

# Vietnam Adventure On Wheels: North to South Exploration 15 days

## Trip overview

Vietnam captivates travelers with its stunning landscapes, from limestone karsts rising from emerald waters to endless golden rice terraces stretching across mountains. In this thrilling 15-day adventure across Vietnam, our journey takes us from north to south on two wheels. Along the way, immerse yourself in rich culture, savor authentic cuisine, and create unforgettable memories on the open road.

- **Durations:** 15 days
- **Trip outline:** Hanoi - Halong Bay - Hoi An - Hue - Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta
- **Price from:** US \$1479/person
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://besttratetours.com/vietnam-tours/vietnam-adventure-on-wheels-north-to-south-exploration-15-daysv.h>

## Trip outline

day	Activities	Accommodations	Meals
Day 1	Hanoi Arrival	Hotel in Hanoi	NA
Day 2	Hanoi half-day city tour by Scooter	Hotel in Hanoi	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 3	Discover Ninh Binh Full-Day Tour	Hotel in Hanoi	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 4	Hanoi - Halong Bay Overnight Cruise	Halong Bay Cruise	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 5	Halong Bay - fly to Hoi An	Hotel in Hoi An	Breakfast, Brunch
Day 6	Hoi An Ancient Town walking tour	Hotel in Hoi An	Breakfast
Day 7	Hoi An - Hue Road Transfer	Hotel in Hue	Breakfast
Day 8	Hue Half-day City Tour	Hotel in Hue	Breakfast
Day 9	Wet Rice Culture & Rural Life Immersion	Hotel in Hue	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 10	Fly From Hue To Ho Chi Minh City	Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City	Breakfast
Day 11	Saigon Scooter City Tour Half-day	Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 12	Bike & Boat Mekong Delta Adventure	Hotel in Ho Chi Minh	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 13 - 14	Free Days	Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City	Breakfast
Day 15	Ho Chi Minh City Departure	NA	Breakfast

# Itinerary

## Day 1: Hanoi Arrival

As you arrive at Noi Bai Airport, your Vietnamese adventure begins with excitement and anticipation. We will greet you with a warm welcome and transfer you to a comfortable hotel in the heart of Hanoi. You will have the perfect opportunity to stretch your legs and soak in the initial vibrant atmosphere of this historic city.

Your first evening in Hanoi offers countless opportunities for excitement. You might explore the lively Ta Hien Street, famous for its bustling nightlife with local beer and street food. We suggest immersing yourself in the city's energetic vibe, trying delicious street cuisines, or simply relaxing and taking in the surroundings. You will find Hanoi's unique blend of history and modernity both enchanting and unforgettable.

**Meals:** NA

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Hanoi

## Day 2: Hanoi half-day city tour by Scooter

Our adventure will begin with a vibrant morning pick-up from hotels in Hanoi Old Quarter. You may gather at the designated meeting point, where our friendly guide will provide essential safety instructions. The team might help you feel comfortable while enjoying a delightful egg coffee during the initial briefing.

The tour will start with an exciting ride to the historic **Long Bien Bridge**, a century-old French colonial masterpiece. You may discover fascinating stories about the bridge's architectural significance and its role in Hanoi's complex history. Our guide might share intriguing details that bring the city's past to life. We will explore the bridge's unique engineering and cultural importance.

You will cruise through the city's most iconic locations, passing the **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum** and Presidential Palace. The route may take you around **Hoan Kiem Lake**, where you can enjoy the refreshing atmosphere of nature. You might capture stunning photographs of Hanoi's most beautiful urban landscapes. Our experienced guides will ensure you understand the historical significance of each location.



Our journey will continue through the charming French Quarter, showcasing stunning architectural remnants from the colonial era. You may ride past **St. Joseph Cathedral** and the elegant **Hanoi Opera House**. The

scooter adventure might reveal hidden gems and cultural treasures tucked away in the city's vibrant streets. You will experience the unique blend of traditional and colonial architecture.

