# DAY 1 SAIGON ARRIVAL WELCOME DINNER AT NOIR

Welcome to your holiday with Vietnam Travel and Cruise!

Upon arrival at Tan Son Nhat International Airport, either Domestic or International arrival, after clearing all customs procedures, please proceed to exit gate and look for your guide who will be waiting at the lobby, holding the Vietnam Travel & Cruise signboard with your name on it, if you cannot locate your guide, please go to the **Airport information counter** situated in the middle of Domestic and International arrival lobby (inside the terminal) and call the local contact number on the 1<sup>st</sup> page for assistance. Your guide will come to meet you up and transfer you to hotel. Check-into your accommodation in Saigon and enjoy your free time to explore the city.

The regular check-in time is at 14:00; early check-in is NOT included and subject to availability

Relax at hotel then at 18.30pm, our car will drive you to Noir restaurant to have welcome dinner. Be served and enjoy the meal without light, the guest have to use the sense, touch, smell and sound which will bring you a completely new journey of sense.

Overnight in Saigon.

Flight:	Please advise	Time:	TBC
Hotel:	Orchid Saigon Hotel or similar	Room Type:	Superior
Tours:	None	Pick up time:	TBC
Meals:	Dinner		
DAY 2	SAIGON STREET FOOD TOUR ON SCOO	TER	

Morning is at your leisure to explore Saigon city. Late afternoon, our guide will meet you at your hotel and then take you to start the Street food tour by scooter. It's a fun night!!!

Ho Chi Minh city (or Saigon) is a non-sleeping city. While they may not be as bright and shiny as the city is covered by a new coat. It becomes more and more splendid and elegant with twinkle street lights and traffic lines. Why not experience the buzz of Saigon's nightlife on the back of a Scooter with our Saigon Street Food Tour By Night on Motorbike?

It's time when night markets have their own character and street food stalls with enormous variety of delicious dishes are popular destinations for locals and tourists. Because Saigon day is just too hot, the cooler night air offers an ideal time to drive around, meet and gather outside and share a meal or a drink under the stars. Do you want to experience "Snail Eating" and "Nhau" (drinking beer) culture? And it's time for you to taste many other delicious street foods that any foreigner outside Vietnam dreams of. It isn't a eating tour but a food and culture tour on which you will learn more about Vietnamese authentic cuisine and rich culture as well as unique lifestyle in Ho Chi Minh city.

It's a big chance to see the best part of Saigon by night, eat street foods, have fun and enjoy the city like a locals? Our Saigon Street Food Tour By Night on Motorbike is the right choice to plan your trip to Ho Chi Minh city.

Overnight in Saigon

Hotel:	Orchid Saigon Hotel or similar	Room Type:	Superior
Tours:	SG street food by scooter	Pick up time:	17.00 – 20.30pm
Meals:	Breakfast & Dinner		
DAY 3	MEKONG – BEN TRE DAY TOUR		

Having breakfast at hotel then be ready to meet our guide for Mekong day trip.

8.00am guide and car pick you up at hotel lobby, 10.00am arrive in Ham Luông pier. Cruise on Bến Tre river exploring the lively activities along river as fishing, water transferring see brick making in handy traditional style

by printing and baking. Visite one of plenty of coconut processing workshops located along canal. Turn on natural scissors creeks where they look smaller and smaller to go to village. Take a walk to family workshop making sleepmats and enjoying some fruits and tea.

Riding a motor cart (xe lôi) or bike on shady paths, pass by green rice fields and vegetable plains to be able to touch on realy life and find out about tropical culture from Peasants. Lunch at Hai Hồ house.

Afternoon - riding a sampan along canal, before boat back to Ham Luông pier. End you touring, going back to HCM city.

Overnight in Saigon.

Hotel:	Orchid Saigon Hotel or similar	Room Type:	Superior
Tours:	Mekong – Bentre	Pick up time:	8.00am – TBC
Meals:	Breakfast & Lunch		
DAY 4	SAIGON – DA NANG BY FLIGHT		

Have a breakfast in hotel, our drive will pick you up to airport to catch a flight to Da Nang to feel the sun and sand atmosphere. Check in hotel in Hoi An.

# During your stay at Almanity resort & Spa, enjoy your daily 60 minutes spa treatment. Remember to book your treatment in advance.

19.00pm take a walk to Cinnamon Cruise meeting point – 76 Bach Dang street (10min walking). The Dinner Cruise start at 19.30pm

When arriving at the boat (from 15 minutes before departure), you will get your reserved tables or you can choose your table if you do not book in advance. You and your company will always be seated at a private table and all tables have views.

