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- Start Location
-  Plane
-  Cruise
- 1** Over night

- Visited Location
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Day 1 | Welcome to Hanoi



On arrival, we have airport transfers arranged for you. Relish the warm embrace of Vietnam and her welcoming people, who will touch you with their humility and entrepreneurial spirit throughout your journey across this intoxicating land. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals: Dinner

Hotel: Silk Path Hotel

Day 2 | A Day to Discover Hanoi



Ready to step into Vietnam's past? You'll visit the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first national university from the 11th century. It's a beautiful example of traditional Vietnamese architecture—and if you've got a 100,000 dong note, you'll spot it right there. Next, hop on a cyclo, a three-wheeled bicycle taxi, and cruise through Hanoi's Old Quarter, known for its 36 streets once home to artisan guilds. You'll also view the striking Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and then go inside the One Pillar Pagoda and Ho Chi Minh's peaceful wooden house. Then, meet Mr. Liem Phan, a skilled artisan who brings the ancient art of water puppetry to life. Hear the story behind this unique tradition, enjoy a show, and even try your hand at puppet-making. End the day at your leisure, soaking in Hanoi's charm and culture.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Silk Path Hotel

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Hanoi Street Eats after Dark - Start your Hanoi culinary adventure with a leisurely evening walk through the bustling Old Quarter. Guided by a Local Specialist, you'll discover the best of Hanoi's street food culture. Try tasty dishes like Pho Ga, the nation's beloved chicken noodle soup, and Banh Mi, Vietnam's famous sandwich. Stroll through the lively Dong Xuan Night Market and test your bargaining skills before ending the evening like a local—with a refreshing glass of Bia Hoi at Beer Corner.

Adult: 37.00 USD

Day 3 | Discover Halong Bay and Viet Hai Village



Settle in aboard your Halong Bay boat before meeting your Cruise Manager and crew. As you cruise southeast, take in the limestone karsts of Trong Mai, Ngon Tay and Con Coc Islets over a relaxing lunch. Step ashore in a coastal village where you'll travel by bike or electric cart, meeting locals who'll introduce you to northern Vietnamese life. Pause at a local cafe to shake up a refreshing glass of mojitea or roll delicate bánh cuốn alongside your host. Returning to the boat, you'll moor for the night and sit down to a Vietnamese dinner with your fellow travellers. A rice wine tasting rounds out the evening with a taste of local tradition.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: Au Co Cruise

Day 4 | Sunrise at Halong Bay and Trinh Nu Adventures



Join a Tai Chi session as the sun rises over Halong Bay, a UNESCO-listed landscape. After breakfast, you'll explore Cua Van Floating Village, either by kayak or traditional rowing boat. This quiet water community is home to generations of fishermen, and your visit offers a closer look at how life continues to flow on the bay. Enjoy the final views of the bay as you cruise back to the Wharf, then head to Hanoi Airport for your flight to Danang. Transfer to Hoi An, where your evening is free—an ideal time to explore the tailoring capital of the world and its old town.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Allegro Hoi An

Day 5 | Uncover Historic Hoi An



Step into Hoi An, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with roots as a 15th-century trading port. Once a bustling hub for merchants from China, Japan, and Europe, this town now welcomes you to explore its rich history and blend of cultures. Stroll through narrow lanes lined with ancient merchant houses, cross the iconic 400-year-old Japanese Covered Bridge, and admire the intricate carvings of the Chaozhou Assembly Hall. Afterward, visit the market, where you'll be greeted by the enticing aroma of fresh spices and the shimmer of colourful silk. Browse the market stalls and you'll certainly find a Hoi An treasure to bring home. Your afternoon is free but why not try one of our Optional Experiences.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Allegro Hoi An

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Discover Thanh Dong Organic Farming - a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience - Visit Thanh Dong Village, home to Hoi An's first organic farm. Don a traditional ba ba uniform and join local farmers to experience daily activities like harvesting fresh vegetables. Learn about chemical-free farming and the environmental benefits while immersing yourself in the serene countryside. After your experience, enjoy cassava and green tea, followed by a soothing traditional foot massage.

Adult: 52.00 USD

Magical Evening in Hoi An - Begin your evening at the 400-year-old Japanese Covered Bridge. Stroll through Hoi An's ancient streets, alive with colourful lights, bustling markets, and unique art galleries. As the sun sets, take a peaceful boat ride along the Thu Bồn River and enjoy local delicacies at a riverside restaurant with views of the lantern-lit town. End your magical evening with a leisurely riverfront walk, taking in the vibrant lights, street vendors, and the tranquil beauty of Hoi An by night.

