

Destination: Vietnam

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TOUR DESCRIPTION	DAYS OF OPERATION	DURATION	PRICE
<p>HANOI CITY HIGHLIGHTS TOUR</p> <p>With ochre-coloured colonial buildings, tree-lined boulevards and scenic lakes, Hanoi is full of charm. Start the tour at the historic Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, an imposing monument lavishly built using marble and granite, and where the preserved body of Uncle Ho resides. (Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum is closed every Monday & Friday, all afternoons and from late September until December). Behind the Mausoleum, you can see Ho Chi Minh's House. The simple house where Ho Chi Minh lived and worked is made of wood and enjoyed a tranquil setting, with a view of a lotus pond. Ho Chi Minh's belongings are on display and you can walk up the steps of his house to see his bedroom. A short walk from the mausoleum is the lotus shaped One Pillar Pagoda . resting on a single stone pillar emerging from the water. Wind your way afterwards to the Temple of Literature, the first University for the sons of mandarins, for an overview about Hanoian culture and appreciation for ancient Vietnamese architecture.</p>	Daily	Half Day	USD 34
<p>DA NANG CITY TOUR</p> <p>Start with a visit to the Song Han bridge over the Han river. This unique bridge is well-known because of the unique way of letting ships pass . in the middle of the night, the bridge swings on its axis a full 90 degrees allowing ships to pass on either side. Next, head to Dien Hai Rampart, the historic fortification built by the soldiers of Danang during their fight against the French invaders in 1858. Make a stop at the informative Cham Museum which houses the best collection of Cham ruins in Asia. The artifacts here date from the 2nd to 15th centuries. Finally, head a few miles south to the Marble Mountains . a cluster of 5 marble and limestone mountains which rise dramatically from the flat land along the coast of China Beach. The mountains contain numerous caves and tunnels and it is possible to reach one of the summits. After your summit, end the day with a visit to one of the nearby stone-carving villages.</p>	Daily	Half Day	USD 31
<p>HOI AN SUNSET CRUISE</p> <p>For Hoi An fisherman, sunset is just the start of a long day of fishing ahead. Board a local river boat and set out for a cruise at sunset. Along the way, as the red sun dips into the western sky, watch as the town's fishermen board their boats and head out to the Cua Dai Sea. When you reach a good spot, hop off the boat along the shore and try your hand at casting fishing nets. Also take a few minutes to learn how to paddle the unique Vietnamese round basket boats as you head back to the river boat. On the way back to town, enjoy a cool drink and a snack as you catch the last rays of sun disappearing below the horizon. (This trip is not advised from</p>	Daily	Half Day	USD 68



SAIGON CITY HIGHLIGHTS TOUR	Daily	Full Day	USD 33
<p>Saigon is the country's commercial centre and, with over nine million inhabitants and five million motorbikes, a city that never sleeps. Despite the well-documented hustle and bustle, Saigon retains its connections with the past. A walking tour to admire Saigon's historic landmarks is a must. Transfer to Dong Khoi street or Rue Catinat as it was known in the time of the French occupation, to discover some of the beautiful French colonial buildings built in the late 19th and early 20th century. Appreciate the splendidly restored exteriors of the Opera House and the former Hotel de Ville which are still two of the finest buildings in Saigon. Wander up to the Notre Dame Cathedral, a red brick edifice with twin spires based on the original construction from Paris. (It is only possible to visit inside when no service is being performed) Then head across the square to the Central Post Office, designed by the French architect, Gustav Eiffel, before he had risen to fame for the Eiffel Tower.</p>			

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