

Across Vietnam by Train on a Budget: Small Group 15 days

Trip overview

Wanna have an unforgettable trip through the length of the “S-shaped” country from North to South? Best Rate Tours offers you a budget choice with our 15-day package Along Vietnam with Group by Budget Train.

As we journey southward by train, we can have a fascinating view of the differences between each area of Vietnam. Don't hesitate anymore and book this fascinating tour now to explore authentic Vietnam!

- **Durations:** 15 days
- **Trip outline:** Hanoi - Sapa - Halong Bay - Hue - Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City - Cu Chi Tunnels - Can Tho - Cai Rang Floating Market
- **Price from:** US \$1039/person
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://besttratetours.com/vietnam-tours/across-vietnam-by-train-on-a-budget-small-group-15-days.html>

Trip outline

day	Activities	Accommodations	Meals
Day 1	Hanoi Arrival	Hotel in Hanoi	NA
Day 2	Half-day Hanoi City Tour - Hanoi to Sapa Bus	Hotel in Sapa	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 3	Trekking Journey to Y Linh Ho - Lao Chai - Ta Van (SIC - Join Group)	Overnight in Sapa	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 4	Sapa Scenic Trekking Route to Cat Cat & Sin Chai - Hanoi	Hotel in Hanoi	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 5	Hanoi - Halong Bay - Overnight on Cruise	Overnight on cruise	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 6	Ending Halong - Hanoi - Overnight train to Hue	Overnight sleeper train	Breakfast, Brunch
Day 7	Half-day Hue City Tour	Hotel in Hue	Breakfast
Day 8	Hue - Hoi An: Road Transfer by Shuttle Bus	Hotel in Hoi An	Breakfast
Day 9	Half-day Hoi An City Tour	Hotel in Hoi An	Breakfast
Day 10	Hoi An - Da Nang - Overnight train to Ho Chi Minh	Overnight Sleeper Train	Breakfast
Day 11	Half-day Ho Chi Minh City Tour	Hotel in Ho Chi Minh	Breakfast

Day 12	Cu Chi Tunnels half-day tour (Join)	Hotel in Ho Chi Minh	Breakfast
Day 13	Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Can Tho (SIC)	Hotel in Can Tho	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 14	Cai Rang Floating Market - Ho Chi Minh	Hotel in Ho Chi Minh	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 15	Ho Chi Minh City - Departure	NA	Breakfast

Itinerary

Day 1: Hanoi Arrival

Morning

Upon arrival at Noi Bai International Airport in Hanoi, you will be transferred directly to the hotel in Hanoi.

The check-in time is **14:00**. You can check in earlier with a surcharge, please contact your travel consultant in advance if you want to book the service.

Have a good rest after the long flight to prepare for the exciting journey ahead.

Afternoon/ Night

It's time for you to take a break or explore the hidden gems of Hanoi. You can choose to discover the city on your own or follow one of the suggestions below:

Hanoi Street Food Walking Tour	FROM US \$29 /pax
Hanoi Cooking Class Half Day	FROM US \$48 /pax
Hanoi Cyclo and Water Puppet Show With Dinner	FROM US \$44 /pax

Meals: NA

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 2: Half-day Hanoi City Tour - Hanoi to Sapa Bus

Morning

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel before embarking on the tour of famous attractions of Hanoi at **08:30** to learn more about the capital's history and culture.

First off, we go to the **Temple of Literature**, Vietnam's first university. Since it stands as a symbol for education, this place is often crowded during Tet holidays and before student's important exams.



The next stop is the **One Pillar Pagoda**. There, you will have the opportunity to witness the unique structure of the small and elegant ancient Buddhist pagoda.

Then, visit the [Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum](#) as tourists can show their respects to the greatest leader of Vietnam who brought independence to the country.

Head to the West Lake, we can enjoy the tranquility and sunlight glazing on the water. We will also pay a visit to the 1500-year-old [Tran Quoc Buddhist Pagoda](#) nearby.



