

SOUTHERN & NORTHERN VIETNAM HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

Length: 7 Days

My route: Ho Chi Minh - Cu Chi Tunnel - Mekong Delta - Hanoi - Halong Bay

Where i sleep? 03 Nights in Ho Chi Minh & 02 Nights in Hanoi & 01 Nigh in Halong

What sightseeing places are?

- Ho Chi Minh: Presidential Palace, History Museum, Notre Dame Cathedral, Central Post Office, City Hall, Opera House, Cu Chi Tunnel and Mekong Delta.
- Hanoi: Ho Chi Minh Complex, Quan Thanh Temple, Tran Quoc Pagoda, Old Quarter and Water Puppet Show
- Halong Bay: Boat trip for visiting Thien Cung cave and Dau Go grotto.

Is this private tour? yes, this is. All services are belong to you only

How many people should be for a group? Asiana Travel provide price based on group of 2 - 27 adults because we have to ensure a comfortable, serperated space for luggage and people. Besides, people can interact each others to creat a friendly asmosphere and our tour guide can take care of each one and details of services to guarantee a quality during your tour.

How meal is? lunch or dinner are displayed as an option with rate and cuisine so you can chose the most suitable meal to meet your need.

Is there any flight on tour? Yes, there is

- Domestic flight: Ho Chi Minh - Hanoi

Is your price applied to Public Customers? Asiana Travel gurantee 100% that our price is offered specially to Public Customers Only.

Can I customize this tour? Absolutely Yes ! Just tell me your specific requirement.

DETAILS ITINERARY

DAY 01: HO CHI MINH ARRIVAL

Upon arrival in Tan Son Nhat International Airport, you will be greeted by local guide and transfer you to your hotel in Sai Gon - a vibrant metropolis, Sai Gon teems with energy, activity and motion. Everywhere you look, you see the meeting of traditional and modern life. The emerging modern skyline stands cheek by jowl with colonial buildings and traditional temples. Outside on the streets, young professionals zip by on motorcycles, chatting on cellphones; inside the quiet temple courtyards, worshippers pray amidst clouds of incense. The remainder your day is at leisure. It's a great city to explore at night, lots of bars and great restaurants...you'll be spoilt for choice! Overnight in Ho Chi Minh.

Meals included: None

Optional lunch or dinner:

- Asia & Local Cuisine: **US\$ 15.00 / person / meal**
- Western Cuisine: **US\$ 18.00 / person / meal**

DAY 02: HO CHI MINH CITY TOUR - CU CHI TUNNEL

Journey out of Ho Chi Minh City to the **Cu Chi Tunnels**, where you will visit the vast underground network of tunnels built first as a defence against the French, and later expanded during the Vietnam war. It was from here that the North Vietnamese waged their guerrilla warfare. You will

marvel at their ingenuity and resilience. See secret trapdoors, underground kitchens, living areas and meeting rooms. The more adventurous may explore the deeper second, and even third level tunnels. For those preferring to remain above ground, there is ample opportunity to view excavated areas from above. Your guide will advise you of the length and level of difficulty of each tunnel before entering - some are easily accessed by stairs. We recommend good walking shoes and sun protection for this tour and advise you may get a little dirty ! In the afternoon, enjoy a tour of Ho Chi Minh City. Proceed to the former **Presidential Palace**, which is now preserved as a museum, including the underground communications bunker headquarters for the Sai Gon Government during the War. Continue to the **History Museum**, which houses an excellent display tracing the origins of the indigenous Vietnamese. Visit the **neo-Romanesque Notre Dame Cathedral, Central Post Office**. Strolling along **Dong Khoi Street**, formerly known as the Rue Catinat, the main shopping thoroughfare and heart of old colonial Sai Gon, passing by classic European-style landmarks such as the ornate **City Hall (Hotel De Ville)**, the old **Opera House** (both may only be viewed from the outside). Overnight in Ho Chi Minh.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 03: HO CHI MINH - MY THO - MEKONG DELTA

After having a breakfast at your hotel, you will be met by your guide at your hotel and depart Ho Chi Minh City for a scenic morning drive through the **Mekong Delta**. At My Tho, take a boat to an orchard garden. Enjoy a brief walk on the island, trying some tropical fruits grown in the region. Boat along green and empty creek before experience horse cart. Stop at local family to visit bee farm. Sipping Vietnamese tea mixed with bee honey and lemons. Enjoy the Mekong beauty and quietness when rowing sampan through narrow water coconut- creek. After lunch at local restaurant, visit a family-run business making coconut candies. Before returning to My Tho, visit the 150 year old **Vinh Trang Pagoda** combines Vietnamese Khmer and French architecture which reflects the religion and history of the land. Drive back to Ho Chi Minh for overnight.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 04: HO CHI MINH - HANOI BY FLIGHT

