

CLASSIC VIETNAM – 10 DAYS

THIS ITINERARY HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO INCLUDE A WIDE A VARIETY OF EXPERIENCES TO GIVE YOU A TASTE OF THE VERY BEST OF VIETNAM. WE HAVE INCLUDED THE MAJOR CITIES, HANOI AND HO CHI MINH CITY, AND THE FAMED HALONG BAY. ALSO FEATURED ARE THE BEAUTIFUL COASTAL TOWNS OF HUE AND HOI AN, ALONG WITH AN OVERNIGHT JOURNEY ON THE REUNIFICATION EXPRESS.



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HIGHLIGHTS

Spending time exploring the back streets of Hanoi's Old Quarter, A cruise on the famous Halong Bay, an overnight journey onboard the Reunification Express and time in Ho Chi Minh City.

Detail:	Itinerary:
Day 1:	Arrive into Hanoi. Arrive Hanoi Airport. After customs and immigration formalities you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel. In the afternoon you'll visit the Historical museum - one of the finest museums in the whole countries - Tran Quoc Pagoda, Hoan Kiem Lake and Ngoc Son temple and take a one hour city tour by pedicab (one person per one pedicab), and shopping in the old streets of Hanoi. In the evening you will attend the performance of the famous Vietnamese traditional art of water puppetry at Thang Long Theatre. Overnight: Hanoi hotel. Extras: N/A Meals: N/A
Day 2:	Full day sightseeing in Hanoi. Today is a full day of sight seeing and you will see Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, the One Pillar Pagoda, the Ho Chi Minh Museum, the Fine Arts Museum, the Temple of Literature, the Quan Thanh Temple and the Sword Lake. Overnight: Hanoi hotel. Extras: N/A Meals: Breakfast
Day 3:	Morning drive to Halong, overnight on Junk boat. In the afternoon we transfer to Halong bay 180km northeast of Hanoi. You'll enjoy an overnight boat cruise on Halong bay, which is listed as a World Heritage Area of outstanding natural beauty. The trip of Halong Bay is unforgettable. The boat will stop at Thien Cung cave and Dau Go caves for sightseeing. Overnight: Halong Bay Junk Boat Extras: N/A Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner
Day 4:	Return to Hanoi for overnight train. Today you'll continue the boat tour around Halong Bay. In the afternoon it's back to to Hanoi and some free time downtown for shopping. In the evening we transfer you to the railway station for the overnight train to Hue at approx 7:00pm. Overnight: Overnight sleeper train. Extras: N/A Meals: Breakfast, lunch
Day 5:	Arrive Hue, afternoon boat trip and tour. After disembarking the overnight train in Hue (approx 8am) we will take a boat trip on the Perfume River, which divides the city and for centuries has been the inspiration for artists and poets alike. You'll visit Thien Mu Pagoda and Minh Mang Tomb and have a tour of the Citadel, Vietnam's former imperial capital and recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage site. Overnight: Hue hotel. Extras: N/A Meals: Breakfast
Day 6:	Drive to Danang, afternoon tour. Today we drive to Danang via Hai Van Pass. This afternoon we will visit the Cham Museum, Marble Mountain and the famous China Beach. Overnight: Danang hotel Extras: N/A

Meals: Breakfast

Day 7: Drive to Hoi An, orientation tour

After breakfast at hotel we transfer you to Hoi an. Known as Faifo to early Western traders, Hoi An was one of South East Asia's major international ports and today it still retains that special old-world feel. Enjoy a walking tour through the Old Quarters to see the town's landmarks of Japanese Covered Bridge, ancient Assembly Hall, Phuc Kien Temple and then we take a river trip and you will enjoy the scenery along the Thu Bon River and the general view of Hoi An Ancient Town. Visit Cam Kim mattress making village, carpentry village of Kim Bong and Dai Chiem Estuary. Hoi An is also famous for its large number of tailor shops, so if you want to have a new wardrobe made up, this is the time to do it. Free afternoon for relaxing at Cua Dai beach in Hoi An.

