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19TH – 31ST MAY 2025
8TH – 20TH SEPT 2025



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Experience the true essence of Vietnam, from vibrant cities and ancient towns to serene landscapes and authentic experiences. This journey offers a full, immersive adventure into Vietnam's rich heritage and spectacular cultural diversity.





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From the emerald waters of Halong Bay to the lantern-lit streets of Hoi An, Vietnam enchants the traveller at every turn with its spectacular beauty and rich cultural heritage. Ancient temples echo with history, bustling markets overflow with life, and every meal tells the story of a country bursting with culinary wonder. Beyond the postcard-perfect images lies the true soul of Vietnam – its welcoming people, vibrant traditions, breathtaking natural wonders, and a tapestry of hidden corners that reveal themselves only to those willing to look a little closer.

On Journey Vietnam, we invite you to go beyond the ordinary and discover a side of Vietnam few travellers experience. Over 13 unforgettable days, this intimate small-group tour (limited to 5–7 guests), seamlessly blends iconic highlights with hidden treasures, bringing the country's multifaceted and richly layered history to life. From world-renowned landmarks like Halong Bay, the Mekong Delta, and Hoi An, to serene, lesser-visited highlights such as the wilds of Son Tra Peninsula, freshly caught seafood off Phu Quoc Island, and traditional craft villages, this tour offers a deeper, more authentic perspective on the country.

Designed to prioritise the best possible experience for our guests, your journey is led by two expert guides: a principal guide who will accompany you every step of the way, and a team of Next Continent's finest local and regional guides who join your group at their regions of expertise. This ensures you benefit from unparalleled local insight and up-to-date knowledge at each stop. Together, they'll take you off the beaten path, away from the tourist crowds, to experience Vietnam as the locals know it – vibrant, unfiltered, and truly unforgettable. This is what makes travelling with Next Continent stand out from other companies, having an entire team of dedicated experts, all part of one company, working together to make your journey exceptional.

With carefully curated accommodations, seamless travel by train, boat, and plane, and plenty of time to unwind and immerse yourself in each destination, this tour strikes the perfect balance between comfort, authenticity and discovery. By the end, you won't just have seen Vietnam – you'll have heard its stories, tasted its flavours, and felt its spirit, from its welcoming people to its vibrant culture and breathtaking natural wonders. So when you're dining riverside as the Dragon Bridge illuminates the night sky, watching rare monkeys swing through the rainforest canopy, or stepping back time at the ancient Son Sanctuary, Journey Vietnam offers unforgettable moments at every turn – a tour experience like no other.

Itinerary Overview



Spring Tour Dates

Mon 19th May — Sat 31st May 2025



Autumn Tour Dates

Mon 8th Sept — Sat 20th Sept 2025



Arrival in Hanoi

- ✓ Arrival in Hanoi
- ✓ Check-in at the hotel
- ✓ Welcome dinner



Hanoi City Tour

- ✓ Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum
- ✓ One Pillar Pagoda & Presidential Palace
- ✓ Temple of Literature plus more
- ✓ Water Puppet Show



Halong Bay & Overnight Cruise

- ✓ Transfer to Halong Bay
- ✓ Private cruise on Halong Bay
- ✓ Limestone Caves at sunset
- ✓ Overnight on cruise



Halong Bay & Transfer to Hue

- ✓ Tai Chi & Floating Village
- ✓ Return to Hanoi
- ✓ Fly to Hue



Hue City Tour

- ✓ Imperial City
- ✓ Mausoleums Tour
- ✓ Cruise on Huong River
- ✓ Traditional dinner on the river



Scenic Train to Da Nang & Hoi An

- ✓ Scenic train ride to Da Nang
- ✓ Seafood lunch at My Khe Beach
- ✓ Marble Mountains
- ✓ Hoi An: Lantern Walk



Hoi An Cultural Experiences

- ✓ Local market & cooking class
- ✓ Hoi An Memories Show
- ✓ Highlights of Ancient Town



