

# VIETNAM

- SEVEN WONDERS OF NATURE

DURATION:- HANOI (3N/4D) & HO CHI MINH (3N/4D)

NO OF PAX:- 50



# Overview of Vietnam

- A land of staggering beauty, complexity and intrigue - Vietnam is home to sleepy rural hill tribes and bustling cities, perched between some of the most beautiful natural landscapes in the world.
- You only have to scratch the surface of this deeply fascinating country to see vestiges of its complicated history. Ancient temples display distinctly Chinese influences in the north and Hindu origins in the south. Meanwhile, the broad, tree-lined boulevards and grand state buildings that pepper Hanoi date from the French colonial period.
- Despite evoking an image of war and deep suffering for those who grew up in the shadow of the devastating Vietnam War, Vietnam is an infectiously happy place. Colour, vibrancy and lust for life are to be found in every corner.
- A mess of motorbikes and merchants, serene lakes and temples, peek underneath the surface and layers of history will reveal remnants of periods of French and Chinese occupation-offering a glimpse into the resilience of ambitious, proud Vietnamese.
- Best Time to visit:- **Spring (February to April) and Autumn (August to October).**



# Overview of Hanoi and Halong Bay

- Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam, is known for its centuries-old architecture and a rich culture with Southeast Asian, Chinese and French influences. At its heart is the chaotic Old Quarter, where the narrow streets are roughly arranged by trade.
- Hanoi is a city full of mellow charm and scenic beauty. Nestled along the woody avenue on the banks of Red River, the city offers an assortment of leisure activities. Bustling with crowd and voices, the city is rich in culture with ever-growing infrastructure.
- Halong Bay, in North-East Vietnam, is famous for its emerald waters and deep and dark rainforests.
- It is a vision of ethereal beauty with a scattering of islands and wind and wave dotted grottoes.
- It is designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1994 and was also classified as a wonder in the New Seven Wonders of Nature, in 2012.



# Places to Visit in Hanoi

- The mausoleum is the resting place of, the revolution leader Ho Chi Minh, who was the President of the Communist Party of Vietnam, at the very same place where he in 1945, read the Declaration of Independence and established the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.
- Inspired by Lenin's Mausoleum (in Moscow) but with a Vietnamese twist, it incorporates elements that are tied to Vietnamese architecture like the sloping roof.
- The embalmed body of Ho Chi Minh, is kept in the central hall of the mausoleum, protected at all times, by security.
- Saint Joseph Cathedral is a hybrid of Vietnamese and Western architectural style
- A Roman Catholic cathedral done in a Neo-Gothic style, it was built around 120 years ago.
- The cathedral was constructed and completed in 1886, after the French army conquered Hanoi.
- The architecture of the cathedral clearly follows the rules of the Gothic style and design of Paris Cathedral with the interiors decorated in a Vietnamese way, in colours of yellow and red.

## Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum



## St Joseph's Cathedral



# Places to Visit in Hanoi

- The Hoa Lo Prison Museum or known by its ironically nickname, the “Hanoi Hilton” will make you experience a range of emotions from disgust, sorrow to outrage at how something like this was allowed to happen.
- The museum displays and educates on the sufferings of the Vietnamese revolutionaries who were confined under the occupying French government during the early 20th century.
- It is peculiar to have a prison built in the center of the city, but the idea of the French colonial administrators was to make an example of the Vietnamese fighters for independence.
- The Temple of Literature is often regarded as one of the most visited tourist attractions. In 1070 it was made with the intention of serving as an university and was dedicated to Confucius and scholars. Fortunately, the building is remarkably preserved and is an excellent example of traditional Vietnamese architecture.
- A tribute to education and literature, this place has seen thousands of Vietnam’s finest scholars.
- The most acclaimed prize for the most successful scholars was to have their names engraved onto a stone stele on top of the stone turtles.

## Hoa Lo Prison Museum



## Temple of Literature



# Places to Visit in Hanoi

- Built in memorial of the 13th century figure Tran Hung Dao, a brave military leader who fought against the Yuan Dynasty.
- The island on which the pagoda is built is known as Jade Island and is accessible by the famous Rising Sun Bridge. Bridge is built out of wood, coloured red in a classical Vietnamese fashion.
- The pagoda and lake are probably the most famous places in Hanoi, where you just come to lay down, relax and enjoy the blissful quiet.

## Ngoc Son Pagoda



- Dong Xuan Market is the largest indoor market in Hanoi.
- What one can find there is truly astounding, whatever you're looking for whether it'd be some fresh local produce, souvenirs or in need of a laptop – chances are some vendor tucked away has it.
- Established in the late 19th century, the Dong Xuan Market can be found in a four story communist styled building on the edge of the Old Quarters.
- You will be able to find handbags, fabrics, handicrafts all of which being sold at wholesale prices!

## Dong Xuan Market



# Places to Visit in Hanoi

## Bia Hoi



## Hoan Kiem lake



- If you're a beer enthusiast, you'll be thrilled with Vietnam's beer culture
- Let us start off with the fact that Vietnam is the perfect place for a pub crawl. Bia Hoi is an insight into the beer scene of Vietnam.
- Vietnam boasts as having a unique drinking culture that can only be found in northern cities of this country. It's a daily ritual starting from 4pm where locals (and tourists) sit on plastic furniture on street corners and drink home-brewed beer.
- So if you were wondering how world's cheapest and freshest beer tastes like then don't miss your opportunity to get a pint!

- Known as the Lake of the Restored Sword from a legend, a story claimed that Heaven sent Emperor Ly Thai To, a sword with magical properties.
- He used that sword to banish the Chinese from Vietnam. Following the end of war a giant golden turtle took the sword and escaped to the depths of the lake to return the sword to its divine owners thus earning its name.
- The lake is special for other things as well, for eg. It is the only lake in Vietnam that is home to an iconic tortoise.

