

# Vietnam Essential 10 days

## Trip overview

This **10 days** [Vietnam tour package](#) is designed specifically for groups of friends and families with lots of entertaining pastimes and free days alternating in schedules.

This lively journey of culture and nature from North to South provides the opportunity to visit the most famous sites throughout the country. Hesitate no more and book this tour now!

- **Durations:** 10 days
- **Destinations:** Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Cu Chi Tunnels - Hoi An - Hanoi - Halong Bay
- **Price from:** US \$859/person
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://besttratetours.com/vietnam-tours/vietnam-essential-10-days.html>

## Trip outline

Day	Activities	Accommodations	Meals
Day 1	Welcome to Vietnam - Touch Down in Ho Chi Minh City	Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City	NA
Day 2	Full-day Journey into the Heart of the Mekong Delta (SIC Tour)	Hotel in Ho Chi Minh	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 3	Cu Chi Tunnels - Ho Chi Minh City Tour - Flight to Da Nang	Hotel in Hoi An	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 4	Strolling Through Time - Discover Hoi An's Ancient Beauty Half-day	Hotel in Hoi An	Breakfast
Day 5	Free Day - Explore Hoi An at Your Leisure	Hotel in Hoi An	Breakfast
Day 6	Da Nang - Flight to Hanoi - Vietnam's Timeless Capital	Hotel in Hanoi	Breakfast
Day 7	Half-day Hanoi City Tour - Uncover the Culture of Hanoi	Hotel in Ha Noi	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 8	Sail into Serenity - Halong Bay Overnight Cruise	On-board an overnight cruise in Halong Bay	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 9	Halong Bay Discovery - Hanoi Transfer	Hotel in Hanoi	Breakfast, Brunch

Day 10	Farewell Vietnam - Hanoi Departure	NA	Breakfast
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## Itinerary

### Day 1: Welcome to Vietnam - Touch Down in Ho Chi Minh City

Your guide will meet you at Tan Son Nhat International Airport in Ho Chi Minh City and take you to your hotel so you can check in. After a long flight, get some rest, or explore this vibrant city at your leisure.



#### NOTE:

- Please be aware that during the day, both the domestic and international gates may get busy. If you arrive and cannot find our representatives, please get in touch with your travel adviser so that we can help you identify them.
- The hotel's check-in time is **14:00**, early check-in is available with a surcharge.

**Meals:** NA

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

### Day 2: Full-day Journey into the Heart of the Mekong Delta (SIC Tour)

#### Morning

At **08:00**, after picking you up from your Ho Chi Minh City hotel, our guide will begin our group's journey to **Ben Tre Province**.

Take a cruise down the **Ham Luong River**, which is a Mekong offshoot. We visit a few local businesses to get a sense of how the community's economy operates, such as a mat weaving or coconut processing workshop.



A short walk through a tranquil village will allow your group to get a taste of life in Mekong Delta. After that, hop on a "xe loi," a motorized rickshaw, and head into the forest to see fruit farms.



Visit a restaurant for a hearty and satisfying lunch that features regional favorites like fried elephant earfish.

## Afternoon

Take a sampan boat ride over narrow canals to unwind, enjoy the peaceful surroundings and don't forget to snap some great pictures along the way.

We will return to your accommodation in Saigon at around **17:00**.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Ho Chi Minh

## Day 3: Cu Chi Tunnels - Ho Chi Minh City Tour - Flight to Da Nang

### Morning

Depart from the hotel lobby at **08:00 - 08:30** to meet our tour guide and begin the 70-kilometer road trip to the [Cu Chi Tunnels](#).

Explore a variety of subterranean tunnels that were used as military camps by the North Vietnamese army from 1955 to 1975, serving as anything from hospitals and bedrooms for the military.



On the trip back to Ho Chi Minh City, a light lunch is served at a nearby restaurant.

### Afternoon

You shall leave your accommodation at **13:00** and head to the [Reunification Palace](#), a preserved mansion that served as the President of the Republic of Vietnam's home.



Take a tour of the [Saigon Central Post Office](#), which includes architecture influenced by French colonialism. You can catch a glimpse of the old Saigon as you enter this place since it is preserved really carefully.

It is recommended to make a stop at a **local market** to shop for souvenirs and gifts. Here you'll discover local life and culture and meet some of the city's friendliest, liveliest, most gregarious people.

Head back to your hotel and make the most of your leisure time before heading to the airport to catch your flight to Da Nang.

After being picked up at the Da Nang airport, you will be transferred to the Hoi An hotel for check-in.

**NOTE:** Saigon Notre Dame Cathedral might not be included in the touring trip due to its renovation.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Hoi An

## Day 4: Strolling Through Time - Discover Hoi An's Ancient Beauty Half-day

### Morning

The day starts leisurely with a Hoi An walking tour. As scheduled, we would discover this charming harbor town for half a day before departing from the group for a self-exploration time.

Wandering around [Hoi An Old Quarter](#), we would encounter some of the historical sites from various countries, such as the **Japanese Covered Bridge** - a notable example of traditional Japanese architecture and an iconic symbol of Hoi An.



There are also attractions that reflect the influence of the Chinese community in the area. One such example is the [Fujian Assembly Hall](#), built by the Fujian Chinese community in the 17th century and is known for its beautiful architecture, intricate carvings, and vibrant decorations.

A cold glass of herbal drink would be an ideal accompaniment for a walking trip. There are several street-side shops for you but if you prefer a true Hoi An holiday experience, buy “**Nuoc Mot**” (surcharge USD 3/pax) and check in with it.

