milestone number 0 near Lo River, Quan Ba town. Then visit Pao's house and the culture village of highland ethnic minorities, Meo's King mansion. Residence a night in Quan Ba town or Dong Van ancient town.

#### Day 16 - Ha Giang. Dong Van and Meo Vac town. Conquer Ma Pi Leng Pass, Tu San canyon



Ma Pi Leng means "bridge of horse nose" in the H'Mong language, referring to the steep and dangerous slopes of the mountains, and the road is as steep as the bridge of a horse's nose. The unique pass is like a "King of the passes in Vietnam country".

Nho Que River is rushing and strong, but some river sections are gentle, especially the river flowing through Tu San canyon and Ma Pi Leng pass.



#### **Included Experiences**

- Explore the majestic high mountain passes
- Conquer a strangely beautiful of Tu San canyon while rowing into Nho Que river

Tu San canyon with Nho Que river and Ma Pi Leng pass is a combination complex of three especially impressive scenes in Meo Vac, Ha Giang.



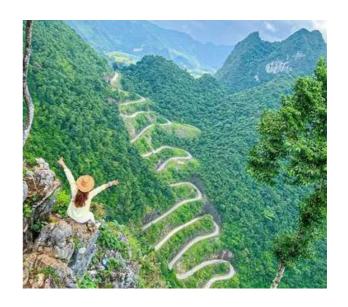
After having local-style breakfast meal (Pho gac bep), you will go to Lung Cu, Dong Van. You conquer Ma Pi Leng Pass (check in point) with steep slopes and bends, one of Vietnam's four most famous great peaks with an altitude of 2,000 meters above sea level. Get off the ferry pier, your boat will go down on Nho Que river running along the mountainside. Visit mystic Tu San canyon. Overnight in Meo Vac town.

# Day 17 – Ha Giang to Hanoi. Zigzag road trip with bends of the sleeve

Meal provided: Breakfast

Accommodation: Lacasa Hotel Hanoi 4\*

After breakfast, you continue to go to Bao Lam bridge, Khau Coc Cha viewpoint. Then back to Hanoi.



Day 18 - Cat Ba island. Wonderful island on Lan Ha Bay, a part of Halong Bay



Cat Ba Island is the largest of the 367 islands spanning 260 square kilometers, which makes up the southeastern edge of Lan Ha Bay in Northern Vietnam and maintains the dramatic and rugged features of Ha Long Bay. Cat Ba Island has become the adventure-tourism point of Vietnam. Visitors can kayak and take boat cruises through Ha Long Bay and the Cat Ba archipelago, hike through the national park, mountain bike around the island, spend time hiking and swimming on Cat Co One, Two, or Three (three wonderful sandy beaches in Cat Ba town) or even go rock climbing and deep water soloing on the limestone

karsts in Lan Ha Bay.

Morning time, from Hanoi to Hai Phong on the highway, you stop at Got ferry and disembark the Cai Vieng ferry to go to Cat Ba town. Check-in hotel and swim, relax

Meal provided: Breakfast

Accommodation: Catba View Hotel 3\*

(or similar)

#### **Included Experiences**

• Swimming, scuba diving

#### Day 19 - Cat Ba island. Trek trip through forests





Meal provided: Breakfast Accommodation: Catba View

Hotel 3\* (or similar)

#### **Included Experiences**

 Trekking through the forest in Cat Ba island

Freely experience exploring Cat Ba Forest, primeval forest on limestone mountains.



Day 20 - Cat Ba island to Hanoi. End tour trip

Meal provided: Breakfast

Get up in the morning to catch the sunrise, have breakfast and then you continue the journey with two options: electric car or bicycle: The cycling distance is about 8 kilometers, crossing winding roads in the mountains, one side is the forest, and the other one is the sea, climbing up and downhill. Crossing the vast fields of green grass, the "underground" tunnel can only see the light when passing halfway through the dark tunnel. Continue trekking through the forest to get inside one of the local villages such as Viet Hai ancient village, a village located deep inside the Cat Ba national forest, so it is extremely peaceful, with only pure nature with countless trees and mossy roofs or charming fishing community villages. Enjoy the sunset's incandescent shimmer over Cat Ba Island and Lan Ha Bay and you must try fresh seafood dishes in a wide range of on-beach restaurants for your last dinner on the island.

You will leave Cat Ba Island after lunch and transfer to Noi Bai Airport for the flight leaving Vietnam.