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# DISCOVER VIETNAM

10 or 13 days | Hanoi | Ha Long | Da Nang | Hoi An | Hô Chi Minh City | Extension to Mui Ne

Discover Vietnam on an immersive journey through culture, history, and the natural world—it's more than just a section in a history book. From the scents of lemongrass and cinnamon that cascade from Hô Chi Minh market stalls to the sweeping views of Ha Long Bay's lush limestone cliffs, this Southeast Asian country will dazzle your senses and introduce you to a world unlike so many other places on Earth. You'll also explore Đà Nang's massive caves, paddle in bamboo-basket boats in Hôi An, and slurp on the country's famous noodle soup in Hanoi.

## YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:

-  **Full-time Tour Director**
-  **Sightseeing:** 2 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides (4 with extension);
-  **Entrances:** Walking tour of Hanoi's Old Quarter; discussion with a Vietnam War veteran; Hô Chi Minh Mausoleum; One Pillar Pagoda; Ha Long cruise; Marble Mountains; Am Phu Cave; Pottery Museum; fishing village visit; Cù Chi Tunnels; War Remnants Museum; night market visit; Mekong Delta workshops; canal boat ride
-  **Personalized learning guide:** Our personalized learning experience engages students before, during, and after tour, with the option to create a final, reflective project for academic credit.
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-   European breakfast and dinner daily



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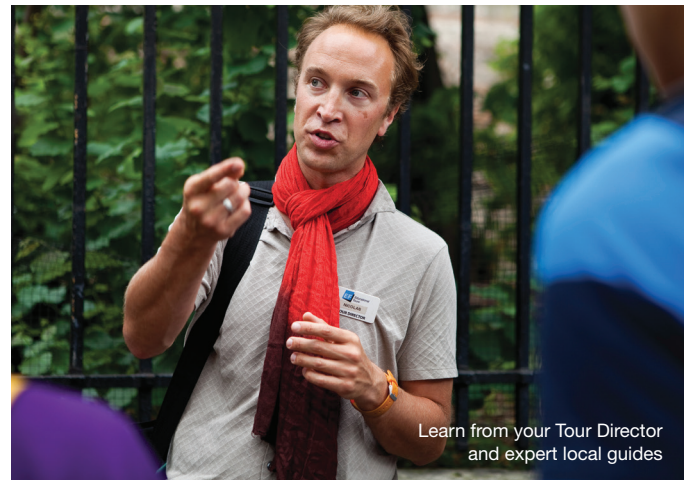
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## What you'll experience on your tour

### Day 1: Fly overnight to Vietnam

#### Day 2: Hanoi

- Meet your Tour Director at Hanoi's Noi Bai Airport, then head downtown to check in to your hotel.

#### Day 3: Hanoi

- Head to a local restaurant for breakfast, where you'll sample pho, a type of noodle soup that is one of the country's most famous dishes.
- Visit Hoa Lo Prison, otherwise known as the Hanoi Hilton, made famous during the Vietnam War as the POW prison where John McCain was held.
- Enjoy a morning tour of Hanoi. Pass through Hoang Hoa Tham Street, which blooms with flowers and French architecture, before continuing on to Hoan Kiem Lake and Hanoi's downtown.
- Stroll the hidden alleyways that make up the Old Quarter on a walking tour. Take in the sights, sounds, and savory aromas of the area's vibrant night market before stopping at a local restaurant for dinner.
- See more of local life in the community by hopping on an auto rickshaw.

#### Day 4: Hanoi | Ha Long

- During a sightseeing tour, visit the imposing marble edifice that houses the Hồ Chí Minh Mausoleum, his wooden stilt house, and the One Pillar Pagoda.
- During lunch, you'll meet a veteran of the Vietnam War and will have a chance to talk with them about the reconciliation after 1975.
- Travel to the city of Ha Long.

#### Day 5: Ha Long | Da Nang | Hoi An

- Embark a junk (a traditional Chinese-style sailing ship) for your cruise along the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ha Long Bay, which translates to the "Bay of Descending Dragons." During your cruise, disembark to explore a local cave.
- Return to the Hanoi airport and fly to Da Nang. Once you arrive, travel to Hoi An.

#### Day 6: Hoi An

- Immerse yourself in the daily life of a local fisherman this morning. You'll learn traditional fishing techniques and paddle the river in authentic bamboo-basket boats.
- Enjoy a walking tour of Hoi An's Ancient Town, which includes the famous Japanese covered bridge, the Pottery Museum, the 200-year-old Tamky House, the Chua Ong Pagoda, and a vibrant market.
- Have dinner at your own pace or
  - participate in a Vietnamese cooking class.

#### Day 7: Hoi An | Da Nang | Hồ Chí Minh City

- Enjoy free time this morning to further explore Hoi An or visit a local beach.
- Dig in to a bánh mì sandwich, a staple of Hoi An cuisine.
- Explore the Am Phu Cave. Deep inside of this massive cavern is an artistic interpretation of the Buddhist version of hell where sinners confess crimes and suffer punishments.
- Fly to Hồ Chí Minh City

#### Day 8: Hồ Chí Minh City

- Visit the famous Củ Chi Tunnels, synonymous with the Vietnam War. The tunnels allowed the Viet Cong to control a vital area of South Vietnam and, at the time of the war, stretched all the way from the Cambodian border to Saigon.
- Stroll through the lively Ben Thanh Market, where you'll find everything from street food to souvenirs.
- Play a traditional Vietnamese game.
- Get the Vietnamese perspective on the war as you explore the War Remnants Museum.

#### Day 9: Hoi An | Da Nang | Hồ Chí Minh City

- Explore some of the country's most enchanting landscapes by sampan (a flat-bottomed wooden boat). Cruise the Mekong Delta's Ham Luong River, stopping at local workshops along the way.
- Late this afternoon, travel back to Hồ Chí Minh City and head to Nguyen Hue Street for a final farewell dinner.

#### Day 10: Depart for home

### • 3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

#### Day 10: Hồ Chí Minh City | Mui Ne

- Travel to Mui Ne.
- Enjoy time to relax in Mui Ne, a beach town on the shores of the South China Sea

#### Day 11: Mui Ne

- During a morning walking tour along the water, learn about the local economy as you observe and meet fishermen returning from their evening out in the bay.
- Enjoy some of the area's natural wonders at the colorful Red Sand Dunes and Fairy Stream.

#### Day 12: Mui Ne | Hồ Chí Minh City

- Return to Hồ Chí Minh City. Along the way, stop to visit ancient worship structures known as the Poshanu Towers.
- Enjoy free time in the city or
  - take in a performing arts show at the Saigon Opera House.

#### Day 13: Depart for home

### TOP THREE THINGS I WILL SEE, DO, TRY, OR EXPLORE

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