

Vietnam Culinary Journey On Wheels 11 Days

Trip overview

Vietnam, a culinary paradise where centuries-old recipes dance with vibrant street food culture, invites food lovers on an extraordinary gastronomic expedition. From Hanoi's bustling markets to Ho Chi Minh City's hidden street corners, our 11-day journey explores the country's most authentic flavors. You will discover authentic flavors while creating unforgettable memories in this culinary adventure. Get ready to savor every bite and create lasting memories as we eat our way through Vietnam!

- **Durations:** 11 days
- **Trip outline:** Hanoi - Halong Bay - Hoi An - Hue - Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta
- **Price from:** US \$1169/person
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://besttratetours.com/vietnam-tours/vietnam-culinary-journey-on-wheels-11-days.html>

Trip outline

day	Activities	Accommodations	Meals
Day 1	Hanoi Arrival	Hotel in Hanoi	NA
Day 2	Hanoi City Food Tour by Motorbike	Hotel in Hanoi	Breakfast
Day 3	Hanoi - Halong Bay Overnight Cruise	Halong Bay Cruise	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 4	Halong Bay - Fly to Hoi An	Hotel in Hoi An	Breakfast, Brunch
Day 5	Full-day Discovery Hoi An Countryside By Bicycle	Hotel in Hoi An	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 6	Hoi An Transfer to Hue By Motorbike	Hotel in Hue	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 7	Hue Evening Foodie & Cyclo	Hotel in Hue	Breakfast, Dinner
Day 8	Fly to Ho Chi Minh City	Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City	Breakfast
Day 9	Ho Chi Minh Food Tour By Night	Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City	Breakfast
Day 10	Discover Cu Chi Tunnels & Mekong Delta Full Day	Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 11	Ho Chi Minh Departure	NA	Breakfast

Itinerary

Day 1: Hanoi Arrival

As you arrive at Noi Bai Airport, the excitement of your Vietnamese adventure begins to pulse through your veins. The vibrant colors and bustling atmosphere will immediately capture your attention, marking the start of an unforgettable journey through Hanoi's enchanting landscape. You might feel a rush of anticipation as you enter this culturally rich destination.

Our friendly local guide will greet you warmly at the airport, ensuring a smooth and comfortable transfer to your hotel in the heart of Hanoi. You can expect a scenic drive that introduces you to the city's dynamic streets, where traditional architecture blends seamlessly with modern urban life. The initial glimpses of Hanoi's unique charm will leave you mesmerized and eager to explore.

As evening descends, you will have the freedom to immerse yourself in Hanoi's electrifying nightlife. Ta Hien Street beckons with its lively atmosphere, where you may join fellow travelers or locals in enjoying street-side beverages and sampling delicious Vietnamese street food. You will discover the city's vibrant energy, creating memories that will last a lifetime as you settle into your comfortable hotel for the night.

Meals: NA

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 2: Hanoi City Food Tour by Motorbike

Get ready for an exciting exploration of Hanoi's vibrant streets and culinary treasures from the back of a motorbike. Your friendly guide will meet you at your hotel around **08:30** to begin this authentic street food adventure through the capital. As you start this memorable journey through Hanoi's maze-like streets, the cool morning breeze will accompany you.

At the iconic **Giang Café**, you will discover the city's famous egg coffee - a creative blend that represents Hanoi's culinary innovation. The unique combination of rich coffee and creamy egg foam will take your taste buds on an unforgettable journey through local flavors. Your guide may share fascinating stories about how this special drink became a cultural symbol of the city.



The two-wheeled adventure continues to the heart of Hanoi, where the magnificent [Hanoi Opera House](#) showcases stunning French colonial architecture. Through bustling local markets and narrow alleys, your guide will reveal the authentic daily life of local residents. The morning market scenes might remind you of classic Vietnamese movies.

