



## Vietnam from North to South FAM trip ( Signature Vietnam)



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| Group Name | : Vietnam Norht to Souht FAM Trip                                             |
| No. of pax | : 6-20 pax                                                                    |
| Tour Date  | : 8 – 17JUN2016                                                               |
| Rooming    | : DBL/TWIN                                                                    |
| Itinerary  | : Hanoi – baie d’Ha Long – Hoi an - Hue - Ho Chi Minh ville – Delta du Mekong |

### Overview

Experience exquisite joys of a customized, 10 day guided tour of Vietnam to capture the best of the country has to offer. Start the tour in colonial Hanoi which was once called the ‘ The Paris of The East" and explore stunning jagged limestone karsts of Ha Long Bay was the film location of the Indochina. Enjoy Danang and Hoi An where secluded white sand beaches and charming ancient town await. Visit the sprawling metropolis of Ho Chi Minh City, then experience the mighty Mekong river on the traditonal sampan.

### Highlights of the tour

- Visit of inescapables sites in Vietnam
- Cruise the legendary Ha Long Bay with overnight aboard a luxury junk
- Visit the old town of Hoi An, the capital of charm classified as World Heritage by UNESCO
- Escape to the heart of the Mekong River, with its picturesque floating markets in a world half-water, half-land, enveloping, to discover a authentic lifestyle, punctuated by the river

### Itinerary

Jour 1 Hanoi – Arrival and visit -/-/D  
 Jour 2 Hanoi – Ha Long bay B/L/D  
 Jour 3 Ha Long - Hanoi – flight to Da Nang – Hoi An B/L/-  
 Jour 4 Hoi An - Visit B/L/-  
 Jour 5 Hoi An - Da Nang - Hue B/L/-  
 Jour 6 Hue - Visit B/L/-  
 Jour 7 Hue – flight to Ho Chi Minh City B/L/-  
 Jour 8 Ho Chi Minh City – Vinh Long - Can Tho B/L/-  
 Jour 9 Can Tho - Ho Chi Minh City B/L/-  
 Jour 10 Ho Chi Minh Ville - Departure B/-/-

### Detailed program

### **Jour 1 Hanoi – Arrival and visit -/-/D**

Arrival at Hanoi airport by your morning flight. Welcome by your guide and transfer to the hotel in the center of the city. Installation at the hotel and free time to relax until 3:00 p.m.

The end of the afternoon is spent for a short tour of the Vietnamese capital by tramway. You will discover a city of poetry, a market town, a city that will amaze you with the lives of its inhabitants, a city toggling between tradition and modernity. Overnight at hotel.



### **Jour 2 Hanoi – baie d’Ha Long B/L/D**

After breakfast, transfer by road to Halong Bay, the eighth wonder of the world. This journey give you a chance to see the rice fields and the countryside of the Red River Delta. On arrival around noon, check in a beautiful wooden junk for a enchanting cruise 2 days / 1 night in Halong Bay.

During this cruise, you can explore this vast chaos of karst mountains, caves, lagoons with all these ghostly shapes that can be seen from far away. It is so nice to feel completely lost and discovering every second new forms of increasingly tormented rocks. In addition, the play of light, clouds and mist creates unexpected atmospheres. It is the same life on the bay with all its fishing boats, whole families who either live in floating houses or aboard simple craft.

In late afternoon, the ship dropped anchor for the night in the bay. It is then possible for you to swim in the emerald sea or kayaking. The lunch and dinner are served on the junk menu with excellent seafood. Overnight on board the junk in private cabin.

### **Jour 3 Ha Long - Hanoi – flight to Da Nang – Hoi An B/L/-**

Morning in the bay, this is a special time for meditation and take a morning bath.

The buffet breakfast is served while the junk starts up slowly towards the pier. The return cruise allows you to discover other parts of the bay, including the Heavenly Palace Cave or the Cave of Surprise.

Landing at 11:30 and taken the road towards Hanoi. Direct transfer to the airport. On the road, visiting a traditional pottery village. This village, which stays away from mass tourism, still keeps the shapes of the oldest villages of the Red River Delta. Evening flight to Da Nang (flight for about 1:00). Upon arrival, you will be greeted and accompanied to Hoi An. Overnight at hotel.