Overnight: Hoi An hotel

Extras: N/A

Meals: Breakfast.

Day 8: Afternoon flight Danang to Ho Chi Minh City

Free morning before we transfer you back to Danang airport for the flight to Ho Chi Minh city. Upon arrival in Ho Chi Minh city, we'll meet you and transfer you to your hotel for check in.

Overnight: Ho Chi Minh City hotel

Extras: N/A

Meals: Breakfast.

Day 9: Morning city tour

In the morning we take you on a tour of Ho Chi Min city. You'll visit Reunification Hall, the War Crimes Exhibition or the History Museum. A lacquer or rattanware factory, Notre Dame Cathedral, Centre Post Office, China Town and Thien Hau Pagoda (built by the Cantos congregation in the early 19th). You'll also stop at Binh Tay or Ben Thanh Market for shopping. Your afternoon is free to enjoy this colourful, bustling city.

Overnight: Ho Chi Minh City hotel

Extras: N/A

Meals: Breakfast

Day 10: Transfer to airport for departure

Depending on your flight time you'll have some free time today, to do a little more exploring or last minute shopping, before we transfer you to Ho Chi Minh airport for your flight home.

Overnight: None

Extras: N/A

Meals: Breakfast

INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All accommodation as stated in the itinerary
- ✓ All transport and transfers
- ✓ 24-hour airport arrival & departure transfer service
- ✓ Services of a local tour guide during sightseeing and activities
- ✓ Admission fees for sites mentioned in the itinerary
- ✓ Meals as indicated in the itinerary

EXCLUSIONS

- ✗ International Flights
- ✗ Visa fees (invitation letter can be organised for an additional charge)
- ✗ Travel Insurance (compulsory)
- ✗ Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- ✗ Drinks, snacks and other personal expenses (eg. laundry)
- ✗ Tips for tour leaders and guides
- ✗ Any other items not mentioned above

VIETNAM NOTES:

WHY CHOOSE THAILAND UNCOVERED IN VIETNAM?

- ✓ Best locally trained guides
- ✓ 6 years experience operating tours in South East Asia
- ✓ 24/7 airport transfers
- ✓ Every booking contributes to local projects
- ✓ All entrance fees included

- ✓ Internal flight included
- ✓ Extensions available on all tours
- ✓ Smiles guaranteed!

EXTRAS

To go with our set tour itineraries, we therefore offer a range of extras that you can add on if you wish. All accommodation based options (eg. Single supplement, extra nights) should be booked and paid for in advance so that we can make the appropriate arrangements. Other options may be arranged while you are in Israel. Full details of current prices are given on our website.

Single room supplement

This option guarantees you a single room in hotels throughout the tour. If you are a single traveller who would like to share, let us know and we will see if we can pair you up. If we don't have anyone to pair you up with when you book, we'll add this option on, but remove it or refund you when we can pair you up later. Check with us for guaranteed no single supplement offers on some tours and departures.

Extra days

These are available on request in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City before and after the main tour. We will aim to use the same hotel as the rest of the tour, but this will be subject to availability in the hotel. If you wish, you may book a hotel at a higher or lower level than that used on the tour. In this case, we can offer a transfer to/from the tour hotel for a small charge (paid locally). Prices include a night in the hotel, breakfast, all taxes and your airport transfer. Single room supplements apply.

ACCOMMODATION

Our standard rating is based on good quality, comfortable hotels around the 3 and 4-star level. Most will have swimming pools and more than one restaurant and bar. Our cultural adventure tours that feature jungle trekking around Chiang Mai, or homestays in Vietnam will, by necessity, include some more basic accommodation. This level of tour is suitable for anyone interested in a good balance of comfort and value for money.

TRANSPORT

Our trips feature a mix of different transport options. We want you to feel like you're really experiencing the country you're travelling through, but at the same time we want you to finish journeys refreshed enough to enjoy the next stage of the tour.