Adult: 42.00 USD

Day 6 | Local Life in Hoi An



Spend the morning at leisure—explore Hoi An at your own pace or relax at your hotel. Alternatively, join one of our Optional Experiences: visit the ancient My Son Sanctuary or uncover history at the Ky Anh tunnels in Tam Thanh village. In the afternoon, Dive into Culture at the Red Bridge Cooking School. Start with a welcome drink at Hai Cafe, shop for fresh ingredients at the market, then take a boat to your private cooking class, enjoying your creations with a river view.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Allegro Hoi An

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

My Son Temple - One of Southeast Asia's premier Hindu temple complexes. Once a key religious site for the Cham civilisation, it now features 20 stunning monuments. Encircled by hills and watched over by Cat Tooth Mountain, this UNESCO-listed site offers a captivating journey into Cham culture and history, find out why this site was such an important place of worship.

Adult: 36.00 USD

Biking Through Tra Nhieu Village - Begin your day with a scenic bike ride from your Hoi An hotel to the pier. Cruise to Cam Kim Island, where you'll cycle along peaceful village roads and lush countryside on a 10 km (6 mi) route. You'll discover Tra Nhieu Village, with its traditional livelihoods like farming, fishing and mat weaving and visit local homes to learn the craft of making rice wine, noodles and rice paper.

Adult: 85.00 USD

Tam Thanh Vibrant Art & History - Explore Tam Thanh Village, a fishing spot turned open-air gallery with over 100 houses decorated with vibrant murals showing local life and culture. Next, visit the Ky Anh Tunnels, a historic underground network beneath Thach Tan Village, where you'll gain a deeper understanding of Vietnam's wartime resilience. Finish at the Heroic Mother Thu statue, a striking 18.6-metre-tall tribute to Nguyen Thi Thu, a mother who lost 12 children and grandchildren in wars against Vietnam, honouring her sacrifice and enduring spirit.

Adult: 48.00 USD

Day 7 | Head to Hue via Red Beach



Hoi An's waterways, a lifeline for villagers and a window into its past. Visit a fishing village to learn the art of casting Vietnamese fishing nets and try paddling traditional round basket boats through coconut-palm groves. Hear stories of the area's wartime history as you cruise back with a refreshing drink in hand. This afternoon, cross the spectacular Hai Van Pass, famed for its breathtaking views, and stop at Red Beach, where American marines first landed in Danang. Wrap up the day in Hue, Vietnam's imperial capital, for an overnight stay steeped in history.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: White Lotus Hue

Day 8 | See the Sights of Hue



You'll navigate the busy streets of Hue on the back of a cyclo en route to the UNESCO-listed Imperial Citadel, once home to Nguyen emperors. From here, you'll drive to Thien Mu Pagoda, Hue's best-preserved religious monument. Boarding a local dragon boat next, cruise along the Perfume River to the house of the former Princess Ngoc Son, the daughter of Emperor Dong Khanh. Although the house is no longer owned by royalty, you will meet the current Phan family for a Be My Guest lunch to gain a glimpse of their life in this historic house. The afternoon is yours to enjoy at leisure or consider joining one of our Optional Experiences.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Hotel: White Lotus Hue

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Enamel Art Tour - Enamel (phap lam) plays a huge part in Vietnamese history, particularly in Hue where enamelware was used for imperial structures and royal families during the Nguyen Dynasty. The art form, taking the name Hue phap lam showcased local artisan inventiveness, the independent spirit of the Vietnamese culture, economy and politics. After becoming lost in existence after nearly 200 years, Hue people are starting to relive this traditional fine art. Meet with the artisan Mr. Triet Do, a famous expert at Enamel Hue and learn about his endeavour to restore this way of art by combining industries of many sectors of handicrafts. Take the opportunity to see the complete process of making a stunning Phap Lam product, manually create your own or pick up one as a decorative souvenir gift.
Adult: 51.00 USD

Lavin Home Crafts - a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience - Discover the inspiring work of a local non-governmental organisation in Hue, dedicated to supporting and empowering the vibrant deaf community through training, employment, and opportunities to connect. Enjoy a hands-on experience at Lavin House Craft, where talented artisans teach you the traditional art of paper flower making. Here, you'll see how expression goes beyond words. As your day unfolds, you'll gain a deep appreciation for the resilience and creativity of this remarkable community.