Afternoon

Board a comfortable bus from Hanoi to Sapa, embarking on a picturesque journey through the winding roads of northern Vietnam. As the bus moves away from the city, enjoy stunning views of lush green fields, rolling

hills, and quaint rural villages.

Arrive in Sapa and transfer to your hotel for check-in. After settling into your room, take some time to relax and soak in the fresh mountain air.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Sapa

Day 3: Trekking Journey to Y Linh Ho - Lao Chai - Ta Van (SIC - Join Group)

Morning & Afternoon

Embark on a 6 km trek across the picturesque **Muong Hoa Valley**, surrounded by breathtaking scenery, as you make your way to [Y Linh Ho Village](#), home to the Black Hmong ethnic group.



Continue your trek for 2 km to reach the captivating **Lao Chai** and [Ta Van Village](#). Immerse yourself in the local culture and enjoy a delicious lunch with a friendly local family.

Indulge in another 2 km of trekking until you reach the Ta Van bus stop, where a convenient bus will be waiting to take you back to your hotel.



Night

Relax and savor the tranquility of Sapa when reflecting on the unforgettable experiences of the day.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Overnight in Sapa

Day 4: Sapa Scenic Trekking Route to Cat Cat & Sin Chai - Hanoi

Morning

At **08:00**, get ready to embark on a captivating 4 km journey to explore the charming [Cat Cat Village](#). En route, we would encounter the picturesque waterfall and discover the remnants of a former hydroelectric power station.



Today, we will indulge in a delightful picnic lunch by the tranquil river, surrounded by nature's beauty.

Afternoon

Continue your adventure with a 3 km walk to the enchanting [Sin Chai Village](#), nestled at the foot of the majestic Fansipan Mountain.

Immerse yourself in the awe-inspiring landscapes that unfold before your eyes as you make your way back to Sapa.

We will return to Hanoi by shuttle bus. Once you arrive at the capital city, enjoy the evening at your leisure and prepare for the following day.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 5: Hanoi - Halong Bay - Overnight on Cruise

Morning

After a satisfying breakfast, bid farewell to Hanoi as you embark on an exciting journey of a 2-day 1-night cruise tour to the breathtaking Halong Bay.



When you step onto the Halong cruise, you will immediately feel the warm welcome from the friendly crew. A delectable seafood feast is served while the cruise gracefully sets sail towards the mesmerizing bay.

Afternoon

Immerse yourself in a range of captivating activities based on the planned itinerary of the cruise. Explore mystical caves, navigate the emerald waters by kayak, or dive into the refreshing bay for a rejuvenating swim.



Let the enchanting landscapes and crystal-clear waters of Halong Bay captivate your senses, creating unforgettable moments.

Night

As the sun begins to set, everyone returns to the cruise for a relaxing evening, then you will savor a scrumptious dinner on board.

Unwind and embrace the tranquility of the bay as you spend a memorable night on the cruise, surrounded by the magical ambiance of Halong Bay.

Note:

- Our tour guide will not accompany you on the cruise, so there will be attentive crew members who are fluent in English to assist you throughout the journey.
- Each cruise will have a different schedule, please contact our sales consultant if you need more information.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Overnight on cruise

Day 6: Ending Halong - Hanoi - Overnight train to Hue

Morning

Awaken your senses with an invigorating Tai Chi session on the sundeck, embracing the serenity of the morning.

Indulge in a delightful breakfast as the cruise navigates to captivating caves, allowing you to marvel at the wonders of nature one last time.



As the cruise returns to the main dock, prepare for your transfer back to Hanoi, savoring a delicious lunch en route.

Afternoon

Arrive in Hanoi and immerse yourself in the vibrant energy of the city. You have the freedom to explore Hanoi at your own pace, discovering its hidden gems and savoring the tantalizing flavors of Vietnamese street food.

As the evening approaches, make your way to Hanoi train station at **21:15** for an unforgettable journey on the night train from Hanoi to Hue.

