16 Day Vietnam Tour with Flights

You can relax knowing that all your international and domestic flights will be covered alongside your daily activities and accommodation when you book this 16-day tour of Vietnam with AVG. Enjoy an overnight cruise down the breathtaking Mekong River, explore a myriad of mysterious caves in Halong Bay, and dive off the deep end when you visit the busy city streets of Saigon. Oh, and don't forget about all the vibrant fish and coral you will see when snorkelling on Mieu Island! Finish your trip in Saigon where you can indulge in a fantastic range of optional activities including sophisticated cultural performances.

Location Vietnam	**Airfares** Included	**Deluxe Accommodation**
100% Refund	**Fully Escorted**	

Day by Day Itinerary

Hanoi (2 nights), Halong Bay (1 night), Hue (2 nights), Hoi An (3 nights), Nha Trang (2 nights), Ho Chi Minh City (3 nights), Can Tho (1 night)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the mighty Mekong Delta
- Relax on board a traditional Vietnamese Junk while cruising the UNESCO World Heritage Halong Bay
- Discover Vietnam's grand history at the Imperial Citadel in Hue
- Immerse yourself in the ancient history of charming Hoi An
- Enjoy a day around Nha Trang's beautiful islands and pristine beaches.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Australia {plane} Hanoi

Today, arrive Hanoi, Vietnam! On arrival you will be met by our tour guide and transferred to your hotel for check-in.

Meal: In-flight Meals. **Accommodation**: Hotel in Hanoi.

Day 2: Hanoi {bus} Halong Bay

Today, travel by coach through the rich farm land of the Red River Delta to arrive at Halong Bay. Designated a World Heritage site in 1994, Halong Bay's spectacular scatter of islands, dotted with wind- and wave-eroded

grottoes, is a vision of ethereal beauty. Upon arrival you will board a ship to visit the thousands of limestone islands filled with caves of all shapes and sizes. The sails of junks and sampans gliding along the clear and emerald waters of the bay form a magnificent scene that blends into the sky. You will also have the opportunity to visit some of the hidden grottoes beneath the towering cliffs.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner. **Accommodation**: Overnight Cruise in Halong.

Day 3: Halong Bay {bus} Hanoi

Awake early and participate in Tai Chi on the top deck or simply relax and enjoy the sunrise over the bay's towering islands, a sight not to be missed! Enjoy a morning cup of coffee or tea, before setting out to explore nearby islands by rowboat. Return to the junk for breakfast then take advantage of the sundeck and admire the amazing rock formations of Halong Bay. Enjoy an early light lunch before heading back to the jetty to meet your driver for the journey to Hanoi The remainder of the day is at leisure. Why not explore the Old Quarter for shopping, bars and restaurants.

Meal: Brunch. **Accommodation:** Hotel in Hanoi.

Day 4: Hanoi {plane} Hue

Today we take a city tour of Hanoi and will explore attractions such as the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university, Ho Chi Minh Complex – Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (outside), One Pillar Pagoda and Tran Quoc Pagoda, one of the oldest pagodas in Vietnam. From here you'll board a short flight to Hue. On arrival, you'll be met at Hue airport and transferred to your hotel.

Meal: Breakfast. **Accommodation:** Hotel in Hue.

Day 5: Hue

Today we visit the Imperial Citadel. This was the center of power for the Nguyen Dynasty who ruled between 1802 and 1945. Here, we will visit Flag Tower, Noon Gate, Nine Dynastic Urns, Nine Holy Cannons, Thai Hoa Palace, and the Forbidden Purple City. Later, boarding a boat for a wonderful trip on the Perfume River and a visit to Thien Mu pagoda. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Meal: Breakfast. **Accommodation:** Hotel in Hue.

Day 6: Hue {bus} Hoi An

Today, leave Hue behind you as you make your way to Hoi An. Today's trip takes you over the famous Hai Van Pass which crosses over a spur of the Annamite Range that emerges from the west and juts into the South China Sea, forming the Hai Van Peninsula and the adjoining Son Tra Island. The pass, which once formed the boundary between the kingdoms of Dai Viet and Champa, also forms a boundary between the climates of northern and

southern Vietnam, sheltering the city of Danang from the “Chinese winds” that blow in from the northwest. During the winter months (November– March), for instance, weather on the north side of the pass might be wet and cold, while the south side might be warm and dry. On the other side of the pass, you’ll be transferred to the UNESCO World Heritage listed town of Hoi An. An important trading city during the 15th to 19th centuries, Hoi An is now a unique blend of culture, cuisine and architecture. Step back in time as you wander the narrow streets of this charming former trading port, with its ancient covered bridges and temples.