If you have time, you should stop by a handicraft shop to witness firsthand how the most famous mementos in the city are made and bring them back home.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Hoi An

## Day 5: Free Day - Explore Hoi An at Your Leisure

You have the day off today to explore the fascinating city of Hoi An.

You can take your time meandering around the busy [Hoi An Market](#), where a variety of street booths are offering handcrafted lanterns, woodwork, ceramics, paintings, and other items.



In case you're seeking for a guided trip, our travel consultants are here to assist you if you need recommendations for places to visit and things to do:

<a href="#">Discover My Son Holly Land Half day</a>	FROM US \$48 /pax
<a href="#">Explore the Farmer's life in Cam Thanh village</a>	FROM US \$79 /pax
<a href="#">Hoi An Vespa Tour Half Day</a>	FROM US \$110 /pax
<a href="#">Hoi An Memories Show Ticket</a>	FROM US \$24 /pax

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Hoi An

## Day 6: Da Nang - Flight to Hanoi - Vietnam's Timeless Capital

### Morning

Before you leave your accommodation, eat a hearty breakfast. After that, we'll take you to the Da Nang Airport so you can catch your flight to Hanoi.

Our kind driver will greet you when you arrive at Noi Bai Airport and take you to the hotel located in the heart of the city. Give yourself a moment to finish the check-in procedure and get comfortable in your lodging.

You have the remainder of the day to yourself in Hanoi. You have the option to unwind or go at your own speed through the energetic city.

**NOTE:** Please do not hesitate to contact our travel expert if you require any recommendations or additional help.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Hanoi

## Day 7: Half-day Hanoi City Tour - Uncover the Culture of Hanoi

### Morning

Following a hearty breakfast, your tour guide will come to pick you up between **08:00 - 08:30**. Your group will visit the most well-liked sights in Hanoi during the half-day city trip.

First off, we go to see the [Temple of Literature](#), which was Vietnam's first university and serves as a reminder of the influence of Confucianism on the country's past and present. Discover the history and take in the stunning architecture.



Next up is the one-of-the-kind **One Pillar Pagoda**, which is renowned for its small yet exquisite design. Your guide will narrate the intriguing tale of its inception.

Your group will next go to the [Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum](#), which is the renowned Vietnamese leader's ultimate resting place after his fight for independence.



West Lake, a lovely region surrounded by historical sites, is close to Ba Dinh Square. You will go to the 1500-year-old Buddhist structure known as the **Tran Quoc Pagoda**. Savor the tranquil ambiance and breathtaking vistas of the lake.

### **Afternoon**

You can now discover Hanoi during your leisure time. Either go shopping in the Old Quarter, or just unwind at a coffee shop, try to take in the most of the lively ambiance of the city. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with your travel advisor if you need advice.

**NOTE:** Depending on availability, the pick-up time will be around **08:00 - 08:30** in the morning or **13:00 - 13:30** in the afternoon.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Ha Noi

## **Day 8: Sail into Serenity - Halong Bay Overnight Cruise**

### **Morning**

Charge yourself with a delightful breakfast in the morning.

Then around **08:00 - 08:30**, our driver will take you on a 2.5-hour road trip to Ha Long.

After checking in at the port, the boat crew gives you a warm greeting with a cool drink when you get on the cruise.



At around **12:00**, the cruise begins with boarding. Enjoy the boat and the delectable on-board lunch with fresh seafood from the area while witnessing thousands of islets and limestone islands emerge from the emerald sea.

### **Afternoon**

You'll participate in various activities aboard the boat to explore the bay's splendor, such as swimming in the sea, kayaking, and exploring caves, depending on the program of each cruise.



A delectable onboard dinner will be provided for you at the opulent restaurant in the evening.

Enjoy a variety of evening activities while spending the night on the boat, such as squid fishing, movie nights, board games, and more.

**NOTE:**

- On the cruises, staff members who speak English well will accompany you instead of our tour guide.
- The specific schedule will depend on each boat, contact our sales consultant for more information.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** On-board an overnight cruise in Halong Bay

## Day 9: Halong Bay Discovery - Hanoi Transfer

### Morning

Partake a peaceful Tai Chi class in the morning and take in the breathtaking sunrise over the water.

After a modest breakfast at **07:00** in the morning, spend the day kayaking or touring Halong's stunning caves.



Return to the boat for check-out. Enjoy brunch as we head back to the main dock for the transfer to Hanoi.

Around noon we'll arrive at the port and our crew will bid you farewell. Our shuttle bus will be waiting to take you back to your hotel in Hanoi.

### Afternoon

We'll arrive in Hanoi in the afternoon, so you'll have plenty of time to unwind and explore this serene city. You can sample some delectable Vietnamese street cuisine while strolling around the Old Quarter of Hanoi.



**NOTE:** The specific schedule will depend on each boat, contact our sales consultant for more information.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Brunch

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Hanoi

## Day 10: Farewell Vietnam - Hanoi Departure

### Morning

Before the drivers transfer you to the airport to take your departure flight, you have an amount of leisure time to relax and prepare.

BestRate Tours hopes you had a wonderful time during our trip!

**NOTE:** Your room is available until **12:00**. If you need a late checkout, please contact your travel consultant.

**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 Ho Chi Minh - Da Nang and Da Nang - Ha Noi

## Exclusion

- Hotel EARLY check in & LATE check out
- Peak season surcharge & compulsory dinner at the hotel (if any)
- International flights 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 infant (<04 years old): FOC *except domestic ticket cost*
- 04 - 11 years old without bed: 50% adult rate
- 04 - 11 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate
- 04 - 11 years old in twin share: 90% adult rate

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