### **Jour 4 Hoi An - Visit B/L/-**

In the morning, our guide and car will come to pick you up at your hotel then transfer to Hoi An ancient town. Start our morning by strolling around the Hoi An ancient town to visit: Japanese Covered Bridge-considered the symbol of Hoi An the finest example of Japanese architecture. Step back in time to discover the Chinese street with stunning Phuc Kien Hall and Phung Hung old and typical house of Hoian original architecture. We then visit Hoi An vibrant market and ancient port to explore the rythm of local daily life and savor the true color, flavor and taste of the oriental. Finally, we visit Phuc Thanh Pagoda – the oldest pagoda in Hoi An built in 1454 with Chinese bonze. Have lunch in the local restaurant with specialties of Hoian: the Cao Lau noodle and White Rose dumpling. In the afternoon, take a 4 hour boat trip on Thu Bon River - the poetic river that shaped the verdant nature and rich cultural heritage of Hoian. Stop en route to visit two handicraft villages nestled on the river banks: Thanh Ha pottery village and Kim Bong carpentry village well known for their nice handicraft products. Transfer back to the hotel afterward.



#### **Jour 5 Hoi An - Da Nang - Hue B/L/-**

Departure by road to Hue, the unique city of Vietnam remained intact to become an invaluable cultural and historical heritage, through the famous clouds col that offers from it top a superb panorama view on the coast of Central Vietnam .

Halfway stop at Danang, colonial Turan to visit for an hour the Cham Museum, which houses a large collection of sculptures of civilization Kingdoms Chams now missing. Arriving in Hue in the afternoon.

#### **Jour 6 Hue - Visit B/L/-**

Visiting Hue begins in the morning with a visit to the Imperial City of the Nguyen Dynasty (1804-1945). Discover the main monuments of the World Heritage: The Flag Tower, the Porte du Midi, the Pavilion of Edicts, the Palace of Supreme Harmony, Forbidden Purple City ...

After visiting the Imperial City, 1 hour cruise on the Perfume River, a beautiful romantic river which is a source of inspiration for many musical and literary creations of Vietnam. Landing at the foot of the Thien Mu Pagoda, old and original Buddhist monument. Visit Pagoda before returning to the town for lunch.

The afternoon is reserved to the visit of the royal tomb of Tu Duc, built in the middle of frangipani and pine trees on the plans. Among the many tombs of the Nguyen kings, that of Tu Duc is the roomiest, most beautiful and closer to nature. Being himself a poet, Tu Duc was the architect of his last house he has built a whole philosophy of Oriental life.

Back in town, short stop visiting a village making incense sticks, common worship which, according to Buddhist belief, are used to establish communication between the living world and the afterlife. Overnight at hotel.

#### **Jour 7 Hue – flight to Ho Chi Minh City B/L/-**

transfer to the airport to take the flight to Ho Chi Minh City

Pick up and free time in Sai Gon. Overnight in hotel



#### **Jour 8 Ho Chi Minh City – My Tho - Can Tho B/L/-**

Pick up at hotel and drive to My Tho by private car. Cross Mekong river by motorized boat. Row- boat ride along small creeks to Mekong River estuary. Motorized boat cruise along natural creeks and quiet village in Ben Tre province. Visit orchards, bee - keeping farm, taste natural honey & honey wine, enjoy tropical fruit, traditional music , see round a distillery. See Coconut candy production process, taste candy & Coconut pulp. Proceed to Can Tho. Check in hotel. Dinner at restaurant. Overnight at hotel in Can Tho.

#### **Jour 9 Can Tho - Ho Chi Minh Ville B/L/-**

Breakfast at hotel. See round CAI RANG FLOATING MARKET, then to see the magnificent natural setting and peaceful life in rural Vietnam with thatched cottages and visit the rice noodles making village, lunch. 13h00 Drive back to Sai Gon. Drop you off at your hotel in Sai Gon. Overnight in hotel.