Meal: Breakfast. **Accommodation**: Hotel in Hoi An.

Day 7: Hoi An Walking Tour

Explore Hoi An’s bustling local market and other attractions with unique architectures such as Old Merchants’ House, a local Chinese Temple and the Japanese Covered Bridge. Enjoy a stroll along the peaceful Thu Bon River, one of the world’s famous trading port in the past. It will be an ideal day for you to learn about the fascinating stories and history of these ancient architectures. **Note:** Performance schedule is the subject to change. Please check availability when requested. You may choose only 1 optional tour only on day 7.

Meal: Breakfast. **Accommodation**: Hotel in Hoi An.

Day 8: Hoi An

Free day at leisure – continue exploring the Ancient Quarter or head to the beach/swimming pool for relaxing. **Note:** Golden Bridge and My Son Sanctuary and Thanh Ha Village cannot be arranged on the same day.

Meal: Breakfast. **Accommodation:** Hotel in Hoi An.

Day 9: Hoi An {bus} Da Nang {plane} Nha Trang

Today you will take a short flight to Nha Trang, a famous beach city of Vietnam. On arrival in Nha Trang, you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel.

Meal: Breakfast. **Accommodation:** Hotel in Nha Trang

Day 10: Nha Trang City Tour

Nha Trang city, a small city on the south central coastline of Vietnam, is a famous beach city of Vietnam. Travelers like to travel to Nha Trang, not because of its beach, but also by its historical relics from Cham civilization represented as Po Nagar tower, a sacred Hindu site dating back to the 7th century, Stone Church built in French colony time, to Long Son Pagoda – Buddhist pagoda built in commemoration of the monks and nuns who died whilst fighting the Diem Government.

Meal: Breakfast. **Accommodation:** Hotel in Nha Trang

Day 11: Nha Trang {plane} Saigon

Today is free at leisure before your transfer for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. **Note:** Performance schedule is the subject to change. Please check availability when requested.

Meal: Breakfast. **Accommodation:** Hotel in Saigon

Day 12: Cu Chi Tunnels {bus} Saigon City Tour

After breakfast, we continue on to Cu Chi Tunnels. During the Vietnam War, guerrilla fighters built a labyrinth of narrow tunnels, using them to hide in during bombing raids and to stage surprise attacks. Today, the remaining tunnels have become a major tourist attraction, giving visitors a unique understanding of what life was like during the Vietnam War. In the afternoon you will have a half day tour of Ho Chi Minh City with highlights such as: visit War Remnant Museum, take photo outside Notre Dame Cathedral, Post Office, and soaking up the atmosphere at Ben Thanh market, one of Ho Chi Minh's liveliest areas. **Note:** Limited availability on this cruise. Please check when requesting. Kindly choose 1 optional tour only on day 12.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch. **Accommodation:** Hotel in Saigon

Day 13: Saigon {bus} Ben Tre {bus} Can Tho

Start your Mekong Delta exploring to Ben Tre Province to embark on board cruise on Ben Tre river (one of tributaries of Mekong river, sight-seeing lively activities along river as fishing, water transferring). Stop at brickwork to see how to make bricks in handy traditional style by printing and baking. Next, visit one of plenty of coconut processing workshops located along canal. Turn on natural scissors creeks where they look smaller and smaller to go to village and take a walk to family workshop making sleep mats and enjoying some fruits and tea. Continue passing by green rice fields and vegetable plains to be able to touch on really life and find out about tropical culture from Peasants. Lunch is served at the restaurant riverside. Afternoon, you take rowing-boat along water palm creek and boat back to Hung Vuong Pier, where your transport is waiting for take you to Can Tho.

Meal: Breakfast, Lunch **Accommodation:** Hotel in Can Tho.

Day 14: Can Tho {bus} Saigon

After breakfast, our tour guide will take you to Cai Rang floating market. Later, transfer back to Saigon for check-in.

Meal: Breakfast. **Accommodation:** Hotel in Saigon

Day 15: Saigon {plane} Australia

This morning enjoy breakfast at the hotel before your transfer for your flight home to Australia.