My Son Sanctuary & Da Nang

- ✓ My Son Sanctuary
- ✓ Private dinner along Han River
- ✓ Da Nang Beaches
- ✓ Dragon Bridge show



Son Tra Peninsula & Transfer to Ho Chi Minh

- ✓ Son Tra Nature & Wildlife Walk
- ✓ Fly to Ho Chi Minh City
- ✓ Linh Ung Pagoda
- ✓ Ben Thanh Market



Ho Chi Minh City Tour

- ✓ Reunification Palace
- ✓ Central Post Office
- ✓ Notre Dame Cathedral
- ✓ War Remnants Museum



Mekong Delta

- ✓ Mekong Delta Boat Trip
- ✓ Rice Paper Craft Villages
- ✓ My Tho Villages



Cu Chi Tunnels and Tay Ninh

- ✓ Cu Chi Tunnels
- ✓ Tay Ninh
- ✓ Cao Dai Temple



Phu Quoc Island

- ✓ Fly to Phu Quoc
- ✓ Beach Exploration
- ✓ Dinh Cau Temple
- ✓ Final Group Dinner



Phu Quoc Island

- ✓ Fish Sauce Factory
- ✓ Local Pepper Farm
- ✓ Phu Quoc Prison
- ✓ Tour concludes





JOURNEY VIETNAM:

DAY 0: ARRIVAL IN HANOI



MEALS PROVIDED: DINNER



ACCOMMODATION: 4-STAR HOTEL IN HANOI

Your adventure begins this afternoon as you arrive at our charming, centrally located hotel accommodation. Nestled in the vibrant heart of the city, just steps away from Hanoi's iconic Old Quarter and other cultural landmarks, this boutique hotel offers the ideal blend of comfort and convenience – the perfect place for our Journey Vietnam tour to begin.

For those arriving in Hanoi today, the hotel offers an optional airport transfer service, ensuring a stress-free transition to your accommodation. After checking in, take some time to settle in and enjoy the hotel's exceptional amenities. Perhaps indulge in a spa or massage, lounge by the pool, try your first Cà Phê Trứng (Egg Coffee – a Hanoi speciality), or explore the bustling streets nearby for a first taste of Hanoi's charm.

As the sun sets, the group will come together for our exclusive welcome dinner. Hosted in a private room, this curated culinary experience showcases the best of traditional Vietnamese flavours with a modern fusion twist. Think fragrant herbs and bold spices – the perfect introduction to Vietnam and just a taste of what's yet to come!

At dinner, you'll meet your guide, bond with fellow travellers and soak in the anticipation of the days ahead. It's a warm, inviting way to set the tone for an unforgettable adventure through Vietnam.

Optional Extras:

Traveling earlier and need assistance getting to the hotel? Let us handle the details. Whether it's arranging transport or coordinating with your prior accommodations, we're happy to help!



JOURNEY VIETNAM:

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN HANOI



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST
AND LUNCH



ACCOMMODATION: 4-STAR HOTEL IN HANOI

Wake up to the vibrant energy of Hanoi and enjoy a delicious breakfast at the hotel. On your way out, join our guide to order your very first Vietnamese coffee for the road in your complimentary eco-friendly Next Continent reusable coffee mug – a perfect introduction to the city's unique coffee culture.

After being picked up in our own modern, air-conditioned bus, our adventure begins with a visit to the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, where you'll pay homage to the revered leader of modern Vietnam. Just a short walk away, we'll explore the iconic One Pillar Pagoda, a stunning architectural marvel, followed by a visit to the historic Presidential Palace, with its charming French colonial design and lush gardens.

After a busy morning, we'll enjoy a well-deserved lunch at a renowned restaurant in the heart of the Old Quarter. This carefully curated menu showcases Hanoi's culinary artistry, providing the perfect opportunity to savour some of the city's most famous dishes. Before we leave, you'll have a little time to explore the Old Quarter's bustling streets and unique nooks and crannies – perhaps discovering hidden cafés, artisan shops or vibrant markets.