When seated you can make your choices from the menu and while the boat is cruising the Rivers you will be served your 5 course dinner.

After the dinner there will be time for coffee or tea before you get a floating candlelight lantern to make your wish by lowering into the River from the boat.

The cruise will end at 09.30 PM (duration: 2 hours).

Cruise Highlights

- + Enjoy a cruise on Hoai and Thu Bon Rivers of Hoi An City
- + Savour a delicious 5 courses a la carte dinner
- + Admire the scenery from your table with views
- + Make your best wish by lowering a floating candlelight lantern into the river.

**DINNER ON CINNAMON CRUISE** 

- + Enjoy it all on board a charming riverboat
- + Nice background music

# Overnight in Hoian

Hotel:	Almanity Hoian Resort & Spa	Room Type:	Superior town
Flight:	Saigon – Danang by flight	Pick up time:	TBC
Tours:	Dinner on Cinnamon Cruise	Pick up time:	<i>19.30 – 21.30</i>
Meals:	Breakfast & Dinner		

## DAY 5 HOIAN COOKING CLASS

After breakfast at hotel, walk to cooking class meeting point at Hai Scout Café (98 Nguyen Thai Hoc Street, Hoi An Ancient Town) – welcome drink before tour start.

Visit Hoi An's colourful main market, and experience its amazing sights, sounds and aromas. We will have the opportunity to interact with the local sellers, to see and taste the wonderful variety of foods on display. We board the Red Bridge boat for a leisurely cruise (25 minutes) along the Hoi An River to the Red Bridge Cooking School. This is a chance to view local river life, so make sure your camera is handy.

On arrival, we explore the cooking school's herb and vegetable garden, before learning about some of Hoi An's and Vietnam's best-known dishes. The cooking lesson runs for about 2 hours – each dish is first demonstrated by the Red Bridge chef's, before we prepare the same dish ourselves.

Included in the class is a brief introduction to Vietnamese food carving (plate decoration). After the lesson, we sit down and eat exactly what we have cooked.

Cooking class finish at approximately 12.30pm. Back to hotel and relax

## Overnight in Hoian

Hotel:	Almanity Hoian Resort & Spa	Room Type: Superior town	
Tours:	Hoian cooking class	Pick up time: TBC	
Meals:	Breakfast & Lunch		

#### DAY 6 HOIAN FARMING & FISHING TOUR

Be ready for an active and fun day!!!

8.00am, our guide will meet you at your hotel and we will transfer to biking point, chose your bike size and ready for a cycling trip.

First, we will cycle to a local farming village traveling along picturesque country roads (45 MINUTES, 5K to 6KM), then share in the daily work life of local farmers – hoeing and a soil, watering veggie at an organic herb garden, riding water buffalo in the field, learn and take picture about rice and enjoy the freshest air of the countryside beauty.

Next, board our boat, enjoy fruit & cake with cup of tea/ café and then cruise to the mouth of the river where it meets the Cua Dai Sea. Join local fisherman on the river and enjoy hands-on experience of round net and cast net fishing.

We will enjoy learning and experiencing cultural folk music of Bả Trạo with local fishermen, learn and try your hand at local traditional fishing techniques using round and cast nets, learn to paddle the strange and unique Vietnamese bamboo basket boats. Enjoy basket boat dancing on the round boat - THUNG CHAI shown by our crews

Explore the now tranquil coconut-palm flanked waterways of a past war and hear of the extreme conditions endured by soldiers on both sides between V.C & US army.

Learn how to make an origami creations from reeds of palm leaves such as grasshopper, birds, ring, sunglass, bracelets...

Back on-board our boat, enjoy lunch and cold beer or soft drink.

Our car will drop you back to hotel and relax.

# Overnight in Hoian

Hotel:	Almanity Hoian Resort & Spa	Room Type: Superior town
Tours:	Hoian farming & fishing tour	Pick up time: 8.00am – TBC
Meals:	Breakfast & Lunch	
DAY 7	HOTAN – HUF ON ROAD	

After breakfast, 8.30am our car and guide will pick you up for a 160km journey from Hoian to Hue, we briefly passed MY KHE BEACH, a famous recreational spot for American soldiers during the Vietnam-American War.

On the way, the car will pass by LANG CO Beach, the stunning gem of the area. Halfway between Danang and Hue lays the dramatic HAI VAN PASS, the high dividing line between the climate zones of north and South Vietnam.

Arrival Hue, check in your hotel and enjoy your relaxing time in this ancient citadel.

