



# VIBRANT VIETNAM

## ESCORTED TOUR

31 OCTOBER - 11 NOVEMBER 2018

Vietnam dazzles the senses. The sights, the sounds, the fragrances. Dramatic vistas and tumultuous history. Beautiful fresh foods, vibrant markets and friendly locals. Let us show you why we love this compelling country so much. This 10-night taster takes in the best of south, central and northern Vietnam and ends with a 2 night cruise on the UNESCO World Heritage Halong Bay. You'll find out why everyone is drawn to this fascinating country and why it should be on everyone's travel list.

**\$4,395**  
\* per person Twin Share  
ex BNE, MEL, SYD

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**\$875**  
\* Single Supplement



### INCLUSIONS

- Return Economy Airfares ex BNE, SYD, MEL or PER
- 10 Nights quality accom
- Cooked Breakfast Daily
- 4 Lunches + 8 Dinners
- Services of local guides
- Vietnam Visa, all touring and entrance fees as per itinerary
- Gratuities

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Saigon Dragon Boat
- Mekong Delta
- Ancient City of Hoi An
- Imperial Citadel Hue
- Cyclo Tour Hanoi
- 2 Night Halong Bay Cruise



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TERMS & CONDITIONS \*Price is per person Twin Share. Single Supplement applies. Credit card surcharges apply. Deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure tour. Tour requires minimum number of passengers to depart. Prices correct as at 6 November 2017. Please note tour is not suitable for anyone with mobility issues. Full Payment will be required by 30 August 2018. Prices may fluctuate if surcharges, fee, taxes or currency change. Go See Touring Pty Ltd T/A Go See Touring Member of Helloworld QLD Lic No: 3198772 ABN: 72 122 522 276 ATAS Accreditation A11320



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### Day 1 - Wednesday 31 October 2018 (D) Depart Brisbane 9:10AM (Via Singapore)- Arrive Saigon 6:35PM

You will meet your guide on arrival Saigon airport, transfer and check-in to your hotel. Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) in southern Vietnam is a sprawling metropolis of ten million people. Formally renamed Ho Chi Minh City in 1975 at the end of the Vietnam-American war, locals still refer to it as Saigon. Tonight will be a light supper at the hotel. **Accommodation:** Liberty Central Centre or similar (3 Nights)

### Day 2 Thursday 01 November 2018 (B, D) Saigon

Today it's time to explore Saigon. Transfer to Dong Khoi street, or Rue Catinat as it was known in the time of the French occupation, to discover some of the beautiful French colonial buildings built in the late 19th and early 20th century. Appreciate the splendidly restored exteriors of the Opera House and the former Hotel de Ville which are still two of the finest buildings in Saigon. Continue to visit the landmark Reunification Hall, formerly known as the Presidential Palace - the headquarters of the Saigon Government during the American war. You might like to be dropped at the Ben Thanh markets on the way back to the hotel. The market is a great place to buy local handicrafts, branded goods, Vietnamese art and other souvenirs. Tonight's welcome dinner will be on-board a Bonsai Cruise. You'll love the sights of Saigon by night as you travel the river on this dragon boat.

### Day 3 - Friday 02 November 2018 (B, L) Mekong Delta

Depart your hotel this morning for a 1.5-hour drive heading south Ben Tre where referred locally as one of the biggest coconut tree orchards in Vietnam. Take in the lush surroundings of rice paddies and fruit farms alongside the highway as you leave behind the busy city. You will stop along the way to discover how Vietnamese farmers work their rice fields and observe daily life of the villagers in the Mekong Delta. Continue discovering the Mekong by cruising the small canals and arroyos lined with palm and coconut trees. Lunch will be served at My Tho, taste some local delicacies before returning to Saigon mid-afternoon. Dinner tonight will be own arrangements.

