

Vietnam Family Wildlife Adventure 12 days

Trip overview

This 12-day Vietnam Wild Wonders: Family Adventure tour offers an exciting journey through Vietnam's national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, and natural wonders. Families will enjoy immersive experiences like jungle trekking, cave exploration, ziplining, and wildlife spotting across iconic sites from Hanoi to the Mekong Delta. Designed for nature lovers and curious young explorers, the tour blends education, adventure, and relaxation in Vietnam's most biodiverse regions.

- **Durations:** 12 days
- **Trip outline:** Hanoi - Ninh Binh - Cuc Phuong National Park - Phong Nha Cave - Hoi An - Cham Island - Ho Chi Minh City - Monkey Island Can Gio
- **Price from:** US \$1959/person
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://besttratetours.com/vietnam-tours/vietnam-family-wildlife-adventure-12-days.html>

Trip outline

day	Activities	Accommodations	Meals
Day 1	Hanoi - Welcome to Vietnam	Hotel in Hanoi	NA
Day 2	Hanoi - Ba Vi National Park	Hotel in Hanoi	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 3	Ninh Binh - Tam Coc & Thung Nham Bird Garden	Hotel in Ninh Binh	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 4	Cuc Phuong National Park - Wildlife Conservation	Overnight train to Dong Hoi	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 5	Discover Phong Nha - Natural Wonders	Hotel in Dong Hoi	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 6	Phong Nha - Bach Ma National Park (Hue)	Hotel in Hue	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 7	Hoi An - Son Tra Nature Reserve	Hotel in Hoi An	Breakfast
Day 8	Hoi An - Venture to Cu Lao Cham Islands	Hotel in Hoi An	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 9	Flight Ho Chi Minh City - Can Gio Monkey Island	Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 10	Explore Cat Tien National Park - Wildlife Encounters	Hotel in Cat Tien National Park	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 11	Jungle Trekking & Nature Relaxation	Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 12	End of Journey - Ho Chi Minh City Departure	NA	Breakfast

Itinerary

Day 1: Hanoi - Welcome to Vietnam

Upon arriving in Hanoi, check in to your hotel, your heart and mind brimming with the promise of further adventures in this captivating city.



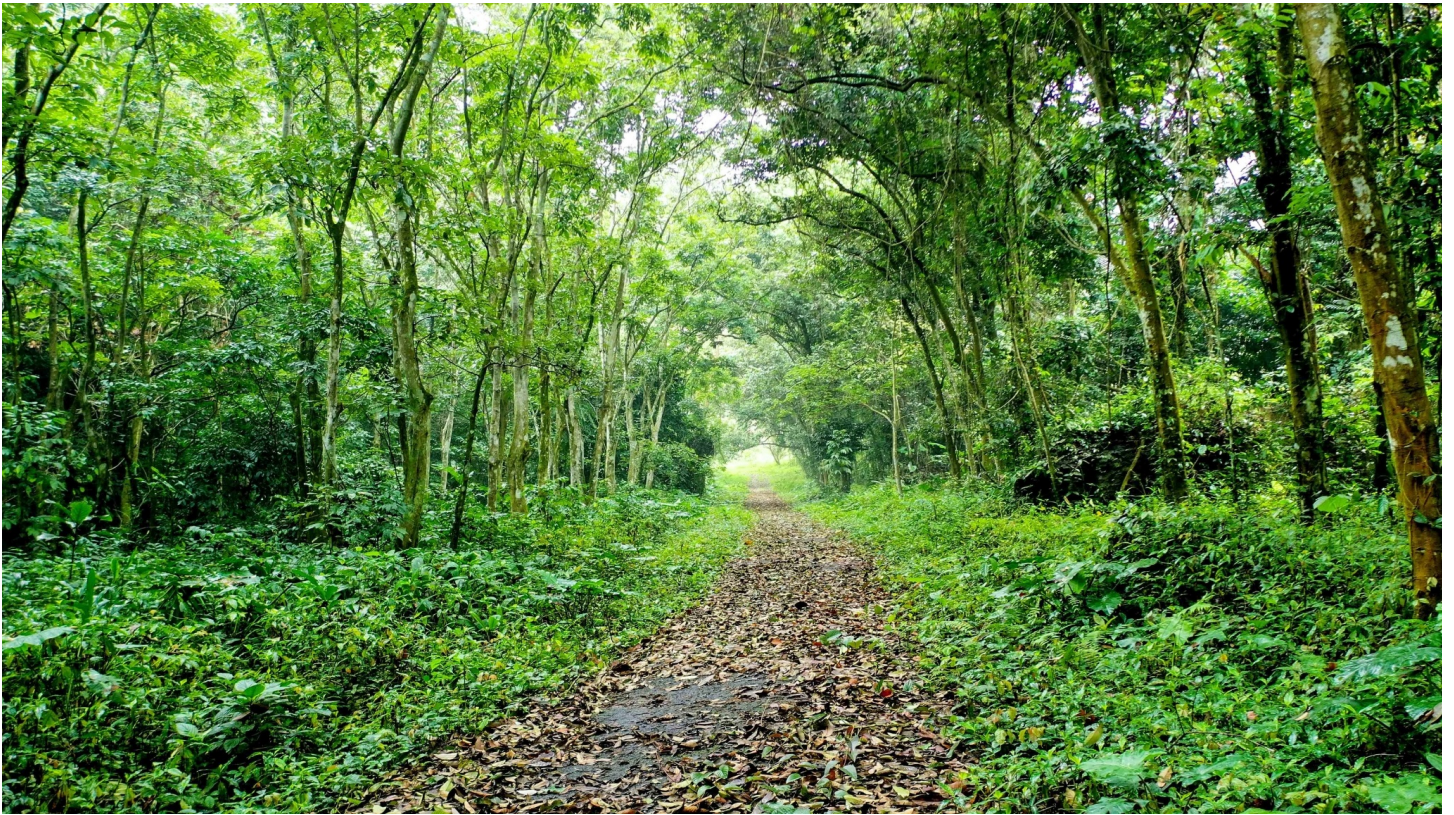
Your first adventure unfolds with a visit to the enchanting **Hanoi Botanical Garden**. This verdant haven welcomes you with its abundant flora, where rare plant species and vibrant wildlife paint a picture of nature's splendor. As you stroll along its winding paths, the gentle rustle of leaves and melodic bird calls create an atmosphere of serene discovery.