Overnight in Hue

Hotel:	Romance Hue or similar	Room Type:	Deluxe City View
Tours:	Hoian – Hue on road	Pick up time:	8.00am
Meals:	Breakfast		

### DAY 8 HUE CITY TOUR HALF DAY & COOKING CLASS

After breakfast, 8.00am met up by Vietnam Travel and Cruise's guide and private car for a city tour of Hue and surroundings areas. We first visit Royal Citadel which was constructed by Emperor Gia Long in the style of French military architect Vauban during the first decade of the 19th century, containing the Imperial city and the Forbidden Purple City, the Emperor's private residence. There are many palaces and temples inside. Other attractions the Imperial Museum, Minh Mang tomb and the vibrant Dong Ba riverside market. Enjoy your lunch at the Pagoda.

This afternoon, we will join a cooking class. We will visit the biggest market in Hue named Dong Ba where you can see all the typical features of a traditional Vietnamese market. After the tour, you will come to Ancient Hue restaurant to have a short break and enjoy welcome drink with a cold towel. Here the instructor will present a cooking demonstration of the dishes that you are going to prepare and sampling those dishes. Each one will receive a set of recipes of the cooking course. Time to put your hands-on the cooking utensils. Everyone will be provided a private chair and taught under close guidance of instructor and the assistants. Time to taste your own cooking creation. Back to hotel.

## Overnight in Hue

Hotel:	Romance Hue or similar	Room Type:	Deluxe City View
Tours:	Hue city tour half day & cooking class	Pick up time:	8.00am – TBC
Meals:	Breakfast & Lunch & Dinner		
DAY 9	HUE – HANOI BY FLIGHT		
	HANOI STREET FOOD TOUR		

Say goodbuye to Hue city, we are heading north to Hanoi capital. Catch a morning flight to Hanoi. Pick up upon arrival and check in hotel and prepare for an evening tour of Hanoi local foods.

17.00pm, our guide will meet you at your hotel lobby. Your expert English-speaking local guide will give you an insight into the intricacies and traditions of Vietnamese food culture including details on ingredients and historical backgrounds of popular northern dishes. We eat as we go, trying seasonal fruits and sampling some tasty snack from street carts.

Bánh xèo – also known as crispy Vietnamese pancake, crepe or sizzling cake – is a famous street food which is widely believed to originate from France during its occupation of Vietnam. The word xèo depicts the sizzling sound when pouring the rice batter into the hot skillet

This "Vietnamese pancake" has a yellow outer layer and is filled with boiled pork strips, shrimp, bean sprouts and spring onion. The impressive taste of crunchy crust, savoury fillings, sweet and sour dipping sauce will definitely make you fall in love with this delicacy. Besides, the sauce is a perfect blend of spices (including fish sauce, sugar, lime juice, garlic and chilli), while the herbs help eliminate the greasy taste.

*Pho* - or rice noodle soup- is omnipresent in Hanoi, appearing anywhere from street vendors to high end restaurant. This universally famous food is best enjoyed in Hanoi, where it was "invented" in the early 20th century. Some is served with chicken and some with beef. Each type of meat entails a variety of sub-dish, using from beef tenderloin to beef brisket, chicken wing to chicken thigh.

Bún chả - is a Vietnamese dish of grilled pork, noodles coming with a heap of pickles and fresh herbs. "Bún" means fresh white rice vermicelli, and "Chả" is pork belly and meatballs grilled on charcoal. Two amazing major ingredients are served with the unmissable dipping sauce including fish sauce, vinegar, sugar, garlic, hot chilly, black pepper, which surely determines the dish's quality.

Fresh herbs are an essential part of Vietnamese food, and you'll get large bowls served along every time for Bun Cha. Bean sprouts, mint and coriander are the most common, as well as pickled green papaya, carrot and cucumber.

We finish our food trip at "bia hoi corner" on Ta Hien street, one of the hot spots for beer to enjoy a cold beer glass while sitting at a street corner in Hanoi old quarter. Our tour guide will take you back to your hotel.