In the afternoon, we'll dive into Vietnam's intellectual and artistic heritage. Our first stop is the tranquil Temple of Literature, an ancient sanctuary dedicated to Confucius, representing Vietnam's rich tradition of learning. We'll then explore the Vietnam National Museum of Fine Arts, where an impressive collection of traditional and contemporary artworks provides a deep look into the nation's artistic evolution.

Later in the afternoon, we'll return to our accommodation, giving you time to relax or take another stroll through the vibrant Old Quarter, soaking in the charm of the city's streets.

Dinner tonight is yours to choose, with countless options to explore Hanoi's vibrant street food scene or indulge in authentic local cuisine. From the iconic Phở (Vietnamese noodle soup) to Bánh Cuốn (steamed rice rolls) and Chả Cá Lã Vọng (grilled turmeric fish), your guides will offer expert recommendations for the best dishes and eateries around the city.

As night falls, we'll gather again for a truly enchanting experience: a traditional water puppet show, an art form unique to Vietnam that brings the country's folklore and culture to life in a way you've never seen in theatre before.





JOURNEY VIETNAM:

DAY 2: HALONG BAY & OVERNIGHT CRUISE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST,
LUNCH, AND DINNER



ACCOMMODATION: 5-STAR LUXURY EXPERIENCE ON
PRIVATE HALONG BAY CRUISE

After checkout and an early departure from Hanoi, we'll hit the road and make our way through the countryside, where you'll be able to take in the stunning landscapes of rural Vietnam. Along the way, we'll make a stop in Haiphong for breakfast and fresh coffee before continuing our journey to Halong Bay.

Upon arrival, we'll enjoy a delicious lunch overlooking the tranquil waters of Halong Bay, where the towering limestone karsts create a breathtaking backdrop. For those interested in local cuisine, you may wish to try *Bánh Đa Cua*, a famous Haiphong crab noodle soup, made with fresh crab and aromatic herbs — a true coastal delicacy. This hearty dish is the perfect introduction to the region's rich seafood culture.

In the afternoon, we'll board our private cruise to explore the bay's awe-inspiring landscapes up close. As we glide through the emerald waters, you'll have time to relax on deck, take in the mesmerizing scenery, and perhaps even snap a few photos of the iconic towering limestone formations that rise dramatically from the sea. We'll also explore some of Halong Bay's hidden limestone caves, where the natural beauty will leave you speechless as the sun casts its warm glow over the bay at sunset.





For those interested in wildlife, keep an eye out for the stunning Black Kite flocks that soar overhead, groups of Rhesus Macaque playing on the islands, the bright azure flash of the Blue Rock Thrush, and even the impressive sight of a large Ghost Jellyfish rising up from the deep.

As evening falls, we'll enjoy a fresh seafood dinner on board the cruise, where the flavours of the sea will be at their finest. For guests with specific dietary requirements, we are happy to accommodate them with prior notice. The tranquil setting, surrounded by nature, provides the perfect atmosphere to unwind and reflect on the day's adventures.

After dinner, relax under the stars or retire to your cabin for a peaceful night's sleep as the gentle rocking of the boat lulls you to rest, ready for another exciting day ahead.





JOURNEY VIETNAM:

DAY 3: HALONG BAY & TRANSFER TO HUE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST,
LUNCH, AND DINNER



ACCOMMODATION: 4-STAR HOTEL IN HUE

Start your day early with an optional Tai Chi session on deck, where the peaceful rhythms of this ancient practice blend seamlessly with the calm beauty of Halong Bay. As the morning mist rises off the water, you'll be guided through the movements while surrounded by the stunning limestone karsts — a truly serene way to begin the day. For those with cameras, prepare to get some spectacular photography opportunities.

Afterwards, we'll visit a floating village to experience local life on the water. Here, you'll have the opportunity to learn about the unique lifestyle of the people who call the bay home, with their homes and businesses floating on the water.

