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 subject to flights, seat availability and air ticket prices at the time of booking

Vietnam in 10 Days • 9 Nights in Destination

Vietnam Essentials: From South to North

Immerse yourself in Vietnam's fascinating culture and history on this awe-inspiring journey! Begin your adventure by exploring **Ho Chi Minh City**, the historic southern capital. Discover the ancient pagodas and rice fields of **Hoi An**, along with the imperial treasures of **Hue**. Continue to the bustling city of **Hanoi** and experience the mystical waters of **Ha Long Bay** on an unforgettable cruise.

THE PRICE INCLUDES

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|  Departures from main Australian airports. |  International flights: Australia - Ho Chi Minh, Hanoi - Australia. |
|  Internal flights: Ho Chi Minh - Hue, Danang - Hanoi.* |  9 nights: 8 nights hotel accommodation in Charm category hotels and 1 night on the Ha Long Bay Cruise. |
|  8 Breakfasts, 1 Brunch, 1 Lunch and 1 Dinner. |  Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles.** |
|  Visits and entrance fees as indicated in the itinerary. |  All air taxes and fuel surcharge. |
|  Ha Long Bay Cruise.*** |  English speaking guide for each tour. |

*The cancellation coverage applicable is according to the [Terms and Conditions](#) available and agreed at the time of your purchase

ITINERARY: 10 DAYS



24/10: Australia – Ho Chi Minh

Arrival at your Australian departure airport ready to check-in for a flight to **Ho Chi Minh City**.

Welcome to **Vietnam!** Upon arrival at Tan Son Nhat Airport and after completing all customs and immigration procedures, please make your way to the exit gate where your guide will be waiting for you, holding a welcome sign with your name. You will then be transferred to your hotel by private vehicle. Overnight stay in Ho Chi Minh city.



25/10: Ho Chi Minh City

Breakfast at the hotel. Early this morning, set off with your guide on a half-day excursion to discover some of the city's most iconic landmarks. Begin with a visit to the **Reunification Palace**, the **Notre Dame Cathedral**, or the **Central Post Office**, designed by the renowned French architect Gustave Eiffel. Stroll along **Dong Khoi Street**, browsing its charming shops, and round off your tour at the bustling **Ben Thanh Market**. After this, feel free to continue exploring the city at your own pace, or take part in one of our optional activities, such as the Cu Chi Tunnels experience* or a street food tour on a motorbike**. Overnight stay in Ho Chi Minh city.

***Optional Cu Chi Tunnels experience:** Originally constructed for guerrilla operations against the French, the tunnels were expanded during the Indochina War into a 200 km underground network, featuring storage rooms, kitchens, hospitals, and sleeping areas for over 10,000 people. Today, take a 1.5-hour drive from Ho Chi Minh City to explore the tunnels and discover their history, along with the resilience and resourcefulness of the Vietnamese during the war.

****Optional Street food tour on a motorbike:** Explore Ho Chi Minh City's bustling culinary scene from the back of a motorbike, sampling popular local dishes such as green papaya salad with beef jerky, 'Vietnamese pizza,' steamed seafood with chili and lemongrass, and sugarcane juice. Wander through lively backstreets and hidden food gems, discovering Southern Vietnamese cuisine and experiencing the soul of Saigon after dark.

- ✚ Half-day visit to Ho Chi Minh City Included
- ✚ Street Food Tour on Motorbike Available
- ✚ Half-Day Cu Chi Tunnels experience Available



26/10: Ho Chi Minh City

Breakfast at the hotel. Today is a free day, giving you the opportunity to explore at your own pace. Alternatively, you can book our optional day tour to the Mekong Delta*, where you can experience the region's relaxed vibe and immerse yourself in the local culture. Overnight stay in Ho Chi Minh city.

***Optional full-day excursion to discover the Mekong Delta:** Embark on this adventure, including lunch, with about a two-hour drive from Ho Chi Minh City. In Ben Tre, board a boat to explore the narrow canals, surrounded by mangroves, coconut palms, and rice fields, while observing local life. Visit a brick kiln and a coconut workshop, where products like oil, sugar, and candies are made. After lunch at a local restaurant, travel by motorised cart or bicycle through shaded paths and rice fields. Finish with a rowboat ride to a water palm stream before returning to Ho Chi Minh City.



