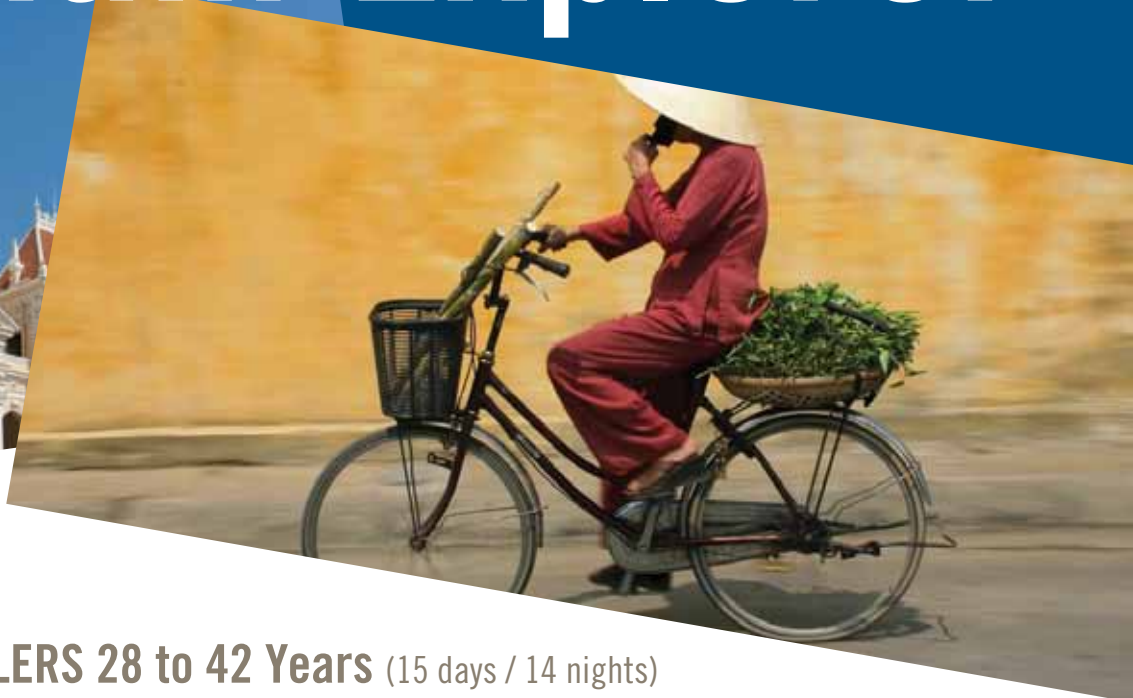


Vietnam Explorer



For **SINGLE TRAVELLERS 28 to 42 Years** (15 days / 14 nights)
Saturday 9 to Saturday 23 October 2010

Ho Chi Minh • Cantho • Ho Chi Minh • Nha Trang • Hoi An • Halong Bay • Hanoi

Vietnam Explorer

The unspoiled charm of Vietnam makes it one of the 'hot spots' in Asia. The diversity of the country, the friendliness of the people and Vietnam's compact size make for an ideal 16 day/15 night tour.

The tour visits all the major highlights from the Mekong Delta in the south to Hanoi in the north. You'll be guided by an expert Vietnamese national, discovering the charm of the country that is enticing more and more people to make its discovery.

Tour Highlights

- Small group tour (maximum of 18 travellers)
- All sightseeing and attractions on itinerary included in price
- Leisure time to make your own discoveries
- Mekong Delta boat tour
- Bicycle tours at two destinations; cycle past the town boundaries to witness rural life (optional)
- 3 night stay at beach town, Nha Trang
- 3 night stay in Central Vietnam (Hoi An)
- Overnight cruise on Halong Bay
- Some free evenings (in Vietnam where eating locally is a highlight, it's great to have the freedom of choice)

Tour Pace

Enjoy an easy pace on this small group tour with a maximum of 18 travellers. Touring is by private coach plus there are three domestic flights within Vietnam to reduce travel time and also an overnight boat cruise on Halong Bay.

Share your journey - this tour is exclusively for single travellers. We 'go the extra mile' and offer a pre-departure group contact service. (see itinerary page for details).

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Popular tour. Book early to secure your place.