Meals: NA

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 2: Hanoi - Ba Vi National Park

Leaving Hanoi, you embark on a picturesque drive through Vietnam's verdant countryside, where rolling hills and quaint rural scenes set the stage for the day ahead. Your destination is the renowned **Ba Vi National Park**, a lush retreat celebrated for its natural splendor.



Upon arrival, you dive into an invigorating forest trek, following winding trails that gradually lead you upward to the famed **Tan Vien Summit**. Along the way, every step reveals a mosaic of thriving flora and diverse fauna, with the surrounding landscape unfolding into a breathtaking panorama that speaks to the park's ecological richness and beauty.

Your adventure takes a delightful turn as you visit a local farm. Here, you will have the unique opportunity to engage with **ostriches and deer**. Feeding these gentle creatures offers a heartwarming, close-up encounter with nature, making the experience both memorable and intimate.

As the day winds down, you begin the leisurely drive back to Hanoi. The return journey provides ample time for reflection on the day's adventures, from the serene forest paths and stunning summit views to the charming interactions at the farm.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 3: Ninh Binh - Tam Coc & Thung Nham Bird Garden

Plan your trip early to Ninh Binh, where a traditional boat trip to **Tam Coc - Bich Dong** awaits. Drift along the tranquil river, surrounded by majestic limestone mountains and endless rice fields that paint a picture of Vietnam's natural beauty.

After this serene journey, venture into **Thung Nham Bird Garden**, a haven for over 40 rare bird species. Wander through the lush reserve, watching flocks gracefully return to their nests, filling the sky with movement and life. Savor a flavorful local lunch before settling into your hotel.



As the sun begins to set, soak in the peaceful countryside, where golden hues cast a magical glow over the landscape. This day is a perfect harmony of exploration and tranquility, offering a deep connection to nature in one of Vietnam's most picturesque destinations.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Ninh Binh

Day 4: Cuc Phuong National Park - Wildlife Conservation

Kick off your day immersed in the timeless beauty of **Cuc Phuong National Park**, Vietnam's oldest tropical forest and sanctuary renowned for its rich biodiversity and historical significance. As you explore the ancient, winding trails, you will be captivated by the dense canopy overhead, the rustle of leaves, and the chorus of wildlife that calls this pristine environment home.