We will explore additional fascinating locations, including **West Lake** and Truc Bach Lake. You may experience the dynamic energy of Hanoi's urban landscape while riding through its most picturesque neighborhoods. Our guide might provide insider insights about local culture and history. You will learn about the city's rich cultural tapestry.

After a productive morning of exploration, you will enjoy a delicious Vietnamese cuisine lunch at a local restaurant. We may reflect on the morning's incredible experiences and the unique perspectives gained from the scooter tour. Your unforgettable Hanoi adventure might conclude with a return to your hotel filled with memories and excitement.

**NOTE:** The sites in the itinerary will be viewed outside.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Hanoi

## Day 3: Discover Ninh Binh Full-Day Tour

### Morning

On the third day, you will embark on an exciting journey through the verdant landscapes of Ninh Binh at **07:10**. We may travel comfortably by bus, covering approximately 120 kilometers through stunning countryside. By **10:30**, you will arrive at the Hoa Lu Ancient Citadel for an immersive historical exploration.

Upon arrival, you will explore the [Hoa Lu Ancient Citadel](#), home to the remarkable King Dinh Temple dating back to the 17th century. At **13:00**, you will enjoy a delicious lunch featuring local cuisines. Our guide might share fascinating stories about the historical significance of this ancient capital, bringing Vietnam imperial past to life.



### Afternoon

By **13:30**, the tour will continue with a sampan boat trip along the **Ngo Dong River**, where you may glide through breathtaking karst landscapes. You might capture incredible photographs of limestone hills, lush rice fields, and peaceful rural villages. We will pass through spectacular caves named Hang Ca, Hang Hai, and Hang Ba.

At **15:30**, your afternoon will include an amazing trek to the top of Ngoa Long Mountain at [Mua Cave](#). You will witness a spectacular panoramic view of the rice valley that stretches beneath you. Around **17:15**, we will return to the bus and come back to Hanoi. The journey will conclude with a return to Hanoi at **19:30**, filled with unforgettable memories.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Hanoi

## Day 4: Hanoi - Halong Bay Overnight Cruise

### Morning

Your Halong Bay adventure will begin early morning with an **08:00** pickup from your hotel. We may transfer you comfortably to the cruise port, where you will experience the anticipation of exploring one of Vietnam's most beautiful natural wonders. The cruise staff will warmly welcome you and assist with the check-in process.

Around noon, you will receive a refreshing welcome drink aboard the cruise. Our team might provide a comprehensive briefing about safety instructions and the exciting activities planned for your journey. You will learn about the unique ecosystem and geological significance of Halong Bay's stunning limestone karsts.

As the ship sails into secluded bay areas, you will enjoy a delightful lunch served onboard. You may marvel at the emerald waters and dramatic landscape surrounding you. We will prepare you for an afternoon of exciting adventures that showcase the bay's natural beauty.

### Afternoon

Your afternoon will be filled with thrilling activities like swimming in crystal-clear waters and **kayaking** through hidden caves. You might participate in a traditional **Vietnamese cooking class** to learn how to prepare authentic spring rolls. Alternatively, we will offer a relaxing option to enjoy cocktails on the sundeck during the Happy Hour program.



The evening will bring a delicious dinner at the cruise restaurant and entertaining onboard activities. You may enjoy board games, try squid fishing, watch night movies, or explore the karaoke lounge. Our crew will ensure you have an unforgettable experience in this magical maritime landscape, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

**NOTE:** The cruise route may differ based on your selected cruise.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Halong Bay Cruise

## Day 5: Halong Bay - fly to Hoi An

### Morning

As the sun rises over Halong Bay, you might join a rejuvenating **06:00 Tai Chi session** on the sundeck. The gentle movements will help you connect with the peaceful spirit of the limestone karsts emerging from the morning mist. Alternatively, you may prefer to savor a relaxing breakfast while admiring the natural wonders surrounding you.

After your morning routine, you will have time to explore more hidden corners of Halong Bay. Then the cruise will return to the harbor, and you will enjoy a sumptuous brunch onboard. You might capture the last mesmerizing views of this UNESCO-listed natural wonder before beginning your journey to central Vietnam.