# Places to Visit in Hanoi

## Hanoi Old Quarter

The Old Quarters are one of the two most well-known districts in Hanoi (the other being the Ba Dinh District), a business center and also a very prominent spot among tourists. Sidewalks teeming with bicycles and scooters while crowds of people scavenge markets and barter loudly with street vendors, it is an interesting blend of ancient history (Hanoi celebrated a millennial birthday in 2010) and commercialism. Packed with French colonial architecture, pagodas and Buddhist temples you'll want to get lost in its streets. The streets carry names of the business that were set up over 1,000 years ago. Expect to see lots of cafes, restaurants, boutiques, art galleries and bars even in this historical area.



## Royal Opera House

Modelled on the [Palais Garnier](#), the older of [Paris](#)'s two opera houses, it is considered to be one of the architectural landmarks of Hanoi. After the departure of the French the opera house became the scene for several political events, as well as the scene of street fighting during the fight for Hanoi. The facade has pillars in Roman order with stone-tiled curved roofs on top and wrought iron balconies overlooking the gorgeous city of Hanoi. The interior, of 24x24 meters with 589 velvet seats, consists of a large stage and a main audience room, with many small rooms for audience on the central floor. The design overwhelms visitors with crystal chandeliers, large wall mirrors and many Corinthian columns.





# Places to visit in Halong Bay

- Halong Bay is a popular bay which is located in the north of Vietnam. The name of this place i.e. Halong means "the place of descending dragons".
- Halong Bay is one of the most famous spots in Vietnam and consists of a series of amazing limestone islands which are also a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- One of the most famous regions of Vietnam, this bay is known to be located on the northern side of Vietnam and is also known as the land of the descending dragons.
- A newspaper in the 18th century reported sighting a dragon on its shore due to which this bay has got this name. This bay is known to contain around 2000 islands some of which are inhabited while some of them have been left vacant.
- Halong Bay Day Cruise is a perfect option for busy travellers who have limited time but still want to get a glance of the amazing Halong Bay. A day cruise tour can offer you an overview of the Bay with at least 3.5 hours or more (4 hours, 4.5 hours, 6 hours, 6.5 hours, 8 hours, and 10 hours) cruising time in the Bay.



- Even if with the limited time frame, you will have a wonderful opportunity not only to visit beautiful attractions in Halong Bay such as Titov Island and Heavenly Cave.
- A day cruise tour doesn't mean that you will be limited to attend in various activities. On the contrary, you still can take part in a plenty of activities such as paddling through Luon Cave by a sampan, swimming in Soi Sim Beach (Lazalee 6.5 hours Day Cruise); exploring Heaven Cave, kayaking or boat rowing in the deep blue sea waters (Alova Day Cruise); or admiring impressive limestone islets like Fighting Cocks, Duck, Finger, Incense Burner, and Stone Dog (Phoenix Day Cruise).



# Places to Visit in Halong Bay

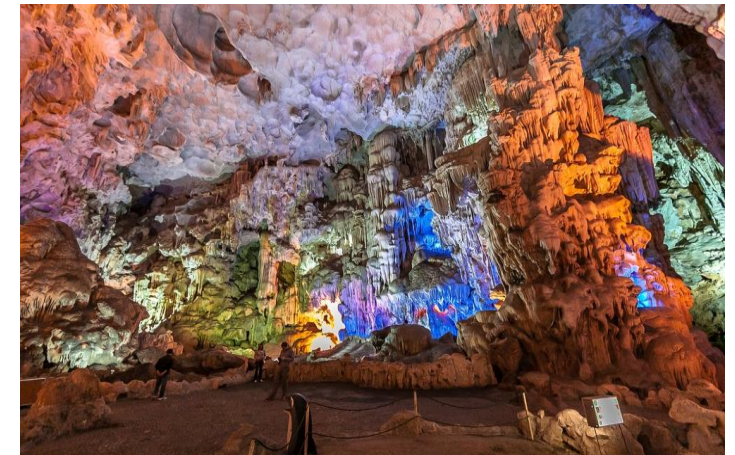
- There are some 2,000 islands located in Halong Bay and you will find many of them uninhabited and covered in gorgeous lush vegetation, making them perfect for hiking. Many of the islands are also home to famous caves where you can go spelunking and although Halong Bay can get quite busy during the high season, there are still some secluded spots to uncover if you are willing to island hop. If you prefer to stay in the thick of things, then you can enjoy seafood barbecues, sea kayaking and a whole host of attractions in the main towns such as forts and other monuments.
- "Con Rồng, cháu Tiên" origin (Dragon and Fairy Descendants), Ha Long is also known as "the land of dragon".
- Some legends said that when Vietnamese people established the country, they were invaded by foreign invaders.
- The Jade Emperor appointed Mother Dragon and her Child Dragons down to help the Vietnam to fight. Invaders' boats from the sea entered the shore, at that same time Dragons landed on earth. The dragons immediately ejected pearls and turned into thousands of rocky islands on the sea creating a solid wall to block the enemy warships. Enemy ships were moving fast and when blocked suddenly, they crashed into the rocky islands and broke into pieces.



## Take a cruise



## Hang Sung Sot Cave



- If you truly want to see all the beauty of Halong Bay then you need to take to the water and sign up for a boat cruise.
- There are a huge number of companies to choose from and you can go island hopping in Halong Bay.
- With some 2,000 islands to choose from, you will have lots of different options about where you want to go and what you want to see, from the main 'big hits' to less well known and smaller islands.
- Many of the boats used are built in the traditional style and are known as 'junk boats'. Depending on the tour operator you can also enjoy a buffet meal as part of the cruise or even stay on the boat overnight for a truly memorable cruising experience.
- Hang Sung Sot Cave is located at Bon Hon Island and you will need to hike up a steep path to get here, although it is worth the effort for the inner views.
- There are two different chambers in the cave which soar to a height of some 30 meters.
- The inner chamber is known for having a number of stone formations that are said to look like sentries lining up and there is even a stone in the center of the cave that looks like a general talking to his troops.
- As the light streams across the water and makes flickering patterns on the inside of the cave, it looks as if the formations are coming to life.

