

Date: 16 July 2019

QUOTATION ONLY –V.2
INSIGHT OF VIETNAM/ 10 DAYS 09 NIGHTS

BRIEF ITINERARY:

Day 1	24-Nov-19	Arrival - Ho Chi Minh	None
Day 2	25-Nov-19	Ho Chi Minh - Full day tour	B
Day 3	26-Nov-19	Ho Chi Minh - Tay Ninh - Cu Chi - Ho Chi Minh	B
Day 4	27-Nov-19	Ho Chi Minh - Mekong Delta - Ho Chi Minh	B
Day 5	28-Nov-19	Ho Chi Minh - Danang - Hoian tour	B
Day 6	29-Nov-19	Hoi An - Hue tour	B
Day 7	30-Nov-19	Hue tour - Hanoi	B
Day 8	1-Dec-19	Hanoi - Halong overnight on cruise	B/L/D
Day 9	2-Dec-19	Halong - Hanoi	B/Brunch
Day 10	3-Dec-19	Hanoi tour - Departure	B
Day 11	4-Dec-19	Arrival Sydney	

FLIGHT ITINERARY:

VN 772	24NOV	7	SYDSGN	1150	1625	24NOV	E
VN 124	28NOV	4	SGNDAD	1230	1350	28NOV	E
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VN1542	30NOV	6	HUIHAN	1025	1140	30NOV	E
VN 787	03DEC	2	HANSYD	2335	1315	04DEC	E

DETAIL ITINERARY:

Day 1 24-Nov-19 Arrival - Ho Chi Minh None

Upon arrival Tan Son Nhat airport, you are met and transferred to your hotel in Ho Chi Minh (check in time: 14:00). Then you are free. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh.

Day 2 25-Nov-19 Ho Chi Minh - Full day tour B

You spend a full day to enjoy city tour of Ho Chi Minh, followed by a guided tour of some of the most important attractions in Ho Chi Minh City, beginning with the Reunification Palace, which was the former residence of the Southern Vietnam President until the end of April 1975. Close to the palace are some striking French colonial structures including the Notre Dame Cathedral and the Old Saigon Post Office. Afterwards, we'll visit the History Museum where there is a special exhibition of Phu Nam country which dates back to the 2nd century 'Oc Eo' civilization. You'll also visit the Jade Emperor Pagoda, one of the best examples of Taoist temples in Vietnam. This afternoon, you call in the Museum of War Remnants which provides a very partial, but riveting perspective of the Vietnam war, and the Binh Tay market in Chinatown area. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

Day 3 26-Nov-19 Ho Chi Minh - Tay Ninh - Cu Chi - Ho Chi Minh B

After an early breakfast you'll avoid the city heat to visit the Cu Chi Tunnels, an incredible underground network constructed by Vietnamese fighters during the long struggle for independence. The tunnels contained hospitals, plus accommodation and schools, and were used as a military base for the Viet Cong in the American war. Afterwards, you'll continue to the headquarters of Cao Dai religious sect which is located in Tay Ninh. This religion was founded in 1923 and now numbers over 2 million members. It's an unusual religion with an eclectic mix of different saints from different religions, and has Victor Hugo and Charlie Chaplin as patron saints. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh.

Day 4 27-Nov-19 Ho Chi Minh - Mekong Delta - Ho Chi Minh B

It will take 2 hours to reach Ben Tre, the homeland of coconut plantation. On arrival in Hung Vuong pier we take a boat for a journey along Ben Tre river - one of tributaries of Mekong river to enjoy the peaceful environment here with fresh coconut juice on boat. We shall stop at a brickwork to see how to make bricks in handy traditional style by printing and baking. Visit a local house to see how they do things with coconut from its fiber, hard shell, water, flesh. Enjoy the

sweet product with tea before leaving. Turn on natural scissors creeks where they look smaller and smaller to go to village. Stop at mat-weaving village and enjoy some kind of seasonal-fruit. Then take a tuk tuk or ride on shady paths, pass by green rice fields and vegetable plains to be able to touch on really life and find out about tropical culture from Peasants. You will have a special lunch at a local restaurant with speciality from Mekong delta. Take rowing-boat along water palm creek before back to the Hung Vuong pier and return Ho Chi Minh city. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh.

