



## Vietnam Adventures 2010

Ha Noi – Mai Chau – Ninh Binh – Tam Coc Bich Dong – Perfume Pagoda  
 Thanh Hoa – Sam Son – Nghe An – Phong Nha Caves – La Vang – Hue  
 Da Nang – Ba Na – Hoi An – Kon Tum – Pleiku – Buon Me Thuot – Da Lat  
 My Tho – Ben Tre – Chau Doc – Ha Tien – Can Tho – Cai Rang – Saigon

**Tour 01: From 29 Nov 2010 To 18 Dec 2010**

**Tour 02: From 14 Jan 2011 To 02 Feb 2011**

*\* Tour costs change based on available flight prices. To learn about the latest tour costs, please contact AV Travel. Note: Book early to get the lowest possible quotes.*



*Vietnam is located in the center of Southeast Asia and is shaped like the letter "S".*

*The country lies in the eastern part of the Indochina peninsula, bordered by China to the north, Laos and Cambodia to the west, and the East Sea and Pacific Ocean to the southeast. Vietnam's coastline is 3,260 km long and its inland border measures 4,500 km.*

### Schedule

**Day 01:** Arrive in **Ha Noi**.

**Day 02:** Depart for **Mai Chau**, visit a Muong village (ancient Vietnamese tribe). White Thais village: walk around, meet and observe their way of life.

**Day 03:** Drive to **Huong Perfume Pagoda**, the biggest pagoda complex. Walk to Yen Wharf to get on a boat to Trinh Temple. Short trek to climb up the main cave on the summit of the mountain. Visit the Thien Tru Pagoda.

**Day 04:** Coach trip to **Ninh Binh**, visit **Tam Coc Bich Dong**, known as the Inland Halong. Take a boat ride in a hand woven bamboo rowboat down the Tam Coc streams, and enjoy spectacular views of rice paddies surrounded towering limestone mountain peaks.

**Day 05:** Visit **Thanh Hoa** province with the famous **Sam Son** Beach for its impressive scenery. See **Nghe An's** beautiful landscapes along the seaside with pristine beaches, especially Cua Lo & Pu Mat National Park, which is home to a variety of flora and fauna.

**Day 06:** Depart to **Quang Binh** province, visit **Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park**, a World Natural Heritage site known for its one of the world's two largest limestone deposits.

**Day 07:** Drive to **Quang Tri** to visit the site of the Minor Basilica of Our Lady of La Vang, a Roman Catholic sanctuary commemorating a 1798 vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Visit **Hue**, the capital of Vietnam during the feudal sovereignty in 1744 when the Nguyen lords controlled all of southern Vietnam.

**Day 08:** Come to **Danang** to visit Ngu Hanh Son Mountain & Non Nuoc Village. Continue to visit **Hoian**, another UNESCO World Heritage site, where many ceramic antiques were discovered.



- Day 09:** Enjoy the cable car to **Ba Na** Mountain to get a panoramic view of the sea, Danang city, rice fields and forests rich in fauna and flora.
- Day 10:** Depart to **Pleiku**, a town with a large ethnic population. It sits at the junction of roads leading to **Kontum**, **Buon Ma Thuot** and **Qui Nhon**. Visit the Yaly Waterfalls and former battlegrounds.
- Day 11:** Visit Kontum, a small town sitting in the middle of several ethnic villages.
- Day 12:** Continue on to Buon Me Thuot, home to numerous ethnic villages and spectacular waterfalls.
- Day 13:** Drive to **Dalat** via the Phuong Hoang Pass. On the way, stop to visit the Duc My hot spring. In Dalat, visit the Datala Waterfalls, Xuan Huong Lake, "Cock" Cathedral, Love Valley, and Than Tho Lake.
- Day 14:** Visit Bao Dai Palace and the Rose Garden. Go to the Truc Lan Zen Institute via cable car.
- Day 15:** Drive to **Saigon**. Visit Prenn Waterfalls. Stop along the way to see coffee and tea fields at Bao Loc.
- Day 16:** Transfer to **My Tho**. Visit Vinh Trang Pagoda. Take the motorized boat through the Bao Dinh natural canal, see the stilt houses and the fruit plantations along the banks. Enjoy a nice boat ride through the Tan Thach natural canal in **Ben Tre**, cruising under the shadow of the water coconut trees. Visit the family businesses and experience their agricultural lifestyle. Proceed to **Chau Doc**, visit Sam Mountain, the caved pagoda. Enjoy the sunset over Sam Mountain.
- Day 17:** Take a morning boat trip to visit the floating fish farm and the floating village, the Cham weaving village of Muslim. Drive to **Ha Tien**. In the afternoon, visit to Mac Cuu Tombs. Phu Dung Pagoda, Thach Dong Thon Van, Xa Xia border gate and Mui Nai Beach.
- Day 18:** Drive to **Hon Chong** and visit the Cavern Pagoda. Transfer to visit **Long Xuyen** before arriving to **Can Tho**, known as Tay Do (capital of Mekong Delta). Free time to hang around Ninh Kieu Park.
- Day 19:** Take a boat trip to explore the picturesque tributaries of the Lower Mekong river (Bassac river). The boat later takes you to the **Cai Rang Floating market**, the most original and bustling market of the region. Then roam in the village to get in touch with the local people. Drive to Saigon.
- Day 20:** Free to check out the hotel before 12:00 pm

**Tour includes:**

- First class hotel room, based on double occupancy. For single room, add on \$500.00.
- Vietnam Visa.
- Deluxe coaches between cities.
- Entrance fees as scheduled.
- All meals with local dishes.
- Royal custom dinner with live Vietnamese music in Hue.
- International travel insurance.
- Daily sightseeing tours with professional English-Vietnamese speaking local guides.

*\*\*In this tour, you will marvel at the natural beauty of Vietnam, discover its rich history and architecture, meet its native and highland minority people, and experience its traditional dance, music and food. \*\**