## Diving



## Visit Cat Ba Island



- Diving is one of the most popular activities that you can take part in, at the Halong Bay. It is the perfect place to enjoy deep sea diving and snorkeling.
  - The water is clean and very clear, for delightful views. Excellent visibility helps with picturesque underwater sights.
  - There are a number of diving schools here, at which you can take classes, or just take a boat to the islands and snorkel around.
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- Cat Ba Island is the most popular attraction in Halong Bay and it is also the biggest island in this part of Vietnam.
  - The island sits around an ancient fisherman's port and as such has a relaxed atmosphere that makes it the perfect place to spend an afternoon.
  - One of the best things to do here is to rent a bicycle and ride to the idyllic countryside just outside the main town.
  - This is also the spot where many of the boats leave for island trips so it makes a good place to base yourself while you are in Halong Bay.

## Visit Lan Ha Bay

- Halong Bay is a very popular destination in Vietnam which means that many of the islands get crowded in the high season.
- This is one of the oldest floating residential areas in Vietnam so if you want to see a slice of history then this is not to be missed.
- With that in mind, if you want to explore a quieter part of the region, then consider a trip to Lan Ha Bay.
- The island is known for white sandy beaches and there are a plethora of activities on offer here.
- These include swimming, rock climbing and sea kayaking and you can also visit the Cai Beo Floating Village.



## Visit Cannon Fort

- If you want to take in the best of the views in Cat Ba Island then head for Cannon Fort.
- From the vantage point of the fort you can see rolling hills as well as bobbing fishing boats and karst formations jutting out of the sea.
- To get to the fort you need to walk up a hill to the main gate and you can check out underground tunnels here as well as a number of attractions such as gun emplacements.
- The fort is also dotted with life size model soldiers and there are several lookout points.



# Suggested Hotels

## The Light Hotel 4\*

- On a tree-lined street in the Old Quarter, this upscale hotel is 13 minutes' walk from Hoàn Kiếm Lake, and 1 km from Hanoi Railway Station.
- The warmly decorated rooms feature free Wi-Fi and flat-screen TVs, as well as safes, and tea and coffeemakers. Upgraded rooms offer balconies, city views and/or sitting areas.
- Breakfast is complimentary. Other amenities include a polished restaurant, and a coffee shop with a terrace overlooking the city. There's also a gym, a spa and a rooftop outdoor pool.
- Exquisitely furnished with state-of-the-art meeting and event facilities, this Hotel is suitable for smaller groups. (70 pax in cluster)
- No. of Rooms:- **89 rooms**



# Suggested Hotels

## Movenpick Hotel 5\*

- The Mövenpick Hotel Hanoi is conveniently located in the heart of Hanoi's central business district, a 40 minute drive from Noi Bai international airport and only 5 minutes from the city centre and its Old Quarter. This makes our hotel ideal for business and leisure travellers.
- With 154 well-appointed rooms and suites this hotel is the perfect base for a visit to Vietnam.
- Guests can relax and enjoy some fine dining in the restaurant or stay fit using the modern exercised equipment, massage and sauna facilities in the Kinetic Gym and Wellness Studio.
- Banquet facilities provide for 60 people in cluster seating.
- No. of Rooms:- **154 rooms**





# Suggested Hotels

## Thang Lang Opera 4\*

- A 7-minute walk from the Hanoi Opera House, this modern hotel is also a 3-minute walk from the nearest bus stop and a 15-minute walk from Hoàn Kiếm Lake.
- The warmly decorated rooms and suites come with complimentary Wi-Fi, satellite TV and desks, as well as minibars and balconies. Suites add separate living rooms. Kids 1 and under stay free in a parent's bed.
- A complimentary breakfast buffet is served in the upscale restaurant. Other amenities include a contemporary bar and a fitness room.
- The property is situated in Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam, which is infamous for the century-old architecture and a rich culture with Southeast Asian, Chinese, and French influences.
- All of the guestrooms are spread over seven floors. **Thang Long Opera Hotel Hanoi** features two meeting rooms, Long Bien and Dong Do, for large-to-small groups with a maximum capacity of 120 guests in cluster.
- No. of Rooms:- **101 rooms**



# Suggested Hotels

## Melia Hotel 5\*

- Located 1.1 km from the Hanoi Opera House, this contemporary hotel is 1.7 km from both Hanoi's Old Quarter and the Temple of Literature.
- The classic rooms provide minibars, free Wi-Fi and flat-screen TVs, plus tea and coffeemakers. Upgraded rooms add complimentary breakfast and sofas.
- Amenities include a Mediterranean restaurant and a terrace, plus a swanky lounge/bar. There's also an outdoor pool, a fitness center and a sauna, along with a conference center, meeting spaces and 2 ballrooms. Covered parking is available for a fee.
- The hotel's Cava Lounge offers guests delightful cocktails or an elegant afternoon tea, while Melia Deli offers guests a wide range of daily fresh baked breads, rolls, exquisite French Pastries, and delicious cakes.
- They have 9 event rooms which can seat up to 1300 people, with the biggest ballroom seating 700 people in cluster.
- No. of Rooms:- **306 rooms**



# Suggested Itinerary - Hanoi

## Day 01:

- Welcome to Hanoi – Vietnam!
- Lunch at Indian restaurant at 14:00. (Early check in is subject to availability)
- Visit the Temple of Literature, Vietnam's first university - constructed in 1070
- Take a stroll on the narrow streets of the Hanoi Old Quarter to experience the daily life of the local people and visit Hoan Kiem Lake.
- Choose many kinds of lovely souvenirs with very reasonable cost from the local markets and vendors.
- Dinner at Indian restaurant
- Overnight in Hanoi



