

## Highlights of Vietnam

9 Days / 8 Nights

Uncover Vietnam's rich history, culture, and landscapes on this 9-day journey. Begin in Hanoi, exploring Hoan Kiem Lake, the Old Quarter, and the Temple of Literature before cruising through the limestone karsts of Ha Long Bay. Fly to Hue to see the Citadel, Thien Mu Pagoda, and Tu Duc's tomb, then cross the scenic Hai Van Pass to charming Hoi An with its ancient houses, temples, and the Japanese Covered Bridge. In Saigon, venture into the Cu Chi Tunnels, wander vibrant streets, and cruise the Mekong Delta to discover coconut factories, riverside villages, and local delicacies. A perfect blend of iconic sights and authentic encounters.



### Insider Experiences

- Rise early in Hanoi to join locals practicing Tai Chi beside Hoan Kiem Lake before savoring a cup of egg coffee.
- Cruise Ha Long Bay's limestone karsts and kayak into hidden lagoons rarely seen by larger boats.
- Walk Hoi An's lantern-lit streets at dusk, stopping for a fitting at a family-run tailor shop.
- Visit a coconut workshop in Ben Tre, learning how locals craft everything from candy to household goods.
- Explore Saigon's Ba Chieu wholesale market, where few tourists venture, and sample fresh tropical fruits.

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## Itinerary Details

### **Day 1: Hanoi Arrival**

Upon arrival in Hanoi, you will be warmly welcomed by your guide and transferred to your hotel. Take time to settle in and begin soaking up the atmosphere of Vietnam's lively capital. With its tree-lined boulevards, vibrant street life, and rich history, Hanoi is the perfect starting point for your journey through the country. The remainder of the day is yours to relax or begin exploring at your own pace.

Overnight in Flower Garden Hotel (or similar)

### **Day 2: Hanoi (B)**

This morning, meet your guide at your hotel and depart on your tour after breakfast. Your first stop will be the popular Hoan Kiem Lake, situated in the heart of Hanoi city and Dong Xuan market. Next stop will be Ho Chi Minh complex comprising Ba Dinh Square, Presidential Palace (for outside photo taken), as well as his private residence from 1954 until 1969. The wooden ethnic minority style house, which was built on stilts, is surrounded by lovely peaceful gardens. In the same complex you will see the One Pillar Pagoda, founded by King Ly Thai To in 1049. This structure has become an important symbol for the people of Hanoi.

After your own lunch, continue to the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university. Constructed in 1070, the gardens and well-preserved architecture offers a glimpse into Vietnam's past. Next, visit Hoa Lo Prison (formerly known as the "Hanoi Hilton" during the American war). Your tour will also include the historical St Joseph's Cathedral. The last stop of the day before returning to your hotel is the Opera House followed by a stroll around the bustling Old Quarter, find a street side café and sip a cup of traditional Vietnamese coffee especially egg coffee while watching people passing by.

Overnight in Flower Garden Hotel (or similar)

### **Day 3: Hanoi to Ha Long Bay (B/ L/ D)**

After breakfast, you will be met at your hotel at 7:30 AM and transfer by shuttle bus from Hanoi to Halong City, the gateway to Halong Bay. On arrival, board a well-appointed junk boat, enjoy a delicious lunch and begin cruising among some of the 3,000 islands which rise from the sea. In the evening, retreat to your private cabin, or relax on the main deck or at the bar.

Overnight in Victory Star Cruise (or similar)

### **Day 4: Ha Long Bay to Hue (B)**

Take part in a sunrise Tai Chi lesson on the sundeck before enjoying brunch on board. Cruise back to port to disembark. Drive back to Hanoi by shuttle bus and drop off at a point where you will meet the driver and move to the airport. Fly to the former imperial capital of Hue. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel for check in and an afternoon at leisure.

Overnight in Alba Spa Hotel (or similar)

### **Day 5: Hue to Hoi An (B)**

This morning you will be met at your hotel at 8:00 am by your guide for a half day city tour of Hue. We start by viewing the tomb of the fourth emperor of the Nguyen Dynasty Tu Duc which is set beautifully amongst lakes & frangipani trees. Next, explore the impressive home of the Nguyen Dynasty emperors - the Citadel. Graded as a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1993, much of the Citadel was destroyed during the Tet Offensive in 1968 but is gradually being restored. We finish with a short drive to the much-revered Thien Mu Pagoda, Hue's oldest and most beautiful. After that, you will leave Hue

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for Hoi An. The guide and driver will take you over the beautiful Hai Van Pass - Vietnam's geographical and psychological boundary between north and south. The peak of the pass lies perpetually shrouded in clouds. Upon arrival, transfer to hotel for check-in. This evening is free for you to explore Hoi An at leisure.