Full-Day Mekong Delta Excursion

Available



27/10: Ho Chi Minh - Hue

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning, transfer to the airport for your flight to **Hue**, the former Imperial capital. A charming and peaceful city, Hue is renowned for its stunning architecture, including the citadel, palaces, royal tombs, pagodas, and temples, all built during the Nguyen dynasty along the picturesque Perfume River.

Upon arrival at Hue Airport, proceed to the exit gate where your guide will be waiting for you, holding a welcome sign with your name. You will then be transferred to your hotel by private vehicle. The remainder of the day is free for you to explore the city at your own pace. Alternatively, you may join our Hue Insight Tour*, which includes visits to the Imperial Citadel, the Tu Duc Tombs, and an incense-making village. Overnight stay in Hue.

***Optional Half-Day sightseeing tour of Hue:** Explore the Imperial Citadel, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and admire its stunning architecture and gardens while learning about the royal court's history. Despite extensive damage during the Vietnam War, much of the citadel remains well-preserved. Next, visit the Royal Tu Duc Tomb, a tranquil resting place surrounded by pine woods and a lakeside pavilion. This was once a retreat for the emperor, who enjoyed fishing, music, and poetry here. On the way back to downtown Hue, stop at a family-run workshop to see how incense sticks are made.



Half-Day Sightseeing Tour of Hue

Available



28/10: Hue - Hoi An

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning, check out and head to **Hoi An**, enjoying a scenic drive along the coastline. Pass over the **Hai Van Pass**, offering breathtaking views of lush mountains, clear blue skies, and the beautiful Lang Co Beach. From the mountain top, Lang Co appears as a picturesque scene, framed by green trees, crystal-clear waters, and the misty mountains above.

Once a thriving trading port between the 15th and 19th centuries, **the riverside town of Hoi An** still retains many traces of its prosperous past, seen in its lively market, numerous souvenir shops, and tailor establishments. What makes Hoi An so remarkable is the preservation of its Old Quarter. The streets are lined with traditional tile-roofed shop houses, shaded pagodas, and colourful communal halls, contributing to its UNESCO World Heritage status.

This afternoon, enjoy a **half-day guided walking tour of Hoi An** ancient town, known for its well-preserved architecture, pedestrian-friendly streets, and local cuisine. Stroll through the historic merchant houses, ancient pagodas, and places of worship, all reflecting influences from Chinese, Japanese, and Vietnamese cultures. Begin with a visit to the iconic **Japanese Covered Bridge**, over 400 years old, originally built by the Japanese community in the 1590s to connect with the Chinese quarter across the water. Then, head to the **Assembly Hall** of the Chaozhou Chinese Congregation, where you can admire the intricate wood carvings on the beams, walls, and altar, while your guide shares untold stories of the Chinese community's time in Hoi An. Continue exploring the **town's backstreets**, where the gentle hum of sewing machines fills the air. Hoi An is famous for its **tailor shops**, and while the origins remain a mystery, you can stop at a tailor shop to have clothes made to order. Overnight stay in Hoi An.



Half-Day walking tour of Hoi An

Included



29/10: Hoi An

Breakfast at your hotel. Spend the day at your leisure exploring the charming town of Hoi An, or consider visiting the scenic Ba Na Hills and the iconic Golden Bridge*. Overnight stay in Hoi An.

***Optional visit to the scenic Ba Na Hills & Golden Bridge:** Today, drive for about 1.5 hours from Hoi An to Ba Na Hills, a scenic mountain area with cool temperatures year-round. Take a ride on the modern cable car for stunning views of the landscape, then walk on the Golden Bridge, supported by giant hands emerging from the mountain. Enjoy free time to explore the area, with options to visit European-style villas, indoor games, flower gardens, pagodas, and the French Wine Cellar (extra cost).



