



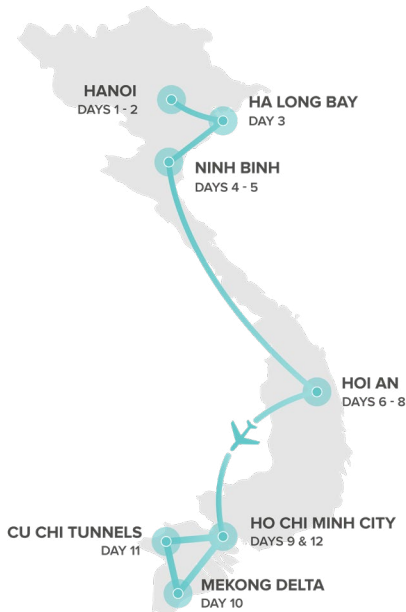
Vietnam Intro is the most amazing way to experience Vietnam! You'll discover crazy Hanoi, experience the stunning Ha Long Bay, go kayaking, crab fishing with traditional fisherman, soak up fascinating local culture, learn to cook delicious Vietnamese food, discover the secret underground world used during the Vietnam War known as the Cu Chi tunnels, explore the vast maze of rivers and lush green rice fields of the famous Mekong Delta and visit a traditional local village and much more. Plus you'll have an awesome group leader with you from the moment you step off the plane, an instant group of friends to share your adventure with and help with all your onward travel. Get ready for the trip of a lifetime!

**HANOI** → **HO CHI MINH CITY**

**Transport:** Minivan, Bus, Boat, Overnight Train, Plane.  
**Meals:** 10B, 5L, 2D  
**Group size:** 4 - 22  
**Age Range:** 18 - 39  
**Local Fees:** None

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Immerse yourself in the culture, food and fast paced living of fascinating Hanoi.
- Experience the stunning natural wonder of Ha Long Bay!
- Experience the beautiful countryside of Ninh Binh during a local homestay among the rice paddies.
- Learn how the locals live in the incredibly lush green beauty of the Mekong Delta before discovering the fascinating and eyeopening Cu Chi Tunnels.



## INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Personal Airport Pickup To Our Accom 24/7
- ✓ 11 Nights Accommodation
- ✓ 17 Meals
- ✓ All Transport & Internal Flight
- ✓ Awesome Group Leader
- ✓ Walking & Rickshaw Tour of Hanoi
- ✓ Night Out in Hanoi
- ✓ Overnight Boat Trip on Ha Long Bay
- ✓ Kayaking
- ✓ Local Homestay Experience
- ✓ Bicycle Tour of Ninh Binh
- ✓ Rice Paddies
- ✓ River Boat Cruise
- ✓ Dragon Mountain Viewpoint
- ✓ Cooking Class
- ✓ Visit Local Markets
- ✓ Basket Boat Crab Fishing
- ✓ Lantern Making Class
- ✓ Cu Chi Tunnels Tours
- ✓ Traditional Mud Fishing
- ✓ Mekong Delta Experience
- ✓ Local Village Visit
- ✓ Help with Onward Travel

**NOT INCLUDED:**

Flights, travel insurance, visas & some meals



# ITINERARY & IMPORTANT INFO

## DAY 1 - ARRIVE IN HANOI

• **HANOI** When you land in Hanoi after your long flight we'll be at the airport to meet you and take you to your accommodation. You'll have plenty of time to recover from your flight, chill out and meet everyone in your group.

## DAY 2 - DISCOVER HANOI

• **HANOI** Discover what makes the chaotic capital of Vietnam so special with a walking and rickshaw tour of the city. Experience the bustling streets, fascinating culture and delicious street food. We'll then head out for dinner and experience some of Hanoi's best nightlife!

## DAY 3 - HA LONG BAY OVERNIGHT BOAT

• **HA LONG BAY** Experience the stunning natural wonder of Ha Long Bay, cruise on beautiful emerald green waters through towering limestone mountains topped with rainforest. Go kayaking through caves and enjoy some drinks aboard our overnight boat!

