

Private Luxury Journey Through Vietnam's Highlights 10 days

Trip overview

This 10-day private tour is for people who want adventure holidays combined with luxury. In Hanoi, you will get a chance to ride a cyclo through the Old Quarter and take a street food tour to immerse yourself in local flavors. Moving to Halong Bay, you will be captivated by the beauty of emerald waters in a sea-view luxury cabin, followed by a journey to Ninh Binh's limestone landscapes.

Before exploring My Son Sanctuary, you will get a sense of Hoi An dreamy vibes by walking slowly along lantern-lit streets. While in the south, it is time to uncover the dynamic energy of Saigon and the peaceful daily life of the Mekong Delta. Join us as every moment is seamless, and every experience is unforgettable.

- **Durations:** 10 days
- **Trip outline:** Hanoi - Halong Bay - Ninh Binh - Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta
- **Price from:** US \$2829/person
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://besttratetours.com/vietnam-tours/private-luxury-journey-through-vietnam-s-highlights-10-days.html>

Trip outline

day	Activities	Accommodations	Meals
Day 1	Arrival in Hanoi	Hotel in Hanoi	Dinner
Day 2	Hanoi Private Sightseeing Guide Tour	Hotel in Hanoi	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 3	Travel to Halong Bay - Enjoy Overnight Cruise	Halong Bay Cruise	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 4	Halong Bay to Ninh Binh	Hotel in Ninh Binh	Breakfast
Day 5	Ninh Binh - Explore the "Halong Bay on Land"	Hotel in Hoi An	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 6	Hoi An Exploration	Hotel in Hoi An	Breakfast, Dinner
Day 7	My Son Discovery & Beach Relaxation	Hotel in Hoi An	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 8	Transfer to Ho Chi Minh City - Join Saigon City Tour	Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City	Breakfast
Day 9	Mekong Delta Excursion	Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 10	Ho Chi Minh City Departure	NA	Breakfast

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Hanoi

Welcome to Vietnam! Upon arrival at **Noi Bai International Airport**, you will be greeted by a private driver and escorted to your luxury hotel in Hanoi. Take some time to relax and settle in your new accommodation.

Later in the day, you will delve into the sights and sounds of Hanoi by a **cyclo**. The man will drive you through bustling streets lined with colonial buildings, traditional shophouses, and old temples. Feel the soulful pulse of the city as you pass by local vendors, silk boutiques, and lively markets.



When night falls, you will get on a **private street food tour** led by a local expert. This is a perfect opportunity to figure out the flavors that define this culinary scene. You will be introduced to must-try delicacies such as pho, banh mi, egg coffee, and many others. This gastronomic journey not only satisfies your taste buds but also carries fascinating insights into the city's food culture.

Meals: Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 2: Hanoi Private Sightseeing Guide Tour

Morning

Gather in the hotel lobby to meet your local guide and receive an introduction to the day's journey. Begin your exploration with a visit to the **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum**, where you will gain insights into the life and legacy of Vietnam's beloved leader.

Continue to the **One Pillar Pagoda**, one of Vietnam's most iconic landmarks. Built atop a single wooden pillar, this centuries-old structure is a striking example of traditional Vietnamese architecture, rich with cultural symbolism expressed through woodcarving and design.

Your next stop is the **Temple of Literature**, Vietnam's first national university. Founded during the Ly dynasty, this historic site honors Confucius and generations of scholars. Its elegant courtyards and pavilions make it a perfect place to reflect and capture memorable photos.

Wrap up your cultural morning at the **Vietnamese Women's Museum**, which beautifully showcases the resilience, roles, and contributions of Vietnamese women throughout history.



After the tour, unwind at a local restaurant where you will enjoy a delicious lunch featuring authentic Vietnamese cuisine, served with hospitality that reflects the warmth of the culture.

Afternoon

Leave the city behind and journey to **Bat Trang**, one of Vietnam's oldest and most renowned ceramic villages, located along the Red River.

Upon arrival in Bat Trang, wander through narrow, centuries-old alleys lined with traditional workshops and artisan stores. Discover the intricate techniques passed down through generations as you observe skilled craftsmen shaping and decorating delicate pottery.