Scenic visit to Ba Na Hill & Golden Bridge

Available



30/10: Hoi An - Hanoi

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning, check out of your hotel in Hoi An and transfer to Da Nang Airport for your flight to **Hanoi**. Upon arrival at Noi Bai Airport, your guide will be waiting at the exit gate, holding a welcome sign with your name on it. You will then be transferred to your hotel by private vehicle. The afternoon is free for you to explore Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam, or join the optional tour to discover the Old Quarter and learn more about the fascinating architecture and rich history of Hanoi's ancient streets. Overnight stay in Hanoi.

***Optional tour to Ha Noi's Old Quarter:** Explore Ha Noi's Old Quarter, or 36 Streets, a historic area with unique architecture and vibrant local life. Once a centre for specialised trades, it now offers a fascinating glimpse into daily life. Wander through narrow alleys, visit Dong Xuan Market for local goods, and experience life along the train tracks, where trains pass through residential streets. End with a stop at a vintage coffee shop to watch the trains pass by, blending the old and modern vibes of Hanoi.



Hanoi Old Quarter walking tour

Available



31/10: Hanoi - Ha Long Bay

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning, you will meet your driver in the hotel lobby and depart by shuttle bus (an escorted guide from Hanoi is provided for groups of 10 or more) for the journey to **Ha Long Bay** (or Lan Ha Bay, a part of Halong), a UNESCO World Natural Heritage site, renowned for its thousands of breathtaking limestone islets and grottoes rising from the clear, emerald waters of the Gulf of Tonkin. Upon arrival, enjoy a welcome drink on board before checking in to the Ha Long Bay Cruise. Lunch will be served as the boat, a traditional junk, cruises past numerous stone islets, floating villages, and small beaches. Visit a floating fishing village and unwind on the sundeck. Dinner will be served as the boat anchors in a tranquil, designated overnight area. Night on board.

Important: The cruise operator will choose one itinerary to either Ha Long Bay or Lan Ha Bay. Itinerary is subject to change without prior notice according to weather conditions or local administration regulations. There will be no guide on board.



Ha Long Bay Cruise

Included



01/11: Ha Long Bay - Hanoi

This morning, wake up early to witness the sunrise over the bay with a cup of tea or coffee in hand on the sundeck. Afterwards, enjoy a gentle **Tai Chi session**. Savour breakfast in the fresh air of the bay while the boat cruises through some of the most serene and scenic areas. Relax on the sundeck or in the dining room, taking in the stunning views as the boat makes its way back to the wharf. The vehicle will be ready to transfer you back to Hanoi as soon as you disembark. Overnight stay in Hanoi.



02/11: Hanoi - Australia

Breakfast at the hotel*. At the indicated time, transfer to the airport for a flight back to Australia. Arrive in Australia** and end your extraordinary trip.

*Depending on the return flight schedule and the hotel breakfast service, you may not be able to enjoy the included breakfast on the last day.

**Depending on your flight choice you might arrive in Australia on the following day.

- Light Even though you will be seated most of the time, you may be required to walk short distances or climb some steps.
- Moderate You will be required to walk short distances and climb some steps. Time will be spent both standing and sitting down.
- Active You will be required to walk for a few hours on comfortable terrain.
- Challenging A good level of fitness is required. You will be required to walk on difficult terrain and/or for long periods of time.

ACCOMMODATION | CATEGORY: CHARM




 From 24 to 27 October

Acnos Grand Hotel or similar

LOCATION	CATEGORY	NIGHTS
82-84 Cach Mang Thang 8, Phuong Vo Thi Sau, Quan 3 P Vo Thi Sau, Phuong 6, Quan 3, Ho Chi Minh City 700000 Vietnam	♥	3

*You will be accommodated in any of the following hotels of our Charm Category **from 24 to 27 October**: Acnos Grand Hotel, Acnos Hotel, Aristo, Elios Hotel, Nesta Hotel Saigon, Queen Ann Hotel, Sky Gem Hotel Ben Thanh.




 From 27 to 28 October

Thanh Lich Hue Hotel or similar

LOCATION	CATEGORY	NIGHTS
59 Vo Thi Sau, Phu Hoi Ward, Hue 530000 Vietnam	♥	1

*You will be accommodated in any of the following hotels of our Charm Category **from 27 to 28 October**: Thanh Lich Hue Hotel, Cherish Hotel, EMM Hotel Hue, Romance, Spatel d'Annam Hotel.