Meal: Breakfast. **Accommodation:** N/A.

Day 16: Australia Arrival

Arrive home today and your trip is ended.

Meal: N/A. **Accommodation:** N/A.

INCLUSIONS

- International and domestic flights.
- Accommodation and meals in the itinerary.
- All local boat rentals and cycling as mentioned in the program.
- All entrance fees and sightseeing as mentioned in the program.
- Water bottles during tours.
- Transportation by air-conditioning vehicles.
- Local English-speaking tour guides.

EXCLUSIONS

- Meals and drinks are not mentioned in the program
- Visa fees
- Tipping for driver and tour guide & personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Trip delay or interruption by airline schedule change
- Extra cost or missing tour caused by flight delay or cancel
- Any service not clearly mentioned in the program

2023 DEPARTURE DATES: PRICE IS QUOTED IN AU$ PER PERSON

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Tuesday 24 Oct 2023	**Wednesday** 08 Nov 2023	3,299		Book
Tuesday 07 Nov 2023	**Wednesday** 22 Nov 2023	3,299		Book
Tuesday 21 Nov 2023	**Wednesday** 06 Dec 2023	3,499		Book
Monday 04 Dec 2023	**Tuesday** 19 Dec 2023	3,899		Book

OPTIONAL TOURS

Half-Day Guided Tour Australian Beef with Wine Tasting & Rickshaw in

AU$120

Golden Bridge Tour

AU$183

Dinner on Saigon River Cruise

AU$135

My Son Sanctuary and Thanh Ha Village Tour

AU$93

FINE PRINT

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Airline

- Return economy airfare with Vietnam Airlines is supplied per voucher (including 01 piece checked baggage and 7 kg hand baggage per passenger).
- Internal airfare with Vietnam Airlines or Bamboo Airways.
- Customers must send us the electrical copy of passport by scanning or taking the first page of your passport. By this way, we could secure the accuracy of your personal information to make proper reservation for you.
- The airfare is non-refundable at all times.

Flights

- Flight itineraries will be provided only 30 days prior to departure. If you book our tour packages within 30 days, your flight itinerary will be provided within 7 days.
- Airline schedule may change or cancel before the itinerary and it is beyond our control. We will try utmost to assist our customers, however, the customers are also responsible for reviewing your flight schedule prior to the departure. Moreover, you can contact your Travel Insurance provider to check whether you are covered by your policy.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Tipping
A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. Please be advised that tipping for tour guides, drivers and bellmen are required and will be collected by your travel consultant 7 days before you depart. A gratuity of **10AUD per person/day** can make a big difference to locals employed in the tourism industry as they have done an impeccable job to serve you through your holiday.

Accommodation
The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

Single Supplement
Single supplement is **$930** per person in addition to the twin share price.

Paired Solo Traveller
Not available.

Group size: 6-30 pax

Triple Share
Upon your request except for cruises

Travel Insurance
Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.
We have partnered with Nib Travel Insurance to offer you competitive rates for your travel insurance. You can book comprehensive or budget cover simply to arrange your policy.

Visa & Passport information
It is the traveler's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return and must have more than 2 blank pages.
Australian passport holder is required to have a visa for travel to Vietnam. The visa is easiest to complete with Asia Vacation group and just need to pay **AUD160** for Vietnam visa single entry.
Once approved, please ensure that you travel with the following documentation as they are required to present to customs upon arrival into the country.
Please note that these details are subject to change without notice. We recommend visiting https://smartraveller.gov.au for up to date information in terms of entry requirements.

Tour Documentation
Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

Children
Children must be 2 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are the same price as adults.

Tour Length
The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule, please refer to the day by day itinerary for the time spent on land.

HOW TO EXTEND YOUR STAY

If you wish to do so, please follow these steps:

1. Follow the “Book Now” prompts, until you reach the “Anything else we need to know?” field
2. Here, please specify your preferred flight arrangements and if you require additional accommodation, with the number of nights needed.
3. After finalizing your purchase and submitting your booking form, a member of our Reservation team will be in contact with you via email to verify your request.
   Please note, a supplement of **AU$200** per person (plus any applicable fare and tax differences) applies to deviate from the standard itinerary. We will contact you via email with a quote and proposed flight itinerary, and then proceed with collecting the additional payment required to confirm your request.
   The additional cost for these land arrangements will be added to your final payment invoice, due 90 days prior to departure, and is strictly subject to availability.

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