### Afternoon

By noon, our driver will transfer you from the harbor back to Hanoi, where you will proceed directly to the airport. The scenic drive may allow you to reflect on the magical experiences you had in Halong Bay. Your afternoon flight will then take you to the charming ancient town of Hoi An.

Upon arrival at Da Nang Airport, you will notice a distinct change in the atmosphere from northern Vietnam. Our local guide will warmly welcome you and ensure a comfortable transfer to your hotel in Hoi An historic center. The journey might reveal glimpses of pristine beaches and rolling mountains along the way.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Brunch

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Hoi An

## Day 6: Hoi An Ancient Town walking tour

### Morning Walking Tour of Hoi An

The walking tour of Hoi An will begin at **08:00** from your hotel. Stroll through the winding alleys of Hoi An Ancient Town, where the charm of centuries-old architecture meets the tranquil beauty of the Thu Bon River.



Visit the iconic [Japanese Covered Bridge](#) and learn about the experiences of 17th-century Japanese settlers who played a significant role in Hoi An's history. Continue to the **Fujian Assembly Hall**, a historic place of worship built by Chinese immigrants from Fujian province in the 17th century.

Explore the bustling wet market, where locals shop for fresh produce and traditional ingredients, offering a glimpse into daily life in Hoi An. Return to the Old Town to browse and purchase handcrafted souvenirs made by local artisans.

At noon, bid farewell to your guide as the tour comes to an end.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Hoi An

## Day 7: Hoi An - Hue Road Transfer

As you bid farewell to the charming streets of Hoi An, your journey will continue toward the historic city of Hue. Our driver might pick you up from your hotel, and the scenic road transfer will take approximately **3 hours** via the famous **Hai Van Pass**.

During the drive, you will witness breathtaking vistas of the **Truong Son Mountain** range, Vietnam's longest mountain chain. The winding roads might provide opportunities to stop and capture the panoramic views of **Lang Co Bay** and its pristine coastline. Our guide may share insights about the region's natural beauty and cultural significance.



The highlight of your drive will undoubtedly be the crossing of the **Hai Van Pass**, known as the "Ocean Cloud Pass". You will be awestruck by the dramatic mountainous landscapes and sweeping views of the East Sea. Our experienced driver will ensure safe passage through this scenic yet challenging stretch of road.

**NOTE:** The car will stop at some places for sightseeing and taking photos (admission fee is not included).

Upon arrival in Hue, you will notice the distinct architectural style that separates this former capital. Our team will ensure a comfortable check-in at your hotel, where you can rest and prepare for tomorrow's exploration of the city's magnificent citadel and royal tombs.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Hue

## Day 8: Hue Half-day City Tour

On the next day, your friendly local guide will welcome you to the hotel lobby at roughly **08:00** for an exciting morning of exploration. Together, we will venture into the ancient capital of Vietnam, where you might discover the perfect blend of royal heritage and local culture through our carefully planned journey into the past.

Your first destination takes you to the magnificent [Thien Mu Pagoda](#), Central Vietnam's most renowned Buddhist landmark. The seven-story tower stands proudly beside the poetic **Perfume River**, and you will feel amazed by its impressive architecture that has witnessed centuries of history and countless prayers.

The next stop on your heritage trail leads to the majestic **Imperial Citadel**, once home to the Nguyen Royal Family. Your knowledgeable guide will take you through grand courtyards and royal chambers, where you may picture the fascinating life of Vietnam's last dynasty and their remarkable stories.



Your cultural journey continues at the bustling **Dong Ba Market**, Hue's largest traditional trading hub. You will experience the authentic local atmosphere while browsing through colorful stalls filled with unique handicrafts and traditional goods. The market food section might tempt you with delicious local specialties and aromatic dishes.