 From 28 to 30 October

Royal Riverside or similar

LOCATION	CATEGORY	NIGHTS
40 Nguyen Du, Hoi An 560000 Vietnam	★★★★	2

*You will be accommodated in any of the following hotels of our Charm Category **from 28 to 30 October**: Royal Riverside, La Charm Hoi An.



 From 30 to 31 October

Chalcedony Hotel or similar

LOCATION	CATEGORY	NIGHTS
4 Nguyen Truong To Street Hoan Kiem District, Ba Dinh, Hanoi 100000 Vietnam	♥	1

*You will be accommodated in any of the following hotels of our Charm Category **from 30 to 31 October**: Chalcedony Hotel, Army Hotel, La Casa Hanoi Hotel, M Village Hotel Thọ Nhuộm, Muong Thanh Hanoi Centre Hotel, Nesta - The Grand Hao Nam, Nesta Hotel Hanoi, SOJO Hotel Ga Hanoi, Thien Thai.



📅 From 31 October to 01 November

Hera Cruise or similar

LOCATION	CATEGORY	NIGHTS
20 Floor, VIT Building, 519 Kim Ma str., Halong Bay, Tuan Chau Island Vietnam	♥	1

*You will be accommodated in any of the following hotels of our Charm Category **from 31 October to 01 November**: Hera Cruise, Amanda Cruise Halong, Le Journey Halong Bay Cruise, Oriental Sails Cruise, Paradise Sails Cruise.



📅 From 01 to 02 November

Chalcedony Hotel or similar

LOCATION	CATEGORY	NIGHTS
4 Nguyen Truong To Street Hoan Kiem District, Ba Dinh, Hanoi 100000 Vietnam	♥	1

*You will be accommodated in any of the following hotels of our Charm Category **from 01 to 02 November**: Chalcedony Hotel, Army Hotel, La Casa Hanoi Hotel, M Village Hotel Thọ Nhuộm, Muong Thanh Hanoi Centre Hotel, Nesta - The Grand Hao Nam, Nesta Hotel Hanoi, SOJO Hotel Ga Hanoi, Thien Thai.

FLIGHTS

Remember that before checking in you should review each airline's Ts & C's, as baggage policies vary by airline.

Departure

24/10/2025

✈ Melbourne (MEL) - Ho Chi Minh City (SGN)

Departure: 16:25

Arrival: 21:00

Cabin class Economy

Baggage

Cabin baggage (10kg): 1 per passenger

Checked luggage: Not included

Return

02/11/2025

✈ Hanoi (HAN) - Melbourne (MEL)

Departure: 09:20

Arrival: 22:50

Cabin class Economy

Baggage


Cabin baggage (10kg): 1 per passenger

Checked luggage: Not included

PERSONALIZE

What is included in your trip


Rooms

<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> ✓ <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>1 Double bed</p> </div> </div>	<p>Included in the final price</p>
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Cancellation coverage

<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> ✓ <p>No cancellation coverage selected</p> </div>	
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Activities included and purchased for your trip



Included

Half-day visit to Ho Chi Minh City

Included activity for day 2 in Ho Chi Minh

Visit the city's iconic landmarks, including the Reunification Palace, Notre Dame Cathedral, and the Central Post Office by Gustave Eiffel. Stroll down Dong Khoi Street, then end at the lively Ben Thanh Market.

Not included: Meals, tips.

Duration 04:00h .
Pick up time: 08:00

Physical rating:
●●○○ Moderate



Included

Half-Day walking tour of Hoi An

Included activity for day 5 in Hoi An

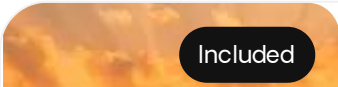
Enjoy a guided walk through Hoi An Ancient Town, famous for its architecture and cuisine. Visit the 400-year-old Japanese Covered Bridge and the Chaozhou Chinese Assembly Hall. Explore the back streets, where sewing machines hum.

What's included: Guide, transfers.
Not included: Meals, tips.