Relax in the comfort of a shared 4-berth air-conditioned compartment, allowing yourself to unwind and prepare for the next adventure that awaits you in Hue.

Note:

- Each cruise will have a different schedule, please contact our sales consultant if you need more information.
- The train schedule is subject to change. There will be an extra fee if you require a private cabin with supplements.

Meals: Breakfast, Brunch

Accommodation: Overnight sleeper train

Day 7: Half-day Hue City Tour

Morning /Afternoon

Arrive in Hue, you will check in and then indulge in a scrumptious breakfast at your hotel, fueling up for a day filled with exploration and cultural immersion.

Embark on a journey of serenity as you visit the iconic site - **Thien Mu Pagoda** and wonder at its ancient architecture and enjoy breathtaking views of the Perfume River.



Immerse yourself in Vietnam's rich history as you explore the majestic [Imperial Citadel](#), a remarkable historical site that offers insights into the country's pre-modern era and the opulent lives of the royal people.

Experience the vibrant pulse of local life at [Dong Ba Market](#), where you can immerse yourself in the bustling market's sights, sounds, and flavors and discover unique souvenirs to bring home.



Night

Head to the comfort of your hotel and unwind after the captivating experiences of the day. Take this time to relax and rejuvenate, preparing yourself for more exciting adventures.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hue

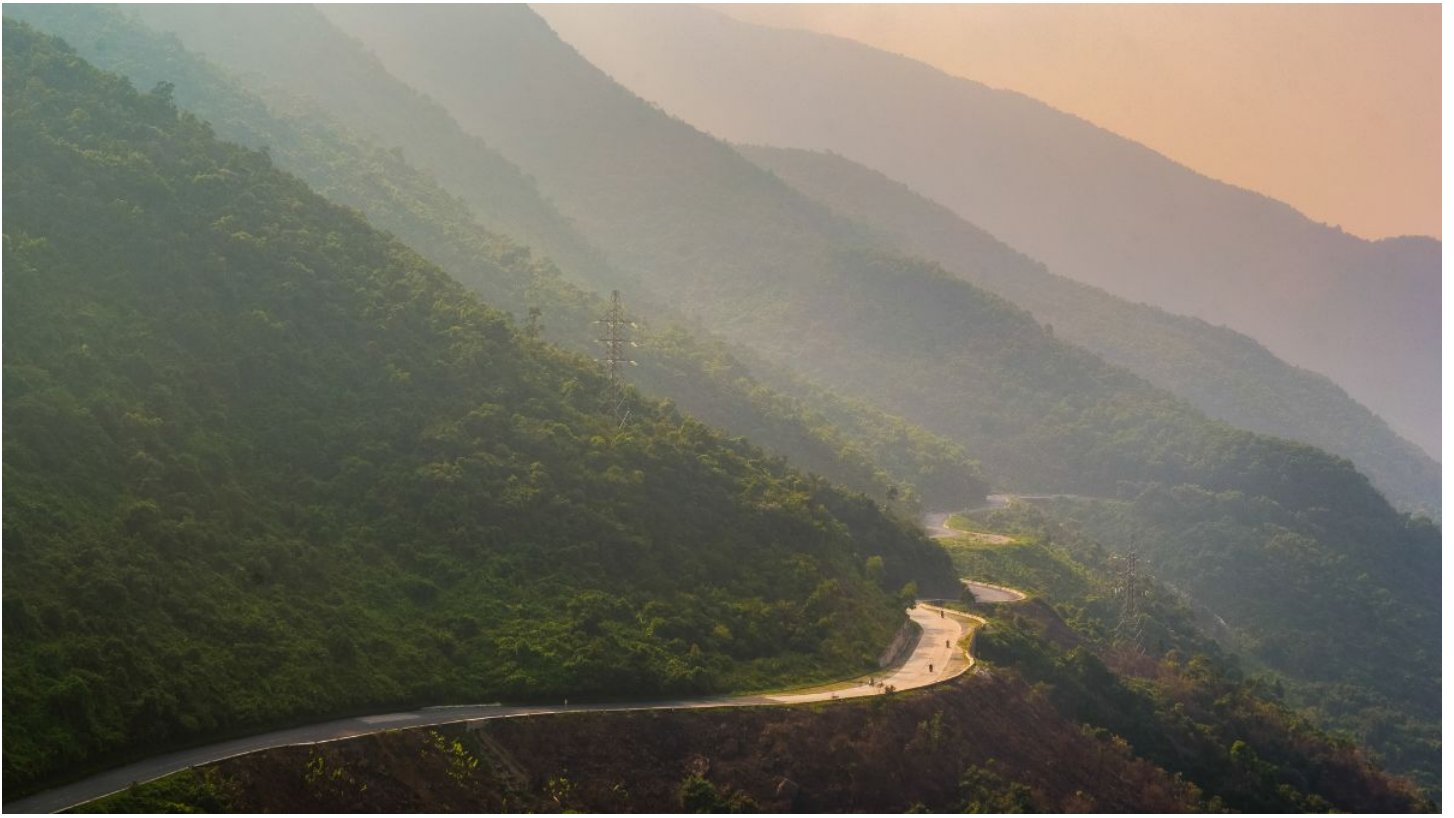
Day 8: Hue - Hoi An: Road Transfer by Shuttle Bus