Overnight in Hoi An Central Boutique Hotel (or similar)

### **Day 6: Hoi An (B)**

In the morning, you will begin your walking tour of this UNESCO world heritage site. Hoi An was once Vietnam's most active trading centre and over many centuries the Old Town has been largely preserved. The architecture of the city reflects the influence of Chinese, Japanese, Portuguese, French and British traders. Hoi An is also the town where French Missionary Alexandre De Rhodes introduced Catholicism to Vietnam as well as the Romanised script that has become the standard Vietnamese script. Today you will be guided on a walking tour through the streets of enchanting Hoi An. You will visit a traditional ancient house, the Hoi An Museum, a Chinese Assembly Hall, Chau Ong pagoda and the Japanese Covered Bridge. The tour will end in Hoi An Ancient Town where you can enjoy more time at your leisure.

Overnight in Hoi An Central Boutique Hotel (or similar)

### **Day 7: Hoi An to Saigon (B)**

After breakfast, take a short drive to Danang for your flight to Saigon. Upon arrival at Saigon airport, your guide and private car will pick up and begin your journey out to Cu Chi Tunnels. On arrival you will watch a short DVD explaining the history of the tunnel network. Following this you will be guided through the famous tunnels as used by the communist guerrillas during the Vietnam War. The tunnel network stretches over 250km and extends to three levels underground providing you with a remarkable insight into the hardships, courage, determination and terror of a guerrilla war. The tunnels were used by Viet Cong soldiers as hiding spots during combat, as well as serving as communication and supply routes, hospitals, food and weapon caches and living quarters for numerous North Vietnamese fighters. The tunnel systems were of great importance to the Viet Cong in their resistance to American forces, and helped to counter the growing American military effort. The vast majority of the network has been recreated above ground however you will have the option to head underground & experience what life was like below the surface. Return to Saigon and check-in at hotel. On returning to Saigon, spend the remainder of day enjoying the various sights and sounds of the boisterous city.

Overnight in Paragon Hotel (or similar)

### **Day 8: Saigon (B/ L/ D)**

This morning you will be met at your hotel at 8:00 am by your guide for a full day tour traveling south from Ho Chi Minh City, to the small town of Ben Tre in the Mekong Delta. Known as the "rice bowl" of Vietnam, the Delta is the most fertile region in the country and the main producer of rice and tropical fruits. Board your boat to begin your exploration of the mighty Mekong River as well as its narrow canals, gaining a real insight into the lives of the local people. Visit a local factory to see bricks being hand-made the old-fashioned way using traditional kiln technique. Stop at a riverside coconut processing factory and in the home of a local family who weave mats using local materials. Take a Pedicab & head for a delicious lunch featuring local specialties including Elephant Ear Fish. On your return from the Delta, make a brief stop at a Cao Dai pagoda, a uniquely Vietnamese sect that is a dizzying combination all the world's great religion's including Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Hinduism, Christianity and Islam. Return to your hotel late afternoon where your tour ends. Arrive back to Saigon to join your group for a farewell dinner at an authentic Vietnamese restaurant: HOME Vietnamese Sai Gon.

Overnight in Paragon Hotel (or similar)

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## Day 9: Saigon Departure (B)

Today you will be met at your hotel by your guide at 8:00 am for a morning walking tour through the heart of Saigon's famous and historic city landmarks including Dong Khoi Street, the Rex Hotel, Municipal Theatre, Hotel de Ville, Nguyen Hue Boulevard, Post Office & Notre Dame Cathedral and Reunification Palace (outside only). You will then join your vehicle and drive to the site of the former US Embassy (now the US consulate) before visiting War Remnants Museum. Later travel to Binh Thanh district and visit Ba Chieu local wholesale market in the East of Saigon, before visiting the Ngoc Hoang (Jade Emperor) Pagoda. This popular 124-year-old pagoda, houses a number of intricate sculptures and woodcarvings. Return to your hotel where your tour ends. Enjoy these last moments in Saigon before our guide and driver transfer you to the airport for your onward journey.

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### Inclusions

- Arrival and Departure Transfers
- English-speaking Tour Guide
- Entrance fees for locations specified
- Internal Flights as specified in itinerary
- Meals as stated (B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D = Dinner)
- Overnight on Cruise as stated
- Tipping for Guide and Driver
- Transport in Air-conditioned Vehicles
- Accommodation in Stated Hotels or similar

### Exclusions

- Early Check-in and Late Check-out
- International Flights
- Meals not stated in itinerary
- Porters
- Travel Insurance
- Visa Fees
- Personal Expenses (Laundry, Mini-bar, Phones, Drinks, etc.)
- Compulsory Meals on 24 December 2026 and 31 December 2026

### Departures

Rates are NET per person in USD on a sharing Twin or Double Room basis.