Duration 04:00h .
Pick up time: 13:00

Physical rating:
●●○○ Moderate

The 2-3 km walk is easy on flat terrain. The Hoi An entrance ticket gives access to 5 sights for 24 hours and entry to the Ancient Town throughout your stay. Keep it for any future visits.



Included

Ha Long Bay Cruise

Pick up time: 08:30



Included activity for day 8 in Ha Long Bay

Board a traditional junk and begin an overnight cruise on magical Ha Long Bay! Discover the islets, caves and fishing villages of this legendary bay and relax onboard with included welcome drink, lunch, dinner and brunch the following morning.

What's included: Transfers, night on board, lunch, dinner, brunch

Not included: There will be no guide on board.

Physical rating:
●○○○ Light

Depending on weather conditions and local administrative regulations, this cruise might be rerouted to Bai Tu Long Bay or Lan Ha Bay which offer similar views and activities.



Available

Half-Day Cu Chi Tunnels experience

Suggested activity for day 2 in Ho Chi Minh

Explore the impressive tunnels and underground villages, showcasing the resilience of the Vietnamese during the war. Built for guerrilla warfare, the 200 km network included storage rooms, kitchens, hospitals, and sleeping areas for over 10,000 people.

What's included: Transfer and guide

\$107 / person

Duration 04:00h
Approx. Pick up time:
info at destination

Physical rating:
●●○○ Moderate

The Cu Chi Tunnels have been widened for western visitors but can still be dark, hot, and claustrophobic. If you prefer not to enter, there are accessible rooms and areas above ground to explore.



Available

Street Food Tour on Motorbike

Suggested activity for day 2 in Ho Chi Minh

Explore Ho Chi Minh City's culinary scene from a motorbike, tasting dishes like green papaya salad, 'Vietnamese pizza,' and steamed seafood. Wander lively backstreets and hidden food gems. Experience the soul of Saigon after dark.

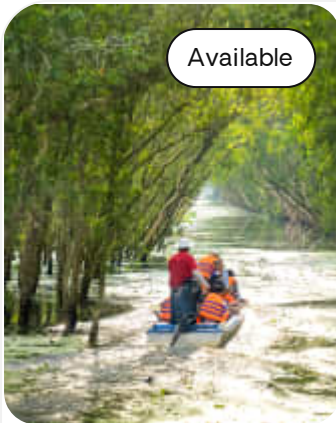
What's included: Motorbikes & riders, helmets, guide, all fees for food and drinks, insurance

\$132 / person

Duration 03:00h
Approx. Pick up time:
info at destination

Physical rating:
●●○○ Moderate

You will ride with experienced drivers who know their motorbikes and the traffic inside out.



Available

Full-Day Mekong Delta Excursion

Suggested activity for day 3 in Ho Chi Minh

Embark on a two-hour drive from Ho Chi Minh City to Ben Tre. Explore narrow canals by boat, visit a brick kiln and coconut workshop, and enjoy lunch. Then, travel by motorized cart or bike through rice fields, ending with a fantastic rowboat ride.

What's included: Transfer, lunch and guide

\$218 / person

Duration 09:00h

Approx. Pick up time:
07:30 Approx

Physical rating:

●●○○ Moderate

The cycling distance is 3-4 km, depending on your physical ability and desired length.



Available

Half-Day Sightseeing Tour of Hue

Suggested activity for day 4 in Hue

Explore the Imperial Citadel and admire its architecture and gardens. Visit the Royal Tu Duc Tomb, a peaceful retreat surrounded by pine woods and a lakeside pavilion. On the way back to Hue, stop at a family-run workshop to see how incense is made.

What's included: Transfers, guide.

Not included: Meals, tips.

\$96 / person

Duration 04:00h

Approx. Pick up time:
info at destination

Physical rating:

●●○○ Moderate



Available

Scenic visit to Ba Na Hill & Golden Bridge

Suggested activity for day 6 in Hoi An

Travel 1.5 hours from Hoi An to Ba Na Hills, a mountain retreat with year-round cool weather. Enjoy a cable car ride, walk the Golden Bridge, and explore villas, gardens, and pagodas. Optional activities include games and the French Wine Cellar.