### Day 4 - Saturday 03 November 2018 (B, D) Ho Chi Minh - Hoi An

Today we'll leave Saigon and take a short flight to Danang. You will meet your guide on arrival Danang airport, transfer and check-in to your hotel in Hoi An. En route visit the Marble Mountains, five sacred hills containing dozens of Buddhist shrines. Situated along the south-central coast of Vietnam, Hoi An is an outstanding example of a well-preserved ancient town that has been designated a World Heritage Site. Today, it is a quaint and picturesque town that can be easily explored on foot. **Accommodation:** Palm Garden Resort or similar (2 Nights)

### Day 5 - Sunday 04 November 2018 (B, D) Hoi An

Start your morning with a leisurely walking tour of Ancient Town. Between the 17th and 19th centuries, Hoi An was a major and prosperous Asian trading port. Hoi An's architecture and relaxed lifestyle have changed little over the years. The narrow lanes are ideal for a guided leisurely walking tour. The rest of the day is yours to explore at leisure. Dinner tonight will be at the hotel.

### Day 6 - Monday 05 November 2018 (B, D) Hoi An - Hue

This morning depart Hoi A for Hue, the guide and driver will take you over the beautiful Hai Van Pass (one of the highest passes in Vietnam) to Hue. Time to stop to visit one of the elaborate mausoleums of Emperors and visit the Imperial Citadel, from where the Nguyen Dynasty ruled between 1802 and 1945. Then travel by boat to one of Hue's best-known religious sites, the Thien Mu Pagoda. An early dinner sampling Hue specialties at a local restaurant before checking into our hotel this evening. **Accommodation:** Moonlight Hue or similar (1 Nights)

### Day 7 - Tuesday 06 November 2018 (B, D) Hue - Hanoi

This morning we'll check out of our hotel and catch the short flight to Hanoi. Hanoi is Vietnam's capital city and home to seven million people. Traditional and refined, with French colonial architecture, tree-lined boulevards, scenic lakes and a bustling Old Quarter. You will meet your guide on arrival Hanoi airport, be transferred and check-in to your chosen hotel. Late this afternoon we will hit the streets of Hanoi with a one-hour tour by cyclo, a chauffeur-pedalled tricycle, through Hanoi's Old Quarter. We'll then take in a water puppet performance. The art of water puppetry began approximately a thousand years ago and puppeteers stand in waist-high water and manipulate their charges in such a way that you can't help but be swept up in the legend being told. Dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant. **Accommodation:** Silk Path Luxury Hotel or similar (2 Nights)

### Day 8 - Wednesday 07 November 2018 (B, L) Hoi An

This morning we'll historic Ho Chi Minh mausoleum, an imposing monument lavishly built using marble and granite, and where the preserved body of "Uncle Ho" resides. Behind the Mausoleum, you can see Ho Chi Minh's House. The simple house where Ho Chi Minh lived and worked from 1954 until 1969 is made of wood and enjoyed a tranquil setting, with a view of a lotus pond. Lunch today will be at Know One Teach One. This restaurant is a social enterprise giving disadvantaged youth with the possibility to learn and strive for success with culinary education. Returning to the hotel this afternoon dinner tonight is own arrangements.

### Day 9 - Thursday 08 November 2018 (B, L, D) Halong Bay Cruise

Your early morning departure from your hotel in Hanoi to Halong Bay takes you on a journey through the rich farmlands of the Red River Delta. Observe everyday life of Vietnamese Villages as you see the villagers work the local rice fields, take live pigs to market on bicycles and plough the fields with their large water buffaloes. Arrive in Halong and board a traditional sailing junk. **Accommodation:** Victory Cruises or similar (2 Nights)

### Day 10 - Friday 09 November 2018 (B, L, D) Halong Bay

As the day breaks, you are invited to join a Tai Chi demonstration taking place on the top deck of the vessel. Enjoy a buffet breakfast on the main vessel before being transferred to our day-boat, which will take you to further amazing area of the bay with beautiful islands and long- white- sandy beaches. Depending on weather today you will have the chance to visit the local school and chat to the friendly and welcoming villagers; Or you will cruise to visit one of the largest floating villages in Halong Bay. On the way, visit some famous caves. Kayak, swim, or just enjoy the quiet and splendid setting. Back on the main vessel, relax and enjoy the facilities at leisure.

### Day 12 - Saturday 10 Nov 2018 (B) Halong - Hanoi/Depart HAN 6:45PM (Via SIN)

### Day 13 - Sunday 11 November Arrive BNE 10:35AM

Your cruise will come to an end at the pier in Halong late morning and you will be met and transferred back to Hanoi in time to check in for your flight home.