You will discover traditional food spots hidden within the maze-like streets that most tourists never experience. The Old Quarter's authentic atmosphere will capture your heart as you glide through its historic lanes on your motorbike. Local vendors and morning crowds create a lively atmosphere that makes this experience truly special.

The journey takes you to famous landmarks like the **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum** and the historic **Long Bien Bridge**. You might find yourself amazed by the **B-52 bomber** site at Huu Tiep Lake and its compelling war stories. You will safely return to your hotel, leaving you with precious memories of Hanoi flavors and cultural heritage.

NOTE: Attractions are viewed outside. Please note that the food selections may vary depending on availability, ensuring a flexible and dynamic culinary experience throughout the journey.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 3: Hanoi - Halong Bay Overnight Cruise

Morning

On the third day of your journey, a new adventure awaits as you head towards the magnificent Halong Bay. Your driver will pick you up at **8:00** from your hotel for a scenic transfer to this natural wonder. The friendly cruise staff will welcome you with warm smiles and refreshing drinks.

As your ship glides into the bay around noon, you will be captivated by the breathtaking views of limestone karsts rising from emerald waters. The cruise manager might share interesting stories about the bay formation while you enjoy a delightful lunch prepared by skilled chefs.

Afternoon

Your afternoon will be filled with exciting activities on this UNESCO World Heritage site. You may choose between **kayaking** through hidden caves or swimming in the crystal-clear waters. The majestic seascape will create perfect photo opportunities for your travel album.



Back on board, you will learn the art of making traditional Vietnamese spring rolls during a fun **cooking class**. The cruise Happy Hour might tempt you with special drink promotions while you watch the sunset paint the sky in magical colors.

As evening falls, a fantastic dinner awaits in the cruise restaurant. You may end your perfect day with various entertainment options, from trying your luck at squid fishing to enjoying karaoke. The boat's gentle rocking will lull you into a peaceful sleep surrounded by the bay's natural beauty.

Note:

- The tour guide will not accompany you on the cruise; however, the crew, fluent in English, will assist you.
- You may be transferred to a smaller boat (tender) to access more remote areas.
- The exact itinerary may vary depending on the specific Halong Bay cruise.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Halong Bay Cruise

Day 4: Halong Bay - Fly to Hoi An

Morning

Our journey continues with a peaceful morning in Halong Bay, where early risers can join an invigorating **Tai Chi session** on the sundeck. The gentle morning breeze and stunning views will create the perfect mindful breathing and relaxation setting. Your body may thank you for this refreshing start to the day, connecting you with the serene natural environment.

After enjoying a hearty breakfast, you will have one last chance to admire the magnificent limestone karsts at around **10:00**. The cruise will take you to another breathtaking spot in the bay, letting you capture final photos of this natural wonder. The landscape will remind you of Vietnam's incredible beauty to travelers. What an amazing experience it has been!

Afternoon

During your sail back to the port, a delectable brunch will be served while you take in the last views of this UNESCO site. Around noon, your driver will welcome you for the transfer back to Hanoi, where another exciting adventure awaits. You might reflect on the magical moments of the Halong Bay cruise during this short journey.

The journey then takes you to Hoi An, a charming ancient town that will become your home for the next few days. You might feel the distinct change in atmosphere as you arrive in this historic trading port. Our team will ensure your smooth check-in, preparing you for upcoming explorations in this enchanting city steeped in cultural heritage.

Meals: Breakfast, Brunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoi An

Day 5: Full-day Discovery Hoi An Countryside By Bicycle

Morning

Your culinary adventure begins early at the vibrant [Hoi An Market](#), where you will explore an incredible array of exotic ingredients. The colorful stalls will awaken your senses with fresh produce, unique spices, and local delicacies that tell stories of Vietnamese culinary traditions. You might feel like a local navigating the bustling market atmosphere.

You will embark on a 40-minute boat ride along the **Thu Bon River**, transporting you to a charming village in the delta. A **traditional cooking class** will unfold under the shade of coconut trees, teaching you authentic Vietnamese cooking techniques. You will learn about rice harvesting and preparation using traditional tools.