After the guided tour ends, you will have the whole afternoon to yourself in this charming city. You might want to revisit your favorite spots, hunt for souvenirs, or simply unwind at a peaceful riverside cafe, watching the gentle flow of the **Perfume River** under the warm afternoon sun.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Hue

## Day 9: Wet Rice Culture & Rural Life Immersion

### Morning

Starting a full-day bike journey, you will tour the **Thanh Toan Village** and learn about Vietnam's rich heritage in wet-rice farming. Beginning at **08:30**, your trip on level roads will go up to 17 kilometers. It will return you to the real rural life of a Vietnamese village in the seventeenth century.

The cycling tour promises a unique experience that weaves through carefully selected stops and activities designed to immerse you completely in local culture. Through meaningful interactions with generational farmers, you will discover the village's traditional administration, social institutions, and the intricate ways of rural Vietnamese life.



What an incredible opportunity to experience a working day in the countryside! You will engage in farming processes, experiment with local fishing techniques, and master the art of traditional handicraft making. Your knowledgeable guide will provide captivating insights illuminating wet-rice culture's profound significance in Vietnamese community life.

#### **Afternoon**

Around noon, you will enjoy a genuine home-cooked meal with ingredients from the surrounding farmlands. The authentic flavors will connect you intimately with the region's culinary traditions, offering a delicious glimpse into the communal spirit of Vietnamese countryside dining.

As the tour concludes at **16:30**, you will find tranquility on the ancient tile-roofed bridge overlooking the verdant landscape. This peaceful moment will inspire deep reflection on your cultural journey, creating memories that reshape your understanding of Vietnamese rural traditions and community life.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Hue

## **Day 10: Fly From Hue To Ho Chi Minh City**

Following your adventure, you will take a flight to Ho Chi Minh City, the pulsing economic center of Vietnam. You may discover a vibrant metropolis with over 10 million residents, where traditional culture dances alongside modern urban life in an extraordinary blend of experiences.

Your driver will warmly welcome you upon arrival and transfer you to the hotel in this dynamic city. You might feel the exciting energy of Ho Chi Minh City, a place where bustling streets, historical landmarks, and contemporary architecture create an unforgettable urban tapestry waiting to be explored.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City

## **Day 11: Saigon Scooter City Tour Half-day**

**Morning**

Your adventure through Ho Chi Minh City begins with a thrilling **scooter tour** that promises to unveil the city's vibrant soul. Starting at **08:00**, you will meet your friendly tour guide in the hotel lobby, ready to embark on an unforgettable journey through Saigon's most iconic landmarks.

Your first stop takes you to the **Central Post Office**, a stunning French colonial masterpiece that will transport you back in time. You may explore the intricate architectural details, photograph the antique telephone booths, and imagine the historical significance of this remarkable building that speaks volumes about Vietnam's colonial heritage.



The tour continues to the [Reunification Palace](#), where you will delve into the profound historical narratives of the Vietnam War. You might feel the weight of history as you walk through the corridors that witnessed pivotal moments in Vietnam's struggle for independence, exploring rooms that once hosted critical political discussions.

Next, you will visit the **Thich Quang Duc Monument**, a powerful reminder of peaceful resistance and human courage. The journey then winds through the **Ho Thi Ky Flower Market** and Binh Tay Market in Chinatown, where you can immerse yourself in the bustling local atmosphere, sampling street foods and observing the daily rhythms of city life.

Your final destinations include the beautiful **Thien Hau Pagoda** and the Thu Thiem Tunnel, offering glimpses into Saigon's rich cultural and modern landscape.

After a delicious local lunch that tantalizes your taste buds with authentic Vietnamese flavors, you will return to your hotel, carrying memories of an extraordinary urban exploration.

**Note:**

- This half-day tour offers a flexible starting time at 08:00 or 12:30, so you can tailor it to your preference.
- You can get off the scooter at each stop to wander around and take beautiful photos.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City

## Day 12: Bike & Boat Mekong Delta Adventure

Day 12 will let you start a leisurely countryside adventure revealing the beauty of the Mekong Delta. Beginning at **07:30**, your guide will take you to a little cafe south of Saigon where Mr Biker Saigon will get you ready for

an amazing riding journey.