Around lunchtime, we'll return to the mainland and begin our journey back to Hanoi, where you'll be transferred to the airport for your flight to Hue.

Upon arrival in Hue, you'll be transferred to your accommodation and checked in. The evening is yours to enjoy at your leisure — explore the town, sample local dishes, or simply unwind after a day of travel. Dinner is your choice, with room service available or the opportunity to discover Hue's renowned culinary delights at nearby restaurants.





JOURNEY VIETNAM:

DAY 4: HUE CITY TOUR



MEALS PROVIDED: LUNCH AND DINNER



ACCOMMODATION: 4-STAR HOTEL IN HUE

Begin your day with a journey through history as we explore the grand Imperial Citadel – a UNESCO World Heritage site and the heart of the Nguyen Dynasty. As you stroll through majestic gates, royal halls and tranquil courtyards, you'll experience the grandeur of the past. Afterward, we'll visit a selection of nearby local pagodas, each showcasing its own unique architectural beauty and spiritual significance.

For lunch, we'll indulge in the world-famous Bún Bò Huế (BBH), along with other local dishes, at a renowned restaurant where you can savour authentic Hue flavours. Afterward, you may wish to choose to enjoy one of Hue's many other iconic dishes, such as Bánh Khoái (crispy pancakes) or Cơm Hến (clam rice).

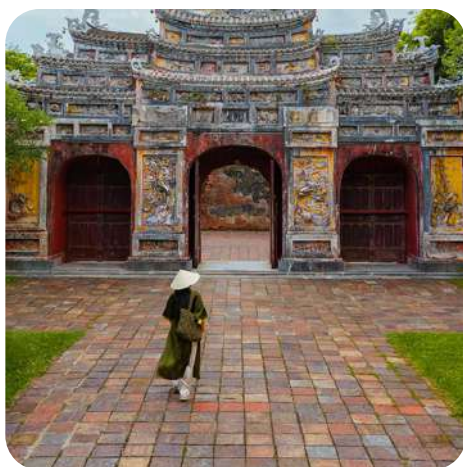
Following a morning of history, we'll visit two of Hue's most famous Mausoleums – Minh Mang and Tu Duc. Set against lush landscapes, these monumental tombs offer a glimpse into the opulence of Vietnam's former emperors, with stunning architecture and serene surroundings that invite reflection and exploration.





As the day winds down, we'll embark on a private boat tour along the Huong River (Perfume River), where you can sit back and enjoy the peaceful surroundings. Onboard, sip a cold drink or perhaps try a Huda beer, brewed from the very waters you're cruising on. The scenic views of the riverbanks, dotted with pagodas and ancient tombs, will provide a tranquil backdrop for your journey.

We'll conclude the day with a traditional Hue dinner at a charming riverside restaurant, where you'll savour rich, flavourful dishes like Bánh Khoái and Nem Lụi (grilled pork skewers). As the sun sets over the Huong River, the tranquil ambiance and stunning views will provide the perfect backdrop to reflect on an unforgettable day in Hue.





JOURNEY VIETNAM:

DAY 5: SCENIC TRAIN TO DA NANG & HOI AN



MEALS PROVIDED: LUNCH AND DINNER



ACCOMMODATION: 4-STAR HOTEL IN HOI AN

After checking out of our accommodation and picking up breakfast and a coffee or two on the way to the station, we'll embark on a scenic train ride from Hue to Da Nang. The journey offers breathtaking views of Vietnam's coastline and countryside, making for an unforgettable travel experience. Upon arrival in Da Nang, we'll visit the Marble Mountains, a cluster of five limestone peaks that are not only a geological wonder but also a spiritual site filled with caves, pagodas and breathtaking panoramic views. For the wildlife people, watch the for Asian Green Bee-eaters as they flick from perch to perch and listen out for the beautiful musical fluty song of the Lesser Necklaced Laughingthrush!

