

DESTINATION ITINERARY

Vietnam

8-10 Days

From INR 59,000 per person

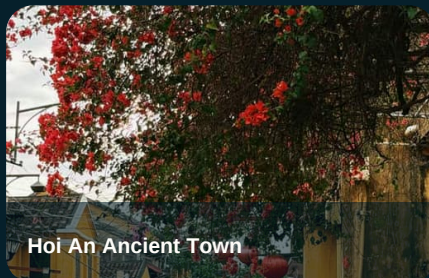
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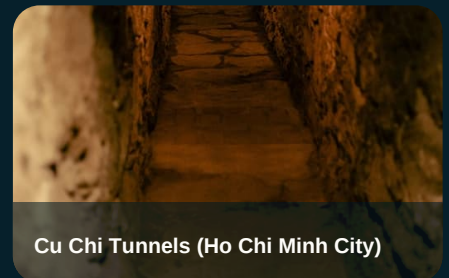
FEATURED IN THIS JOURNEY



Ha Long Bay cruise



Hoi An Ancient Town



Cu Chi Tunnels (Ho Chi Minh City)

INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAY PLANNING BRIEF

Destination overview

Vietnam runs more than sixteen hundred kilometres down the eastern edge of mainland South-East Asia, and its length is the point: the country changes character as you move through it. Hanoi in the north is dense and green, built around lakes and a tangled old quarter of narrow shophouses, with the limestone islands of Ha Long Bay a few hours east. The centre holds the lantern-lit trading town of Hoi An, the old imperial capital at Hue, and the beaches and hill resorts around Da Nang. Ho Chi Minh City in the south is faster and louder, and closer to the Mekong delta and the war history many travellers come to understand. It suits photographers, food-minded travellers, couples, and anyone who prefers a moving itinerary to a single beach.

PACKAGE DURATION

8-10 Days

STARTING PRICE

From INR 59,000 per person

BEST TIME

Peak: Feb, Mar, Apr, Oct, Nov | Shoulder: Jan, May, Jun, Sep, Dec | Avoid: Jul, Aug

TRIP TYPES

heritage, beach, hill

8 APPROVED SUBLOCATIONS

Places you'll visit



Ha Long Bay cruise

ISLAND | 2 DAYS

A bay of many hundreds of limestone islands and pinnacles rising from green water in the Gulf of Tonkin. Most visitors take an overnight cruise from Ha Long or Lan Ha, kayaking between the karsts, walking through show caves such as Sung Sot, and stopping at floating fishing settlements.



Hoi An Ancient Town

OLD TOWN | FULL DAY

A preserved trading port on the Thu Bon river, its wooden shophouses, clan assembly halls and Japanese covered bridge left largely intact. Visitors walk the lantern-hung lanes, order tailored clothing, take cooking classes, and cycle out to An Bang beach through the surrounding rice fields.



Cu Chi Tunnels (Ho Chi Minh City)

HERITAGE SITE | HALF DAY

A preserved section of the underground network dug north-west of Saigon during the war, with living quarters, kitchens and workshops on several levels. Guides explain the trap and ventilation systems, and visitors crawl through a widened stretch of tunnel before returning to the city by road.



Ba Na Hills (Golden Bridge, Da Nang)

VIEWPOINT | FULL DAY

A hilltop resort complex above Da Nang, reached by a long cable car through forest. Its best known feature is a curved pedestrian walkway apparently held up by two giant stone hands, alongside French-styled gardens, a funicular and indoor amusement halls. Cloud often closes in by afternoon.



Hanoi Old Quarter

OLD TOWN | HALF DAY

The thirty-six streets of Hanoi's commercial core, each historically given over to a single trade and still partly organised that way. Visitors walk between temples, cafes and street kitchens, sit on low plastic stools for bun cha or egg coffee, and watch the traffic circle Hoan Kiem lake at dusk.



Sapa rice terraces

VALLEY | 2 DAYS

Terraced valleys in the far north-west near the Chinese border, farmed for generations by Hmong, Dao and Tay communities. Visitors trek between villages through the terraces, stay in homestays, visit the weekly markets, and can ride a cable car towards Fansipan, the highest peak in Vietnam.



Hue Imperial City

HERITAGE | HALF TO FULL DAY

Hue's former imperial complex provides palaces, gates and historical context distinct from the merchant streets of Hoi An. It fits naturally between north and south sectors or as a day from central Vietnam.



Mekong Delta

RIVER REGION | FULL DAY

The river landscape south of Ho Chi Minh City is visited for canals, agricultural communities and water-based local movement. Choose a focused excursion rather than claiming to cover the entire delta in one day.

6 DAYS

Suggested day-by-day plan

01

DAY 1

Ha Long Bay cruise

Visit Ha Long Bay cruise.

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DAY 2

Hoi An Ancient Town

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DAY 3

Cu Chi Tunnels (Ho Chi Minh City)

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DAY 4

Ba Na Hills (Golden Bridge, Da Nang)

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DAY 5

Hanoi Old Quarter

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DAY 6

Sapa rice terraces

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Travel essentials

CURRENCY

The Vietnamese dong is the local currency. Cards are accepted in cities and hotels, while markets, street food stalls and small towns prefer cash.

LANGUAGE

Vietnamese is the national language. English is understood in tourist areas, hotels and tour offices, though a translation app is handy elsewhere.

TIME DIFFERENCE

Vietnam is 1 hour 30 minutes ahead of Indian Standard Time (IST).

WEATHER

The country is long, so conditions vary: the north has a cool season and the south stays tropical, while the centre sees heavy rain and storms mid-year.

CONNECTIVITY

Local SIMs and eSIMs are cheap and quick to set up on arrival, roaming packs work, and Wi-Fi is widely available in hotels and cafes.

VISA AND PERMITS

Indian passport holders can apply through Vietnam's official eVisa system. Confirm the permitted validity, number of entries and approved entry gate against the final itinerary before travel.

Food and culture

Vietnamese cooking is herb-heavy, with pho, bun cha, banh mi and rice-paper rolls varying by region. Fish sauce is widespread; vegetarians should seek com chay, while halal choices are limited outside larger cities. Dress modestly at pagodas, remove shoes in homes and pass items to elders with both hands.

AIR, RAIL AND ROAD

Getting there from India

AIR

Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City are the principal gateways, with Da Nang useful for central Vietnam. Flights from India may be direct from selected metros or one-stop.

RAIL

There is no practical through passenger rail journey from India. Vietnam's domestic railway can link parts of a longer north-south itinerary.

ROAD

Overland travel from India is not a normal tourist route. Domestic flights and trains reduce long sectors; local road transfers cover the final connections.

Official guidance: Vietnam official eVisa portal - <https://evisa.gov.vn/?option=MO> (checked 2026-08-30)

FROM OUR PLANNERS

Practical notes

- The currency is the Vietnamese dong, quoted in large numbers; count the zeros carefully and keep small notes for street food and taxis.
- Traffic drives on the right, unlike India, and crossing a Hanoi street means walking steadily rather than waiting for a gap.
- The Grab and Xanh SM apps cover taxis and motorbike rides in the cities and avoid arguments over fares.
- The north is genuinely cold from December to February, while the centre takes typhoons and heavy rain from September to November.
- Cover shoulders and knees at pagodas and remove shoes where mats are laid; Ba Na Hills and Sapa are cool enough to need a jacket.
- Tipping is not traditional but is welcomed by cruise crew, guides and drivers; bargaining is expected in markets, not in fixed-price shops.

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