Date	Start Date	End Date	TWN/DBL Share	SGL Room
01/04/2026	Wed, 01 Apr 26	Thu, 09 Apr 26	1280	1659
15/04/2026	Wed, 15 Apr 26	Thu, 23 Apr 26	1280	1659
29/04/2026	Wed, 29 Apr 26	Thu, 07 May 26	1280	1659
13/05/2026	Wed, 13 May 26	Thu, 21 May 26	1252	1608

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Date	Start Date	End Date	TWN/DBL Share	SGL Room
27/05/2026	Wed, 27 May 26	Thu, 04 Jun 26	1252	1608
10/06/2026	Wed, 10 Jun 26	Thu, 18 Jun 26	1252	1608
24/06/2026	Wed, 24 Jun 26	Thu, 02 Jul 26	1252	1608
08/07/2026	Wed, 08 Jul 26	Thu, 16 Jul 26	1252	1608
22/07/2026	Wed, 22 Jul 26	Thu, 30 Jul 26	1252	1608
05/08/2026	Wed, 05 Aug 26	Thu, 13 Aug 26	1252	1608
19/08/2026	Wed, 19 Aug 26	Thu, 27 Aug 26	1252	1608
02/09/2026	Wed, 02 Sep 26	Thu, 10 Sep 26	1252	1608
16/09/2026	Wed, 16 Sep 26	Thu, 24 Sep 26	1252	1608
30/09/2026	Wed, 30 Sep 26	Thu, 08 Oct 26	1252	1608
14/10/2026	Wed, 14 Oct 26	Thu, 22 Oct 26	1280	1659
28/10/2026	Wed, 28 Oct 26	Thu, 05 Nov 26	1280	1659
11/11/2026	Wed, 11 Nov 26	Thu, 19 Nov 26	1280	1659
25/11/2026	Wed, 25 Nov 26	Thu, 03 Dec 26	1280	1659
09/12/2026	Wed, 09 Dec 26	Thu, 17 Dec 26	1280	1659
23/12/2026	Wed, 23 Dec 26	Thu, 31 Dec 26	1280	1659
06/01/2027	Wed, 06 Jan 27	Thu, 14 Jan 27	1280	1659
20/01/2027	Wed, 20 Jan 27	Thu, 28 Jan 27	1280	1659
03/02/2027	Wed, 03 Feb 27	Thu, 11 Feb 27	1280	1659
17/02/2027	Wed, 17 Feb 27	Thu, 25 Feb 27	1280	1659
03/03/2027	Wed, 03 Mar 27	Thu, 11 Mar 27	1280	1659
17/03/2027	Wed, 17 Mar 27	Thu, 25 Mar 27	1280	1659
31/03/2027	Wed, 31 Mar 27	Thu, 08 Apr 27	1280	1659

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## **KAVAYA TRAVEL GROUP – SHORT TERMS & CONDITIONS**

*Applicable for all bookings with Kavaya Travel Group and its affiliated brands. For complete and legally binding details, please download the full version at: [www.agent.kavaya.travel](http://www.agent.kavaya.travel)*

### **1. Booking & Confirmation**

All services are subject to availability and confirmed in writing. Proposals are valid at the time of issue and will only be guaranteed once accepted within a reasonable period. Rates may change if acceptance is delayed.

### **2. Payment Conditions**

Full payment is required before guest arrival:

- Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, Indonesia: **30 days prior**
- Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines: **35 days prior**

Payments must be made to the bank account stated on the invoice. All bank charges are borne by the payer. Late payments may result in price increases or cancellation of services. Overdue balances of more than 30 days are subject to 4% annual interest.

### **3. Deposits & Tickets**

Most FIT bookings do not require deposits unless specific suppliers (e.g., cruises, trains, hotels) request it.

**Group bookings for Japan & South Korea:** 15% refundable deposit.

Airlines may impose immediate issuance and non-refundable conditions; once tickets are issued, airline cancellation rules prevail.

### **4. Cancellation Policy**

Cancellations must be submitted in writing.

**Standard Policy (all countries except where noted):**

- 31+ days: **No charge**
- 15–30 days: **10%**
- 7–14 days: **20%**
- 1–6 days: **50%**
- No Show: **100%**

**Myanmar / Japan / South Korea:**

- 46+ days: **No charge**
- 45–30 days: **20%**
- 29–14 days: **40%**
- 13–1 days: **75%**
- No Show: **100%**

*Supplier-specific cancellation rules override the above when stricter.*

### **5. Liability & Force Majeure**

Kavaya acts as an intermediary between hotels, airlines, transport providers and local suppliers. We are not liable for loss, injury, delays, natural events, political incidents, or other force majeure events beyond our control. Any additional expenses caused by such events are borne by the traveler.

### **6. Complaints**

All complaints must be submitted in writing within 4 weeks after the client's return.

### **7. Jurisdiction**

Any legal claim against Kavaya Travel Group shall be handled under the jurisdiction of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.