Every step along the trail reveals layers of ecological history - from centuries-old trees to rare plant species and elusive animal inhabitants - all carefully preserved within this natural treasure. Knowledgeable guides enhance your experience by sharing fascinating insights into the park conservation efforts and the stories of the species that have thrived here over the ages.

After completing your exploration of Cuc Phuong, you will return to Ninh Binh and board an overnight train from Ninh Binh to Dong Hoi, continuing your journey to the central region of Vietnam.

NOTE: The dry season (December - May) is the ideal time to visit Cuc Phuong National Park. During these months, the weather is cool and pleasant, with clear skies and dry trails, making it perfect for sightseeing and outdoor adventures.

- April and May are known as butterfly season, when thousands of colorful butterflies fill the forest, creating a breathtaking and magical scene - ideal for nature lovers and photography enthusiasts.
- The dry season is also perfect for activities like trekking, camping, and exploring the park's famous caves.

Travelers are advised to avoid the rainy season from June to November when heavy rainfall makes the trails slippery, the air more humid, and there are many mosquitoes, which can make the journey more challenging and less enjoyable.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Overnight train to Dong Hoi

Day 5: Discover Phong Nha - Natural Wonders

In the early morning, you will arrive in Dong Hoi. Following breakfast, a vehicle will pick you up and transfer you to Phong Nha, where you will continue your exploration of the remarkable natural landscapes of Central Vietnam.

Your adventure begins with boarding a boat that gently carries you to **Phong Nha Cave**. As you walk through the cave's dark, mysterious waters, your guide unveils the secrets of this ancient natural wonder.

You're captivated by the impressive limestone formations - stalactites hanging delicately from the ceiling and stalagmites rising from the cave floor - each sculpted by nature over countless millennia. The soft lighting reveals intricate patterns and textures on the cave walls, while the guide explains the geological processes that created these breathtaking features.



After the immersive cave tour, prepare to soar across the forest canopy as you participate in a thrilling **zipline adventure**. Suspended high above the ground, you enjoy a unique perspective of the surrounding lush landscape, where the vibrant greenery and dappled sunlight create a stunning natural mosaic. This exhilarating experience not only provides an exciting rush but also offers a panoramic view of Phong Nha's rich ecosystem.

Following the zipline, your adventure continues with a relaxing **mud bath at Hang Toi**. Here, you have the opportunity to unwind and rejuvenate. The natural mud, gathered from the surrounding landscape, offers a therapeutic experience that soothes tired muscles and leaves you feeling refreshed.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Dong Hoi

Day 6: Phong Nha - Bach Ma National Park (Hue)

Travel by road for a 4-hour drive to **Bach Ma National Park**, located near Hue. Upon arrival, you will embark on a gentle hike along the park's well-marked trails, where every step reveals a rich tapestry of local flora and fauna.

During your hike, be sure to stop at the impressive **Do Quyen Waterfall** – a striking natural sight whose cascading waters create a tranquil and tranquil atmosphere that perfectly captures the essence of the park.



As the light begins to fade, prepare for a fascinating **nocturnal wildlife tour** led by an experienced guide, which offers a true glimpse into the biodiversity of the park, as you watch native species come alive under the cover of darkness.

NOTE: In June, July, and August, there are often thunderstorms in the afternoon, and water from upstream can rush down suddenly, which is dangerous.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hue

Day 7: Hoi An - Son Tra Nature Reserve

Morning

Moving from Hue to Hoi An, you will visit the **Son Tra Nature Reserve**. On the Son Tra peninsula, take a walk along the coastal trails to observe the local environment firsthand.

This area is home to the red-shanked douc, a species of Old World monkey well known for its distinctively bright and varied coloration. The red-shanked douc is regarded as one of the most visually remarkable primates, and its presence here highlights the region's rich biodiversity.

Afternoon

In the afternoon, explore **Hoi An Ancient Town**, a historic area known for its well-preserved architecture and narrow streets. Visit landmarks such as the Japanese Covered Bridge, the Fujian Assembly Hall, and handicraft stores along the way.

At the end of the day, around dusk, take part in a local lantern release event. This activity is a regional custom that symbolizes hope and renewal. The day is designed to provide a clear insight into both the natural and cultural aspects of the area.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoi An

Day 8: Hoi An - Venture to Cu Lao Cham Islands

Begin your day with an early morning boat ride from Hoi An to the unspoiled **Cham Islands**, where natural beauty awaits. As you glide over calm waters, the soft morning light casts a magical glow across the horizon, heralding a day filled with adventure and discovery.