Your **two-hour cycling adventure** will lead you through elevated dirt paths winding through verdant rice paddies. You will pedal along flat terrain, greeting friendly farmers, admiring colorful Mekong-style houses, and passing beneath towering coconut trees that characterize this fertile region's agricultural landscape.



The journey continues with a refreshing break at a local river overpass, where you might recharge with cool water and snacks. Your route then meanders through tranquil country roads beneath the shade of mature indigenous trees, with the comfortable support van always nearby for those seeking rest.

Your cycling adventure concludes at a local dock, where you will board a **private boat** for a 30-minute scenic river cruise. The gentle waters will carry you to a charming riverside restaurant, where you may indulge in authentic Mekong cuisine and refresh yourself with a cooling shower.

After lunch, you will start your 90-minute return trip to the energetic city of Saigon. Your hotel will host your unforgettable delta excursion at about **18:00**, thereby leaving you with lifelong memories of this fascinating area.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Ho Chi Minh

## Day 13 - 14: Free Days

After two days filled with guided adventures, you can explore Ho Chi Minh City at your own pace. Your previous experiences might have given you some ideas about the places you want to revisit or discover more deeply.

Dinner cruises on the Saigon River start at **US \$34** per person and provide a magical evening experience. You will float down the lit riverbanks as you dine on authentic Vietnamese cuisine and take in the breathtaking city skyline beneath the stars.

Another exciting option awaits history enthusiasts and food lovers alike with the Cu Chi Tunnels & Cooking Class tour. This full-day adventure, priced from **US \$79** per person, will take you through historic underground networks and teach you the secrets of Vietnamese cuisine.

These two days will allow you to immerse yourself in the local atmosphere. You might want to consult our friendly tour guide for additional suggestions that match your interests, ensuring your free time becomes a

memorable part of your Vietnamese journey.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City

## Day 15: Ho Chi Minh City Departure

As your remarkable Vietnamese journey draws close, you will have some leisure time to savor your final moments in the vibrant Ho Chi Minh City. You might want to take one last stroll through the bustling streets or enjoy a traditional Vietnamese coffee before departure.

Your dedicated driver will ensure a smooth transfer to the airport for your onward flight. You may check out from your hotel by **12:00**, but our team will gladly assist with late checkout arrangements should you need them. We hope your journey through Vietnam has created lasting memories that will inspire your future adventures!

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** NA

# Booking Policy

## Inclusion

- Overnight in shared Twin/ Double room with Air-condition (AC) at hotel.
- All transport during tour on air - conditioned vehicle as per itinerary (including airport pick up & see off)
- All in-tour stationed local English speaking guide.
- Meals as indicated in the program
- Entrance fees as per itinerary
- 2 domestic flights Hanoi – Da Nang and Hue – Ho Chi Minh City

## Exclusion

- Hotel EARLY check in & LATE check out
- Peak season surcharge & compulsory dinner at the hotel (if any)
- International flight to or from Vietnam with taxes
- Vietnam Visa (above 6 months passport Valid & 3 clear-page require)
- Passport Fees
- Travel Insurance
- Tips, laundry and gratuities
- Meals not marked on itinerary, and water during meals
- Tips for guide /driver (recommended US \$3-5 /pax /day)
- Tipping is completely up to you and should be based on your perception of the service quality

## Cancellation Policy

- Cancellation received before 60 days: FREE of charge
- Cancellation received from 30 days to 59 days prior arrival date: 10% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 15 days to 29 days prior arrival date: 30% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 7 days to 14 days prior arrival date: 50% of total rate
- Cancellation received less than 7 days prior arrival date or No show: 100% of total rate

## Children Policy

- The rate for children applicable for one child sharing a twin or double cabin with two adults.
- For infants (<04 years old): FOC except for domestic flight tickets.
- 04 - under 11 years old without bed: 50% adult rate.
- 04 - under 11 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate.
- 04 - under 11 years old in twin share: 90% adult rate.
- From 11 years old: count as an adult.

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