

# Your Journey Map



**KEY**

①	LUXURY GOLD HOTEL STAYS	—	INCLUDED FLIGHT
●	PLACE VISITED	---	TRAIN JOURNEY
.....	ROAD/CRUISE JOURNEY	----	OPTIONAL FLIGHT/EXTENSION

# Your Day by Day Experience

## DAY 1 Dynamic Ho Chi Minh City



Your luxury tour begins with a private transfer to your hotel, the ideal locale to explore nearby landmarks including the Notre Dame Cathedral and the Saigon Post Office. Perhaps cool off with a dip in the outdoor pool before dining in a rooftop restaurant watching the lights of the city stretch out before you while indulging in fresh, local cuisine.

Included Dining: Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel Caravelle, Ho Chi Minh.

## DAY 2 Marvels of Saigon

Travel by speedboat from the city's glittering skyscrapers to the green paddy fields scattered along the Saigon River. Your destination is the Cu Chi tunnels, which were dug during the Vietnam War, where you will meet a Viet Cong veteran. After lunch, explore the highlights of Ho Chi Minh City including the Notre Dame Cathedral and Gustave Eiffel's Central Post Office. Head to a charming coffee shop and learn the art of brewing Vietnamese coffee. Personalize your day with a visit to the Museum of Traditional Vietnamese Medicine or the War Remnants Museum.

Included Dining: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel Caravelle, Ho Chi Minh.



## DAY 3 Cruise the Mekong Delta



Uncover the life of the Mekong Delta as you board your private charter to get a window into coconut production and processing and enjoy a taste of juice fresh from the fruit. Understand the past of this fertile region viewing where locals still use centuries-old methods to make bricks at a small brick kiln before riding a tri-motorcycle along village roads to a rice noodle factory to see how rice noodles are produced. Deepen your discoveries cruising to Mango Home for a tasty lunch of fresh Mekong Delta specialties. Then amble the shady village roads to the home of Mr. Sau Tuong, a former soldier who fought the Khmer Rouge as you learn how life in Vietnam has evolved for him and his wife since the 1960s and how they earn a living making traditional rice paper.

Included Dining: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel Caravelle, Ho Chi Minh.

#### DAY 4 Royal Refinement in Huế

Marvel at vistas of lush countryside as you fly to Huế where you'll cycle through brilliant green rice fields to Phu Mong village. Take in the traditional garden house and craft houses of this quiet locale before an extraordinary evening of music and dance. Visit Ben Xuan Garden House Theater, a magnificent structure built in Hue royal architectural style located by the Perfume River. You'll be welcomed by the owner Ms. Camille Huyen, a celebrated painter and singer with royal ancestry and her husband, a former Swiss banker. Combined, the two put on an intimate and welcoming hosted meal which includes a stroll of their self-designed traditional house and a small concert that features Huyen on vocals, accompanied by local musicians playing traditional instruments.

Included Dining: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Pilgrimage Village, Hue.



#### DAY 5 Highlights of Huế



Encounter the best of Huế beginning with a morning visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Imperial Citadel before it opens to the public. Enter the towering main gates on a state-of-the-art electric cart as a renowned local historian points out the extravagant architecture and gardens of the former royal court. Continue your exploration of Huế's royalty at the tomb of Minh Mang, the second Emperor of the Nguyen Dynasty, before a quiet lunch alongside the Perfume River. Curate your afternoon discovering more cultural highlights: Take a short cruise to the private museum of collector Tran Dinh Son to view his collection of rare antiquities. Or, take a cyclo ride to An Dinh Palace, the private residence of Khai Dinh, Vietnam's last emperor.

Included Dining: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Pilgrimage Village, Hue.