What's included: Transfer, guide, 2-way cable car

\$214 / person

Duration 05:00h

Approx. Pick up time:
07:30 Approx

Physical rating:

●●○○ Moderate



Available

Hanoi Old Quarter walking tour

Suggested activity for day 7 in Hanoi

Explore Ha Noi's Old Quarter, known for its history, vibrant life, and unique architecture. Visit Dong Xuan Market, walk along the train tracks, and end at a vintage coffee shop to watch passing trains.

What's included: Transfer, guide, entrance fees

\$87 / person

Duration 04:00h

Approx. Pick up time:

13:00 Approx

Physical rating:

●●●○ Active

QUOTE BREAKDOWN

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Vietnam - Vietnam Essentials: From South to North (2 adults)	\$5,798
1 Double room - (double)	\$0
Total	\$5,798
Total per person	\$2,899

QUOTE BREAKDOWN

OFFER CONDITIONS

Remember to download your e-ticket to confirm the times of your flights and to complete online check-in using the airline's website, or directly at the check-in desk at the airport.

Accommodation at the hotels is as indicated. In the event of any changes to accommodation, they will always be of the same, or a higher category. The category of hotels is not standardized across all countries in the world. For this reason, the criteria may differ depending on the destination country's own standards.

In the case of adverse weather conditions, for safety reasons or for any other reasons deemed appropriate, the order and duration of the excursions included in the itinerary may be changed or cancelled without prior notice.

Triple room: the third bed will be a rollaway bed.

If you have reduced mobility, require the use of a wheelchair, or you would prefer this tour to be a private experience for you and your group, you must contact our Experts at +61 02 8823 5094 before booking to ensure that your needs can be met.

While on the road, it is highly unlikely that the vehicle will be equipped with wifi or bathroom facilities, though rest stops will be made for long trips. We recommend purchasing a new SIM card at the airport or placing an e-SIM before travel to guarantee internet connection.

Room allocation: We will do our best to accommodate your family in the same room. If availability doesn't permit this, we guarantee your family will be accommodated as close together as possible. Children will always be accommodated in a room with at least 1 adult.

Booster seats: Not available in all destinations. Feel free to take your own if you need one.

NOT INCLUDES

Vietnam E-visa (online before traveling), drinks, tips and any other services not mentioned in what's included.

Obtain your VISA for Vietnam:

Australian passport holders are required to get an entry visa before departure. You are able to apply for a 90-day multi-entry e-visa to visit Vietnam through the website:

<https://evisa.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn/trang-chu-ttdt>

You must select 'Tan Son Nhat International Airport - Ho Chi Minh' as the point of entry in order to be allowed to enter Vietnam.

Tipping in Vietnam is up to your personal discretion but it is commonplace for service providers to ask for it. In these cases, please keep in mind that the usual tipping standard is around 4\$/person/day for guides, and half of that for drivers and hotel staff.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT VISAS, PASSPORTS AND VACCINATIONS

For domestic and international travel, please check entry requirements (**e.g. USA and ESTA, Canada and eTA or other authorities, Schengen Area and ETIAS**), passport validity (some countries require a passport validity of at least 6 months from the planned return date) and vaccination requirements (vaccination guidelines and COVID-19 testing requirements), set by the authorities of each of the destination and/or transit countries. Check the official websites of the migration and health agencies in your home country, destination and transit countries, as well as airline requirements. In the event of refusal by the authorities of exit or entry into the country of destination or transit due to the failure to meet required conditions or failure to carry the correct documentation, Exoticca assumes no responsibility and our no-show policy will apply, with any costs being incurred directly by the traveler. If a traveler is found to have visited a country designated as State Sponsor of Terrorism (09.11.2022, Countries: Cuba, North Korea, Iran, Syria) , the traveler is no longer eligible to participate in the Visa Wavier Program and must apply for a visa to enter the United States.

Important Information.

If your destination is in the Schengen Area, or if your selected flights to a different destination have connections in the Schengen Area countries, during 2025 it will be mandatory to have an ETIAS before traveling. Please consult:

<https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

IMPORTANT NOTES

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