

Vietnam Explorer



For **SINGLE TRAVELLERS 28 to 42 Years** (15 days / 14 nights)
Saturday 21 April to Saturday 5 May 2012

Ho Chi Minh • Cantho (Mekong Delta) • Nha Trang • Hoi An • Hanoi • Halong Bay • Hanoi

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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 15 day/14 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 - maximum of 18 travellers
- All sightseeing and attractions on itinerary are 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
- 3 night stay in Nha Trang (Beach)
- 3 night stay in Central Vietnam (Hoi An)
- Overnight cruise on Halong Bay
- 2 domestic flights to reduce travel time

Tour Pace - Medium

This is a medium paced tour. There is a maximum of 20 travellers. Touring is by private coach plus two domestic flights within Vietnam to reduce travel time. There is also an overnight boat cruise on Halong Bay.

This tour involves some days with long periods of time on foot and climbing of stairs for sightseeing.

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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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 comfortable hotels (3-4 star)
- 1 overnight cruise on Halong Bay
- 1 Vietnamese homestay
- Daily breakfast
- 5 lunches & 4 dinners
- Two domestic flights in Vietnam
- English speaking Vietnamese national group tour guide/leader
- Transportation by private air-conditioned coach
- Bicycle tours & sightseeing as per itinerary
- Airport transfers on arrival/departure dates (with nominated group flight)
- Small group tour, maximum of 18 in the group

Not Included with Tour Price :

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

ROOM MATE MATCHING

Avoid the single supplement with our room mate matching service. In the event of a 'forced single room'; when we are unable to offer a room mate, you will be offered a single room at a reduced rate of \$390 (rather than full price \$550).

Tour Prices

Prices Per Person AUD	Twin Share	Single Room
Tour Price	\$2350	\$2900
Pre-tour hotel (Ho Chi Minh)	\$50	\$90
Post-tour hotel (Hanoi)	\$50	\$90
Private Airport Transfer	\$45 (only required if group flight is not booked)	
Tipping Fund* *	USD80 (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 *arendzvous travel & leisure* we offer holiday groups for single travellers. All trips are age-matched so there's more chance you'll share your journey with like-minded travellers.

Visiting destinations across Australia and around the globe, choose from short escapes to adventure trips and leisurely touring.

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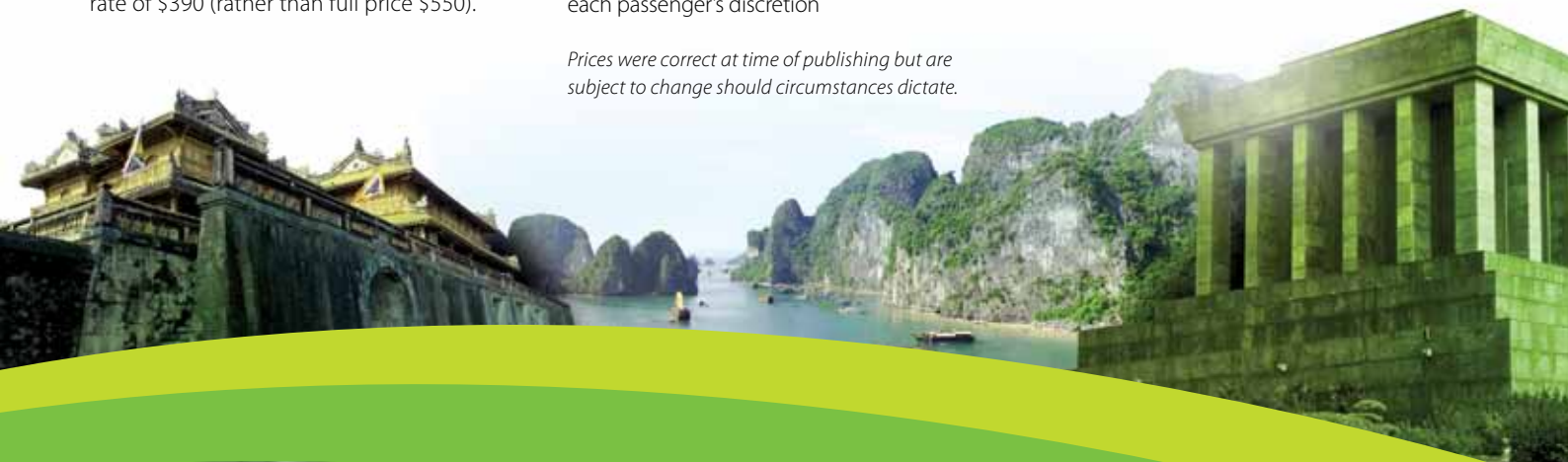
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DAY 1 SATURDAY Ho Chi Minh City

Today you arrive in Ho Chi Minh City. Flights arrive in the afternoon/early evening. For all travellers with the designated group flight you will be met at the airport by a tour representative and transferred to the group hotel. This evening at 8pm we gather in the hotel lobby to meet up with your tour guide for group introductions and a tour briefing. Then, anyone who wants to join as a group can head out for dinner..

Day 2 SUNDAY 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 and General Post Office. In the afternoon, there's free time to make your own discoveries. Tonight, the group enjoys a welcome dinner in Ho Chi Minh City. *(Breakfast. Welcome Dinner)*

DAY 3 MONDAY Cantho, Mekong Delta

This morning, there is an excursion to the renowned Cu Chi Tunnels. The Cu Chi tunnels are an impressive network of underground tunnels that were used by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Not just used as hiding spots during the war but also they acted as communication and supply channels for the guerrilla fighters. 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! *(Breakfast. Lunch)*

DAY 4 TUESDAY Mekong Delta

Today we are up early to make sure you see the best of the local trade on the Mekong Delta with a boat tour of the floating market (great photo opportunities). 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 all at once. *(Breakfast. Dinner)*

DAY 5 WEDNESDAY Nha Trang

There's some 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. Your tour guide will make a local recommendation for a group dinner tonight. *(Breakfast)*

DAY 6 THURSDAY 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 that's 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 seafood lunch will be served at one of the island restaurants. The evening is at your leisure to head out for some great local cuisine and find a night spot at this beach resort town. *(Breakfast. Lunch)*

DAY 7 FRIDAY 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. *(Breakfast)*

DAY 8 SATURDAY 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 recommendation for dinner tonight. *(Breakfast)*

DAY 9 SUNDAY 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. You'll enjoy the fruits of your labour with lunch at the school. This afternoon we explore the countryside on bicycle. It's an easy & flat cycle for a few hours with stops along the way. Outside the town of Hoi An you will 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. *(Breakfast. Lunch)*

DAY 10 MONDAY 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. *(Breakfast)*

DAY 11 TUESDAY 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. On arrival, the rest of the day is at your leisure. *(Breakfast. Lunch)*

DAY 12 WEDNESDAY Hanoi

In Hanoi today, 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'. *(Breakfast)*

DAY 13 THURSDAY Halong Bay

This morning we transfer 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.

Note for single room bookings; a single cabin can not be guaranteed on the overnight boat tour on Halong Bay *(Breakfast. Lunch. Dinner)*

DAY 14 FRIDAY Hanoi

We continue the cruise in the morning before transferring to Hanoi in the afternoon. This evening there is a grand farewell dinner. *(Breakfast* & Grand farewell dinner)*
*breakfast served at brunch time.

DAY 15 SATURDAY

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. *(Breakfast)*

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 other travellers in the group. It provides you with the opportunity to get in touch with others prior to departure. This list is provided after bookings close, about four weeks prior to departure.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Full terms and conditions are available on the holiday website. Information was correct at the time of publishing however some details may change without notice.