Overnight in Hanoi

Hotel:	La Siesta Premium	Коот Туре:	Deluxe
Flight:	Hue – Hanoi by	Pick up time:	TBC
Tours:	Hanoi street food	Pick up time:	17.00 – 20.30pm
Meals:	Breakfast & Dinner		
DAY 10	HANOI – HALONG		

09:00 - 09:30: Limosine D-car picks you up at your hotel in the old quarter

**12:00:** The crew members of Mon Cheri Cruise will welcome you at Tuan Chau International Marina Station, lot 16. Phone for receptionist at Mon Cheri Cruise lounge: 0987671669

You will be taken aboard our support vessel and travel from the wharf via the bay to board our luxurious craft, Peony Cruises. You will be welcomed aboard and greeted with a complimentary drink. Our friendly and professional crew will conduct a compulsory safety procedure session and then you are free to check into your cabin and freshen up. We encourage you to explore our luxuriously-appointed ship then watch the magical landscape cruise past.

- **12:45:** A special lunch of fresh food and an assortment of appetizing delicacies will be served. You will be enchanted when decadently dining on our luxury junk, our lavish interpretation of a traditional Vietnamese boat. Life just doesn't get better than this! We then set sail for Lan Ha Bay.
- **15:30:** We will visit the Dark and Bright cave famous for the pristine natural beauty and poetic, attractive seascape of Lan Ha Bay. Here you will take some photos of the romantic, lyrical local see-sights. This is also the best time for tourists to enjoy bamboo boat and swimming which is an interesting activity to discover the truest beauty of the limestone mountains and the blue sky of Lan Ha Bay. Afterwards, visitors immerse in the emerald green water of Lan Ha Bay with exciting swimming activities.
- **17:30:** Get to the top deck where you can admire the magnificent sunset over the Gulf of Tonkin and enjoy a complimentary sunset party. It is an ideal time for photography enthusiasts to capture the stunning moment of sunset at Lan Ha Bay.
- **19:00:** Enjoy delicious local food prepared and served for you by our wonderful onboard catering staff. This is a delightful meal in an intimate romantic setting.
- **21:00-0:00:** It is now time to relax with an exotic cocktail and drink in the evening landscape. Our bar offers a wide range of wine, beer and liqueurs and is always a welcome sight for guests after a day sailing on the Bay. You can order an indulgent spa service, watch movies, go squid fishing or simply relax on our roof top deck under the cover of a brightly illuminated sky.

Overnight on board.

Hotel:	Peony Cruise	<b>Room Type:</b> Deluxe Balcony
Tours:	Halong over night cruise	Pick up time: 9.00am
Meals:	Breakfast & Lunch & Dinner	
<b>DAY 11</b>	HALONG – HANOI	

6:30-7:30: Breakfast is served at Peony Cruise restaurant.

**8:00**: You will visit Frog Pond, have kayaking or free to relax in the four-season mini pool on Lan Ha Bay - A silk ribbon made from green mountains, blue seas and diverse fauna and flora.

**9:30**: Checking out of the room. Then the lunch in the restaurant is ready for you, pay the extra fee (if any) at the reception while traveling to the port. Kindly needed to pay for the costs in charge of the front desk (if any) while traveling to the port.

11:15 - 11:30: Disembark and move back the port.

11h30 - 11h45: You are at Tuan Chau International Marina Station. Back to Hanoi

Overnight in Hanoi

Hotel:	La Siesta Premium	Room Type:	Deluxe
Tours:	Halong cruise	Pick up time:	11.45am
Meals:	Breakfast & Lunch		

## DAY 12 DEPARTURE

All things come to an end and, unfortunately, this is the end of your journey! Meet up with your driver who will take you to the airport for your departure flight.

The regular check-out time is at 1200; late check-out is NOT included.

Flight:	Please advise	Time:	TBC
Tours:	None	Pick up time:	TBC
Meals:	Breakfast		

Thank you for travelling with Vietnam Travel and Cruise!

## **ACCOMMODATION SUMMARY**

Location	Hotel	Standard	Room Type	Address & Phone & Web
Saigon	Orchid Saigon Hotel (3 nights)	4 Star	Deluxe Window	192 Pasteur, Phường 6, Quận 3, Thành phố Hồ Chí Minh 700000 Phone: 028 3636 5222 https://orchidshotelsaigon.com/en /home/
Hoian	Almanity Hoian Resort & Spa (3 nights)	4 Star	Superior Town	326 Lý Thường Kiệt, Phường Minh An, Hội An, Quảng Nam 560000 Tel: 0235 3666 888 https://almanityhoian.com/en/
Hue	Romance Hue (2 nights)	4 Star	Deluxe City View	16 Nguyen Thai Hoc Str., Hue, Vietnam Phone: (+84) (0234) 389 8888 http://www.romancehotel.com.vn /
Hanoi	La Siesta Premium (2 night)	4 Star	Deluxe Room	No 27 Hang Be St, Old Quarter, Hoan Kiem Dist, Hanoi, Vietnam Phone: +84 24 3929 0011 https://lasiestahotels.vn/hangbe/
Halong	Peony Cruise (1 night)	4 Star	Deluxe Balcony	https://www.peonycruises.com/