## DAY 4 - NINH BINH HOMESTAY

• **NINH BINH** Today we head south to the beautiful countryside of Ninh Binh, a landscape of endless rice paddies and epic limestone mountains. Check in to our unique and amazing local homestay and watch the sunset whilst relaxing in our private riverside bungalows for the evening.

## DAY 5 - EXPLORE NINH BINH

• **NINH BINH** Today we explore magical Ninh Binh. We'll take a bike ride through the rice paddies and then a local row boat along a network of rivers and caves. We'll then tackle the iconic Dragon Mountain Viewpoint before boarding the overnight train south to Hoi An.

## DAY 6 - EXPLORE HOI AN

• **HOI AN** In the morning we'll arrive in Hoi An, one of the most beautiful and fascinating towns in Vietnam. You'll have some time in the afternoon to chill out, go shopping or even get some clothes made!

## DAY 7 - BASKET FISHING & COOKING CLASS

• **HOI AN** Be guided through coconut groves by local fishermen while you try your hand at some crab fishing! We'll then learn the secrets of preparing delicious Vietnamese food with a traditional cooking class.

## DAY 8 - LANTERN MAKING CLASS & BEACH DAY

• **HOI AN** This morning we'll learn how to make lanterns. We'll then hop on bicycles for a short ride to the beach for a chilled day at a beach club.

## DAY 9 - TRAVEL TO HO CHI MINH CITY

• **HO CHI MINH CITY** Today we catch a short flight to Ho Chi Minh City and arrive early afternoon. You'll have the rest of the day to relax and explore the city.

## DAY 10 - LOCAL LIFE ON THE MEKONG DELTA

• **MEKONG DELTA** We'll explore the incredibly lush green beauty of the Mekong Delta, learn first-hand how the locals live, visit local villages and experience daily life on the Mekong. We then stay overnight in the Delta.

## DAY 11 - CU CHI TUNNELS

• **HO CHI MINH CITY** Today we discover the Cu Chi Tunnels, a fascinating network of underground tunnels used as supply routes, hideouts and living quarters during the Vietnam War. We'll arrive back to Ho Chi Minh City in the afternoon before heading out for our farewell dinner and party!

## DAY 12 - DEPART HO CHI MINH CITY OR EXTEND YOUR STAY

• **HO CHI MINH CITY** Your amazing 12 day adventure comes to an end. You can either check out and make your way home or continue your travels with our help, advice and the new friends you have made!

## ARRIVAL INFORMATION

It's best to arrive on the actual start date. There are no activities on the first day, so you can arrive at any time. If you do arrive early we'll still pick you up from the airport and will book you into our Hanoi accommodation from the day you arrive. Extra nights can be pre-paid with your agent or direct with us.

It's also recommended to have onward travel booked out of Vietnam before travelling there, as you may get asked for proof of this before boarding your flight to Vietnam.

## AFTER VIETNAM INTRO

Vietnam Intro 12 Day finishes in Ho Chi Minh City in the south of Vietnam. If you're staying on longer in Vietnam, your group leader will help organise any of your onward travel.

If you need to get back to Ho Chi Minh City airport then it's a simple taxi ride that will take around 30 minutes and cost around £10 / \$20. We can organise this for you in Vietnam.

If you need to get back to Hanoi then the easiest way is to get yourself a cheap internal flight, we can help you with this. Just let your group leader know when you arrive.

## VISAS

It's important to check your visa requirements before arriving in Vietnam.

Please refer to our [Important Stuff](#) page for all up to date visa information Vietnam.

Please note that while the above information is currently accurate, visa rules can often change so it's always best to check before departing. If you're unsure of your visa requirements or need any help just contact us.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance for Vietnam is compulsory to join Vietnam Intro. Your group leader will ask to see proof of your cover before your trip begins. You can organise a quote and policy for yourself [here](#).



# ACCOMMODATION GUIDE

## HANOI - BERYL PALACE HOTEL AND SPA

2 NIGHTS

A boutique hotel in the heart of the Old Quarter.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Spa Facilities



HANOI

## HA LONG BAY - OVERNIGHT BOAT

1 NIGHT

An amazing boat with incredible views.