Following our exploration of the Marble Mountains, we'll enjoy a delicious lunch at a beachfront restaurant on My Khe Beach, where you can relax and take in the breathtaking views of the Son Tra Peninsula, with the iconic Lady Buddha statue shimmering over the sparkling ocean. After lunch, we'll transfer to Hoi An and check in to your hotel.

The evening is yours to explore Hoi An Ancient Town, our second UNESCO World Heritage site in 24hrs. As the sun sets, enjoy a lantern-lit walk through the charming streets, where the soft glow of lanterns creates a magical atmosphere. Dinner is not included tonight, so you're free to choose from the dozens of delightful restaurants and street food vendors offering traditional Hoi An dishes. Don't forget to try Chè for dessert – a sweet, refreshing treat that is a local favourite!





JOURNEY VIETNAM:

DAY 6: HOI AN CULTURAL EXPERIENCES



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST



ACCOMMODATION: 4-STAR HOTEL IN HOI AN

After breakfast in the peaceful gardens of our accommodation (think tropical butterflies and brightly coloured sunbirds fluttering by), start your day with an immersive experience at a local Hoi An market, where the vibrant sights, sounds, and smells of the bustling marketplace await. Stroll through the colourful stalls brimming with fresh produce, spices, and local delicacies. From there, we'll dive into the culinary heart of the city with a hands-on cooking class, where you'll learn the secrets behind some of Hoi An's most beloved dishes. Prepare to chop, stir, and savour the authentic flavours of Vietnamese cuisine.

After lunch, we'll take a stroll through Hoi An's charming ancient streets on an exclusive private tour. Visit the Japanese Covered Bridge, a symbol of the town's historic trading connections, followed by a tour of the Tan Ky Ancient House, where you'll discover the legacy of a prosperous merchant family. Next, we'll visit the Phuc Kien Assembly Hall, a stunning testament to Hoi An's cultural diversity and rich history.

As the day winds down, we'll enjoy the world-renowned Hoi An Memories Show. This spectacular theatre performance combines light, music, and traditional dance to tell the captivating story of Hoi An's past. World-famous and recognized internationally as one of the most spectacular theatre performances in the world, the Hoi An Memories Show, set against the stunning riverside backdrop, is a truly immersive and unforgettable experience.





JOURNEY VIETNAM:

DAY 7: MY SON SANCTUARY & DA NANG



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST



ACCOMMODATION: 4-STAR HOTEL ALONG DA NANG BEACHES

After breakfast, we'll depart Hoi An for an early excursion to the My Son Sanctuary, a UNESCO World Heritage site that stands as a testament to the ingenuity and spirituality of the ancient Champa Kingdom. Surrounded by lush hills and verdant valleys, these intricately designed Hindu temples (some dating back to the 4th century) are a marvel of architecture and culture. Arriving early ensures a tranquil atmosphere, allowing you to fully appreciate the sanctity and history of this sacred site.

As we explore, nature enthusiasts may spot some of Vietnam's unique wildlife, including the vibrant Orange-breasted Green Pigeon, the spectacular Greater Racket-tailed Drongo and the Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker. With its blend of historical grandeur, stunning landscapes, and peaceful ambiance, My Son offers an exceptional experience for both photographers and history lovers alike.

After our visit, we'll head to Da Nang, where you'll check in to your hotel. Once settled, the afternoon is yours to relax and enjoy the beautiful beaches. You can take a swim, grab a light lunch of your choice, or indulge in a refreshing massage or spa treatment. Alternatively, simply unwind in the coastal beauty of Da Nang's beaches at your own pace.

As the day winds down, we'll enjoy a private dinner at the best location to get spectacular views of the Dragon Bridge show while savouring delicious local cuisine. The dragon-shaped sculpture breathes fire and water in an electrifying performance, creating a truly unforgettable experience as you dine along the Han River.





