

VIỆT NAM HIGHLIGHTS

Hà Nội - Ninh Bình - Tam Cốc - Hoa Lư - Sapa - Bắc Hà - Lào Chai - Tả Văn Hải Phòng - Đảo Cát Bà - Hạ Long - Động Phong Nha - La Vang - Huế - Mỹ Tho - Bến Tre - Cái Răng - Châu Đốc Rạch Giá - Phú Quốc - Sài Gòn

Tour 01:	09 Mar 2012	to	23 Mar 2012
Tour 02:	06 Apr 2012	to	20 Apr 2012
Tour 03:	01 Jun 2012	to	15 Jun 2012
Tour 04:	22 Jun 2012	to	06 Jul 2012
Tour 05:	06 Jul 2012	to	20 Jul 2012
Tour 06:	27 Jul 2012	to	10 Aug 2012
Tour 07:	03 Aug 2012	to	17 Aug 2012
Tour 08:	05 Oct 2012	to	19 Oct 2012
Tour 09:	16 Nov 2012	to	30 Nov 2012

Land Tour: \$1795.00 (Does not include International airfare & Visa)

Early bird reservation before Dec 31

*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.



Tour includes:

- Room based on double occupancy. For single room, add on \$625.00
- Hotel 4 – 5stars
- Domestic flight: Hanoi-Hue in economy class
- Deluxe coaches between cities
- All meals with special dishes
- International travel insurance for 21 days
- Daily sightseeing tours with professional English-Vietnamese speaking local guides
- Entrance fees as scheduled

Special Highlights:

- *Enjoy the spectacular scenery of Sapa & discovering the simple lifestyle of ethnic minorities.*
- *Visit Bac Ha Market, one of the most colorful market in the world*
- *Overnight on the private cruise ship in Ha Long bay*
- *Discover the beauty of Phong Nha – Ke Bang caves, one of the newest UNESCO-designated World Heritage Sites in Vietnam*
- *Enjoy staying at luxury hotels of Sapa Victoria Resort & Chaudoc Victoria hotel*
- *Stay at Phu Quoc Eden Resort recently opened in December 2010*

Schedule:

Day01: Hanoi – Arrival. Pick up & transfer to the hotel

Day02: Transfer to Ninh Binh, the south ancient capital of Vietnam. Take a boat trip along the canal between majestic mountain ranges and endless yellow rice fields. Visit Trang An’s romantic valleys, caves & rivers. Visit Bai Dinh Temple, the largest temple in Vietnam. Back to Hanoi. Take the train to Lao Cai in cabin with beds.

Day03: Arrive at Lao Cai train station at about 5am. Drive to visit Bac Ha Market, a most colorful market located in northwest Vietnam. It is filled with many different hill-tribe people such as Flower Hmong, Dzay, Tay people. At the market, you will have a chance to enjoy Bac Ha people's simple but unique food with special wines made from rice, cassavas, corn and different sorts of fruits such as plumps, apples, peaches... Continue drive to Sapa. In the afternoon, visit Ham Rong mountain, rocky forest, orchid gardens. Up to the mountain to discover the Heaven Gates, take the panoramic view of Sapa town from the top of Dragon Mount. Enjoy some minority traditional shows performed by H’mong, Dzao tribe girls in the colorful dress. Visit Sapa’s market and town.

Day04: Drive to visit Lao Chai village – home of Black H’Mong – here you trek through terraced rice fields to villages, meet and talk with locals to learn more about their daily life and habits. Walk through Ta Van village – home of Dzay hill tribe - a handy craft traditional village of 2 different minorities: the Red Dzao and the Black H'mong. Mountains surrounding the village are beautiful. Then drive back to town. Transfer to Lao Cai. On the way, stop by to visit Ha Khau border gate (the border crossing between Vietnam and China). Take the train back (in cabin with beds) to Hanoi.

Day05: Drive to Hai Phong city to visit Du Hang Pagoda, Hang Kenh Communal House. Then embark on hydrofoil to Cat Ba Island, known for its rugged limestone mountains, hot and cold springs, humid tropical forests, mangrove forest, coral reefs as well as its deserted beaches, and casual island lifestyle.

Day06: Board on the overnight cruise. Visit the Thien Cung caves. Roam around the labyrinth of the Bay through the Fighting Cock, Canh Buom, and stop to visit Sung Sot cave. Docking overnight.

Day07: Cruising back to Halong wharf and visit Fire Island, Dinh Huong Island, floating village. Arrive at the pier. Back to Hanoi. Visit Temple of Literature, the first University of Vietnam (1070). Visit One Pillar pagoda and marvel at its fantastic lotus shape architecture. Visit West Lake, Tran Quoc Pagoda - the oldest pagoda in Hanoi, on the islet on West Lake. Visit Hanoi Cathedral, also known as Saint Joseph's Cathedral. Visit Hoan Kiem Lake, the ever-green lake right in the heart of city, Visit Ngoc Son Temple, discover its rich historical legends. Shopping at 36old streets.

Day08: Fly to Dong Hoi. Drive to the river where we take a boat trip to the park and famed caves at Phong Nha – Ke Bang, one of the newest UNESCO-designated World Heritage Sites in Vietnam. The park has beautiful limestone formations, grottoes, caves, forest, river and streams. The limestone mountain range contains the longest underground river on the planet, rich flora and fauna.

Day09: Drive to Hue city. On the way, stop by to visit the 17th parallel, Hien Luong Bridge, Ben Hai River and Kinh Hoang (consternated) Boulevard. Visit Our Lady Of Lavang Church.

Day10: Fly to Saigon. Drive to My Tho. Take the motorized boat to Con Phung (Phoenix Island) view the stilt houses and the fruit plantation along the canal sides. Then cruise along natural creeks, passing quiet villages in Ben Tre province. Visit orchards, bee farms, taste natural honey, honey wine and tropical fruits. Listen to local music, visit a distillery and a local coconut candy maker. Continue drive to CanTho. Free time to hang around Ninh Kieu park.

Day11: Take the boat trip to explore the picturesque tributaries of the Lower Mekong river (Bassac river). The boat trip later takes you to the Cai Rang floating market, one of the first and most bustling of the region. Visitors then roam into the village to get in touch with the local people. Here, they have a chance to experience how to pass a “Monkey bridge” which is built by only one bamboo.

Day12: Drive to Chau Doc. Visit the Sam Mountain, the Caved Pagoda, a place of worship for the ethnic-Chinese. From the top, you can have a spectacular view of neighboring Cambodia. Enjoy the sunset down the Sam Mountain.

Day13: Take the morning boat trip to visit the floating fish farm and the floating village, the Cham weaving village. Drive to Rach Gia. Board the express boat for Phu Quoc in 2 hours.

Day14: Depart to the North to discover the primitive forest then visit the black peppers plantation at Khu Tuong, sightseeing at Phu Quoc national park then drive to An Thoi port, visit the Australia pearl farm on the way to the Southern island. Embark the fishing boat to An Thoi archipelago. Drive to the Sao Beach to relax on hammocks. Visit the Ham Ninh fishing village on the way back. Enjoy leisure for your beach activities.

Day15: Enjoy your free time until fly back to Saigon.

****To select this tour you will discover the ancient Vietnam plus more than 4000 years of history. Undiscovered the beautiful lands, beaches. UNESCO the world natural of heritages sites. Native and minority people in Highland with traditional dances, music and foods.****

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