Morning/ Afternoon

Start your day with a delightful breakfast at your hotel, savoring the flavors that will energize you for the adventures ahead.

At **08:00** or **13:30**, embark on a scenic journey to Hoi An in a comfortable shuttle bus or private car.

Along the way, you can take advantage of a brief stop at selected sightseeing spots to capture memorable photos (admission fees not included).



Night

When we arrive in Hoi An, you can process the check-in at the hotel. After that, you are free to unwind, allowing yourself to fully appreciate the charm and tranquility of this enchanting town.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoi An

Day 9: Half-day Hoi An City Tour

Morning

Indulge in a delicious breakfast at your hotel, preparing yourself for a day of exploration and discovery.

At **08:00**, we embark on an immersive Hoi An half-day walking tour, an enchanting journey that will unveil the true spirit of this ancient town.

Stroll along the charming old streets, meandering through local houses and uncovering the rich history and culture that permeate the atmosphere.

Discover the rich history of the multi-culture of Hoi An by visiting the architectural wonders of the [Japanese Covered Bridge](#) and the **Fujian Assembly Hall**.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoi An

Day 10: Hoi An - Da Nang - Overnight train to Ho Chi Minh

Morning

Have breakfast at the hotel then you can freely explore the town independently or book another day tour with a surcharge if you don't know where to go. Some options that you might consider are:

Hoi An Memories Show Ticket	FROM US \$24 /pax
Teh Dar Show Ticket at Hoi An Lune Center	FROM US \$30 /pax
Hoi An Motorbike Street Food Tour Half Day	FROM US \$49 /pax

Afternoon

Tourists will transfer to the train station in Da Nang for a night train to Ho Chi Minh City in a shared 4-berth air-conditioned compartment.

Have free time relaxing on the exciting night train.

Note:

- Your guide will not accompany you during the train journey.
- The train schedule is subject to change. Private compartments on request at a surcharge.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Overnight Sleeper Train

Day 11: Half-day Ho Chi Minh City Tour

Morning/ Afternoon

Begin your day with an exhilarating arrival in Saigon as the train pulls into the city around **05:30**.

You will be warmly greeted and escorted to a delightful breakfast, where you can savor the flavors of Vietnam and energize yourself for the adventures ahead.

Start at the [Reunification Palace](#), a symbol of Saigon's liberation, where you can step back in time and witness the historical significance of this landmark.



Next, explore the poignant exhibits at the [War Remnants Museum](#) as you gain a deeper understanding of Vietnam's turbulent past through galleries and exhibitions.



Visit the [Old Post Office](#), a testament to the city's colonial heritage and a perfect spot for capturing memorable photos. Despite being a famous tourist attraction, it is still working till this day.