Day 5 28-Nov-19 Ho Chi Minh - Danang - Hoian tour B

After breakfast at hotel, you'll board a short flight to Danang where you'll be greeted and driven to Hoian, originally a Cham seaport but influenced down centuries by a myriad of traders from various cultures. The ancient architecture of Hoian is a fascinating combination of Vietnamese traditional buildings with Chinese and Japanese influence. There's plenty to see in this delightful town, some of which are the famous Japanese Covered Bridges, Pottery Museum, 200 years old Tan Ky House, Chua Ong Pagoda and vibrant market. Today we include these on a walking tour past many low tiled houses scattered along the small streets and assembly halls, which reflect the town's multi-cultural past. You'll understand why many visitors come to Hoi An again and again. In spite of the beautiful setting, many visitors site the food as the highlight of their trip to Hoi An – ask your guide for a recommendation! Overnight in Hoian

Day 6 29-Nov-19 Hoi An - Hue tour B

Later, on the way to Hue, you stop at the Marble Mountains, the beautiful Non Nuoc Beach and the Cham Museum in Danang city and continue over the scenic Hai Van Pass to Hue, Vietnam's last imperial capital. This small and quiet city is widely known for its magnificent historic architecture, pagodas and royal tombs laid in many small villages and the surrounding hills.

In the afternoon, you take a short drive to explore the massive Hue citadel built in 1832 followed by Western architecture combining with Eastern citadel containing the Imperial City and the Purple Forbidden City. This Royal Residence was destroyed during the 1968 Tet Offensive but with renovating by a great work of local artist will hold you back to know more about Nguyen dynasty.

Day 7 30-Nov-19 Hue tour - Hanoi B

Trip continue to Minh Mang Mausoleum located on Cam Khe mountain by the tip top of Perfume River, the construction built within 3 years 1840 – 1843 by at 10.000 workers & artists. Minh Mang emperor was the 2nd King under Nguyen Dynasty who was tightening country relationships & change name to Dai Viet for more power and influence in the region and international. Continue the trip you will board for Dragon boat to cruise downstream river to visit charming of Thien Mu pagoda built in 1601 lying on the top of Ha Khe hill by side of the river, hidden behind 7 layers of Phuoc Duyen tower. Then we will transfer to airport to take flight to Hanoi. On arrival Hanoi, you are met and transferred to your hotel. Then you are free. Overnight in Hanoi.

CALYPSO CRUISE:

Day 8 1-Dec-19 Hanoi – Haiphong – Lan Ha - Halong overnight on cruise B/L/D

9:00am: You are picked up from your hotels in Hanoi for 2.5 hour driving on 5B highway to the Got Harbor in Hai Phong Province for the cruise.

12:00 – 12:30: Tender will transfer you to embark Calypso Cruises. You will be served with a welcome drink and a towel.

Followed by our cruise briefing where you will also be given safety instructions before checking into your cabins. While the cruise sailing, you enjoy a bon-appetite lunch and being impressed by the beauty of hundreds of karst islands on your way passing Halong Bay to Lan Ha Bay.

15:00: Visit Light and Dark Water Cave, where you can do kayaking or bamboo boat rowed by local people.

17:30: Return to Calypso Cruises. It's time to admire the magnificent sunset over the Gulf of Tonkin and enjoy happy hour (buy 2, get 1 free).

You take part in cooking demonstration to learn our Vietnamese cuisine.

Take part in cooking demonstration by our chef to learn about Vietnamese cuisine.

19:00: A great dinner awaits you.

20:30: Your free time to enjoy the landscapes of the Bay on the top deck, sing karaoke, enjoy ordered drinks from the bar, try your luck at squid fishing or just relax in your cabins, etc.

Overnight on board.

Day 9 2-Dec-19 Lan Ha - Haiphong - Hanoi B/Brunch

06:30: Wake up early to enjoy the dawn and start a perfect new day with Tai Chi exercise on the sundeck.

7:00 – 9:00: Have a light breakfast in the restaurant.

9:00: Check out your cabin. Then you take a bus route for about 20 minutes on Cat Ba Island from Gia Luan Pier to visit Army Hospital Cave, a special place to save the significant Vietnamese history during the resistance war. During the travel, you will be immersed in the wild fresh natural scenery of Cat Ba National Park.

10:30: Back to Calypso Cruises. You have lunch while the Calypso Cruise back to the harbour

12:00: Disembark the boat and return to Hanoi.

14:30 – 15:00: Arrive at Hanoi. We arrive Hanoi in the right time to enjoy with the water puppet show in the front of Hoan Kiem lake. Overnight in Hanoi.

HUONG HAI SEALIFE CRUISE:

Day 8 1-Dec-19 Hanoi – Halong – Bai Tu Long – Thien Canh Son cave – Cong Do overnight on cruise (B/L/D)

Today you will leave Hanoi and drive north (approximately 4 hours) to famous Halong Bay. You can leave your luggage behind at the Hanoi hotel and pack an overnight bag for staying on the boat. Halong Bay is listed as a World Heritage site and is one of Vietnam's most spectacular natural wonders. The views of sailing junks navigating past thousands of limestone islands with rocky outcrops are nothing short of spectacular.