Evening

As the sun sets, it is time to indulge in an exclusive **fine-dining experience** at one of the top restaurants in Hanoi. You will enjoy a carefully curated menu featuring exquisite Vietnamese flavors prepared by skilled chefs in a sophisticated setting. This private dining experience is the perfect way to end your day, savoring the elegance and rich culinary heritage of the capital.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 3: Travel to Halong Bay - Enjoy Overnight Cruise

Morning

After a delightful breakfast at your hotel, you will get to embark on a private transfer to **Halong Bay**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site for turquoise waters and towering limestone karst cliffs. It takes you **2.5 hours** to get there. En route, do not forget to feast your eyes on expansive rice fields and traditional villages dotting the landscape.

Once arriving, you will board your luxury 5-star cruise and get a warm welcome from crew members with special tea at the lounge. After that, you will check in your cabin before setting sail across the striking bay. The

journey takes you past plenty of magnificent natural limestone formations that rise up from the waters, creating a picture that seems almost surreal. Be sure to bring along your camera to capture this amazing moment.

Afternoon

After enjoying a delicious lunch, the afternoon is filled with many exciting activities. You can venture into mystical caves adorned with stalactites and stalagmites or choose to go kayaking and glide via hidden lagoons. If you prefer a more relaxing experience, taking a swim is recommended.



By the time when the sun starts to set, you will return to the cruise and unwind with sunset cocktails on the deck, watching the sky transform into hues of orange and pink. Later, you will relish a sumptuous seafood dinner cooked by expert chefs from fresh, locally sourced ingredients. The rest of the day will be used to enjoy the peaceful night on board.

NOTE: The itinerary may change depending on the specific cruise you book

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Halong Bay Cruise

Day 4: Halong Bay to Ninh Binh

Morning

You will get up early to embrace the meditative flow of Tai Chi on the sundeck. It is a good way to kick off the day in harmony with nature. Afterward, you will set out to witness one last attraction up close before going back to the boat for brunch.



Afternoon

Having finished eating, you will disembark at the pier and have a following transfer to Ninh Binh, a year-round destination. Upon reaching, you navigate to a scenic eco-lodge, where you will spend the night. To get yourself familiar with the place, you can start by wandering around and soaking in the tranquil atmosphere here.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Ninh Binh

Day 5: Ninh Binh - Explore the "Halong Bay on Land"

Morning

Begin your day with a serene boat trip through **Galaxy Grotto**, a hidden gem nestled in the **Trang An limestone complex**. Glide along a peaceful river that winds through majestic karst formations and into a stunning cave adorned with sparkling stalactites and stalagmites. As you float through the cave's dimly lit chambers, marvel at the natural beauty shaped by millions of years of geological history.

Next, continue to **Thung Nham Bird Park**, a tranquil ecological site surrounded by lush mountains and rich wetlands. Enjoy a scenic boat ride through the peaceful landscape and spot native bird species - especially vibrant flocks of storks and herons nesting in the trees. The area offers a unique chance to witness local biodiversity and immerse yourself in the unspoiled nature of Ninh Binh.

Take time to breathe in the fresh countryside air, capture beautiful photos, and enjoy the calm pace of rural Vietnam before returning for lunch.

Afternoon

For the upcoming schedule, you will head to the airport for a flight to Danang. On arrival, a private transfer will move you to Hoi An ancient town, where you will check in to a boutique resort. The evening is yours to relax and prepare for the day ahead.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoi An

Day 6: Hoi An Exploration

You will take a guided tour into the colorful streets of the beautiful Hoi An town, sometimes referred to as the Venice of the East. Thousands of tourists, both local and international, come here year after year to admire its old-world architecture and distinctive yellow shop. You will walk past centuries-old houses, lantern-lit alleys, and local markets while our guide shares fascinating stories about the town's history.



The first destination in the plan is the **Japanese Covered Bridge**, a symbol of cultural connection built in the 16th century. Another highlight among Hoi An historical sites is the **Chinese Assembly Halls**, where ornate altars, dragon-adorned courtyards, and elaborate woodwork showcase the artistic legacy of Chinese communities once residing there.

