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VIETNAM

History Tour

9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS - SAMPLE ITINERARY



Yesterday and today: Understanding a complex past

Vietnam is known for several wonders. Its food, its bright green rice fields, Ha Long Bay and a humble, friendly people. And then there is its intricate past. A land covered in splendid pagodas and shrines, French colonial architecture and significant remnants of the Vietnam War, Vietnam makes for an exceptional backdrop to a historical tour.

Here students will gain a deeper understanding of the Vietnam War and the effects thereof that still linger today, through exclusive talks with professionals and moving meetings with Vietnamese veterans.

This tour will take students through incredible countryside and city landscapes, and ultimately provide them with profound insight into a uniquely Southeast Asian culture of historical complexity.



TRIP OVERVIEW

Arriving: 2022/2023

Departing: 2022/2023

Number of Days: 10 Days / 9 Nights



Hanoi
4 days

Dien Bien
1 day

Hue
2 days

Ho Chi Minh
2 days

Number of Participants:

10-30 Students

Accommodation



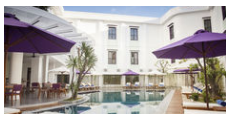
Hanoi

May De Ville Hanoi Hotel (Deluxe) or similar



Dien Bien

Muong Thanh Dien Bien Hotel (Deluxe) or similar



Hue

Emm Hotel Hue (Deluxe) or similar



Ho Chi Minh

Le Duy Grand Hotel (Grand Deluxe) or similar

Number of Meals: as mentioned below



Your Travel Designer

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TRIP INCLUSIONS



The group will stay at **mentioned hotel**



A single supplement will be charged if anyone wants to stay in a single room



Meals as mentioned



Activities and entrance fees as mentioned



Local English-speaking guide



Tours and transfers as mentioned with AC vehicle



Service charge and current government tax



Flight tickets: HAN – DIN & DIN – HAN & HAN – HUI & HUI – SGN in Economy class



Veteran meeting

TRIP EXCLUSIONS



VISA and international flights



Expenditure of a personal nature



Travel insurance (compulsory)



DAY 01

HANOI ARRIVAL (D)

Upon arrival, your guide will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel.

After hotel check-in, head to a restaurant in town for a delicious dinner at 18.00.

Enjoy the evening at your own leisure.

Please note:

Estimated distance from hotels in the Old Quarter to the airport or v.v: ~35-40km

Estimated driving time: ~45mins - 1 hr.

** International arrivals: Please proceed through immigration and customs, and make your way to the exterior arrivals area, using the exit indicated for your flight on the arrivals marquee (either exit A1 or A2). Our representative will be waiting here for you holding a pick-up sign. He/she will then escort you to the vehicle that will take you to your hotel.*

Meals: Dinner

Accommodation: May De Ville Hanoi Hotel (Deluxe) or similar





DAY 02

HANOI – HISTORIAN MEETING – HANOI HALF-DAY TOUR (B,L)

Begin your morning with an insightful talk with a historian, who will share his extensive knowledge about Vietnam's history. The duration of the talk will be around 3 hours.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

In the afternoon, make your way to the B-52 Victory Museum. The museum is dedicated to the history of the Vietnamese revolution, the First Indochina War and the Vietnam War, and displays old weapons, fighter planes, and defence gear. The outdoor displays include parts of the wreckage of a B-52 Stratofortress shot down during Operation Linebacker II.

Then, continue onwards to the Air Force and Air Defence Museum. This large museum is devoted to Vietnam's aviation history, a good portion of which addresses the First Indochina War against France and the Vietnam War against the United States.

Continue to Hoa Lo Prison, which was sarcastically referred to by American prisoners of war as the "Hanoi Hilton". The prison was first used by the French colonists for political prisoners, and later by North Vietnam for American prisoners of war during the Vietnam War. The prison was demolished during the 1990s, though the gatehouse remains as a museum.

Enjoy dinner on your own arrangement. Overnight at hotel.



Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

Accommodation: May De Ville Hanoi Hotel (Deluxe) or similar



DAY 03

HANOI – DIEN BIEN PHU (B, L, D)

In the morning your guide will meet you at your hotel and transfer you to the airport for your flight to Dien Bien.

Estimated distance from hotels in the Old Quarter to the airport or v.v: ~ 35-40km

Estimated driving time: ~45mins - 1hr.

Flight - Hanoi to Dien Bien

Upon arrival, check in to your hotel in Dien Bien, and then make your way to a local restaurant for lunch. After lunch, visit the historical relics of the Dien Bien Phu Campaign Headquarters. Here, General Vo Nguyen Giap and his soldiers worked and rested during the first decisive engagement between France and Vietnam during the First Indochina War.

Dinner will be served at a local restaurant after your half day tour in Muong Phang.

Spend the night at your hotel in Dien Bien.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Accommodation: Muong Thanh Dien Bien Hotel (Deluxe) or similar





DAY 04

DIEN BIEN FULL-DAY HISTORIC TOUR – HANOI (B, L, D)

After breakfast, spend an eye-opening visit at Dien Bien Phu Museum and the underground hideout of French General De Castries, Muong Thanh Historical Bridge and Nam Rom River.

Lunch will be served at noon at a local restaurant.

After lunch, transfer to Dien Bien Phu Airport to hop on your flight back to Hanoi.

Flight - Dien Bien to Hanoi

Upon arrival, your guide will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel.