During the cooking class, you will craft four traditional Vietnamese dishes that showcase the region's culinary expertise. Your guide may share interesting stories about each dish's cultural significance.

NOTE: A vegetarian menu is available upon request, and dishes may vary by season

Afternoon

After enjoying the delicious meal you have created, a **bicycle adventure** through the countryside awaits you. You will pedal from island to island, discovering the hidden gems of rural Vietnamese life. The landscape will offer breathtaking views of traditional farming practices and local craftsmanship.

Your bicycle journey will reveal fascinating local traditions, including rice alcohol distillation and the art of crafting traditional **basket boats**. You may try rowing these unique boats and learn about hand-woven mat production. The afternoon will be filled with cultural discoveries that connect you deeply with the Hoi An countryside lifestyle.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoi An

Day 6: Hoi An Transfer to Hue By Motorbike

Your extraordinary journey begins early in the morning as you depart from Hoi An, ready to explore the breathtaking landscapes of central Vietnam. The **motorbike ride** will take you through stunning coastal routes, offering panoramic views that will excite your heart. As the morning light reveals the region's natural beauty, you might feel like a true adventurer.

Then, you will arrive at the **Marble Mountains**, where ancient caves and temples await your exploration. The mystical landscape will transport you through layers of historical and cultural significance. Your guide may share fascinating stories about the spiritual importance of these mountains, revealing hidden secrets of Vietnamese heritage.

The legendary [Hai Van Pass](#) will be your next destination, presenting some of the most spectacular views in Vietnam. You will stop at the mountain peak to enjoy a refreshing coffee while overlooking Danang City and the surrounding landscape. The panoramic vista might take your breath away with its incredible natural beauty.

Descending from the pass, you will discover the pristine coastline of **Lang Co Beach** and its charming village. The crystal-clear waters and picturesque scenery will provide perfect opportunities for memorable photographs. You may feel a deep connection with the untouched natural environment surrounding you.

Your journey continues to the **Nhi Ho waterfall**, where you can cool in fresh spring waters and enjoy a delightful lunch. The ride through **Tam Giang Lagoon** will showcase local farming life and the traditional Vietnamese countryside. You will gain intimate insights into the region's culture and landscape, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hue

Day 7: Hue Evening Foodie & Cyclo

Your Hue adventure begins in the evening with an exciting culinary exploration that will awaken all your senses. Around **18:00**, your guide will welcome you with a traditional cyclo ride through the city's enchanting streets. You may feel the anticipation building as the night comes alive with local flavors and cultural experiences.

The first stop on your foodie journey will introduce you to Hue's legendary street food. You will taste an incredible array of local specialties like Banh Beo, Banh Nam, and Banh Bot Loc. Each bite will tell a story of the city's rich culinary heritage, revealing the unique flavors that make Hue cuisine so extraordinary.



Your cyclo will then transport you to **Hen Island**, where you might discover Vietnam's most delectable clam dishes. Clam noodles and clam rice will tantalize your taste buds, offering an authentic local dining experience. The evening light will create a magical atmosphere as you explore this hidden culinary gem.

You will pass by the **Imperial Citadel** as night falls, which will shine magnificently under the evening lights. The historic palace of the Nguyen Dynasty will offer a glimpse into Vietnam's royal past. As the cycle winds through historic streets, you may feel transported back in time.

The journey continues to **Truong Tien Bridge**, where you will catch a breathtaking sunset view of Hue. Street stalls will tempt you with local souvenirs like Minh Mang wines, sour prawns, and traditional conical hats. You will return to your hotel before **22:00**, filled with memories of an unforgettable evening in Hue.