After having a breakfast at your hotel, free at leisure until transferring to Domestic Airport for flight to Hanoi. Upon arrival in Noi Bai Domestic Airport, you will be greeted by local guide and transfer you to Centre in Hanoi that is Vietnam's capital, ranks amongst the world's most attractive and interesting cities. It was first the capital of Vietnam in A.D. 1010, and though the nation's capital moved to Hue under the Nguyen dynasty in 1802, the city continued to flourish after the French took control in 1888. In 1954, after the French departed, Hanoi was declared Vietnam's capital once again. The remnants of over 1,000 years of history are still visible here, with that of the past few hundred years wonderfully preserved. Visit **Temple of Literature** (Vietnam's first university, was built in 1076. Throughout its hundreds of years of activity in the feudal, thousands of Vietnamese scholars graduated from this university) and **'Hanoi Hilton' prison**. Overnight in Hanoi.
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 05: HANOI - HALONG BAY

After having a breakfast at your hotel, driver & tour guide pick you up at hotel and start your full day city tour by visiting **Ho Chi Minh Complex** consisted of **Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum** (closed Monday and Friday year-round and throughout September to November), **Ba Dinh square, Presidential Palace** (outside only), **Uncle Ho's House on stilt, One Pillar pagoda**. Then visit **Quan Thanh Temple** which is one of the Four Guards of Old Thang Long (Old name of Hanoi City) and is an important historical and cultural relic. Walking 500 meters is **Tran Quoc Pagoda** which is the oldest pagoda constructed in the sixth century during the reign of Emperor Ly Nam De and its location is on a small, beautiful islet and bounded by **West Lake** (lung of the city). In the afternoon, drive to Halong Bay, Quang Ninh Province which is located in East Hanoi about 170 kilometers (approximate 3,5 hours). Upon arrival, check in hotel and have dinner at local restaurant. Free at leisure and overnight at hotel in Halong city.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 06: HALONG BAY - HANOI

In 1962, Ha Long Bay was recognized as a vestige and beauty spot of national significances by Ministry of Culture and Information of Viet Nam and was also recognized as a world national heritage site twice by UNESCO Organization. The first time, in 1994 for the exceptional and universal value of the landscape and the second time in 2000 for the special value of geology and geomorphology. Drive to Halong Wharf, take the 4 hours boat trip. During cruising time, boat will through the emerald waters between the limestone outcrops and long corridors and stop to visit **Thien Cung cave** (the cave of the heavenly palace - famous for its stalagmites and stalactites) the cave has only opened to the public since 1998, **Dau Go grotto** (wooden stake cave-where in 1288 one of Vietnamese most famous Generals Tran Hung Dao amassed hundreds of stakes deep inside the cave prior to a battle with an invading Mongol army). Then cruise back to Halong wharf where driver are waiting for us. Drive back to Hanoi with stop en route at a ceramic factory. Arrive at Hanoi, have a walking tour into the heart of the old quarter. Try some of Vietnam's unique fresh beer 'bia hoi' at one of Hanoi's local bia hoi establishments. Enjoy a performance of the renowned **Water Puppet show** an ancient Vietnamese form of entertainment, which enables the puppeteers to control their active marionettes by levers hidden under the water. Water puppet skits generally enact ancient folklore and legends that are rural in origin, and the theme of water is often present, as it defines so much of Vietnam's landscape. Drive to your hotel and overnight in Hanoi.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 07: HANOI DEPARTURE

Free at leisure until transferring to the Noi Bai International Airport for your departure flight back to your home. End of services.

Meals included: Breakfast

Services Inclusion	Services Exclusion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Accommodation bases on Twin/Double sharing room with daily breakfast ✓ Transfer by private A/C vehicles ✓ Regional English Speaking Guides ✓ Meals as mentioned in the itinerary at local restaurant ✓ All entrance fees as indicated in itinerary ✓ 01 Bottle of pure water per pax per day (500 ml)/ 01 Cold tissue per pax per day ✓ Boat Trip on Halong Bay & Mekong Delta ✓ Reconfirmation of flight ticket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Visa entry Vietnam ✓ International air ticket and airport taxes from your country to Vietnam ✓ Domestic Airfare: 155 USD/ Adult (Included All Tax) for Ho Chi Minh - Hanoi by Vietnam Airlines ✓ Drinks & other meals ✓ Personal expenses & travel insurance ✓ Early check-in and late check-out ✓ Tips for guide, driver ✓ Tips for hotels' porters ✓ Other services not mentioned in the itinerary

Transportation vehicle used during our tour:

Group size	Vehicles used in Vietnam
01 person	04 seaters cars: Toyota Vios, Ford Mondeo

02 - 03 persons	07 seaters cars: Toyota Innova, Toyota Land Cruiser
04 - 09 persons	16 seaters vans: Mercedes Sprinter, Ford Transit
10 - 14 persons	24 -29 seaters buses: Hyundai County
15 - 20 persons	35 seaters buses: Samco Isuzu, Hyundai Aero town
21 persons up	45 seaters buses: Hyundai Aero Space, Hyundai High Class

BEING ALWAYS AT YOUR SERVICES