



Earthbound Expeditions

Classic Vietnam Tour

14 days, from US\$0 per person

Duration

14 days

Group size

15 People

Country

Vietnam

Vietnam, formally the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, is the easternmost country on the Indochina Peninsula in Southeast Asia.

Day by day

Day 1

HO CHI MINH CITY

• Arrive at Tan Son Nhat International Airport. • Received and assisted. • Transfer to check in to a hotel (early check-in is subject to hotel's availability). • Leisure day. • Enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. • Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

Altitude: 20 m On foot: None, arrival day Night: Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City Meals: Dinner

Day 2

HO CHI MINH CITY

• Depart to visit the Reunification Palace. • Continue to the War Remains Museum, where you can learn a lot about the Vietnam War. • Lunch served with Vietnamese delicacies. AFTERNOON • Visit Jade Emperor Temple. • Visit Ben Thanh market. • Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

Altitude: 20 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 3

HO CHI MINH CITY – MEKONG DELTA – HO CHI MINH CITY

• Depart to Ho Chi Minh City. • Drive through the Mekong Delta. • My Tho – take a boat to the island with orchard gardens. • Take a horse-drawn cart to Quoi Son to visit a bee farm and enjoy tea and candies. • Float on a sampan through the narrow, tree-lined canals of the Mekong Delta. • Continue by boat to a family-run enterprise making coconut candy. LUNCH • Return by boat to My Tho and visit Vinh Trang pagoda, if time permits. • Return to Ho Chi Minh City by late afternoon. • Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

Altitude: 20 m On foot: Easy walking, 1–2 hrs Night: Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 4

HO CHI MINH CITY – CU CHI, TAY NINH – HO CHI MINH CITY – DANANG – HOI AN

• MORNING EXCURSION – to the Cao Dai Temple in Tay Ninh. • Visit to the Cu Chi Tunnels. • Drive back to Ho Chi Minh City, late in the afternoon. • Transfer to the airport to board a flight to Danang. • Road drive to Hoi An. • Overnight in Hoi An.

Altitude: 5 m On foot: Easy walking, 1–2 hrs Night: Hotel, Hoi An Meals: Breakfast

Day 5

HOI AN

• Visit the Chinese Assembly Halls, the family old houses, Japanese Bridge and Hoi An Market. AFTERNOON • Take a boat and visit the handicraft villages, specializing in ceramics and boat-building yards. • Relax at Cua Dai Beach for the day. • Overnight in Hoi An.

Altitude: 5 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Hoi An Meals: Breakfast

Day 6

HOI AN

• Leisure for shopping or beach break. • Witness the ancient town sparkled by the lantern lights at night. • Overnight in Hoi An.

Altitude: 5 m On foot: Optional 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Hoi An Meals: Breakfast

Day 7

HOI AN – HUE

• Proceed by road from Hoi An to Hue City through emerald-green paddy fields. • Stop en route to take photos at the summit of Hai Van Pass and Lang Co Beach. • Drive to visit Hue Citadel including the Imperial City and Forbidden City with a complex of palaces, ornate halls, libraries, residences and colleges. Overnight in Hue City.

Altitude: 10 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Hue Meals: Breakfast

Day 8

HUE

• Morning boat cruise on the romantic Perfume River for a visit to Thien Mu Pagoda. • Continue the boat trip to visit Minh Mang Tomb. • Drive to visit Tu Duc Tomb, Khai Dinh Tomb and Hue Kite Club to learn the techniques involved in making a kite.

Altitude: 10 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Hue Meals: Breakfast

Day 9

HUE – HANOI

• Transfer to the airport to board a flight to Hanoi. EVENING • Enjoy the water puppet show whose origins date back over a thousand years. • Overnight in Hanoi.

Altitude: 20 m On foot: None, flight day Night: Hotel, Hanoi Meals: Breakfast

Day 10

HANOI

• Take a short drive to visit Ho Chi Minh Complex containing the Mausoleum, Ho Chi Minh's former home, One-Pillar Pagoda followed by the Temple of Literature and Hoan Kiem Lake. AFTERNOON • Drive to visit the Ethnology Museum and 1-hour "cyclo" ride around the 36 streets in the old quarter of Hanoi. • Overnight in Hanoi.

Altitude: 20 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Hanoi Meals: Breakfast

Day 11

HANOI – HALONG BAY

• Drive 170kilometers to Vietnam's most spectacular natural wonder, Halong Bay – UNESCO Heritage site. • Board a refurbished wooden sailing junk for a cruise through the limestone cliffs and emerald waters of Halong Bay. • Drop anchor for the night near a remote island. • Overnight on the junk.

Altitude: Sea level On foot: None, 3–4 hr drive Night: Junk boat, Halong Bay Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 12

HALONG BAY – HANOI

• Spend half-day cruising through new waters, stopping to visit colorful grottoes and swim near the deserted beaches. • In the late afternoon, return to Hanoi. • En route – visit Phu Lang or Dong Trieu ceramic village. • Overnight in Hanoi.

Altitude: 20 m On foot: Easy walking, 1–2 hrs Night: Hotel, Hanoi Meals: Breakfast

Day 13

HANOI – HOA LU, TAM COC – HANOI

• Depart for Hoa Lu – the former capital of ancient Vietnam. • Take a sampan ride through the karts landscape to visit Tam Coc Grottos. • Leave the sampans and visit a small temple, built in the 13th century, called Thai Vy. • Lunch is served at Thai Vy Temple. • Next stop is Hoa Lu, which was the capital of the Dinh and Early Le dynasties in Vietnam in the 10th and 11th century. • In the afternoon, drive back to Ha Noi. • Overnight in Ha Noi

Altitude: 20 m On foot: Easy walking, 2–3 hrs Night: Hotel, Hanoi Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 14

HANOI – DEPARTURE

• Leisure. • Transfer to Noi Bai Airport to board the flight back home.

Altitude: 20 m On foot: None, departure day Night: No overnight Meals: Breakfast

What's included

- Accommodation, with breakfast at the hotels mentioned in the hotel list or similar.
- Private transfers as per program.
- Local English-speaking guide.
- Meals as mentioned.
- Boat cruise in Halong Bay. (Sharing Junk)
- Train ticket HANOI – LAO CAI – HA NOI. (in a sleeper cabin shared with other group)
- All boat trips as per program.
- All entrance fees.
- (2) Two mineral water bottles/pax/visiting day

Not included

- All international air tickets and international airport taxes.
- Visa upon arrival to Vietnam. (25\$/pax)
- Domestic air tickets (SAIGON–DANANG & HUE–HANOI) – Economy class.
- Early check-ins and late check-outs at the hotels.
- Meals not mentioned in the program.
- Beverages with meals.
- Tourist insurance.
- Personal expenses and others not mentioned above.
- Optional visits.
- Gala Dinners.
- New Year Eve.
- Lunar New Year Eve.
- Christmas Eve etc.