Twin/Triple/Double Rooms

Ensuite

Air Con



HA LONG BAY

## NINH BINH - LOCAL HOMESTAY

1 NIGHT

Private riverside bungalows in a magical setting.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi

Riverside Hammocks



NINH BINH

## OVERNIGHT TRAIN

1 NIGHT

A bed on a great journey.

4 Share Cabin

Bathrooms Onboard

Air Con

Epic Views!



## HOI AN - THANH BINH 2 HOTEL

3 NIGHTS

A nice hotel in a great location.

Twin/Double/Triple Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Swimming Pool



## HO CHI MINH - LIBERTY SAIGON

### GREENVIEW HOTEL

2 NIGHTS

A local hotel close to all the action.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi & Air Con

Laundry



## MEKONG DELTA - LOCAL HOMESTAY

1 NIGHT

Authentic bungalows on a tiny island in the Mekong.

Twin/Double/Triple Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi



The accommodation featured in this document is our usual properties. At certain locations we use alternative accommodation (of equal standard) when needed.

# #SMALLCHANGE

## SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL



**PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT**



**SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES**



**CULTURAL EXCHANGE & EDUCATION**



**ANIMAL WELFARE**

Making a positive difference to the amazing destinations we travel is at the core of what we do. Small Change is our own socially conscious initiative aimed at making the world that little bit better place to explore! Click [here](#) to learn more!



**WE'RE PLANTING 10 TREES FOR EVERY INTRO TRAVEL BOOKING!**

## FAQS



### DO MANY PEOPLE TRAVEL ALONE?

Yes. Lots of people on our trips are travelling solo. But by doing our trip you'll instantly be part of a group, so it's a great way to meet others and make friends! Most of our accommodation is twin or triple share, so we will put you in a room with someone of the same gender.



### CAN I CHAT TO MY GROUP BEFORE I LEAVE?

You can start chatting to people in your group and other travellers before you leave. Just go to our Facebook page, click on 'Groups' and choose [Vietnam](#).



### WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO VISIT VIETNAM?

It's always a good time to go travelling in Vietnam. Most months of the year you will experience both sunshine and possibly some rain. It's usually quite hot and humid most of the time, but it can occasionally get cold, especially in the north of Vietnam between November and February, so it's always best to bring a couple of warm layers with your summer clothing.



### HOW MUCH SPENDING MONEY WILL I NEED?

All your activities, accommodation, transport and some meals are included with Vietnam Intro, so you'll just need money for some meals, drinks, shopping and any onward travel. We recommend you bring at least £300 / \$500 spending money.



### HOW WILL I ACCESS MY MONEY WHILE I'M AWAY?

We recommend getting a travel currency card through [Wise](#). You can use the Wise card almost everywhere and withdraw cash and use it with Google or Apple Pay. If you transfer your money into the local currency, you can avoid paying foreign exchange fees when you use the card. There are ATM's available throughout Vietnam so it's easy to access your cash. Some places don't accept credit card.



### IS THERE WI-FI THROUGHOUT THE TRIP?

Most accommodations have free Wi-Fi available. Vietnam's network quality is often lower than you're used to but you can generally connect and do basic stuff.



### WHAT LUGGAGE DO YOU RECOMMEND?

We always recommend travelling with a backpack and packing light! 10-20kgs of stuff should be plenty. It's generally quite hot in Vietnam so dragging around a huge suitcase is not much fun. There is luggage storage at the airport or at some accommodations if needed.



### WHAT PLUGS DO THEY USE?

Vietnam generally uses a flat or round 2 pin socket the same as most of Europe. It's always best to grab yourself an appropriate adaptor if needed before you go.



### TERMS & CONDITIONS

For the full set of Terms and Conditions for our tours, start dates, and your responsibilities as a traveller with us, please see the [Terms & Conditions](#) section of our website.

#### That's about it for now!

Once you've booked you'll get access to 'Manage My Booking' and the INTRO Travel App, which will give you all the information you'll need on Vietnam and Vietnam Intro, so you can just relax and enjoy the experience.

*Of course if you have an more questions just contact us. We're happy to help!*

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