In the evening, you will have a **private dinner** with the riverside as the backdrop. This is the best chance to taste a curated selection of local and international dishes paired with fine wines while noticing the surrounding atmosphere becomes more and more mysterious.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoi An

Day 7: My Son Discovery & Beach Relaxation

Morning

The following day, from Hoi An, you will get to **My Son Sanctuary**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that was originally the spiritual and political capital of the Champa Kingdom.



Surrounded by lush green hills of the Truong Son mountain range, this great spot is home to the historical and architectural wonder with dozens of red brick towers and sanctuaries. As you get to know weathered yet majestic ruins, our tour leader will provide you with all the relevant information about the mysteries behind centuries-old structures.

Afternoon

After the cultural exploration, the afternoon is all about relaxing and unwinding on your own. You can choose to sit back or lie down on the soft sands of An Bang Beach, where the gentle waves and fresh ocean breeze create the perfect escape. You will also have plenty of time to go swimming, sip on a cool drink at a beachfront cafe, or soak up the tranquil seaside atmosphere that is hard to feel elsewhere.

If you like the idea of a more indulgent experience, you can opt for a spa treatment and let expert therapists ease away any tension with traditional Vietnamese wellness techniques. Whether by the beach or in a modern spa, this is your time to recharge before the next schedule.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoi An

Day 8: Transfer to Ho Chi Minh City - Join Saigon City Tour

Morning

After breakfast, you will head to the airport for a short 1.5-hour flight from Da Nang to Ho Chi Minh City, also known as Saigon. On arrival, a guide will greet you and take you on a cultural and historical journey.

Afternoon

Your first stop for today is **Reunification Palace**, a center of power of the government of the Republic of Vietnam in the past. Spend your time wandering grand halls and war command rooms to get a glimpse of the historical events that shaped present-day Vietnam.

Next, you will pay a visit to **Notre Dame Cathedral**, a stunning French colonial-era masterpiece standing tall in the heart of the city. Right across the street, you will find Central Post Office, another architectural gem designed by Gustave Eiffel.

Your exploration goes on at the **War Remnants Museum**, where thought-provoking exhibits carry deep insights into the Vietnam War. The powerful displays of photographs, military equipment, and personal stories provide a moving perspective on the country's resilience.

After the private tour, you will be transferred to your hotel, where you can relax and absorb the dynamic energy of Saigon. The evening is yours to explore at your leisure - perhaps enjoy delicious cocktails and appetizers in a rooftop bar or take a leisurely stroll via busy streets filled with endless sights and sounds.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City

Day 9: Mekong Delta Excursion

The following day, you will embark on a fascinating trip to the **Mekong Delta**, often called the "rice bowl of Vietnam". A private boat tour to **Ben Tre** will take you along scenic waterways, where you can take in picturesque landscapes and witness the daily activities of locals.

You will stop at a local coconut workshop first to see the intricate process of transforming coconuts into various handmade products. This is a wonderful chance to observe the craftsmanship behind these traditional goods and meet the warm-hearted people living here.

Later on, you will venture out to a mat-weaving house for insights into a significant part of Southern Vietnamese culture: sleeping mats. Watch as skilled artisans carefully weave each piece and gain a better understanding of this time-honored tradition.



Following that is a very interesting experience. You will hop on a Xe Loi (motorized rickshaw) or a bicycle, moving yourself into the peaceful countryside scenery. As you ride through small villages and colorful fruit orchards, you will witness the simplicity and beauty of local life in the Delta.

After lunch at a riverside restaurant, your adventure happens with a sampan boat ride, navigating the narrow canals of the Mekong. Enjoy the natural beauty before returning to your hotel in Saigon.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City

Day 10: Ho Chi Minh City Departure

Your tour finally comes to an end today. After a delightful breakfast, take some time to relax and reflect on the unforgettable experiences you have had.

At the scheduled time, a private transfer will take you to **Tan Son Nhat International Airport** for your departure. Though you leave Vietnam, memories will stay with you, and the country will always be ready to welcome you back. Goodbye, and have a safe flight!

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: NA

Booking Policy

Inclusion

- Accommodation in TWN/ DBL sharing accommodation at hotel, except overnight on train and home-stay (if any)
- Car transfer as per itinerary (excluding airport pick up and drop 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 at the hotel (if any)
- International flights to or from Vietnam with taxes
- Vietnam Visa (above 6 months passport Valid & 3 clear-page require)
- 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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