NOTE: Meals may differ depending on availability, providing flexibility in the culinary selection.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel in Hue

Day 8: Fly to Ho Chi Minh City

Your journey continues with a farewell to Hue as you prepare for an exciting adventure to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon). You will enjoy a final breakfast at your hotel before embarking on a flight to Saigon. You might feel a mix of anticipation and excitement about exploring a new destination.

Upon arrival, our driver will warmly welcome you at the airport and transfer you to a vibrant city hotel in the central area. You will have time to relax and settle in, with opportunities to explore the bustling streets or simply unwind after your morning travel. The city energy will immediately captivate your senses.

As for your night out with Best Rate Tours, here are a few optional suggestions that you might love:

Dinner Cruise on Saigon River	From US \$34/pax
Must See Cultural A O Show Saigon Ticket	From US \$32/pax

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City

Day 9: Ho Chi Minh Food Tour By Night

Your evening adventure begins at **17:30** when professional drivers will whisk you through the vibrant streets of Ho Chi Minh City. You will marvel at the magnificent **Bitexco Tower**, one of Vietnam's most impressive skyscrapers, as the city's nightlife comes alive. The urban landscape will unfold before your eyes like a mesmerizing visual feast.

Diving into the heart of **Chinatown**, you will experience a cultural explosion of sights, sounds, and flavors. Colorful temples and bustling streets will showcase the rich Vietnamese-Chinese heritage, offering you opportunities to purchase unique souvenirs. You may feel completely immersed in the local atmosphere as you explore hidden gems.



The **Ho Thi Ky Flower Market** will be your next destination, presenting a once-in-a-lifetime nocturnal experience. You will witness traders transporting the freshest flower batches, creating a magical nighttime spectacle. The market will allow you to purchase unique local items and capture stunning photographic memories.

As the night progresses, you will blend into the local scene, observing crowds at improvised sidewalk eateries and cafes. Street food vendors will tempt you with an array of delicious dishes, allowing you to taste the authentic flavors of Ho Chi Minh City. Your culinary journey will conclude around **22:00**, returning you to your hotel with unforgettable memories.

NOTE: The food options may change based on availability.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City

Day 10: Discover Cu Chi Tunnels & Mekong Delta Full Day

Morning

Setting out early from Ho Chi Minh City, your journey will lead you to the renowned [Cu Chi Tunnels](#). You will witness the historical significance develop as it provides a deep insight into the challenges of wartime survival.

At the Cu Chi Tunnels, you will navigate through parts of an incredible 250-kilometer underground network that once housed living quarters and weapon factories. The ingenious tunnel system may surprise you with its

complex engineering and hidden entrances. You might even have the chance to explore the narrow passages and experience the challenging conditions soldiers endured.



You can understand the past better by trying out real weapons from the battle in an *optional* shooting range experience. Enjoy a bite of the local tapioca snack that kept soldiers going through tough times. The morning will be filled with powerful insights into Vietnam's remarkable wartime history.

Afternoon

The Mekong Delta, a verdant region teeming with life and stunning scenery, is your destination for the day. As you ride a traditional **sampan boat** along the winding canals, you will get up close and personal with the riverside towns that line the route. It is possible that the trip will be like passing through a real, breathing ecosystem.

As part of your delta adventure, you will visit nearby communities to taste tropical fruits and see traditional crafts. The region's distinctive cultural customs, such as snake wine and coconut candy, will be showcased. After an incredible day of exploration, you will return to Ho Chi Minh City at about **18:00**.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City

Day 11: Ho Chi Minh Departure

Your final morning in Vietnam offers a moment of relaxation and reflection on the incredible journey you have experienced. You may want to take a leisurely stroll around Ho Chi Minh City, capturing last-minute memories and soaking in the vibrant atmosphere before your departure. Our travel consultants can help arrange a final half-day tour if you desire.

The check-out time is **12:00**. Your heart will be filled with memories of stunning landscapes, delicious cuisine, and the warm hospitality you've encountered throughout your travels. Farewell, Vietnam - until we meet again!

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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