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Adult: 23.00 USD

Day 9 | Journey to Ho Chi Minh City



A short flight this morning brings you to the bustling heart of Ho Chi Minh City. Get ready to uncover its sights on a walking tour along vibrant Dong Khoi Street. Marvel at the Opera House and the former Hotel de Ville, then stroll up to the majestic Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office, crafted by none other than Gustave Eiffel. Take a poignant journey through the War Remnants Museum, offering a glimpse into the war through the eyes of locals, before walking through Ben Thanh market, a treasure trove of history and culture.

Later, your Stays with Stories experience at Grand Hotel Saigon is a French colonial gem right in the city's historic heart. End the day with dinner at KOTO restaurant, where your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience supports life-changing opportunities for disadvantaged youth.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Grand Saigon

Day 10 | Meander Along the Mekong Delta



The mighty Mekong beckons today, as you take a day trip to Cai Be town, in the heart of the Mekong Delta. You'll transfer to a charming traditional boat where you will cruise and explore the bustling riverbanks. Visit a beautifully preserved ancient house dating back to the 19th century, passed down through many generations of the family. Enjoy a leisurely sampan ride through the narrow canals, stopping for a home-hosted lunch of delicious Mekong Delta specialities, before returning to Ho Chi Minh City for an evening at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Hotel: Grand Saigon

Day 11 | Visit the Cu Chi Tunnels



Uncover Vietnam's fascinating past with a visit to the Cu Chi Tunnels, an intricate underground network used by the Viet Cong. A veteran shares how these tunnels served as homes, hospitals and hideouts. You'll return to Ho Chi Minh City by private speedboat, with free time to unwind. Later, you'll step into history at the former home of US Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, followed by dinner to end the day.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Grand Saigon

Day 12 | Continue to Cambodia



Transfer to the airport for the short international flight to Siem Reap in Cambodia. On arrival you'll meet your local Cambodian Travel Director, the rest of the day is at leisure. Later, enjoy the best of Cambodian cuisine and be entertained by a traditional Apsara dance performance.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Tara Angkor

Day 13 | Amazing Angkor Wat



Today, walk through a pyramid-shaped gateway into an ancient world. Serene stone faces watch as you cross the causeway suspended over a moat into the spiritual heart of the ancient lost city of Angkor. Be amazed by the sheer size, you'll be memorised by the intricate carvings and murals of celestial nymphs and mythical serpents along the abandoned hallways of Angkor Wat.

Your next stop is the terracotta-hued walls of Banteay Srei Temple – the “Citadel of Women” dedicated to the Hindu God Shiva. You will have time to admire the 10th-century carvings of women, said to have been too delicate to have been carved by a man, hence the name. Finishing with a visit to Krabei Riel local village you will have a chance to walk and talk with the villagers who are always keen to share their smiles with you. Learn some of their traditional skills such as palm leaf weaving, your time will be spent truly engaging in a real-life Cambodian Village MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Tara Angkor

Day 14 | Temples of Angkor



Start at Angkor Thom, exploring the Terrace of Elephants, the Royal Enclosure, and Bayon Temple's smiling faces of Buddha. Next, wander Ta Prohm, its mossy ruins you may recognise from the film 'Tomb Raider'. Under the canopy, you'll discover towers, courtyards and stone carvings hidden among the foliage. Visit Artisans d'Angkor this afternoon, supporting Khmer craftsmanship in silk making and wood carving. You'll join a private blessing at Wat Damnak where a sacred thread is tied around your wrist as protection from evil spirits. End your day with an Optional Experience to join a sunset boat cruise on Tonlé Sap Lake.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Tara Angkor

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Sunset Boat Cruise - Depart from your hotel and transfer to Chong Kneas, a trading port of agricultural products on the edge of Tonle Sap Lake. Board a traditional and comfortable wooden boat, and embark on a relaxing and insightful sunset cruise on the lake. A selection of soft drinks and beer is served while you observe the local lifestyle of the people living on the lake in their floating and stilted homes. Towards the end of the day, the activity on the lake picks up as people return from their fish farms to present and sell their catch at the local market. Continue to the open waters and take in the sunset before returning to the port for a transfer back to Siem Reap town. Note: This trip will not operate during periods of low water which normally occur from April to September. Adult: 86.00 USD

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Lunch at SPOONS - A visit to SPOONS Cafe and Restaurant offers you the chance to take part in the life-changing opportunities the organisation provides to students through its training programmes, while experiencing the best of what Siem Reap has to offer. Sustainability is at the heart of everything they do—their mission, food, construction, and design. Your experience supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities. Adult: 33.00 USD

Day 15 | Depart Siem Reap



As your journey through Vietnam comes to an end, a shuttle service to the airport has been arranged to ensure a smooth departure for your onward flight.

Meals: Breakfast

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