# Suggested Itinerary - Hanoi

## Day 02: Halong Bay

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Move to Halong Bay, the pride of the Gulf of Tonkin, a Natural World Heritage as designated by UNESCO
- Arrive at Tuan Chau island - Take a break at Glory Legend Cruise Lounge
- Enjoy a lunch with Vietnamese dishes served while cruising through the bay, passing the most beautiful and quiet areas, such as Incense Burner, Dog Stone Islet, Fighting Cock, Soi Sim beach, Coconut Tree Island
- Visiting Tung Sau area and watch cultured pearl fishery
- Visiting the Ti Top beach for swimming
- Attend the cooking class on sundeck – How to make Vietnamese spring rolls - traditional Vietnamese food.
- Dinner – Deluxe Vietnamese and International BBQ Set Menu Dinner and overnight on boat.



# Suggested Itinerary - Hanoi

## Day 03: Halong to Hanoi

- Start the day early onboard with Tai Chi session on the sundeck. Tai chi, combines deep breathing and relaxation
- Breakfast served in the dining room with morning view of bay's landscape.
- Transfer by tender to Sung Sot Cave. Walk up about 100 steps to the cave entrance(45 mins).
- Visit Sung Sot Cave, one of the biggest cave in Halong bay with beautiful stalactites and stalagmites.
- Back to Glory Legend Cruises.
- Lunch (local/International food) while cruising back to the Tuan Chau Wharf. Disembark from Tuan Chau and return to Hanoi
- Drop at Royal City Shopping Mall
- Buffet dinner at Indian restaurant with 02 veg + 02 non veg starter and 02 hours free flow of soft drinks, beer and hard liquor.
- Overnight in Hanoi



# Suggested Itinerary - Hanoi

## Day 04:

- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Check out from the Hotel
- Transfer to the Noi bai International Airport
- Departure



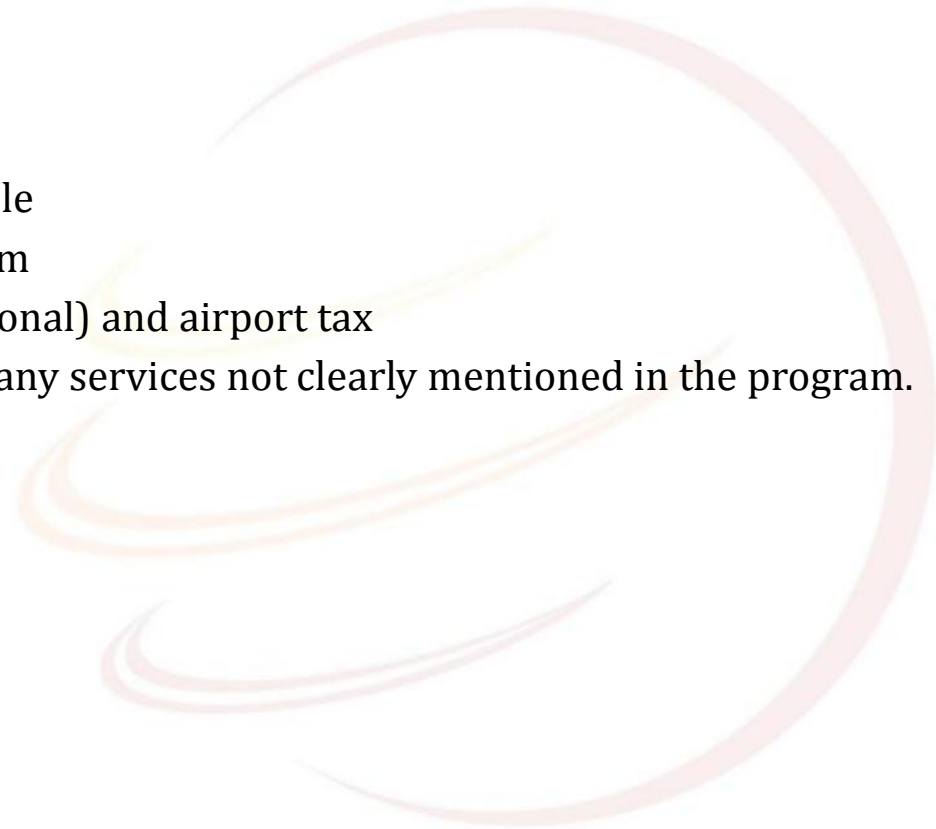
## **Inclusions:**

- Accommodation in well-appointed room for 2 Nights/3 Days on Twin Share basis.
- Meal Plan:-
  1. Day 1:- Lunch at Indian restaurant and dinner at Indian restaurant
  2. Day 2:- Breakfast at the Hotel, Lunch on cruise & Dinner on cruise
  3. Day 3:- Breakfast on cruise, Lunch on cruise & Gala dinner at Indian restaurant
  4. Day 4:- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Return Airfare, VISA and Travel insurance
- All entrance fees and sightseeing as mentioned in the program
- Private transportation by vehicle with A/C as per program (45-seater coach + 30 seater bus)
- Local English speaking guides in Vietnam, stationed English speaking guide on cruise(s) in Halong Bay.
- Bottles of mineral water on tour day
- 01 Gala Night on Day 3:
  1. 2 hours free flow of alcohol & soft drinks
  2. 2 Hours Unlimited serving of starters (2 Veg + 2 Non- Veg)
  3. DJ with Sound & Light



## Exclusions:

- Anything which is not included in above package
- Any expenditure which is personal in nature (like room service ,minibar usage etc.)
- Any kind of event setup
- Early Check in & Late Check out.
- Venue rental
- Licenses on actuals
- Government Service Tax is applicable
- Meals not mentioned in the program
- Any flights (Domestic and International) and airport tax
- Tip, drinks, personal expenses and any services not clearly mentioned in the program.