11.45–12.15: Embark at Hon Gai International harbour.

12.30–13.00: Embark on the boat. Enjoy welcome drink as Cruise Manager gives you a brief overview of the itinerary and important safety guideline. Check in your cabin.

13.30–14.30: Have lunch while cruising to magnificent Bai Tu Long Bay; Start sailing among famous Islets (Indochina studio, Am Islet...) of Bai Tu Long Bay, the wildest beauty with the panoramic natural views.

15.00–16.30: Visit and explore the well-hidden Co Cave (known as Thien Canh Son Cave) where you can hiking to the middle of the mountain to see the wild and mysterious beautiful cave, contemplate numerous sparkling stalactites appear like 'hanging lamps' inside the Cave. (No swimming).

Return to the boat and enjoy Happy hour. You will have 30% discount off from the special menu drinks including of cocktail, mock-tail and mixed drinks (from 16.30 pm to 19.00 pm.).

16.30–17.30: Enjoy kayaking and relaxing on the cruise in Cong Do Area.

17.30: Take part in carving flowers on the sundeck.

18.00–19.00: Attend our chef's cooking demonstration and try your skills in the art of traditional Vietnamese cooking (spring roll).

19.00-21.00: Dinner is served in the restaurant. You can enjoy the charm of Bai Tu Long Bay at night.

21.00-22.00: Enjoy evening activities (Squid Fishing, Movie Night, Board Games, and Massage & Spa services) or relax at the leisure then overnight at private cabin at Cong Do area.

Day 9 2-Dec-19 Cong Do – Vung Vieng Fishing village - Halong – Hanoi (B/Brunch)

6.30-07.00: Welcome a new day with an amazing dawn on Bai Tu Long Bay. Refresh your body and soul with a Tai-chi session on the sundeck.

07.00-07.30: Catch the morning view of seascape while enjoying the breakfast with cookies and tea, café in the restaurant.

07.30-08.30: Visit Vung Vieng fishing village - the famous fishing farm by bamboo boat and discover life of local people living on the surface of Halong Bay. (No swimming).

08.30-9.30: Pack up the luggage and check out of the cabin.

09.30-10.40: Enjoy the brunch in the restaurant while cruising back to Vinashin tourist harbour.

11.00: Disembark from boat.

12.00: Your driver takes you back to Hanoi.

Day 10 3-Dec-19 Hanoi tour - Departure B

Today we spend a full day city tour starting with the Ho Chi Minh Complex, containing the mausoleum of the nation's founder Ho Chi Minh, the Presidential Palace, Ho Chi Minh's house on stilts. Close to this site is the One Pillar Pagoda, whose origin dates back to the foundation of Hanoi a thousand years ago. Your tour of Hanoi continues with a trip to the remarkable Temple of Literature, well known as Vietnam's first university. After lunch, you'll enjoy the always impressive Ethnology Museum dedicated to Vietnam's 54 ethnic groups. You'll then continue to the peaceful lake of Hoan Kiem before transfer to airport for your flight departure. The trip ends.

WITH CHINESE SPEAKING GUIDE	
Group size	Option 3 (5*)
10 pax	\$2840
Single supplement	\$1680

Tour guide compulsory tips: US\$5/pax/day x 10 days = US\$50/pax. (Tour guide strongly recommended).

Airlines Upgrade:

- Airfare upgrade to Premium Economy class surcharge \$810 for International flight only.
- Airfare upgrade to Business Economy class surcharge \$2420

Please note this quotation is valid for 7 days from today.

Please note all fare subject to change without notice until the ticket issued.

OUR TOUR PRICES ARE INCLUSIVE OF

- Airfares (international and domestic)
- 08 nights' shared Accommodation in twin/double room with daily breakfast at the below indicated room types (see hotel category list below) (check in and check out around noontime)
- 01 night / 2 days on cruise in Halong Bay (share cruise shared cabin of twin/double)
- All transfers and transportation with air-con vehicles (types of vehicles depending on the number of pax)
- Local **ENGLISH** speaking guides
 - Hanoi: 01 guide.
 - Danang - Hoian: 01 guide
 - Ho Chi Minh: 01 guide
- All entrance fees as program
- Boat trip as mentioned

