

# NÓN LÁ

CONICAL HAT

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CLASSIC TOUR  
(10 DAYS - 9 NIGHTS)

# Overview

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The happiest in the travel profession inspires Go and DISCOVERY to everyone. The world is not in someone's photographs. The world out there is still waiting for us to reach.

The country of Vietnam is incredibly long so the distances between Northern, Central, and Southern Vietnam are quite large. Our dear, let's say "Good day and go", wear Vietnamese style conical hat (NÓN LÁ) and travel throughout Vietnam, discover the history of the lands that have gone into legend.

### Inclusive

- Accommodation: 8 hotel nights, 1 sleeper train overnight
- Meals: 9 Breakfast, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner
- Transportation: Public bus # Private car # Boat/Cruise # Domestic Flight
- Single visa into Viet Nam

### Exclusive

- International flight with airport taxes
- 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

## Day 1 - Hanoi arrival. Capital of Vietnam with ancient pagodas, top museums

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.

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.

**Meal provided:** Welcome lunch or dinner

**Accommodation:** Maro Hotel 3\*

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### Included Experiences

- Wander through the bustling and narrow streets of Hanoi's Old quarter



## Day 2 - Hanoi. City tour

A whole-day tour in Hanoi offers a variety collection of enjoyable excursions and trip in and around Hanoi, the charming capital. No matter you are interested in culture, history or hands-on experiences, Hanoi has it all lined up to you with best travel, with professional guides, flexible transportation and time to fit your needs. Experience a wonderfully nostalgic city where traditional ancient temples, nestled within the narrow alleys and the remnants of colonial Indochina blend, the substantial low-built houses and striking buildings in the French colonial time. A city with French provincial town's grace mixed the dynamic face of new Asian pace.

Amongst its more interesting sights are the One-Pillar Pagoda, the Temple of Literature, and the Presidential Palace, Hochiminh museum complex and this austere mausoleum, said to resemble that of Lenin in Moscow, whilst those looking to discover something more of the colonial wars might like to pay a visit to the Museum of Vietnamese Revolution or the Military History Museum.

In the afternoon, you can take the city's French quarter with tree-lined boulevards is a great place to explore by bicycle trip. Its grandiose colonial architecture offering up a rich contrast to the more frenetic pace of the old town.

If you get out of the city to the outskirts area, you will be experienced the many handicraft villages which exists for hundreds of years. With our support, trips are made to ensure you have a great time in the city.

**Meal provided:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Maro Hotel 3\*

### A half day trip in Bat Trang.

You will start the journey to drive straight to the hundreds-year-old traditional handicraft Bat Trang ceramic village. It is a rural countryside village situated on the left bank of Hong River and about 15 km from Hanoi in East (in Gia Lam District, Hanoi), which is the most famous and long-standing pottery village in Vietnam.

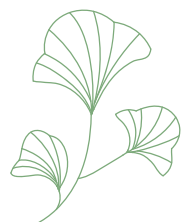


### Included Experiences

- Visit the Temple of Literature, the Presidential Palace, the Museum of Vietnamese Revolution or the Military History Museum

### Free time Add-ons

- Whole day experience in Ninh Binh with Trang An boat trip or Bich Dong Pagoda (bike trip through immense rice fields and Viet agricultural lifestyle villages)
- A half-day experience to the hundreds-year-old traditional handicraft Bat Trang ceramic village





### **One day at Ninh Binh.**

This region is just about 100 kilometer south of Hanoi and it takes around one hour and half by tourist bus, luxury minivan, or private car. With unspoiled nature, charming scenery, Ninh Binh is one of the famous tourism destinations of Northern Vietnam. Come to Ninh Binh, you will have the opportunity to take a cycling trip to the Bich Dong area (hiring a bike) or Trang An boat trip.

You will join a multi-kilometer cycling tour to Bich Dong Pagoda and surrounding area, enjoying the beautiful scenery of limestone mountains, through immense rice fields and small villages with a backdrop of Vietnamese agricultural lifestyle.

