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A BLEND OF VIETNAM

ITINERARY

TOUR AT A GLANCE

8

Days – incl travel



Island Getaway



Daily Breakfast



Incl. Flights to &
from OR Tambo
or Cape Town

FAMILY FRIENDLY

CALM & RELAXING

3/4 STAR ACCOMMODATION

FAMILY FUN

LOADS OF FREE TIME

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TOUR DETAILS

INCLUDED

- International Flights to and from Or Tambo Airport
- International Flights to and from Cape Town (Additional Surcharge – R2060)
- Daily breakfasts, some lunches
- Hotel Accommodation (Per person sharing basis)
- All transfers
- Meet and Greet at Vietnam airport

EXCLUDED




- Any Visa Expenses – Cost is \$25 for South African passport holders
- Travel Insurance (Compulsory)
- All meals not mentioned
- All tipping
- Any personal items not mentioned



PHYSICAL RATING – LEVEL 2

This tour is not physically demanding. However, we always suggest being fit to enjoy all the benefits. Some excursions require physical activity i.e. swimming, snorkelling, cycling and excursions.

HOTELS (OR SIMILAR) – 4 ★

-  Hanoi – Palago Boutique hotel 4*
-  Ninh Binh – Lalita Boutique hotel 4*
-  Ha Long Bay Cruise – Dragon Bay Premium cruise 4*



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DAY 1: DEPART SA – SINGAPORE AIR – (MEALS ON BOARD DINNER & BREAKFAST)

- 📍 Meet at the Singapore Air counter
- ✈️ **CPT** : at 7:40am for 10:40am flight – Flight No SQ479
- ✈️ **JHB** : at 10:45am for your 13:45 flight – Flight No SQ479
- ✈️ Fly to Vietnam with a layover at Changi Airport in Singapore.

🍴 Meals on board

DAY 2: ARRIVE IN HANOI – (BREAKFAST ON BOARD)

- 📍 Arrive in Hanoi at 11:30am. After clearing customs meet your guide and transfer to your hotel for check in and dinner and leisure time.
- 📌 We check into our hotel, for some rest and relaxation. The rest of the evening is at leisure.
- ★ Feel free to visit Ta Hien Street – A lively nightlife spot with restaurants, pubs, and live music.
- 🏠 Overnight at your hotel

🍴 Breakfast

DAY 3: HANOI – CITY TOUR – (B, L)

📍 Hanoi is the capital of Vietnam and has been a place to keep and witness more than 1000 years of a long history. That is why this place is a solemn ancient city. Visiting around Hanoi, you will see ancient architectures such as Tran Quoc Pagoda, Ho Chi Minh Complex, One Pillar Pagoda, Vietnam Ethnology Museum or Vietnamese Women's Museum, Temple of Literature, Hoa Lo Prison. All together create an ancient and historic city. Coming to Hanoi, you not only see the architectural works but also to immerse yourself in the unique culture here.

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- ▶ **8h00 – 8h30**: After breakfast, our Tour guide and our Bus will pick you up at your hotel and start to discover Hanoi City
- ▶ **08h45**: Visit Ho Chi Minh Complex, the final resting place of Vietnamese great father or Uncle Ho. You have a chance to see the embalmed body of Ho Chi Minh then walk around the garden to see 2 houses where he lived & worked from 1954 to 1969.
- ▶ Then visit One Pillar Pagoda where worships the Goddess of Mercy – It is the most unique pagoda in the world.
 - You should dress modestly by covering from shoulders to knees when visiting Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, temples, pagodas, etc.
 - Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum is closed on Mondays and Fridays. But still can take picture of the Mausoleum and visit around that area.
 - Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum is closed at least 2 months (15th June –15th August) for the annual maintaining.
- ▶ **10h15**: Visit Vietnam Ethnology Museum to learn about the culture of 54 ethnic groups living in the whole country of Vietnam.
- ▶ **12h30–12h45**: Have lunch at our restaurant. You have an opportunity to enjoy Vietnamese cuisine. Vegetarian foods are available.



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► **13h30:** Visit Tran Quoc Pagoda located on Golden Fish Island in West Lake. It is the oldest pagoda in Hanoi built in the 6th century.

► **14h30:** Continue to visit Temple of Literature – the first university of Vietnam, The Temple of Literature (Van Mieu Quoc Tu Giam) is one of the most attractive tourist spots in Northern Vietnam. The Temple of Literature was founded in 1070.

► **15h30:** Keep going to visit Hoa Lo Prison, the prison was built by the French, from 1886 to 1901, when Vietnam was still a part of French Indochina. The French called the prison Maison Centrale. The prison was called “A Hell on Earth” and now the prison is like a war museum for those who want to understand more about the war against France of Vietnamese people.

► **16h30:** The bus will take you back to the Hotel.

★ You will have free time to explore the city at night, perhaps have dinner at a local restaurant.

🏠 Overnight at your hotel

🍴 Breakfast and lunch included

DAY 4: NINH BINH – HOA LU TEMPLE – TAM COC BY SAMPAN BOAT (B,L)

📍 **7h15–8h00:** Our tour guide will pick you up from your hotel after breakfast. We'll take you to Ninh Binh province which is about 120 km from Hanoi Old Quarter.

