

## BXAV1 - Vietnam Adventure



**12 Days in Length**  
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### Description:

Vietnam is characterised by friendly people, stunning landscapes, imperial cities, serene beach breaks and divine food. This tour encompasses the essence of this beautiful country. Meet the locals on our Mekong Delta home stay and contrast with the pagodas of Hue.

### Map:



**Countries Visited:**

- Vietnam

### **Itinerary:**

**Days: 1 - 2**

**Hanoi**

Hanoi is the capital of the Socialist Republic and is dominated by colonial buildings and tree-lined boulevards. The city boasts a convoluted yet elegant history which is characterised by its 'chameleon of names' – the city has changed names many times throughout history. In terms of recent history, the French withdrew their forces in 1954 and ever since foreign investment and property has developed substantially.

In Hanoi, exploring on your own is relatively easy on foot or by bike. Many travellers believe the true appeal and essence of Hanoi is discovered wandering the streets, tasting local market food, observing the local way of life, and taking in the architecture and surrounds.

On the evening of Day 2 we will board the Reunification Express for our overnight train trip to Hue.

**Days: 3 - 5**

**Hue -Hoi An**

Once the capital of Vietnam (during the Nguen Dynasty in 1802-1945), Hue is situated on the banks of the Huong Giang or Perfume River. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a bustling, lively place with many things to see and do. Hue is renowned for its monuments temples, pagodas and architecture.

The Imperial City, often likened to the Forbidden City in Beijing (and sometimes referred to as the Forbidden City as well), is well worth a visit. Hue also offers many Buddhist pagodas and markets to explore if you just feel like soaking up the lively atmosphere.

In the morning of day 4 we depart Hue and drive south to Hoi An via Danang. The drive takes us across the Marble Mountains and via the scenic Hai van Pass. There are stunning views to take in of the surrounding coastline and rice paddies. We have free time in Hoi An to explore the handicrafts, ceramics and fabrics that are sold at an abundance of markets. Hoi An is renowned for tailoring; pack your favourite item of clothing and get it copied here! If you're all shopped-out, you might enjoy relaxing on the serene coastal beaches with some local cuisine.

**Days: 6 - 8**

**Hoi An -Nha Trang**

We take a short drive back from Hoi An back to the railway town of Danang to board the reunification express once again. We will spend the day travelling by train to Nha Trang and should arrive by the early evening.

This beachside city is a popular destination for many travellers and is brimming with restaurants, bars and nightlife. You can choose to relax and swim in the surrounding crystal clear waters, or maybe take a cruise around the islands with a seafood lunch. In the evening of Day 8 we get back on the Reunification Express and travel by overnight train to Ho Chi Minh City.

**Days: 9 - 10**

**Ho Chi Minh City**

We arrive in Ho Chi Minh City in the early morning and have the rest of the day free to explore.

Ho Chi Minh City was known as Saigon until the end of the Vietnam War (around 1975). Originally a small fishing village, Ho Chi Minh City is now the most important economic centre in Vietnam and is the largest city in the country. Traffic in the city is fairly hectic at the best of times. Getting around is relatively easy by taxi or motorbike taxi, although drivers may not always speak English. Bus is the only form of public transport and motorbikes rule the road; there are around 3 million motorbikes cruising around the streets of Ho Chi Minh City!

If you're interested in the history of the Vietnam War make sure you visit the War Remnants Museum and the Reunification Hall. Or if you're in the mood to haggle for a bargain, don't miss Ho Chi Minh's largest market, the Ben Thanh Market. You can buy everything from cosmetics to live ducks here! There are also numerous food stalls at this market, and at the popular Night Market nearby. The food in Ho Chi Minh is some of the best and most diverse in all of Vietnam so make sure you eat well during your stay! There are also many bars and clubs to spend your evening in.

**Days: 10 - 12**

**Mekong Delta -Ho Chi Minh City**

This morning we travel to the heart of the Mekong Delta, visiting Cao Dai temple along the way. We will take a boat trip around the tributaries of the mighty Mekong River which provides an insight into a real perspective of Delta life. We will also visit a local handicraft village and you will have the opportunity to purchase souvenirs to support the local community. We will stay with a local family overnight. The next morning we take an early cruise on a traditional sampan to visit the famous floating markets. We will return to Ho Chi Minh City in the late afternoon and spend our final night here. Our tour concludes on day 12.

### **Group Size:**

N/A

### **Type of Accommodation:**

Hotels

### **Comments:**

Inclusions:

- Accommodation: 70% hotels, hostels, guesthouses & a homestay (Mekong Delta) 30% overnight trains/buses
- Meals: 4 breakfasts included
- Excursions: Cu Chi Tunnels including entrance fee and guide.
- Transport: A combination of private & public vehicles: trains & sleeper trains, taxis, boats, minibuses
- Group: average 10-20, max 34
- Age: Recommended 18-60
- Staff: Tucan Travel Tour Leader throughout the duration of your tour.

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