# List of Indian Restaurants

- Dalcheeni
- Namaste Hanoi
- Spices

All restaurants have the capacity to accommodate the groups in 2-3 sets depending on the size of the groups.



# Cost Implication

Location	Vietnam - Hanoi			
Hotels	Movenpick Hotel Hanoi 5*	Melia Hanoi 5*	The Light Hotel 4*	Thang lang opera 4*
Occupancy	Double	Double	Double	Double
Ground Total	38,260/-	45,520/-	31,950/-	30,140/-
Flights	38,490/-	38,490/-	38,490/-	38,490/-
Grand Total	76,750/-	84,010/-	70,440/-	68,630/-

**\*All costs are mentioned in INR**

**Please Note:-**

- The above quote is for 50 Passengers travelling together.
- At the time no services are confirmed and the same is subject to availability.
- No services are blocked at the moment and the same is subject to availability at the time of confirmation .
- In case of any unprecedented hike in Hotel charges or other service charges, the same will be levied extra.
- Early check in is only available on request subject to room availability & occupancy levels at additional cost and late check out.



# Flight Matrix – Hanoi

Hanoi- Vietnam	Onward					Return				
Airport	Air Line	Dep	Arrival	Duration	Stops	Air Line	Dep	Arrival	Duration	Stops
Mumbai	Malaysia Air 195/752	23:55	12:10	10H 45M	2H 00M Halt in Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia Air 753/194	13:00	22:45	11H 15M	2H 50M Halt in Kuala Lumpur
Delhi	Malaysia Air 191/752	23:00	12:10	11H 50M	2H 45M Halt in Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia Air 753/190	13:00	21:50	10H 20M	1H 25M Halt in Kuala Lumpur
Chennai	Malaysia Air 181/752	0:35	12:10	10H 05M	2H 40M Halt in Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia Air 753/180	13:00	23:30	12H 00M	4H 50M Halt in Kuala Lumpur
Bangalore	Malaysia Air 193/752	0:40	12:10	09H 55M	2H 15M Halt in Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia Air 753/192	13:00	23:40	12H 10M	4H 45M Halt in Kuala Lumpur
Kolkata	Singapore Airline 487/5876	23:50	11:40	10H 20M	2H 40M Halt in Singapore	Singapore Air 175/5862	12:35	22:35	11H 30M	03H 55M Halt in Singapore
Hyderabad	Singapore Airline 5473/5876	23:05	11:40	11H 15M	3H 05M Halt in Singapore	Singapore Air 175/5474	12:35	22:10	11H 50M	2H 50M Halt in Singapore

**Average flight cost per Pax is INR 35,000/-**

**Note:-\*\* Flight costs are indicative and it may change at the time of confirmation\*\***



# Overview of Ho Chi Minh City

- Ho Chi Minh City (commonly known as Saigon) is a city in southern Vietnam famous for the pivotal role it played in the Vietnam War. It's also known for its French colonial landmarks, including Notre-Dame Cathedral, made entirely of materials imported from France, the 19th-century Central Post Office or the bustling Ben Than Market.
- Ho Chi Minh City is Vietnam at its most dizzying: a high-octane city of commerce and culture that has driven the country forward with its pulsating energy.
- A chaotic whirl, the city breathes life and vitality into all who settle here, and visitors cannot help but be hauled along for the ride. From the finest of hotels to the cheapest of guesthouses, the classiest of restaurants to the tastiest of street stalls, the choicest of boutiques to the scrum of the markets, HCMC is a city of energy and discovery.
- Wander through timeless alleys to incense-infused temples before negotiating chic designer malls beneath sleek 21st-century skyscrapers. The ghosts of the past live on in buildings that one generation ago witnessed a city in turmoil, but now the real beauty of the former Saigon's urban collage is the seamless blending of these two worlds into one exciting mass.



- Many of the best attractions in Ho Chi Minh (Saigon) centre around the events of 20th century war and conquest. It sounds sombre, and in parts it is, but there are some truly fascinating historical activities suitable for all ages. From classic French architecture to perfectly maintained American war planes, walking around Ho Chi Minh is like seeing the past come to life with so many famous places of interest scattered throughout the city.
- Of course, as Vietnam's biggest city and business capital, times are changing and modern skyscrapers are starting to punctuate the sky combining the new and old in a uniquely Vietnamese way.



# Places to Visit in Ho Chi Minh

Standing magnificently at the heart of Ho Chi Minh City is the Saigon Opera House, which is also known as the Municipal Theatre. The building stands as one of the impressive sight in Saigon – both night and day. Built in parallel structure, the Opera House is located on the city's center axis, connecting the metro station and roundabout in front of Ben Thanh market. From a distance, the Opera House looks like a beautiful gigantic city gate. The architecture boasts stone-carved ornaments and statues at the entrance, crystal chandeliers, and shiny granite floor at the lobby area – all built with materials imported from France. The oval auditorium with 468 seats offers good view from every seat. It is also echo-free and therefore preserves all the sound inside the theatre.



**Saigon Opera House**

Ho Chi Minh City's Bitexco Financial Tower & Sky Deck stands 262 metres high at the centre of the city's business district and offers visitors an unparalleled city view from its Sky Deck. Designed by renowned American Architect Carlos Zapata, this 68-storey tower houses offices, shops, restaurants, and a helipad. CNN Go recently ranked the building fifth in their listing of the world's 20 most iconic skyscrapers. Sky Deck visitors are accompanied by an English-speaking guide and can also enjoy interactive touch screen fact boxes delivering information on points of interest regarding city landmarks seen from above.