## DAY 6 Romantic Hoi An Sit back and relax on a scenic

drive over the spectacular Hai Van Mountain to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Hoi An. Encounter the ancient city through the eyes of a local exploring former merchants' homes, colorful communal halls, narrow lanes lined with traditional houses and the iconic Japanese Covered Bridge enchanting you with its elegant and detailed carvings. Meander down a small alley to discover an ancient house where the art of healing through martial art a - combination of Qigong and traditional Vietnamese martial art - has been passed down for generations. Learn basic steps under the guidance of the master who created this particular blend himself. This evening, choose to dine on traditional local cuisine, modern Vietnamese or East-meets-West fusion.

Included Dining: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Anantara Hoi An Resort, Hoi An.



## DAY 7 Tÿe Locals in Hoi An



Glide across the water in a traditional “thung chai” bamboo-basket boat to the dense coconut jungles that were once a shelter for locals and soldiers during the Vietnam War and is now the beautiful Cam Thanh Village. Learn from the villagers how they cultivate and harvest vegetables according to local customs. Continue your voyage through a peaceful water coconut forest to a riverside restaurant overlooking the rice fields to participate in a hands-on cooking class alongside a local chef and savor your creations.

Included Dining: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Anantara Hoi An Resort, Hoi An.

## DAY 8 Hanoi Street Food Tasting Tour

Jet off to Hanoi, Vietnam’s glistening capital city known for colonial-style architecture, ancient temples and vibrant culture. Get acquainted with your surroundings at your five-star boutique hotel before enjoying a ride aboard an electric cart to see the historic colonial-style, bold-hued yellow Opera House, avenues lined with French mansions, Sword Lake and the 18th-century Jade Mountain Temple. Savor the best of the city joining a local gourmand in the Old Quarter for exploration of Hanoi's colorful and robust street-food culture. Delight your senses and tempting scents waft out of stalls and you learn what locals eat and sample the city’s best dishes, including Gỏi Cuốn (spring rolls) beef pho, and com cake amidst the busy hum of nightlife.

Included Dining: Breakfast

Accommodation: Mövenpick Hotel Hanoi Centre



## DAY 9 Cruise Along Ha Long Bay



Discover Ha Long Bay's emerald waters on your luxury junk boat. Your overnight cruise will carry you through "the bay with a thousand islands" to the mysterious Tien Ong Cave to wander among the stalactites and stalagmites where archeologists have found artifacts dating back to 10,000 B.C. Sail to Cua Van floating village, a tucked away UNESCO-recognized Natural World Heritage Site of over 300 houseboats where fishermen have lived for hundreds of years to learn from the locals what life is like in this remote community. Tonight, learn from the on-board chef in an on-board traditional Vietnamese cooking demonstration or cool off with a drink on deck and watch the sun dip behind the horizon.

Included Dining: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Paradise Cruise, Ha Long Bay.

## DAY 10 Ha Long to Hanoi

Greet the day finding your flow and center with Tai Chi on the upper deck, or enjoy an early morning swim before lingering over brunch as you cruise past the limestone formations back to Hanoi. Relax at your luxury hotel in the heart of the city.

Included Dining: Breakfast

Accommodation: Mövenpick Hotel Hanoi Centre



## DAY 11 Tÿe Temple of Literature



Visit the captivating Temple of Literature built in 1076 to learn about Hanoian culture and Vietnamese architecture. View the Well of Clarity with a local scholar who shares their insights into this famous institution honoring Vietnam's finest scholars and signifies the beginning of a uniform educational system in Vietnam as you stroll the spacious temple grounds of towering gates, pavilions and five elegantly landscaped courtyards. In the evening, toast to your travels over dinner.

Included Dining: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Mövenpick Hotel Hanoi Centre

## DAY 12 Farewell Vietnam

Your Ho Chi Minh to Hanoi luxury tour comes to an end with a seamless transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

Included Dining: Breakfast



## CONCIERGE SERVICES, ON EVERY JOURNEY

- Travel Concierge
- Door-To-Door Transfers
- Full-Service Porterage
- Small Group Tours, 18 Guests On Average
- Personalize Your Day, With Included Choices
- Your Included Pre-Departure Services
- Private Door-to-Door Transfer, Your complimentary, private transfer takes you to your local departure airport.