Upon arrival, you have the choice to immerse yourself in an exhilarating **snorkeling** session, complete with essential safety gear such as a life vest, snorkel, and goggles, which will allow you to explore the vibrant coral reefs and observe a myriad of marine species up close.



Alternatively, you can opt for a **glass-bottom boat** tour that provides a comfortable and insightful view of the underwater world, capturing the intricate beauty of the marine ecosystem without getting wet.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoi An

Day 9: Flight Ho Chi Minh City - Can Gio Monkey Island

Your day unfolds with an early flight from Da Nang to Ho Chi Minh City, followed by a visit to the extraordinary **Can Gio Biosphere Reserve** - a lush haven just 45 km from the urban center.

This UNESCO-designated coastal sanctuary is a dynamic ecosystem where sprawling mangrove forests, salt marshes, and tidal flats work in harmony to support an incredible diversity of life. These mangroves not only protect the coastline from erosion but also serve as vital breeding grounds for numerous marine species, emphasizing the region's ecological significance.



At the heart of Can Gio lies **Monkey Island**, where over 2,000 wild monkeys roam freely in their natural habitat. Because these primates are nurtured by and accustomed to living in a natural environment, they have grown notably bold.

Enhance your visit with a boat tour through the intricate mangrove waterways, where local experts will share fascinating insights into the coastal ecosystem and its unique biodiversity.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City

Day 10: Explore Cat Tien National Park - Wildlife Encounters

In the morning, depart for **Cat Tien National Park**, located about **3.5 hours** by car from your starting point. This park is one of Vietnam's most important protected areas, known for its rich biodiversity and tropical forest landscapes.

Upon arrival, begin your visit with a tour of the **Bear and Rhino Rescue Center**, where you'll learn about ongoing conservation efforts to protect endangered species such as the black bear and the rhinoceros, once native to the area. The center offers a rare opportunity to see these animals up close and understand the challenges of wildlife rehabilitation in Vietnam.

As night falls, embark on a **Safari Night** experience. This guided tour through the forest gives you a chance to observe nocturnal wildlife in their natural habitat, such as deer, civets, porcupines, and more. It's a thrilling way to witness the forest come alive after dark.

After the safari, settle in for the night at an eco-lodge nestled within the jungle, where you can fall asleep to the sounds of nature, fully immersed in the serene environment of Cat Tien National Park.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Cat Tien National Park

Day 11: Jungle Trekking & Nature Relaxation

An invigorating jungle trek that unveils the intricate layers of the local ecosystem. As you meander along shaded forest trails with your knowledgeable guide, you will discover a rich tapestry of indigenous flora - towering trees, vibrant undergrowth, and delicate wildflowers - as well as diverse fauna, from colorful birds to elusive mammals that call this forest home.



Later, cool off with a refreshing swim in the crystalline waters of **Bau Sau Stream**, a secluded haven celebrated for its unspoiled beauty and its role in nurturing a thriving aquatic ecosystem. The stream surroundings are alive with the sounds of nature and a mosaic of plant life, making it a perfect spot to appreciate the harmonious balance of the forest environment.

After that, you will journey back to Ho Chi Minh City for a comfortable overnight stay, marking a serene conclusion to a day immersed in nature.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City

Day 12: End of Journey - Ho Chi Minh City Departure

On your last day, pause for a moment to reminisce about the extraordinary journey you have experienced across Vietnam's lush terrains and vibrant cultural heritage. Your trip wraps up with heartfelt goodbyes, leaving you enriched by Vietnam's timeless allure and eager for future explorations.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: NA

Booking Policy

Inclusion

- Accommodation in Twin/ Double sharing

- All transport within Vietnam (including airport pick up & see off)
- All in-tour stationed local English speaking guide.
- Entrance fees for Vietnam attractions, as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the program

Exclusion

- Hotel EARLY check in & LATE check out
- Peak season surcharge & compulsory dinner in the accommodation.
- Transport to or from Vietnam
- International or departure taxes
- Vietnam Visa (above 6 months passport Valid & 3 clear-page require)
- Travel Insurance while in Vietnam
- Tips, laundry and gratuities
- Meals not marked on itinerary
- Any other personal expense not mentioned
- 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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