**Bitexco Financial Tower – Saigon Skydeck**



# Places to Visit in Ho Chi Minh

The War Remnants Museum in Ho Chi Minh City first opened to the public in 1975. Once known as the 'Museum of American War Crimes', it's a shocking reminder of the long and brutal Vietnam War. Graphic photographs and American military equipment are on display. There's a helicopter with rocket launchers, a tank, a fighter plane, a single-seater attack aircraft. You can also see a conventional bomb that weighs at 6,800kg. American troops had used these weapons against the Vietnamese between 1945 and 1975.

## War Remnants Museum



The tunnels of Củ Chi are an immense network of connecting tunnels located in the Củ Chi District of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, and are part of a much larger network of tunnels that underlie much of the country. The tunnels were used by Viet Cong soldiers as hiding spots during combat, as well as serving as communication and supply routes, hospitals, food and weapon caches and living quarters for numerous North Vietnamese fighters. The Cu Chi Tunnels are part of a massive war museum in Ho Chi Minh. They offer visitors a sneak-peek at the underground life of Vietnamese soldiers back in 1948. The site has over 120km of underground tunnels, with trapdoors, living areas, kitchens, storage facilities, armoury, hospitals, and command centres. After the war against the French, Vietnamese soldiers expanded the tunnels and included effective air filtration systems, which helped them survive the Chu Chi carpet-bombings

## Cu chi tunnels



# Places to Visit in Ho Chi Minh

The Saigon Central Post Office is one of the most iconic tourist destinations in Ho Chi Minh City, with charming colonial architecture and ornate decorations forming the backdrop for newlywed photo-shoots, school trips, and city tours. Moreover, it is a beautiful remnant of Vietnam's complicated past. If you're looking to mail a postcard home or simply admire the architecture of a bygone era, this is definitely the place to do it. It has classical elements of Gothic, Renaissance and French colonial design.

**Central Post Office**



A grand neoclassical structure built in 1885 and once known as Gia Long Palace (and later the Revolutionary Museum), HCMC's city museum is a singularly beautiful and impressive building, telling the story of the city through archaeological artefacts, ceramics, old city maps and displays on the marriage traditions of its various ethnicities. The struggle for independence is extensively covered, with most of the upper floor devoted to it.

**Ho chi Minh City Museum**





# Places to Visit in Ho Chi Minh

## Ho chi Minh Square



## Reunification Centre



Ho Chi Minh Square can be found in the middle of District 1, right in the city centre, and is surrounded by beautiful French colonial style buildings. On this square you will find a statue of Uncle Ho, which was placed to honour the 100th birthday of Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee (City Hall). The City Hall is a popular place for tourists to take pictures and is especially beautiful around dusk, when many of the landmarks are lit by soft lighting. On the left flank of the square you find the five-star Rex Hotel which is also designed by French architects and was home to International journalists during the Vietnam War. A state of the art shopping mall with all international brands, a food court and some luxury hotel rooms can be found on the right side (also French colonial architecture).

Surrounded by royal palm trees, the dissonant 1960s architecture of this government building and the eerie mood that accompanies a walk through its deserted halls make it an intriguing spectacle. The first Communist tanks to arrive in Saigon rumbled here on 30 April 1975 and it's as if time has stood still since then. The building is deeply associated with the fall of the city in 1975, yet it's the kitsch detailing and period motifs that steal the show.



# Places to Visit in Ho Chi Minh

Ben Thanh Market in Ho Chi Minh City's District 1 is a great place to buy local handicrafts, branded goods, Vietnamese art and other souvenirs. Here, you'll find eating stalls inside the market where you can get a taste of hawker-style Vietnamese cuisine or simply cool off with a cold drink when the bargaining becomes too much. The market is big, difficult to navigate at times and certainly best avoided during the hottest part of the day but all the same its well worth a look. When night falls, restaurants around the perimeter of the market open their doors creating a vibrant street side scene filling the air with the scents of wok-fried noodles, barbecued fish and meats. One of Saigon's oldest landmarks, Ben Thanh offers a great atmosphere that is absolutely authentically Vietnamese.

## Ben Thanh Market



# Suggested Hotels

## Rex Hotel 5\*

- Strategically located at the best of downtown Saigon, the Rex is a luxury 5 stars hotel heritage dating back to early 20th century when it was originally opened as a French garage.
- For over 90 years, as a landmark, as well as a witness of the ups and downs of the city's history, the Rex was rebuilt to become one of the city's most incredible addresses.
- It prides itself to offer guests many high-class facilities designed guestrooms, a range of function & meeting room's ideal for wedding, business or events, a health club, and four in-house restaurants, cafe and bar.
- No. of Rooms:- **286 rooms**



## Sofitel Saigon Plaza 5\*

- A historic address on tree-lined Le Duan Boulevard and a prime location for business, shopping, entertainment and Saigon's major tourist attractions. The hotel's 286 guest rooms & suites and rooftop swimming pool offer breathtaking views of the city.
- Retreat to the serenity of a Ho Chi Minh City luxury 5-star hotel in a quiet enclave just steps from the buzzing city centre. Sofitel Saigon Plaza is located on historic peaceful Le Duan Boulevard just a moment from the city's commercial centre and consulates with its fabulous shopping, dining and tourist attractions like Notre Dame Cathedral, Reunification Palace, City Zoo and Botanical Garden, Vietnam History Museum.



## Le Meridien Hotel Saigon 5\*

- Embark on a journey of discovery at Le Méridien Saigon, situated in the heart of Ho Chi Minh City's exhilarating District 1. It is the first Le Méridien hotel in Vietnam, and they invite visitors to uncover the illuminating experiences that abound in this one-of-a-kind destination.
- Step inside the hotel, with its contemporary interiors and exclusive artwork; stretch out in immaculately appointed rooms with Saigon River views, complimentary Wi-Fi and bathrooms with rainforest showers and deep soaking tubs. Delight in the culinary options at the hotel, showcasing artfully prepared and creatively presented cuisine from Vietnam and all over the world.
- Pamper yourself with a treatment at the spa, or revitalize in the indoor infinity pool. Meetings and social events are impressive occasions in their flexible venues, which include an expansive ballroom. When it's time to explore, the sights and sounds of Ho Chi Minh City beckon; visit Ben Thanh Market and other noteworthy points of interest with ease.