In Ninh Binh, you go 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.

## Day 3 - Drive to Halong Bay. Mythical seascapes and breathtaking karsts on traditional boat tour



**Meal provided:** Breakfast, lunch

**Accommodation:** D'lioro Hotel 4\* (or similar)

### Included Experiences

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

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. Later this evening we disembark from our boat and transfer to a local hotel.

### Free time Add-ons

- Paddle over the emerald waters of Halong Bay by kayak

After breakfast, we will go by tourist bus or private car towards the Bay of Tonkin on Vietnam's northeast coast. The 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. Indeed, Halong 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. A UNESCO World Heritage site, Halong Bay presents a quite extraordinary vista of hundreds of limestone islands (over 1600 at last count) that rise from the jade green waters of the bay like the scales of some great submerged dragon.

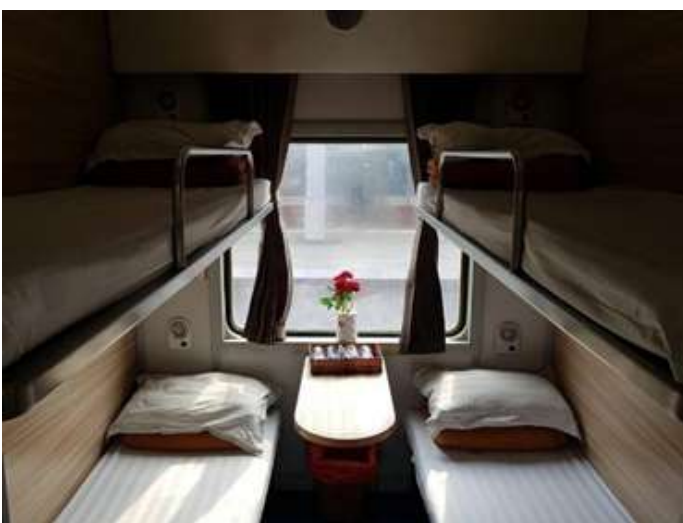
## Day 4 - Return back to Hanoi. Catch to Hue by sleeper night train

**Meal provided:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Overnight in comfortable train

### Included Experiences

- Walking through Old Quarter and around Hoan Kiem Lake



**Meal provided:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** D'lioro Hotel 4\* (or similar)

Return to Hanoi after the breakfast in Ha Long. From the noon to the end of the day, perhaps you can take another walk through the engaging streets of Old quarter try the local foods. Quickly end to dinner, you will then head to the railway station to board the overnight train departing from Hanoi to Hue.

## Day 5 - Hue. Nguyen Dynasty relics. Dong Ba market and local foods

Late in the morning, the train will take you to the old city. Then the rest of the day is free to explore individually. Once the ancient capital of Vietnam with the leisurely and pleasant atmosphere, and an inspiration to poets and artists for centuries, Hue is bisected by the waters of the Perfume River, which separates the city's 19th-century capital from its suburbs radiating from the east coast.

### Included Experiences

- Cross the visually stunning Hai Van Pass by train

### Free time Add-ons

- Discover the hidden charm of Hue on a local cyclo (rickshaw) ride

## Day 6 - Hue. City tour

With the better part of the day to enjoy the city, Hue offers a multitude of options to make the most of your time here. You can visit the iconic Thien Mu Pagoda besides Perfume river, home to the city's oldest monastery, with its 21m-high spire that has become the symbol of Hue. Another option is to spend time exploring the Citadel that sits on the left bank of the Perfumed River. Built by the Nguyen dynasty (the ruling emperors of Vietnam from the early 1800s to 1945), the Imperial Citadel has a formal moat and impressive ramparts built to be a replica of the Forbidden City in Beijing. Further afield amid the forested landscape of Hue city, you can find the Royal Tomb of the Nguyen Kings, the unique mausoleum of the emperors, providing an ideal destination to explore by bicycle.