JOURNEY VIETNAM:

DAY 8: SON TRA PENINSULA & TRANSFER TO HO CHI MINH CITY



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST
AND DINNER



ACCOMMODATION: 4-STAR HOTEL IN HO CHI MINH CITY

After an early breakfast, we'll head to the stunning Son Tra Peninsula for a nature walk through one of Vietnam's most biodiverse landscapes. This morning offers a unique opportunity to experience the country's incredible wildlife firsthand. Our main goal is to track down the critically endangered Red-shanked Douc Langur, often referred to as the "most beautiful primate in the world" for its striking colours and human-like faces. As we explore the lush forest, keep an eye out for other fascinating wildlife, including the playful Rhesus Macaque, Green-billed Malkoha, Oriental Honey Buzzard, Green-eared Barbet, Pallas' Squirrel, Racket-tailed Treepie and clouds of spectacular tropical butterflies.

After exploring the forest, we will visit the serene Linh Ung Pagoda, a spiritual and architectural marvel nestled on the Son Tra Peninsula. This revered site is home to the towering Lady Buddha statue, one of the tallest of its kind in Vietnam, standing 67 meters high and offering panoramic views of the sweeping coastline and lush hills. The pagoda complex itself is a masterpiece, featuring intricately carved temples, peaceful courtyards adorned with bonsai trees and several collections of grand Buddhist statues. As you stroll through the grounds, take in the rich spiritual significance of the site, which serves as a beacon of faith and protection for fishermen and locals alike.

Afterward, we'll return to Da Nang for a free-choice lunch and a short flight to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon). Upon arrival, you'll check in to your accommodation and have time to relax and refresh.

In the evening, we'll dive into the vibrant energy of Saigon with a visit to the iconic Ben Thanh Market. Explore its bustling stalls filled with everything from handicrafts to street food and immerse yourself in the lively atmosphere of this cultural hub.





JOURNEY VIETNAM:

DAY 9: HO CHI MINH CITY TOUR



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST,
LUNCH AND DINNER



ACCOMMODATION: 4-STAR HOTEL IN HO CHI MINH CITY

Start your day with a delicious breakfast at your hotel, accompanied by a cup of local Vietnamese coffee (maybe time to try the iconic cà phê sữa đá – iced coffee with condensed milk, if you haven't already), the perfect energiser for the adventures ahead. Afterward, we'll be picked up in our own comfortable, modern bus and head out to experience the heart of Ho Chi Minh City. As we drive through the bustling and often chaotic streets, you'll feel the energy of this vibrant metropolis. Think streets practically spilling over with motorbikes, bright vibrant storefronts, and the scent of fresh, delicious street food everywhere. Ho Chi Minh City is a place where old meets new, where the pandemonium of daily life coexists with the quiet beauty of historical landmarks.

Our first stop will be the Reunification Palace, where we'll explore the rooms and halls that marked the end of the Vietnam War. The preserved decor and architecture tell the story of the country's past, offering a fascinating glimpse into its political history.

Next, we'll visit the Notre Dame Cathedral, an iconic French colonial structure and the Central Post Office, a masterpiece of architecture designed by Gustave Eiffel. These landmarks stand as enduring symbols of Ho Chi Minh City's colonial past and cultural richness.





As we drive through the city, take in the sights and sounds of Ho Chi Minh's vibrant streets. The blend of modern high-rises and historic buildings reflects the city's rapid growth and its deep cultural heritage.

In the afternoon, we'll delve deeper into Vietnam's history with a visit to the War Remnants Museum, where the powerful exhibits provide an emotional and thought-provoking look at the lasting effects of the Vietnam War on the country and its people.

As evening approaches, we'll gather for a delicious dinner, savouring the bold flavours of southern Vietnamese cuisine. Afterward, the evening is yours to enjoy at your leisure. You may wish to explore the bustling streets, visit local markets, or relax at a café, soaking in the vibrant atmosphere of Ho Chi Minh City before a restful night.





