

# 7 DAYS VIETNAM CLASSIC TOUR

- Duration: 7 Days/06 Nights
  - Tour code: **VN7D**
- Highlights: Hanoi – Ha Long Bay – Da Nang – Ho Chi Minh – Mekong Delta



## DAY 01 –: HANOI ARRIVAL – HALF DAY CITY TOUR & OLD QUARTER ELECTRIC GREEN CAR

Arrive at Noi Bai International Airport, private transfer with guide to your hotel.

If no early check-in, drop off luggage at hotel and take a half day tour with guide to visit **Temple of Literature**, known as the first university of Vietnam built in 1070 by the Ly Dynasty to honor Confucius, sages and outstanding Vietnamese scholars. Then continue to visit **Ho Chi Minh Complex** which features the life of Ho Chi Minh, the nation's founder. Next to visit **Hoan Kiem Lake**. Hoan Kiem Lake is the center point of Hanoi and home to a rare endangered giant turtle species. Its name "Returned Sword" comes from a legend of a sacred sword being lent to an ancient Vietnamese King by a holy turtle from the lake and later returned to the turtle.

Explore the **Old Quarter** of 36 ancient streets in **electric green car**. Back to hotel and free at leisure. Overnight in Hanoi.

*Meals: none.*

*Accommodation: a hotel in Hanoi.*

## DAY 02 –: HANOI – HOA LU & TAM COC GROTTES IN NINH BINH – HANOI (B)

Morning, meet our guide at your hotel and transfer to **Ninh Binh Province** about 100 km South of Hanoi. Head for Hoa Lu to see the few vestiges of the first capital of Vietnam. Built in the 10th Century by the Dinh Dynasty not only for a capital but also as a stronghold against the Northern invaders, Hoa Lu shortly later it was inherited by the Le Dynasty. Visit the two old temples one dedicated to Dinh Tien Hoang, the only king of the Dinh Dynasty and also Vietnam's first emperor and the other to the succeeding kings of the Le Dynasty. Though the temples are no longer intact, some precious antique carvings and sculpture of stone and wood are still preserved. Then continue to visit **Bich Dong pagoda**, an ancient three tiered cave pagoda only accessible by steep stone steps, but it is really worth climbing up for a charming pagoda and stupendous view from the top.

Afternoon, take a sampan cruise along the **Hoang Long River** through the scenic landscape of **Tam Coc**, a 350 ha area of karst mountains scattered over the lush wetland with paddy fields. This area is referred to

as “an inland Ha Long bay” for its strikingly similar water-and-rock terrain features. Depending on the time of visit, you may see local farmers harvesting rice or transplanting seedlings for the new crop. Pass through three big caves which feature the area’s name (Tam Coc means three caves in Vietnamese) and which represent a host of local rocky caves and grottoes. Return to Hanoi. Return to hotel for rest and leisure.

*Meals: Breakfast.*

*Accommodation: a hotel in Hanoi.*

### **DAY 03 -: FLIGHT TO DA NANG – DRAGON BRIDGE PASSBY – HOI AN ANCIENT TOWN (B)**

Breakfast at hotel.

Pick up with private transfer with guide to airport for your departure flight to Da Nang city **(your flight should be around 12:00).**

Upon arrival to Da Nang, pick up with private transfer and guide from airport to hotel (standard check-in time 14:00), passing by the famous **Dragon Bridge** crossing over the **Han River**.

Around 4pm: Discover **Hoi An ancient town**, which was originally a Cham seaport but has been influenced down centuries by a myriad of traders from various cultures. There are plenty to see in this tranquil and delightful town, some of which are the famous Chinese Assembly Hall & Temples, Old houses & Japanese Covered Pagoda Bridge, Old house of Tan Ki. We visit these sights on an exciting walking tour past many low tiled houses scattered along the small streets and assembly halls which reflect the town’s multi-cultural past. Explore Hoi An at its most magical during an evening tour that includes a **boat ride and release the lantern on Hoai river**. Return and overnight in Da Nang.

*Meals: Breakfast.*

*Accommodation: a hotel in Da Nang.*

### **DAY 04 -: DA NANG - BANA HILLS – DA NANG (B)**

Breakfast at hotel.

10:00, you will visit Ba Na Hills which is far from Da Nang center about 35km. Upon arrival, take **Cable Car which gains 5 world scores** to Ba Na hills station. Stop at By Night station to visit **Vong Nguyet hills, Linh Ung pagoda, The Old Villas of French**. Continue moving up by cable car to **the Nui Chua Mountain – the top of Ba Na range, visiting Nghinh Phong top, Le Nim Villas, Orchid Garden...** Experience hill climbing train (first and unique funicular in Vietnam) and visit **flower garden Le Jardin D’amour and Linh Ung Pagoda**.

Free for joining games in **Fantasy Park** – the third biggest indoor games zone in Vietnam with series of interesting games: 4 – 5D film, skiver, The death race, dinosaur park...