► **9h00–9h15:** Have a short break for 20 minutes to relax

► **10h15–10h30:** Arrive restaurant and start cycling 20 minutes to Hoa Lu ancient capital, then park the bicycle and walk to visit Hoa Lu. This is the first capital of Vietnam, you will be impressed by the outstanding architecture when entering temples of King Dinh and King Le, the first and second emperors of ancient Vietnam, built in the 17th century. (If you prefer not to cycle, we will transfer you by bus to Hoa Lu, where our tour guide will meet you and guide you to the temples. After the visit, we will transfer you back to Restaurant)

► **11h30:** Continue cycling tour 30 minutes more around the village to discover the life of local people and come back to Cozy Vietnam restaurant.

► **12h00:** Have Lunch at Restaurant designed in a 5-star style. You can have a panoramic view of the poetic mountain and river scenery of Ninh Binh while enjoying the delicious foods.

► **13h00 – 13h30:**

► **Option 1:** Visit Tam Coc by 1.5- hour on the boat ride. During the boat trip, you will be surprised by the charming beauty here with paddy fields, river, water, cloud, sky and stunning cave system. All make a masterpiece which Vietnamese people call “Halong Bay on land”.

► **Option 2:** Visit Trang An, a World Heritage Site recognised by UNESCO in 2014. There, you can spend 1.5 – 2 hours on the boat ride to enjoy the beauty of this place, which has a beautiful tunnel cave system and appears in the New Version of Kong in 2016 – “Skull Island”.

► **16h00:** Transfer to your hotel in Ninh Binh.

🏠 Overnight at your hotel

🍴 Breakfast and lunch included



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DAY 5: NINH BINH – HA LONG BAY CRUISE (B, L, D)

- 📍 Have breakfast at hotel in Ninh Binh.
- 🕒 **8:00:** You will be picked up at your hotel and transferred to Ha Long.
- 🕒 **11:30–12:00:** Upon arrival at Tuan Chau International Cruise Port, you will enjoy a warm welcome by our cruise staff and check-in.
- 🕒 **12:30:** Upon boarding Le Journey Premium Cruise, our crew welcome you with a refreshing drink and cold towel before checking into your cabin. The vessel leaves Tuan Chau Marina, taking you on an exciting journey to discover the beauty of Ha Long Bay. Enjoy the grandeur of the most beautiful Ha Long Bay with thousands of limestone islands. Have lunch at our luxurious restaurant while cruising to Surprising Cave.
- 🕒 **14:45:** Explore the most beautiful Surprising Cave in HaLong Bay. After that, we will visit Titop Island – swimming, climbing up to the Top of the Island – take the best view of Ha Long Bay in the Summer time.
- 🕒 **17:30–18:00:** Back on board, you will participate in Sunset party & cooking class while the vessel cruises toward the shore. You can enjoy relaxing moments while sipping a cup of traditional Vietnamese tea or coffee on the sundeck amid wonderful scenery and beautiful sunset. Learn how to make delicious Fresh Spring rolls by our chef.
- 🕒 **17:30–18:30:** Happy hour – BUY 2 DRINKS, 1 FREE (cocktails, mocktails)
- 🕒 **19:00–20:00:** Enjoy your dinner on the Sundeck
- 🕒 After dinner, you will enjoy a peaceful view of the Bay at night on the deck. Enjoy the music and some drinks at Sky Bar or go squid fishing. The cruise ship anchors for your peaceful night stay in quiet area

🍴 Meals and overnight on board

DAY 6: HA LONG BAY TRANSFER BACK TO HANOI – (B, BR) LUON CAVE – HA LONG BAY – HA NOI

- 📍 **6:15 – 7:00:** Breakfast of your choice will be served at the restaurant. If you wish to capture the splendid sunrise over the bay, please wake up by 6:00, which may vary slightly depending on the season.
- 🕒 **7:00:** The cruise continues deeper into the core area of Halong Bay, stopping at Luon Cave. Here, guests can paddle kayaks to explore the unique beauty of limestone mountains. Sometimes you may encounter playful monkeys hopping around the rocky cliffs.
- 🕒 **9:30:** Returning to the cruise, you check out of your cabins and are free to enjoy the scenery of the bay.
- 🕒 **10:00:** Lunch is served as the cruise continues its journey back to the port. After lunch, you can relax on the sundeck whilst viewing the beautiful northeastern gateway of Vietnam.
- 🕒 **11:30:** Disembark from the cruise, and transportation takes you to Tuan Chau Pier to board the shuttle bus back to your hotel in Hanoi.
- ★ Reach Hanoi at around 15h00 and enjoy free time.

🏠 Overnight at your hotel

🍴 Breakfast and Brunch included

DAY 7: AIRPORT TRANSFER – FLIGHT HOME(B)

- 📍 After Breakfast, you will check out of your hotel, have some leisure time for last minute shopping and be transferred to the airport at 13H00 for your flight home.

✈️ Flight : Singapore Airlines – SQ193

🏠 Overnight on Board

🍴 Breakfast at hotel – Other meals on board



READY TO EXPLORE?

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