TOP 5 REASONS TO BOOK

1. Age-matched holiday groups
2. Travel with like-minded singles
3. Tours provided by leading tour operators
4. Early bird savings with many tours
5. Room-mate matching option

Tour Inclusions

- 12 nights hotel stay
- 1 overnight cruise on Halong Bay ^
- 1 night Vietnamese family homestay
- Daily breakfast
- 5 lunches & 4 dinners
- English speaking Vietnamese national group tour leader
- Three domestic flights in Vietnam
- Transportation by air-conditioned bus
- Tours and excursions as per itinerary
- Maximum group size 18 persons

* hotels are 3 to 4 star rated, visit website for hotel details.

^ for single room bookings on the overnight cruise a single cabin can not be guaranteed.

Not Included with Tour Price :

- Travel Insurance
- Tips for tour guide
- Visas
- Items of a personal nature such as drinks, laundry, excess baggage fees, optional tours

Tour Prices

Prices Per Person AUD	Twin Share	Single Room
Tour Price	\$2395	\$2970
Pre or PostTour Hotel	\$55	\$100
Private Airport Transfer	\$45 (only required if group flight is not booked)	
Tipping Fund* *	USD70 (payable on arrival)	
Airfares	Quoted on request	

** A tipping fee is due and payable directly to the tour guide in US dollars on day 1 of the tour. The tour guide manages the tips provided for service personnel related to the tour including but not limited to; the tour bus drivers, boat crew, hotel porters, and waiters at restaurants included on the itinerary. This tip does not cover the tip for the group tour guide. A tip for the tour guide is customary and highly recommend. This payment is at each passenger's discretion

Prices were correct at time of publishing but are subject to change should circumstances dictate.

About Us

At A Rendezvous for Singles we offer holiday groups for single travellers, visiting destinations across Australia and around the globe. From short tropical escapes to adventure trips and leisurely touring, all trips are age-matched and enjoyed with a group of like-minded people.

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Itinerary for Vietnam Explorer



DAY 1 SAT Arrival Day (Ho Chi Minh)

When you arrive to Vietnam an airport-hotel transfer is provided for all passengers travelling on a group flight. Most of the flights will arrive at in the afternoon, at the end of the day. If you have made your own travel arrangements the transfer to the hotel is by your own arrangement (or you can request a price for a private transfer). The evening is at your leisure. You will probably have met some other group members on the airport to hotel transfer but in any case a meeting point in the hotel lobby is nominated at 8pm for anyone who wants to join as a group and head out for dinner.

Day 2 SUN City Tour (Ho Chi Minh City)

Your first full day in Vietnam starts with a city tour and discovery of all the key iconic places of Ho Chi Minh City; Binh Tay Market, Jade Emperor Pagoda, War Remnants Museum, Notre Dame Cathedral, General Post Office. In the afternoon there is some free time to make your own discoveries. Tonight, the group heads out for a welcome dinner. [B, D]

Day 3 MON Mekong Delta (Cantho)

This morning, we head out for an excursion to the renowned Cu Chi Tunnels. Afterwards, the group transfers with a boxed lunch to Can Tho, the gateway city for the Mekong Delta. The evening is at your leisure. Seafood meals are a focus on the local restaurant menus or you may like to try the local mouse that features on some menus! [B, L]

Day 4 TUE Mekong Delta (home-stay)

Today we are up early to make sure you see the best of the local trade on the Mekong Delta with a boat tour (great photo opportunities) of the floating market. For the rest of the day there's a boat tour with various stops along the way as we make our way to the River Island where you will be welcomed by a Vietnamese Family for a homestay. The homestay is at a Vietnamese family's home with a large garden. As a homestay it's simple; dorm-style accommodation and no hot showers but in the hot climate a cold shower will probably be welcomed. It's in a beautiful surrounding, charming and interesting at all once. [B, D]

Day 5 WED Boat Tour (Nha Trang)

There's some time free time in the morning before we transfer back to Ho Chi Minh City for our flight in the afternoon to Nha Trang where we enjoy the next three nights, a city famous for its beaches and tropical waters. Flight: VN456 Departs 17:10 Arrives 18:05. Your tour guide will make a local recommendation for a group dinner tonight. [B]

Day 6 THU Boat Tour (Nha Trang)