TRANSFERS

The tour includes a 24-hour arrival and departure airport-hotel transfers service in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City airports and all other transfers.

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

We want to give you as much flexibility as possible when it comes to booking your holiday with us. So, to take account of people with varying travel plans, we don't include your international flights in the main tour price. We are however very happy to book your flights for you, and our ATOL (UK flight sales license) covers all holidays booked together with a flight from the UK.

Please contact us with your preferred dates and departure airport and we'll give you a selection of airlines, times and fares to choose from. Your airport arrival & departure transfers are included whether you book your flights independently or through us.

GROUP SIZE/TOUR LEADERS/GUIDES

For this tour we provide fully trained, local English-speaking Vietnamese guides for all the sightseeing tours. Our website prices are based on using different guides in different parts of Vietnam. We do not generally send our guides with you to the beach resorts, where most optional activities are arranged either through your hotel/resort, or our local reps. If you would like the same guide to escort you throughout the whole tour we can certainly arrange this, but there will be an extra cost.

Our local reps in all the towns and cities en-route are also at your service.

To help support the local people and economy, and also because we know it works best for you, our policy at Thailand Uncovered is to use only local guides and tour leaders. Please check our website for further details.

ENTRANCE FEES

The tour price includes entrance fees to all the tourist sites mentioned in the itinerary. You will need to cover the cost of entrance to any other extra sites that you may wish to visit.

TIPPING

Tipping is common practice in Vietnam, as a sign of appreciation for services provided. You may therefore wish to tip your guide and driver at the end of the tour. You should not feel obliged to tip any particular amount, and should consider your personal budget. We are often asked to provide a guide however, and can suggest that approx. £5 per person per day would be appropriate.

DATES & PRICES

We can run the tour privately for you on any dates or customise the itinerary to make a tailor-made tour to fit your personal requirements.

Please contact our knowledgeable sales staff for more help on creating the right tour for you.

HEALTH

For up to date health information & vaccination requirements for Vietnam we recommend that you contact your GP or a travel clinic (1st Contact travel clinic gives free advice tel. 0800 0393073).

General vaccination recommendations for Vietnam include Diphtheria, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Malaria, Polio, TB, Tetanus & Typhoid. Malaria exists all year round in rural (particularly forest and hilly) areas throughout the country mainly away from the coastal areas.

VISAS

Most foreign nationals can get a 30-day visa for US\$33-40. You must specify your arrival date and this will be when the visa becomes valid. Visas must be obtained before arrival if flying from your home country. If arriving by land from Cambodia, Laos or Thailand your visa can be obtained from the main embassy of that country. At Thailand Uncovered we are able to provide you with a letter from the Vietnamese Immigration department which will allow you to obtain your visa on arrival in Vietnam. Please speak to one of our consultants regarding this as additional fees may apply.

There is a US\$14 departure tax when leaving by air to international destinations.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the appropriate visa to enter Vietnam if one is required.

HOW TO BOOK

If you would like to book a place on this tour, please complete the online reservation form on our website. We will then contact you with more details about how to complete your booking and payment. You can also contact us on 0800 088 6002 or by email at:

tours@uncovertheworld.com

FINANCIAL SECURITY

We are a UK registered company and you can be confident when booking with us that your money is safe and protected.

If you book a flight departing from the UK from us with your tour then your entire package is ATOL protected by the Civil Aviation Authority. Our ATOL number is 10467.

Additional financial protection is also provided through International Passenger Protection for passengers not booking flights.

Please see our website or booking conditions for more information.

RESPONSIBLE TOURISM

It is impossible not to have an impact on the local environment, cultures and eco-systems when you travel. However, it is very possible to try and ensure that these impacts are as limited, or positive as possible. We are committed to ensuring that we try to leave our host countries in a better state than we found them and encourage and assist our travellers to help us with this.

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