

J Yang Tours Customized Group Travel Specialist to Asia

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Signature Vietnam

Duration: 8 nights/9 days

We visit: Hanoi, Halong Bay, Hoi An, Ho Chi Minh City

Vietnam has such geographic and cultural diversity, such overwhelming beauty. On your Vietnam Signature Tour, you'll sample her premier cities and her quaint historic towns, her imperial roots, her conflicted past and her dynamic future. Highlights include bustling Hanoi, quintessentially Asian and yet reminiscent of Paris in its broad tree lined boulevards. Far to the south, Ho Chi Minh City, pulsates with the energy of 6 million people in noisy pursuit of prosperity even as they maintain age-old traditions, vestiges of imperial Vietnam in Hue, the home of emperors, the once bustling seaport of Hoi An, a port dating back centuries, now a charming town of wood-fronted shop houses where expert tailors can whip you up outfits of fine silk. Pagodas; palaces; the surreal limestone karst islands of Ha Long Bay, the luxuriant vistas of emerald rice paddies; water buffalo, peasants in conical hats and fine food – these are the unforgettable memories you'll take away.

Highlights:

- Hanoi- Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum & House, One Pillar Pagoda, Quan Thanh Temple, National Museum of Fine Arts, Cyclo ride through the Old Quarter, Water Puppet Show
- Halong Bay - Junk cruise on Halong Bay, Hang Sung Sot, fishing village visiting
- Ho Chi Minh City - Cholon Chinatown, Thien Hau Pagoda, Reunification Palace
- Excursion to Cu Chi Tunnels

Tour Itinerary

Day 1 **Arrive Hanoi**

Your Vietnam tour begins as you are met at the Noi Bai International Airport, and transferred to your centrally located hotel. Remainder of day is at your leisure.

Day 2 **Hanoi**

Your city tour starts at the Ho Chi Minh Complex on Ba Dinh Square where Ho Chi Minh declared independence in 1945 (- this famous site contains his mausoleum); then visit the Presidential Palace, an Italianate Renaissance chateau that "Uncle Ho" declined to live in and the house on stilts he chose instead. And then the ancient One Pillar Pagoda, the origins of which date back to 1049. Then stop by the Quan Thanh Temple, a Taoist temple, home to the 13-foot-high Tran Vu bronze statue. After lunch, explore the National Museum of Fine Arts. You will take a cyclo ride through the bustling Old Quarter. This evening you will be entertained by a performance of the thousand-year-old Vietnamese art Water Puppet Show. (B/L)

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Day 3 Hanoi-Halong Bay

Pack your overnight bag you are on your way to a marvelous overnight adventure on board a deluxe Junk. Ha Long Bay is a seascape of craggy karst towers that rise hundreds of feet above the unique jade-green waters of the bay made famous in the film Indochine. Sit back and enjoy this beautiful spectacle of nature. Visit a fishing village and have time for a swim or a walk on one of the many islands. Dinner is served on board and you spend the evening gazing at the stars. Overnight in luxurious guestrooms on board. (B/L/D)

Day 4 Halong Bay-Hanoi

After you farewell Halong Bay, and return to Hanoi in the afternoon. Later you will take a cyclo ride through the bustling Old Quarter. This evening you will be entertained by a performance of the thousand-year-old Vietnamese art Water Puppet Show

Day 5 Hanoi-Danang-Hoi An

Drive to Hoi An via the Hai Van (Ocean Clouds Pass), nestled on the banks of the Thu Bon River. Before the river filled with silt, Hoi An was one of the most important trading ports in Southeast Asia for centuries, and a center for East-West exchange and trade. Upon arrival in Hoi An, check in to your hotel, then the rest of the day is for you to soak up the ambience of this special place and leisurely stroll through the town enjoying some of the sites in Hoi An. (B/L)

Day 6 Hoi An

Day at leisure to explore charming ancient town at your own pace.

Day 7 Hoi An-Danang-Ho Chi Minh City

After breakfast, you transfer to airport and fly to Ho Chi Minh City. Ho Chi Minh City, called "The Pearl of the Sea" by locals, still has its French charms, even as it embraces twenty first century commercialism. This frenetic metropolis is crowded with bikes and motorbikes, with bustling shopping areas and sidewalk cafes. It is a marvelous starting point for those who want to explore Vietnam's rich 4,000 year history. Discover Cholon, Saigon's Chinatown, which is packed with sacred temples and mysterious, narrow lanes. Also visit the Thien Hau Pagoda. (B)

Day 8 Ho Chi Minh City

This morning visit the famous Cu Chi Tunnels, an incredible underground network of 125 miles of tunnels and chambers constructed over several decades by Vietnamese fighters in the period to 1975. Returning to the city, you visit the Reunification Palace, formerly South Vietnam's presidential palace, which remains largely untouched since it was built in the 1960s. (B/L)

Day 9 Depart Ho Chi Minh City

You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home. (B)

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