It's a must do while visiting Nha Trang; a tropical island boat tour. The boat tour starts with a short ride to the harbour, from where a private boat will take our group to the islands off shore which is now a nature

reserve. Underwater there is a lot to see and you will have time to snorkel and swim (snorkel equipment available) and spend time at leisure at one of the beaches. A big lunch will be served at a simple restaurant at one of the islands (the food is mostly seafood). The evening is at your leisure to head out for some great local cuisine and a night spot at this beach resort town. [B, L]

Day 7 FRI Beach / Cycle Tour (Nha Trang)

Nha Trang is a great beach spot so there's time today to enjoy some beach time. Plus, there's a great cycle trip planned for later in the day, including a visit to the Po Nagar Cham Towers. The Cham towers of Po Nagar were built between the 7th and 12th centuries and this site was used for Hindu worship as early as the 2nd century AD. Today, both ethnic Chinese and Vietnamese Buddhists come to Po Nagar to pray and make offerings, according to their respective traditions. The evening is at your leisure. Your tour guide can make some local recommendations for dinner tonight. [B]

Day 8 SAT Hoi An Tour (Hoi An)

This morning we have a flight to Danang, the arrival point for making our way to Hoi An. Later in the day your guide will take you on a walking city tour, the best way to become accustomed with historical Hoi An. The tour includes, Assembly Hall of the Fujian Chinese Congregation Hall, Japanese Bridge and Phung Hung House. The evening is at your leisure; ask your guide for a local recommendations for dinner tonight. [B]

Day 9 SUN Cycle / Cooking Class (Hoi An)

Ever wondered or wanted to know how the Vietnamese cook up such delicious food? Well today get the answers at our special group cooking class at cooking school in Hoi An followed by lunch, of course, dining on the fruits of your labour from cooking school. In the afternoon, there's a leisurely bike tour to get know the city further afield to witness daily life for the rural people of Hoi An. This evening is at your leisure. There are plenty of choices around town to enjoy the local cuisine of Central Vietnam. [B, L]

Day 10 MON Free time/beach time (Hoi An)

It's great to have leisure time and this is a great spot to do it. Enjoy the nearby beach, relax by the resort pool, wander around Hoi An, make time for some souvenir shopping and soak up the town's atmosphere. [B]

Day 11 TUE To Hanoi via Hue (Hanoi)

We transfer by coach from Hue via the Marble Mountains and Hai Van Pass, some of the most scenic countryside in Vietnam. On our journey, we will stop for a restaurant lunch and a short afternoon flight to Hanoi. Rest of the day at leisure. [B, L]

Day 12 WED City Tour (Hanoi)

In Hanoi, there's a city tour discovery visiting

Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (outside only), Ho Chi Minh House, Temple of Literature and a cyclo tour in the Old Quarter. The Old Quarter is a legacy of Hanoi's ancient past with a history that spans over 2000 years and is known as the 'eternal soul of the city.' [B]

Day 13 THU Halong Bay (Huong Hai Junk)

This morning we make our way to Halong Bay for an overnight cruise of the bay. Halong Bay is a world heritage site and includes some 1600 islands and islets forming a spectacular seascape of limestone pillars. This is a major highlight of your Vietnam Explorer tour! Make sure you pack your swimwear. [B, L, D]

Note for single room bookings; a single cabin can not be guaranteed on the overnight boat tour on Halong Bay and that they may be required to share with another person (of the same gender)

Day 14 FRI Return to Hanoi (Hanoi)

We continue the cruise in the morning before transferring to Hanoi in the afternoon. This evening there is a grand farewell dinner. [B, D]

Day 15 SAT At Leisure (Hanoi)

Today is at your leisure until time to make your onward journey. A transfer from your hotel to the airport is provided for all group members on the group flight. [B]

TIPPING FUND: USD70 is payable directly to your tour guide on commencement of your tour. This covers all tips for service personnel except for your tour guide which is additional.

PRE-DEPARTURE CONTACT SERVICE. We offer a pre-departure contact service. With your permission, we share your first name, state and email (or other preferred contact method) with the rest of the travellers in the group prior to departure. This service provides you with the opportunity to get in touch with others prior to departure. This list is provided after bookings close, about three weeks prior to departure.

ROOMMATE MATCHING. You can be matched with someone of the same gender on the tour, so you don't have to pay the single room supplement. In the event of a 'forced single room'; when we are unable to find a room mate of the same gender, you will be offered a single room at a reduced rate of 50% of the full single supplement surcharge.

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