## Pullman Saigon Centre Hotel 5\*

- Located centrally within Ho Chi Minh City, close to Ben Thanh market, Pham Ngu Lao area and many tourism attractions, the hotel features 306 signature rooms combining design, comfort and connectivity. Facilities include all day dining restaurant, pop-up burger bar and Mad Cow Wine & Grill with panoramic views of the city. The hotel also has free WIFI, swimming pool, fitness centre, spa and high tech meeting venues able to host up to 500 guests.
- The hotel is located just minutes away from the major business and commercial areas as well as the city's main attractions such as Ben Thanh Market, Notre Dame Cathedral, Opera House and Saigon River.



# Suggested Hotels

## Hotel Equatorial 5\*

- Strategically located at the best of downtown Saigon, the Rex is a luxury 5 stars hotel heritage dating back to early 20th century when it was originally opened as a French garage.
- For over 90 years, as a landmark, as well as a witness of the ups and downs of the city's history, the Rex was rebuilt to become one of the city's most incredible addresses.
- It prides itself to offer guests many high-class facilities designed guestrooms, a range of function & meeting room's ideal for wedding, business or events, a health club, and four in-house restaurants, cafe and bar.
- No. of Rooms:- **333 rooms**



# Suggested Hotels

## Bay Hotel 4\*

- Bay Hotel Ho Chi Minh is ideally situated in District 1. With its location just from the city center and from the airport. With its convenient location, the hotel offers easy access to the city's must-see destinations.
- At Bay Hotel Ho Chi Minh, the excellent service and superior facilities make for an unforgettable stay. To name a few of the hotel's facilities, there are 24-hour room service, free Wi-Fi in all rooms, 24-hour security, daily housekeeping, private check in/check out.
- All guest accommodations feature thoughtful amenities to ensure an unparalleled sense of comfort. Throughout the day you can enjoy the relaxing atmosphere of the fitness center, outdoor pool.
- No. of Rooms:- **251 rooms**





# Suggested Hotels

## Ramana Hotel 4\*

- Ramana Saigon Hotel is located just 10 minutes from the heart of old Saigon but is close to the airport, making it a favourite for business travellers who also will appreciate things like free wireless Internet connections in the lobby and a business center for meetings and conferences.
- A fitness center and small pool is also available.
- The staff has gained a reputation for being helpful and polite, and this is another thing that on-the-go travellers will surely take notice of. Whatever the reason for your stay, Ramana Saigon Hotel will make it a good one.
- No. of Rooms:- **290 rooms**



# Suggested Hotels

## Central Palace 4\*

- This 4-star luxury Ho Chi Minh City hotel is located in the heart of the business, shopping and entertainment district. Within just a short walking distance of the most popular cultural and historical attractions including Ben Thanh Market, Opera House, and Reunification Palace.
- This hotel offers with its modern and comfortable rooms, stunning city views from every side.
- Central Palace Hotel also features a relaxing swimming pool and a rooftop sky bar.
- It can accommodate up to 350 Pax in the Business centre.
- No of rooms: **86**



# Suggested Hotels

## Hotel Grand Saigon 5\*

- The Grand Hotel Saigon is a luxury 5 star hotel heritage, ideally located in the heart of Saigon, overlooking historical streets and the Saigon River.
- The Hotel is divided into 2 wings, with the Ancient Wing offering a unique atmosphere inspired from European colonial architecture. It brings along a sense of coziness and elegance to every corner of the wing.
- Next is, the Luxury Wing, a new and remarkable design which was officially opened grandly in 2011; all rooms are charming with luxurious furniture and excellent lighting.
- This Hotel can seat up to 450 Pax, in its State-of-the-art business centre and conference rooms.
- Designed functionally, the hotel has a 450-seat ballroom & break-out rooms, recreation area, Sky Lounge, Western & Asian restaurants, Bars & Rooftop Grand



# Suggested Itinerary - Ho Chi Minh

## Day 01:

- Welcome to Ho Chi Minh City (also known as Saigon) – Vietnam!  
Upon arrival, picked up and transferred to the city centre
- Buffet lunch at Indian restaurant  
Check in your hotel (standard check in time is 14:00, early check in is subject to availability)
- Afternoon, visit the Reunification Palace, formerly known as the Presidential Palace.
- Visit Notre Dame Cathedral (outside only due to construction)
- Visit Central Post Office.
- From here, walk to Ben Thanh Market one of the most typical symbol of Saigon to experience the daily life of the locals and do shopping the hand-made goods there.
- Buffet dinner and overnight at Hotel



**Reunification palace**



**Central Post Office**



**Notre Dame cathedral**



**Ben Thanh Market**

# Suggested Itinerary - Ho Chi Minh

## Day 02:

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Head to My Tho the homeland of coconut and family factories with local products like coconut candy, rice paper
- Embark on the boat cruising on the mighty Mekong River viewing the life to the local people live along the banks.
- Stop at 4 islands to enjoy the fresh tropical fruits served in the heart of the garden accompanied by traditional southern Vietnamese folk music at the plantation.
- Embark on the small boats rowed the local people thru the small canals with water coconut tree to visit the local factories and taste the honey tea and see the local people produce the coconut candy milk.
- We continue getting on the big boat to visit the vast area.
- Enjoy your set lunch at a local restaurant nearby Mekong River with the Elephant Ear fish
- Afternoon, drive back to Ho Chi Minh city with stop to visit Vinh Trang Pagoda, a famous Pagoda in the area that its architecture is a mix of Chinese, Cambodian, and French culture.
- Buffet dinner at Indian restaurant and overnight at hotel.