Experience the vibrant local culture with a visit to a bustling market, where you can engage with friendly vendors, observe their daily lives, and find unique souvenirs to take home.

Evening

Return to your hotel in Ho Chi Minh City, where you have the evening to yourself.

Take this time to unwind, or else you can venture out to discover the city's lively nightlife or indulge in a delicious local meal.

Meals: Breakfast

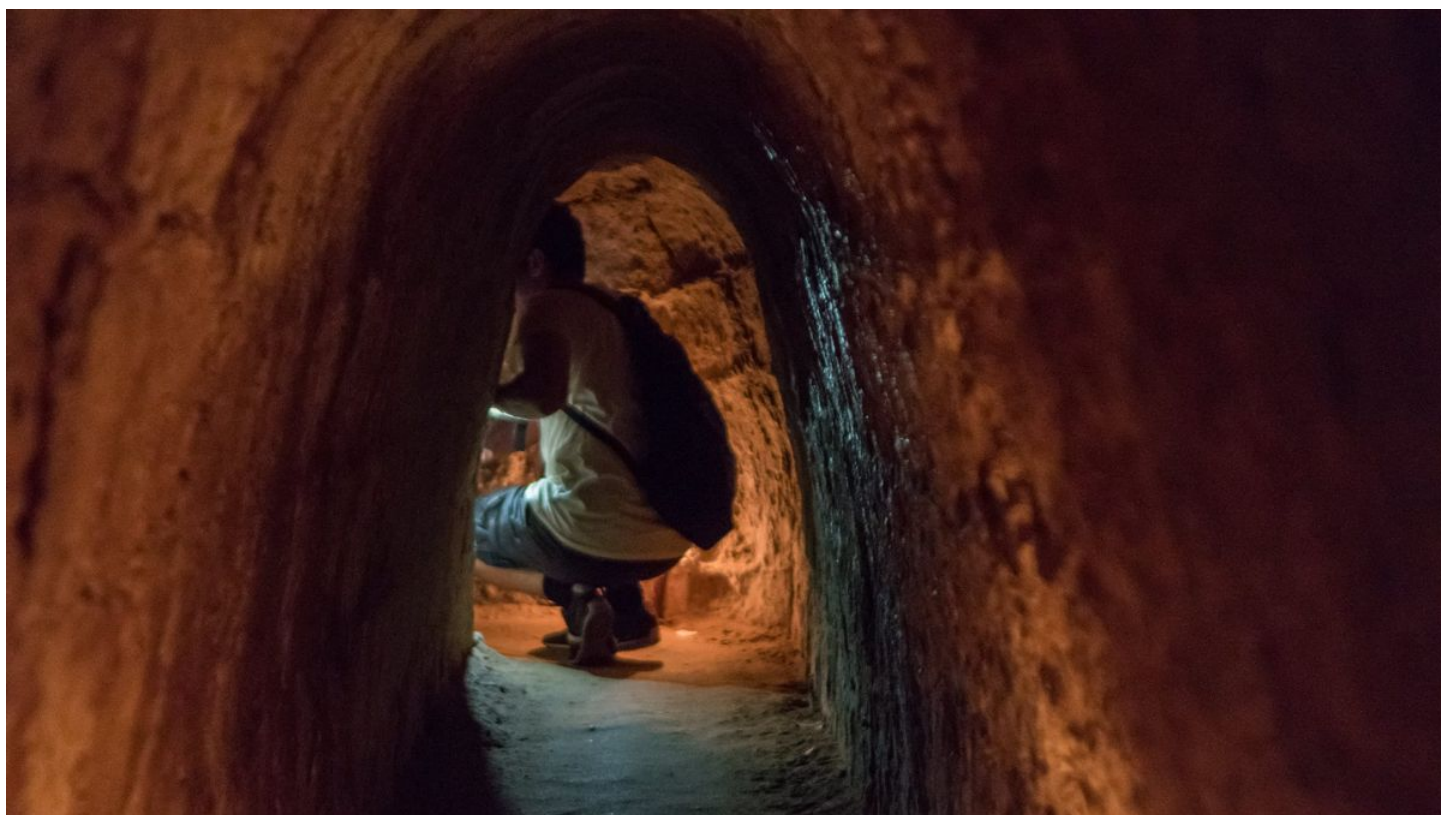
Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh

Day 12: Cu Chi Tunnels half-day tour (Join)

Morning/ Afternoon

Start your day with a delicious breakfast at your hotel, fueling yourself for an exciting adventure ahead.

At **08:00**, embark on a captivating journey to the [Cu Chi Tunnels](#), an extraordinary historical site that played a crucial role during the Vietnam War.



Explore the intricate network of underground tunnels and witness the ingenuity of the Vietnam Army. Gain a deeper understanding of the challenging conditions faced by soldiers during the war.

For an even more immersive experience, you can crawl through some of the tunnels, providing a firsthand perspective of the soldiers' remarkable resilience.

Alternatively, you can engage in firing-gun services to get a feel for the weapons used during that time (additional charges apply).

After the tour, the remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. Take this opportunity to relax, reflect, and immerse yourself in the local culture of Vietnam.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh

Day 13: Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Can Tho (SIC)

Morning

Travelers will start the day with a delightful breakfast at the hotel. And then you should prepare yourself for an exciting journey ahead.

Our driver will be ready to transfer you to the captivating city of Can Tho, nestled in the heart of the picturesque Mekong Delta region.

Afternoon/ Night

Around **13:30 - 14:00**, embark on an unforgettable adventure as you board a traditional boat and set sail along the enchanting waterways of the Mekong Delta.

Immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of the region's diverse landscapes, visiting fish farms and exotic fruit farms along the way.

Explore the lush orchards, verdant paddy fields, and serene swamplands, gaining a deeper appreciation for the beauty and tranquility of the Mekong Delta.



You will have free time to relax and indulge in the charms of Can Tho. Whether it's exploring the local markets, or savoring some delectable cuisines.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Can Tho

Day 14: Cai Rang Floating Market - Ho Chi Minh

Morning

Start your day off right with a delicious breakfast at your hotel, energizing yourself for an unforgettable adventure in the Mekong Delta.

At **08:00**, the trip continues on a motorboat. We sail to [Cai Rang](#), the bustling floating market that represents the vibrant trading culture along the Mekong River.



Immerse yourself in the lively atmosphere of the market, where vendors sell an array of goods from their boats.

Indulge in local delicacies like Hu Tieu, a traditional rice noodle dish, or savor some unique flavors of fruits in the region.

We continue our exploration by visiting a rice husking mill and taking a leisurely stroll through the nearby village. Immerse yourself in the captivating scenery and observe the daily activities of the friendly locals.

Afternoon

At **13:30**, bid farewell to Can Tho as you disembark at Ninh Kieu and prepare for your return route to Ho Chi Minh City.

Guests will enjoy a delicious lunch in Can Tho before embarking on the transfer back to the bustling metropolis.

Once you arrive in Ho Chi Minh City, the remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at your leisure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh

Day 15: Ho Chi Minh City - Departure

Have free time at leisure until transfer to Tan Son Nhat International Airport for your departure flight.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: NA

Booking Policy

Inclusion

- Accommodation in TWN/ DBL sharing (except overnight on train/ home stay)
- All transport within Vietnam (including airport pick up & see off), as per itinerary
- All in-tour stationed local English speaking guide.
- Overnight train tickets: Hanoi – Hue and Da Nang – Ho Chi Minh (Sharing, Soft Sleeper with air conditioning, 4 berths per cabin)
- Entrance fees to attractions, as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the program

Exclusion

- Hotel EARLY check in & LATE check out
- Peak season surcharge & compulsory dinner at the hotel if any
- 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, and bottled water in Vietnam
- Private staying on train
- 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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