There is a bridge which is brand new, and was opened to the public in June 2018. It is known as **the Golden Bridge**, it stands 1,400m above sea level above the Ba Na hills. The gold-colored walkway is lined with purple Lobelia Chrysanthemums. Offering majestic views of the surrounding countryside. It is seemingly being held aloft by two giant hands. Back to hotel for rest and leisure.

*Meals: Breakfast.*

*Accommodation: a hotel in Da Nang.*

#### DAY 05 -: FLIGHT TO HO CHI MINH

Breakfast at hotel.

Morning free and easy to enjoy the beach.

Pick up with private transfer and guide from hotel to airport for your flight to Ho Chi Minh.

Pick up with private transfer and guide from Ho Chi Minh airport to your hotel (Standard check-in time 14:00).

*Meals: Breakfast.*

*Accommodation: a hotel in Ho Chi Minh.*

#### DAY 06 -: CU CHI TUNNELS – HALF DAY CITY TOUR (B)

Breakfast at hotel.

Morning, take a half-day tour to the **Cu Chi Tunnels**, 75 km Northwest of downtown Ho Chi Minh City, which were once a major underground hideout and resistance base of Viet Cong forces during the two wars against the French and later on Americans. The tunnels, entirely hand-dug, formed a highly intricate network of interlinked multilevel passageways at times stretched as far as the Cambodian border and totaling over 120 km in length. Its complexity was beyond imagination containing meeting rooms, kitchens, wells, clinics, schools, depots, trenches and emergency exits all aimed for guerrilla warfare. The tunnels were deep and strong enough to withstand destructive bombings and self-contained enough to outlast prolonged sieges.

Back to Ho Chi Minh City and spend time at leisure.

Afternoon, take a half-day city tour to visit outside of **Saigon Notre-Dame Basilica (is renovating until 2023)**, a neo-Roman cathedral built by the colonial French with materials entirely imported from Marseilles, **Saigon Central Post Office**, which was designed and constructed in the early 20th Century by the famous French architect Gustave Eiffel. Last but not least, we will visit **Cho Lon area** or the city's China Town and the Jade Emperor Temple (Phuoc Hai), a rare Taoist structure in Vietnam built by the Cantonese community in the area in 1909.

*Meals: Breakfast.*

*Accommodation: a hotel in Ho Chi Minh.*

#### DAY 07 -: DEPARTURE (B)

Breakfast at hotel.

Free until private transfer and guide from hotel to airport for departure flight.

*Meals: Breakfast.*

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#### INCLUDE:

- ❖ 02 night's hotel accommodation with breakfast in Hanoi.
- ❖ 02 night's hotel accommodation with breakfast in Da Nang.
- ❖ 02 night's hotel accommodation with breakfast in Ho Chi Minh.
- ❖ Services of a driver and private air-conditioned vehicle during mentioned tours and transfers.
- ❖ Experienced English speaking guide during mentioned tours and transfers.
- ❖ Entrance fees for all visits as mentioned in the itinerary.
- ❖ Mineral water is available as complementary (02 bottles per pax per day).
- ❖ **Vietnam visa approval letter for Indian passport holders (07 working days).**

#### EXCLUDE:

- ❖ Airfare (international and domestic) and airport tax
- ❖ Drinks and other meals not clearly mentioned
- ❖ **Visa stamping fee at the airport (25US\$ for single visa to Vietnam, paid by cash at the airport)**
- ❖ Surcharge for special request on food, and meals.
- ❖ Insurance, gratuities and personal expenses
- ❖ Tipping for guide and driver
- ❖ Surcharge for public holidays (if any)
- ❖ All other service not stated in the program

#### TIPPING FOR GUIDE AND DRIVER (MANDATORY PAID DIRECTLY TO GUIDE)

- ❖ US\$ 4/pax / day

#### HOTEL CATEGORY OR SIMILARS:

| Area    | Standard 3*  | Superior 4*   |
|---------|--|---|
| Hanoi   | <b>Skylark Hotel</b><br><i>Deluxe</i><br><a href="http://www.skylarkhotel.com.vn/">http://www.skylarkhotel.com.vn/</a>   | <b>FR Hotel</b><br><i>Deluxe</i><br><a href="http://fr-hotel.com.vn/">http://fr-hotel.com.vn/</a>   |
| Da Nang | <b>Fansipan Hotel</b><br><i>Deluxe Sea View</i><br><a href="https://www.booking.com/hotel/vn/fansipan-da-nang-nqu-hanh-son.vi.html">https://www.booking.com/hotel/vn/fansipan-da-nang-nqu-hanh-son.vi.html</a> | <b>Yarra Da Nang Ocean Suites</b><br><i>Yarra Partial Ocean View</i><br><a href="https://yarraoceansuitesdanang.com/en/">https://yarraoceansuitesdanang.com/en/</a> |

**Ho Chi Minh**

**Sen Viet Hotel**

*Deluxe*

<https://senviethotel.vn/>

**Bay Saigon Hotel**

*Deluxe Window + free mini bar*

<https://www.bayhotelhcm.com/>