### Included Experiences

- Visit the Thien Mu Pagoda and the Imperial Citadel

**Meal provided:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Villa Hue Hotel or Alba Spa Hotel 4\*



### Free time Add-ons

- Bike cycling to explore the Old Citadel of Hue city





## Day 7 - Drive to Danang, Hoi An then. Fascinating ancient town

After breakfast, we will travel by chartered bus from Hue to Da Nang in Central Vietnam. On the way, we crossed a part of Truong Son and passed through Hai Van Pass (Bien Cloud). This scenic land once marked the boundary between Vietnam and the Champa Kingdom to the south. Arriving in 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.

Since we may not be able to check-in before the time of arrival at the hotel, we plan to have lunch (not included) then 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.



**Meal provided:** Breakfast

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

### Free time Add-ons

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

## Day 8 - Hoi An. Riverside life, green rice paddles and breezy beaches

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.



**Meal provided:** Breakfast

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

### 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



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.

### Included Experiences

- Deeply explore the Hoi An old quarter
- Spend leisure time on the An Bang or Cua Dai beach town

## Day 9 - Fly to Hochiminh city (Saigon). Bustling city in Vietnam



After breakfast, this morning you transfer to Da Nang airport for a short flight to Ho Chi Minh City.

Still commonly referred to as 'Saigon' by locals, Ho Chi Minh City is the largest commercial center in Vietnam and the country. You'll find an eclectic mix of the traditional and the new, where temples and markets compete alongside the pitfalls of Vietnam's newly discovered entrepreneurship.

Your tour will visit some of the city's central attractions, including the Reunification Palace, the Opera House (formerly the National Assembly of South Vietnam), Hotel de Ville, the Cathedral Notre Dame, and that impressive French-style mansion is the GPO building, Saigon Post Office.

### Included Experiences

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

### Free time Add-ons

- The Saigon after-dark exploration tour by motorbike

**Meal provided:** Breakfast

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

## Day 10 - Saigon. City tour or optional tours

Enjoy your last breakfast with the squad before the trip wraps up. You are free for shopping or deeply exploration of Saigon's busy streets or spa relax. You may wish to take an optional half day visit trip to the Cu Chi Tunnels or an optional whole day boat trip to Mekong Delta. However, you'll need to leave from the hotel to Tan Son Nhat International Airport (HCMC), approximately two or three hours before departure time to avoid heavy traffic jam in the city.

### **You can choose to experience a full-day excursion to the colorful Mekong Delta,**

to witness locals exchanging fresh produce at the floating market and taking a sampan boat ride through the waterways. the narrowness of the Plain. Walk along palm-lined canals and exchange for exotic fruit.

As the 12th longest river in the world and the 7th longest in Asia, the Mekong River is the lifeblood of Southeast Asia and offers a glimpse into the region's long history and diverse cultures. A Mekong River Cruise will take you through Vietnam's fertile Mekong Delta while allowing you to see some of the most breathtaking scenery imaginable. You can participate in activities on board or explore riverside villages, floating markets, and handicrafts and develop an understanding of life on the river. Or simply relax on the deck, breathe in the fresh air, take in the beautiful scenery and take pictures.

### **Free time Add-ons**

- A half day visit to Cu Chi tunnels
- A full day visit to Mekong Delta area

**Meal provided:** breakfast



No visit to Saigon would be complete without discovering a little of its recent tragic history and poignant reminders of what the Vietnamese call the American War that can still be seen. found in the buildings and artifacts of the former U.S. Embassy, as well as the remarkable Reunification Palace and the emotional War Crimes Museum, which contains a fascinating and sometimes chilling reminder of the cost of the Vietnam War for the Vietnamese people. **A half-day option is to take an excursion to the infamous Cu Chi Tunnels,** Viet Cong amazing underground bunkers in the American war. Be warned, the tunnels are low and narrow and can be stuffy



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.

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