# **TOUR INCLUSION/EXCLUSION**

Inclusions:	Exclusions:		
<ul> <li>Accommodation at selected hotel with breakfast</li> </ul>	Vietnam visa		
<ul> <li>Private transfers and transportation on tour</li> </ul>	Other meals where not mentioned in the program		
• Sightseeing with Local English speaking guides	Alcoholic & drinks at mealtime		
(one guide in each city)	International flights and airport taxes		
Entrance fees.	Early check in/Late check-out (unless require)		
<ul> <li>Domestic flights: Saigon – Da Nang; Hue - Hanoi</li> </ul>	Overweight luggage		
<ul> <li>Meals as specified (meals only, no drinks/ water)</li> </ul>	Personal expenses		
<ul> <li>Cold towels and water on sightseeing days</li> </ul>	Travel insurance (compulsory)		
Welcome gifts	Tips and gratuities		
_	Other services not listed in inclusive column		

## **NOTES**

- All flight times are local.
- Flight times and the daily order of sightseeing are subject to change.
- Domestic Airlines allow for 1 piece of 20 23kg checked baggage and 1 piece of 7 12kg hand carry luggage depend on VNA or Bamboo air.
- Transfer times are approximate and subject to local, traffic conditions at the time of travel. Any discrepancy in pick up and transfer, contact our office for instant assistance.
- For smoothly arrangement, please inform us any delay or cancel of flight booked by agents and clients.
- Normal check in time at all hotels is 14:00; check out time is 12:00. Early check in and late checkout are subjected to availability or surcharge will be applied if requested.



#### **VISAS**

**Vietnam:** Please ensure your passport is valid more than 6 months from the date of return for every country you are visiting. Kindly note that visa service is not included in our proposal. Please ask your travel agents or contact Vietnam Travel & Cruise for any visa service or guidance. Or you can simply apply online via this website: <a href="https://evisa.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn/en\_US/web/guest/khai-thi-thuc-dien-tu/cap-thi-thuc-dien-tu">https://evisa.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn/en\_US/web/guest/khai-thi-thuc-dien-tu/cap-thi-thuc-dien-tu</a> Online visa fee is at \$25USD and you do not need to pay stamping fee at Vietnam airport. Please note the following general information is subject to change

**Cambodia:** E-visa now available for Cambodia. Check process and apply through link: <a href="https://www.evisa.gov.kh/">https://www.evisa.gov.kh/</a> with Visa-T for traveler. Visa fee is USD30+ USD6 (processing charge) and valid for 30 days from the time of entry.

#### TRIP AND TRAVEL INSURANCE

The tour price does not include personal insurance. Travelers are highly recommended to purchase Travel Insurance upon commitment of the booking in case of force majeure. Travel Insurance covers such costs as emergency and medical evacuation, hospital fees, property loss, etc. which could possibly happen during the trip.

Vietnam Travel and Cruise is not responsible for any injury, loss, death, inconvenience, delay or damage to personal property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from but not limited to acts of God or force majeure, illness, disease, acts of war, civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, animals, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, overbooking or downgrading of services, food poisoning, mechanical or other failure of aircraft or other means of transportation or for failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart on time. Additional expenses incurred due to delays, accidents, natural disaster, political actions and unrest, must be covered by the clients. Vietnam Travel and Cruise will make every effort to recoup any losses from the service providers.

# **GENERAL BOOKING CONDITION**

## Payment:

- A Deposit of AUD\$200 per person is required upon confirmation of your booking. This deposit is non-refundable.
- The balance is due 30 days prior to departure. If you fail to pay by the due date we reserve the right to cancel your booking and retain your deposit.
- If you make a booking less than 30 days prior to departure, full payment is due within 48 hours.

### **Cancellation:** Any cancellations must be made in witting.

- Cancellation fees apply to all cancelled reservations. The fee is determined by the date written cancellation received by Vietnam Travel and Cruise.
- Cancellation more than 30 days Loss of deposit
- Cancellation at 30 or less days 100% of total booking cost <u>Special conditions</u>: Depending on airlines, hotels, cruises' cancellation policies, the above conditions may be modified.

#### Claims and refunds for unused services

No refunds or exchanges can be made in respect of accommodation, meals, sightseeing tours, transport or any other services, which are included in the tour prices but not utilized by the client.