- Meals (B/L/D) (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner) as indicated in the program (Vietnamese Local food):
 - Daily breakfast at the hotel
 - 01 lunch + 01 dinner + 1 brunch on cruise in Halong Bay
- 02 bottles of mineral water per person per day on bus on days of transfer and sightseeing only

NOT INCLUDED ARE

- Meals (other than mentioned in the program)
- Drinks
- Visas to Vietnam
- Entrance fee to Hoian town
- Mineral water beyond that supplied
- Tips
- Early check in or late check out
- Insurances
- Optional excursions and activities
- Additional transfer required due to any emergency situation
- Items of a personal nature (Phone calls, laundry, beverages...)
- Peak season surcharges if any
- All not mentioned above

HOTEL LISTS (SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY): BELOW HOTELS OR SIMILAR ONES

Option 1: Superior (4 stars):

Cities	Hotels	Room type	Website
Hanoi	Chalcendony	Deluxe	http://www.chalcedonyhotel.com
Ha Long	Calypso cruise	Deluxe cabin	http://www.orientalsails.com
Hoi An	Belle Maison Hadana	Deluxe Balcony	http://www.bellemaisonhadana.com
Hue	Moonlight	Deluxe	http://www.moonlighthue.com
Saigon	Lotus Central	Senior Deluxe	http://www.lotuscentralhotel.vn

Option 2: Superior (4 stars):

Cities	Hotels	Room type	Website
Hanoi	The Lapis	Superior	http://www.thelapishotel.com
Ha Long	Huong Hai Sealife	Suite cabin	http://www.huonghaisealife.com

Hoi An	Vinh Hung riverside	Superior Garden view	http://www.vinhhungresort.com
Hue	Saigon Morin	Colonial Deluxe	http://www.morinhotel.com.vn
Saigon	Alagon D'Antique	Deluxe window	http://www.lotuscentralhotel.vn

Option 3: Deluxe (5 stars):

Cities	Hotels	Room type	Website
Hanoi	Melia	Deluxe	http://www.melia.com/en/hotels/vietn
Ha Long	Paradise Elegance	Deluxe cabin	http://www.paradisecruise.com/paradise-elegance/
Hoi An	Sunrise Hoian	Deluxe Garden	http://www.sunrisehoian.vn
Hue	Azarai Laresidence	Superior	http://www.azerai.com/la-residence-hue
Saigon	Majestic Saigon	Colonial Deluxe	http://www.majesticsaigon.com

PLEASE NOTE

- For air ticket reservations, we require the guests' full names AS THEY APPEAR IN THEIR PASSPORTS. Airfares and reservations are always subject to change until paid in full and ticketed.
- Airfares are subject to increase without prior notice.
- Please be advised that prices will be adjusted periodically in case of fuel price increase by our suppliers.
- This is a quotation only and neither reservations for services nor hotel bookings have been made.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

- Most Museums are closed on Mondays and partly on Fridays and some public holidays.
- The Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum in Hanoi is closed every Monday and Friday and during the entire months of September and October. The Ho Chi Minh Residence in Hanoi is closed every Monday and Friday.
- Please note that cyclo rides are subject to government approval.
- Certain parts of the tours on offer are provided by independent third parties, such as airlines, hotels, transport operators and local tourist offices. VN Holidays Travel is therefore not responsible for any loss, injury or damage caused thereby to the tourists, including those occurring outside of the normal touring programmes. Additional expenses incurred due to delay, accident, natural disaster, political actions and unrest shall be borne by the tourists.

- We advise that due to frequent flight changes, delays and cancellations by the various domestic airlines and trains we cannot fully guarantee that the proposed itinerary can be carried out as planned. Based on our experience, changes of departure times and/ or cancellations can occur at very short notice even after confirmation of a flight has been received. The same applies for train travel: Schedule changes occur frequently; often without prior notification. In case of schedule changes or flight cancellations we always try everything possible to arrange an alternate programme within the framework of the original quoted costs. However, we reserve the right to charge any cost exceeding the original budget to the tour operator/ travel agent or to the participant of a tour after consultation with the agent.
- Programmers, prices, services and conditions are based on those valid at the time of proposal submission and are subject to change thereafter without advance notice until all services have been paid in full.
- We strongly advise to leave valuable items (money, passport, credit cards, jewellers, sensitive documents, laptop computer, etc.) in the hotel safe. During excursions and roundtrips, personal belongings, especially money and valuables should NEVER be left on vehicles, even during short breaks, and carried around at all times. VN Holidays Travel Vietnam is not responsible for any loss or theft.
- Vietnam being a developing country is in full process of upgrading its infrastructure. Therefore, driving overland can be cumbersome due to ongoing road constructions.