After checking in to your hotel, head to a restaurant in town for dinner and spend your night at your own leisure.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Accommodation: May De Ville Hanoi Hotel
(Deluxe) or similar





DAY 05

HANOI HALF-DAY TOUR – HUE (B, L, D)

After breakfast and hotel check-out, begin the morning with a visit to the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum. Here, you will hear about the man who led Vietnam's campaign for independence from French colonial rule. Next, visit The Imperial Citadel of Thang Long, also known as the Hanoi Citadel. Here, many artefacts and items dating back to between the 6th and 20th centuries were excavated in 2004, including foundations of old palaces, ancient roads, ponds and wells.

Afterwards, enjoy lunch at a restaurant and head to the airport to catch your flight to Hue.

Estimated distance from hotels in the Old Quarter to the airport or v.v: ~ 35-40km

Estimated driving time: ~45mins - 1 hr.

Flight - Hanoi to Hue

Upon arrival, a guide will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel.

Enjoy a Vietnamese dinner at a local restaurant and spend your evening at your own leisure.

Please note: Estimated distance from the airport to hotels in city centre or vice versa: around 15-20 km, with estimated driving time of 30-45 minutes.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Accommodation: Emm Hotel Hue (Deluxe) or similar





DAY 06

HUE – DMZ FULL-DAY TOUR (B, L, D)

Depart early in the morning and drive north to the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) along Highway 1, a mountainous road offering views of cascading ranges. This narrow strip of land running west to east from the Vietnam-Laos border to the sea once included the wartime boundary between North and South Vietnam. And contrary to its name, it was the site of ferocious fighting. The tour includes stops at some of the DMZ's best-known combat sites, where you will hear the stories of a country at war.

Next, cross Hien Luong Bridge, that spans the Ben Hai River at the middle of the DMZ and marks the former border between North and South Vietnam. The tour continues at the nearby Vinh Moc Tunnels, which housed an entire Vietnamese village for two and a half years! Visit the small museum displaying photos that depict their difficult underground life.

After a Vietnamese lunch, you will go back to Hue, and on the way you will visit RENEW. The organisation was founded in August 2001 by the government of Quang Tri Province and international NGOs in an effort to reduce the number of deaths and injuries caused by leftover Vietnam War cluster bombs and other munitions in the province.

In the afternoon, head back to Hue and enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Accommodation: Emm Hotel Hue (Deluxe) or similar





HUE HALF-DAY TOUR – HO CHI MINH CITY (B, L, D)

After breakfast and checking out of your hotel, start your morning with a trip to the ancient walled Hue citadel, containing the former Imperial City and palace. The Imperial City was closely modeled on the layout of the Forbidden City in Beijing. Next, visit the final resting place of the emperors at the Tu Duc Royal Tomb.

After this half-day excursion, you will be transferred to a restaurant for lunch and to the airport for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City.

Estimated distance from hotels in city centre to the airport or v.v: ~8km - Estimated duration: 40 mins

Flight - Hue to Ho Chi Minh City

Upon arrival, a guide will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel.

Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight at hotel.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Le Duy Grand Hotel (Grand Deluxe) or similar



CU CHI TUNNELS – VETERAN MEETING – HO CHI MINH CITY TOUR (B, L, D)

Begin your journey to the Cu Chi Tunnels in the morning and travel through the countryside that was once a stronghold of the Viet Cong. Here something special awaits: you will meet a Vietnamese veteran who will show you around and speak about his experience during the Vietnam War.

After lunch at a local restaurant, your afternoon begins with a visit to the city's Central Post Office, which was designed by the renowned French architect, Gustav Eiffel.

Next, stroll toward the Saigon River along Dong Khoi Street, which figured prominently in Graham Greene's famous Vietnam novel, *The Quiet American*. Admire the Saigon Opera House, a commanding building completed in 1901. Shelled during World War II, it was used to shelter French citizens fleeing North Vietnam in 1954, the year Vietnam earned its independence from France.

The tour continues with a stop at the Reunification Palace, where a North Vietnamese tank crashed through the gates in 1975 to end a war that killed an estimated 58,000 Americans and three million Vietnamese. You will also visit the War Remnants Museum, where Vietnam's government has assembled presentations - some of them graphic - of wartime hardships and atrocities.

Continue with a visit to Tan Dinh Church and nearby Tan Dinh Market. Tan Dinh Church is a complete contrast to the traditional Notre Dame Cathedral, but equally impressive with its high steeple and distinctive pink design.

Wrap up your day with a wander through the vibrant Tan Dinh Market next door, where you can negotiate a bargain or two.

Dinner will be served at a local restaurant in the evening. After dinner, spend your evening at your own leisure.

Please note:

Due to the closure of the Saigon Notre Dame Cathedral for renovations since 1 July 2017, a visit to Tan Dinh Church will be replaced during this period.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Accommodation: Le Duy Grand Hotel (Grand Deluxe) or similar



DAY 09

HO CHI MINH CITY DEPARTURE (B)

Your guide will meet you at your hotel and transfer you to the airport for your flight. Rooms are at your disposal until noon and meals are purchased at own expense. Say farewell to intriguing Vietnam and have a safe flight back home!

Estimated distance from hotels in city centre to the airport or v.v: ~8km

Estimated duration: 40 mins

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Nil





















































Do you have a group of students interested in this tour or do you want to explore what we can do for your organisation in Vietnam or elsewhere?

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D Climate & Weather Averages in Vietnam

	Destination	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
 Cold Temperatures can rise up to 20 °C during the day, but can fall below 15 °C at night.	Hanoi												
 Warm Temperatures usually between 22 °C and 32 °C													
 Hot Temperatures rise above 32 °C	Central Vietnam												
 Rain Regular rainfall with high humidity and temperatures usually between 25 °C and 33 °C	Saigon												

The above are general indications and actual climate may vary across Vietnam's regions.

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