#### **Jour 10 Ho Chi Minh city - Departure B/-/-**

Free time until transfer to Tan Son Nhat airport

#### **Accommodation**

| City    | Hotel              | Number of night |
|---------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Hanoi   | Medallion ***      | 1               |
| Ha Long | Garden Bay ***     | 1               |
| Hoi An  | Thuy Duong 3 ***   | 2               |
| Hue     | Asia hotel ***     | 2               |
| Sai Gon | Sonnet Sai Gon *** | 2               |
| Can Tho | Ninh Kieu 2 ***    | 1               |

#### **Tour Price NETT (US Dollars) – based on twin sharing without air tickets**

(Minimum 6 Pax, Maximum 20 Pax)

| Number of persons             | US Dollars per person                      |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Travel Industry Professionals | USD 430                                    |
| SGL Supplement                | Approx. USD 210<br>SS Price TBC on request |

#### **Notes**

- Minimum number of six participants required for the main tour of the FAM to operate.
- Participants will be informed at least one month before departure date if the minimum number has not been reached.
- Hotel selection is subject to change.

| ADDITIONAL AIRFARES |             |                    |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| ROUTE               | AIRLINE     | USD / Person / way |
| Hanoi – Da Nang     | VN Airlines | 110                |
| Hue – Sai Gon       | VN Airlines | 110                |

**Note:** All airfares, taxes and conditions are subject to change without prior notice until ticket issuance.

#### **Our services include:**

- Accommodation in a shared twin or shared double room
- 2 days/ 1 night cruise on the sharing comfortable junk in Ha Long bay
- Meals as mentioned in the program( B = Breakfast; L = Lunch and D = Dinner)
- English speaking guides
- Tours and transfers as mentioned by private air conditioned vehicle
- Entrance fees for mentioned visits
- Boat trips as mentioned in the itinerary
- Bicycle or cyclo tour as mentioned
- Water puppet show in Ha Noi

#### Our services do not include:

- Other meals not mentioned
- Other services not mentioned
- Visa fee to Viet Nam
- International Flights
- Laundry, telephone calls and expenditure of a personal nature
- Tips
- Travel insurance(\*)

#### SEVERAL POINTS TO NOTE:

1. The above tour prices are based on our **current transportation rates**. Increasing petrol rates might affect our transportation and boat fees, in which case we reserve the right to revise our current rates. If any increase should arise we will of course keep you well informed.

2. **Availability:** Please note that if a certain hotel is not available at the time of booking, then we will gladly make alternative suggestions in the same category. We will advise you accordingly with the surcharge if any. As a result, we would highly appreciate it if you could advise us to block rooms soonest possible to guarantee the rooms and rates in period of high and peak season.

3. All the above **points of interest** are open for visit based on current updates. In case of closure for construction or any other reason, we will replace with a similar point of interest.

4. Above itinerary is based on the current **flight schedule**. In case of flight changes, the itinerary will be changed accordingly.

5. **No early check in or late check out** is included except those indicated in the program. Generally, the check in time is 14.00pm and check out time is 12.00pm.

6. **Visas into Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia are required** except for countries who have signed the visa exemption contracts. Please contact us for visa information details.

7. **Compulsory dinners** on Dec 24th (Christmas), Dec 31st (New Year) or Vietnamese Lunar New Year will be advised at time of booking.

8. **The list of hotels** is recommended by Lana Tour Travel and please feel free to advise us of hotels you prefer in each category or combine hotel categories if wish (tour price will be changed accordingly).

9. Any **travel itinerary** is generally dependent on weather conditions, and its feasibility may be constrained due to exceptional environmental or social events or circumstances

10. Please note that all the above services & tours **have yet to be booked**, they are proposed for your information only and we will not make any reservations before we receive your confirmation to do so. Availability is always subject to change until booking confirmation from our side.

11. If any proposed service(s) is/are not available at the moment of booking, we will try to find other possibilities/options or other similar service(s) in order to avoid changes to the program.

12. It is recommended for travelers to Vietnam to have fully comprehensive **travel insurance** which covers the cost of medical evacuation flight in need. A travel insurance policy is best purchased in your country of origin/residence and cannot be purchased on arrival.