JOURNEY VIETNAM:

DAY 10: MEKONG DELTA



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST
AND LUNCH



ACCOMMODATION: 4-STAR HOTEL IN HO CHI MINH CITY

After an early breakfast, we'll embark on a scenic drive to My Tho, the gateway to the Mekong Delta. Along the way, enjoy the sights of the southern Vietnamese countryside, with its endless stretches of rice paddies, swaying coconut palms, and bustling roadside markets. This is your chance to witness life in the Mekong region unfold as farmers tend to their fields and local vendors sell their produce by the roadside.

Upon arrival in My Tho, we'll board a boat for a journey along the legendary Mekong River. This intricate maze of rivers, canals, and islands is the lifeblood of southern Vietnam and offers a fascinating glimpse into the traditions and lifestyle of the delta's inhabitants. As we cruise along the tranquil waterways, we'll stop at a local village to learn about traditional crafts and visit a riverside temple, steeped in history and spiritual significance.

At midday, we'll enjoy a delicious lunch at a charming restaurant along the delta, where you'll be treated to the very best of Mekong cuisine. Savour local specialties like freshly caught river fish, crispy spring rolls, and fragrant coconut rice. For an added treat, try a coconut coffee, a regional specialty that combines the rich flavour of Vietnamese coffee with creamy coconut.

After lunch, we'll continue to a craft village in Can Tho, where you'll witness the intricate process of making rice paper and the region's famous Hủ Tiếu noodles. Learn the secrets behind these culinary staples and sample freshly made noodles before returning to Ho Chi Minh City.

Once back in the city, the evening is yours to explore. Enjoy the vibrant energy of Saigon's streets, try more local delicacies at the night markets, or unwind at your accommodation after a day immersed in the charm and culture of the Mekong Delta.





JOURNEY VIETNAM:

DAY 11: CU CHI TUNNELS AND TAY NINH



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST,
LUNCH AND DINNER



ACCOMMODATION: 4-STAR HOTEL IN HO CHI MINH CITY

After breakfast at your hotel, we'll set off on a journey to the famous Cu Chi Tunnels, a remarkable network of underground passageways that played a critical role in Vietnam's history. As we explore this vast and ingenious system, you'll gain insight into the resilience and ingenuity of the Vietnamese people during the war. Walk through sections of the tunnels, see hidden trapdoors, living quarters, and kitchens, and, for the adventurous, there's an option to crawl through some sections for a truly immersive experience. The site also offers an opportunity to observe displays of wartime relics and learn about the resourcefulness required to survive in this challenging environment.

After a short break, we'll continue to the Cao Dai Temple in Tay Ninh, the spiritual heart of Caodaism, a unique Vietnamese religion that blends elements of Buddhism, Christianity, Taoism, and Confucianism. Arriving in time for the mid-afternoon ceremony, you'll witness the vibrant, colorful worship service, accompanied by traditional music and chanting. The temple itself is an architectural masterpiece, with its eye-catching façade and richly decorated interior adorned with symbols of unity and spirituality.

During the day, you'll enjoy a tasty lunch at a local restaurant, sampling southern Vietnamese dishes that reflect the region's rich culinary heritage.

As the day draws to a close, we'll return to Ho Chi Minh City. The evening is yours to relax or enjoy the bustling city nightlife. You might choose to revisit your favourite spots from earlier in the trip, try another local delicacy, or simply take in the vibrant energy of Saigon's streets one last time.





JOURNEY VIETNAM:

DAY 12: PHU QUOC ISLAND



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST,
LUNCH AND DINNER



ACCOMMODATION: 4-STAR HOTEL ON PHU QUOC ISLAND

Start your day with an early breakfast before we transfer to the airport for a short flight to the tropical paradise of Phu Quoc Island, renowned for its pristine beaches and serene ambiance.

Upon arrival, we'll check in to your stunning beachfront accommodation, where you'll have the perfect setting to unwind. Spend your afternoon enjoying a swim at the beach or the hotel pool, indulging in a rejuvenating spa or massage, or simply lounging under the shade of palm trees. A delicious lunch featuring local specialties will be served, offering the perfect taste of island life. Later, we'll head to the Dinh Cậu Temple, a charming and historic temple perched on a rocky outcrop overlooking the sea. It's a beautiful spot to explore and learn about the local culture while enjoying sweeping views of the coastline.

