



## Itinerary

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### Taste of Vietnam

Mar 6, 2020 - Mar 19, 2020

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#### Day 1: Overnight Flight



Set out on a journey that reveals the best of Vietnam. Inside the lush valleys and verdant fields of a rural paradise, discover a beautiful country with a long and rich history.

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#### Day 2: Hanoi, Vietnam - Tour Begins



Your tour opens in Hanoi, Vietnam's dynamic capital city.

##### Hotel

Hanoi La Siesta Hotel Trendy  
Hanoi

##### Weather

High 23°  
Low 18°  
Rain 1"

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#### Day 3: Hanoi



Enjoy a walking tour this morning through the French Quarter. You'll also see the infamous Hoa Lo Prison. This historic site, dubbed the "Hanoi Hilton" by American POWs, is now a museum which tells the story of Colonial history from the Vietnamese perspective. Later, discover decades of Vietnamese art treasures at the Vietnam National Art Museum. This evening, attend a traditional water puppet show that welcomes you to Vietnam with its incredible display of artistry and folklore. Afterward, dine in one of Hanoi's best restaurants located in a restored Colonial mansion.

##### Hotel

Hanoi La Siesta Hotel Trendy  
Hanoi

##### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

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#### Day 4: Hanoi



Rise early to circuit the "Lake of the Restored Sword," Hoan Kiem Lake. Become mesmerized by Tai Chi practitioners moving along the waterfront in this peaceful respite as the city comes to life for the day. Later this morning, take a step back to Imperial times on a walking tour through the Old Quarter. Follow the meandering streets, decorated with temples and pagodas, and feast on the history before you. After working up an appetite, enjoy a walking food tour including some of Vietnam's most famous dishes like banh mi and pho. At the end of the tour, enjoy coffee and views of Hoan Kiem at a hidden rooftop café.

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Hanoi La Siesta Hotel Trendy  
Hanoi

### Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

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## Day 5: Hanoi - Halong Bay



Journey to Halong Bay and board a charming junk boat for an overnight cruise - the perfect vantage point for soaking up the spectacular landscape. Once on board, enjoy a feast of fresh seafood as you sail past vistas of low green mountains, small villages and hundreds of islands and limestone peaks jutting out from the sea. Disembark to discover the wonders of nature, history and archaeology. Back on board, sit back and relax as the sounds and peaceful sway of the boat lull you to sleep.

### Hotel

Hanoi

### Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

### Weather

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## Day 6: Halong Bay - Hanoi - Hue



Awaken as the fog gently lifts above the emerald surface of Halong Bay. The day begins with a Tai Chi lesson on the sundeck, as the boat makes its way to one of the bay's floating fishing villages. Here, it's your choice! Explore a floating village by traditional row boat -OR- see it from the seat of a kayak! Cruise back to the harbour and return to Hanoi to board your flight to Hue.

### Hotel

Pilgrimage Village Hue  
Hue

### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

### Weather

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Low 20°  
Rain 2"

## Day 7: Hue



A full day of discovery awaits in Vietnam's Imperial capital city of Hue. Stop at the mausoleum of Tu Duc, an elaborate royal tomb dedicated to the former emperor. At the shores of the Perfume River, board a traditional dragon boat and sail to Thien Mu Pagoda, an iconic temple that dates back to 1601. After a thrilling cyclo tour through the city, conclude the day with a tour of Hue's impressive citadel.

### Hotel

Pilgrimage Village Hue  
Hue

### Culinary

Breakfast

### Weather

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## Day 8: Hue - Hoi An



On your way to Hoi An, travel the coast and countryside via the breathtaking Hai Van Pass. Pause for a glimpse of the quaint fishing village, Lang Co. Finally, arrive in the trading port of ancient Hoi An, a UNESCO World Heritage site. On a walking tour of the old town, stroll by such incredible sights as the ornate Chinese-style temple Phuc Kien Assembly Hall, and a 400-year-old Japanese covered bridge. End at the vibrant riverside market on the banks of the Thu Bon. Enjoy another memorable meal tonight at a local restaurant.

## Hotel

Hotel Royal Hoi An  
Hoi An

## Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

## Weather

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### Day 9: Hoi An



Explore the flavours of Hoi An today. Embark on a river basket boat journey along the Thu Bon River to your kitchen for an immersive cooking class! Learn how to catch fish and crabs in the river, and grind rice into flour. Then use your ingredients to cook four classic Vietnamese dishes which you'll enjoy for lunch afterward. Once you've learned the secrets to some of Vietnam's cuisine, embark on a soulful experience at Reaching Out Vietnam. Celebrate the work of a talented team of artisans that create original pieces of sustainable and fair-trade products. Here, amongst new friends and enlightened minds, you'll take part in an immersive lantern-making experience. A significant part of Hoi An's culture, lanterns symbolize luck, happiness, and wealth. Working together, you'll create colourful beacons of prosperity in a place that is a beacon of hope for the community.

## Hotel

Hotel Royal Hoi An  
Hoi An

## Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

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### Day 10: Hoi An



Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore the magic of Hoi An. Walk along the canals that cut through Ancient Town and discover an architectural melting pot all around you. You'll find history is very much alive in this beautifully preserved city on the central coast. In the afternoon, consider an optional tour exploring the Hoi An countryside by vintage Vespa.

## Hotel

Hotel Royal Hoi An  
Hoi An

## Culinary

Breakfast

## Weather

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### Day 11: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City



Leave Hoi An and fly to Ho Chi Minh City, the energetic urban capital formerly known as Saigon. On an eye-opening city tour, see the Post Office, Notre Dame Cathedral,\* and the Reunification Palace. Then, head over to explore treasures from local vendors on display at the Old Market in District 1.

## Hotel

Hotel Des Arts Saigon  
Ho Chi Minh City

## Culinary

Breakfast

## Weather

High 34°  
Low 24°

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### Day 12: Ho Chi Minh City - Mekong Delta - Ho Chi Minh City



Today we take to the waters of the famous Mekong Delta. As you sail along, your guide will delve into the history and culture of the region. Lush tropical gardens and islands, floating markets and the bustling energy of these expansive waterways give an intriguing peek into everyday life. Discover the region's cottage industry with a visit to a coconut candy factory, and learn how this confection is made. Enjoy lunch featuring southern Vietnamese cuisine before travelling back to Ho Chi Minh City.

## Hotel

Hotel Des Arts Saigon  
Ho Chi Minh City

## Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

## Weather

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## Day 13: Ho Chi Minh City



Embark on a journey to the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used as hideouts by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in metropolitan Ho Chi Minh City before your farewell dinner at a local restaurant – a renovated Art Deco-style villa.

### Hotel

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Ho Chi Minh City

### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

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## Day 14: Ho Chi Minh City - Tour Ends



Return home with a wealth of incredible memories of your journey through the rich cultures of Vietnam.

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## Post Night: Hotel des Arts Saigon



Would you like to end your vacation with an additional Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City?