**Vin Trang Pagoda**



**Boating in Vin Trang Delta**

# Suggested Itinerary - Ho Chi Minh

## Day 03:

- Breakfast at hotel
- Morning visit Cu Chi Tunnels, one of the few remaining monuments to the Vietnam War.
- Buffet lunch at Indian restaurant
- Drop at 2 shopping places (local market or shopping mall)
- Buffet gala dinner at Indian restaurant with 02 veg + 02 non veg starter and 02 hours free flow of soft drinks, beer and hard liquor.
- Overnight at hotel in Ho Chi Minh



**Cu Chi Tunnels draft**



**Cu Chi Tunnels**

# Suggested Itinerary - Ho Chi Minh

## Day 04:

- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Check out from the Hotel
- Transfer to the Tan Son Nhat International Airport
- Departure



# Cost Implication

	Ho Chi Minh					
Hotel	Ramana 4*		Central Palace 4*		Hotel Grand Saigon 5*	
Occupancy	Double	Single	Double	Single	Double	Single
Ground Handling	16060/-	21608/-	19710/-	28908/-	22922/-	35332/-
Flights	38490/-	38490/-	38490/-	38490/-	38490/-	38490/-
<b>Total</b>	<b>54550/-</b>	<b>60098/-</b>	<b>58200/-</b>	<b>67398/-</b>	<b>61412/-</b>	<b>73822/-</b>

**All costs are mentioned in INR**

**Please Note:-**

- The above quote is for 50 Passengers travelling together.
- At the time no services are confirmed and the same is subject to availability.
- No services are blocked at the moment and the same is subject to availability at the time of confirmation .
- In case of any unprecedented hike in Hotel charges or other service charges, the same will be levied extra.
- Early check in is only available on request subject to room availability & occupancy levels at additional cost and late check out.



# Flight Matrix - Ho Chi Minh

Ho Chi Minh City	Onward					Return				
	Hubs	Air Line	Dep	Arrival	Duration	Stops	Air Line	Dep	Arrival	Duration
Mumbai	Malaysia Airlines 195/750	23:55	10:00	08H 35M	1H 35M Halt in Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia Airlines 759/186	16:40	0:20	09H 10M	2H 15M Halt in Kuala Lumpur
Delhi	Cathay Pacific 698/767	22:40	10:15	10H 05M	1H 40M Halt in Hong Kong	Cathay Pacific 766/695	11:55	22:10	11H 45M	2H 40M Halt in Hong Kong
Chennai	Malaysia Airlines 181/750	0:35	10:00	07H 55M	2H 00M Halt in Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia Airlines 759/180	16:40	23:30	08H 20M	2H 45M Halt in Kuala Lumpur
Bangalore	Malaysia Airlines 193/750	0:45	10:00	07H 45M	1H 35M Halt in Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia Airlines 759/192	16:40	23:40	08H 30M	2H 35M Halt in Kuala Lumpur
Hyderabad	Malaysia Airlines 199/750	0:55	10:00	07H 35M	1H 20M Halt in Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia Airlines 759/198	16:40	23:55	08H 45M	2H 45M Halt in Kuala Lumpur
Kolkata	Singapore Air 517/ 172	23:50	10:55	09H 35M	3H 05M Halt in Singapore	Singapore Air 183/ 516	15:55	22:35	08H 10M	2H 05M Halt in Singapore

**Average flight cost per Pax is INR 36,000/-**

**Note:-\*\* Flight costs are indicative and it may change at the time of confirmation\*\***



## **Inclusions:**

- Accommodation in well-appointed room for 3 Nights/4 Days on Twin Share basis.
- Meal Plan:-
  - Day 1:- Lunch at Indian restaurant and dinner at Indian restaurant
  - Day 2:- Breakfast at the Hotel, Lunch at Indian restaurant and dinner at Indian restaurant
  - Day 3:- Breakfast at the hotel, Lunch at Indian restaurant & Gala dinner at the restaurant
  - Day 4:- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Return Airfare, VISA and Travel insurance.
- Return airport transfers and sightseeing transfers in A/C coaches on SIC basis.
- Sightseeing and entry fee to :
  - Ho chi Minh Half day City tour
  - Cu Chi Tunnels
  - Visit My Tho And 4 islands
- 01 Gala Night on Day 3 which includes:
  - 2 hours free flow of alcohol & soft drinks
  - 2 Hours Unlimited serving of starters (2 Veg + 2 Non- Veg)
  - DJ with Sound & Light

## **Exclusions:**

- Anything which is not included in above package
- Any expenditure which is personal in nature (like room service ,minibar usage etc.)
- Any kind of event setup
- Early Check in & Late Check out.
- Venue rental
- Licenses on actuals
- Government Service Tax is applicable



# Visa Requirements

## Vietnam Visa Documentation

- Original Passport at least with one blank page
- Passport validity should be minimum of 30 days from the date of travel to Vietnam
- Visa and Travel insurance cost: 2500/-
- 1 photograph (size 4x6 cm – clear photos with any colour background is acceptable)
- Copy of front and last page of the passport
- To and fro Air Ticket
- Bank Statement for last 3 months



## Souvenirs to purchase

- Popular Hanoi souvenirs include **propaganda posters** (reproductions of war-era and Communist-style posters), and **dong ho prints** (traditional Vietnamese woodblocks).
- Hanoi is also known for its **ceramics, silk** and **lacquer ware**, which have traditionally been produced in villages around Hanoi for centuries.
- Hanoi Old Quarter is packed with clothing stores. **Ao dai**, the traditional Vietnamese women's garment with a Mandarin collar and slits up the side (ao dai literally means 'long top') are particularly popular among tourists—as are **non** bamboo conical hats.



# Thank You

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