For those who wander through the shallows, keep an eye out for fascinating marine life like the Chocolate Chip Sea Star or the delicate Queensland Seahorse gracefully navigating the waters. In the lush gardens surrounding the temple and your accommodation, watch for the famous Orange-winged Flying Lizard as it glides effortlessly between trees, and the brilliantly coloured Oriental Garden Lizard, a true spectacle of the tropics.

To cap off the day, we'll gather for our last group dinner: a private seafood feast by the beach, where you'll enjoy freshly caught delicacies prepared to perfection. As the sun sets over the sparkling ocean, we'll take time to reflect on the incredible journey we've shared, relive our favourite memories, and enjoy each other's company in this unforgettable setting.





JOURNEY VIETNAM:

DAY 13: PHU QUOC ISLAND



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST
AND LUNCH



ACCOMMODATION: 4-STAR HOTEL ON PHU QUOC ISLAND

After breakfast, begin your final day with an exploration of Phu Quoc's unique cultural and culinary heritage. We'll visit a local fish sauce factory, where you'll discover the traditional methods behind this world-famous ingredient. Next, we'll stop at a pepper farm, where you can learn about the cultivation of this prized spice and sample its distinctive flavours. Along the way, there will be opportunities to try local delicacies, giving you a true taste of Phu Quoc's vibrant food scene.

After a final group lunch showcasing the island's freshest flavours, we'll take a sobering yet insightful visit to the Phu Quoc Prison, also known as Coconut Prison. This historic site provides a glimpse into Vietnam's wartime history and the resilience of its people.

As the day winds down, our tour officially concludes. As we bid farewell, we hope you carry unforgettable memories of this journey, the friends you've made, and the incredible moments shared along the way. From the vibrant cities to the serene beaches, it's been a true privilege to explore the wonders of Vietnam together. Safe travels!

Optional Extras:

Post your tour, Next Continent is here to assist you with any onward travel arrangements. Whether you'd like to extend your stay on this tropical island, book flights back to the mainland, or plan additional adventures, we're happy to help.

For those inspired to continue exploring, we offer a range of spectacular partner tours to extend your journey. Whether it's trekking in the mountains, diving into marine life, or experiencing more of Vietnam's rich culture and history, we'll help you craft the perfect next adventure.

WHY CHOOSE US?



At Next Continent, we take pride in being a fully Vietnam-based, owned and operated company, ensuring that we control every aspect of your experience. Unlike many overseas companies that bring in external tour leaders and rely on third parties, we are truly embedded here, with our team of experts on the ground every day. This gives us the ability to offer unparalleled local knowledge and engagement, providing you with a level of service and insight that no other company can match. Our team includes some of the best fully trained, English-speaking guides, each dedicated to sharing their expertise of Vietnam's diverse regions. You'll have a principal guide throughout your entire trip, along with the insight of our best local Next Continent specialists, ensuring you get the very best out of each location of the trip.

Probably what sets us apart, is that we specialise in small, intimate group tours to offer personalised attention and flexibility. While many companies cram 12-24 people into a tour, our Journey Vietnam tours are designed for just 5-7 people, allowing for a more comfortable and exclusive experience. With us, you'll travel at your own pace, free from forced group dynamics. Every aspect of your tour is curated with the utmost attention to detail, from bespoke itineraries to hand-picked accommodations that reflect the authentic spirit of each destination.

For your comfort, we only offer single supplements, so you'll never have to share a room and can relax in your own space at the end of each day. At Next Continent, your experience is all about you – your comfort, your interests and your pace.



MORE DETAILS:

For more detailed information on tour pace, climate, weather, accommodation, inclusions, food, country specifics, and any other inquiries, please visit our dedicated [tour page](#) on the website or feel free to get in touch with us directly for personalised assistance.



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